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## AP exams score students' success

By Allison Pagan

As the time approaches for Advanced Placement tests and students are busily studying, it is also time to take a closer look at what these tests are all about.

Mr. John Waterman, head of the math department and a teacher of Advanced Placement Calculus, said that he praises Central's AP programs, which have almost always been a part of the school's curriculum.

The AP classes are taught at a college level and a test over the course is administered by the College Board in May, he said. If a student passes the test, he may be able to receive college credits.

In all of the grades at Central, he said,

honors level courses are offered for most of the fundamental subjects. Above and beyond these are the AP classes which are offered for World History, American History, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, English and Foreign Language.

"Over the years, since Central started the classes in 1956, we have enjoyed good success with them," Mr. Daly, Central English teacher and department head, said.

Central was the first school in Nebraska to offer AP courses, the first being the AP English class, he said.

Waterman said that by earning college credits while still in high school, it is also possible to save quite a bit of money. For example, at some colleges, a grade of five on the BC Calculus test will earn a student up to 10 credit hours, which can cost several hundred dollars each.

"When the credits add up, the savings can be phenomenal," he said.

Waterman said that even if students do not end up getting college credits, the classes are still a good experience.

In the past, Central has done very well with its AP Program, teachers said.

In recent years, 60 percent of Central students taking the BC Calculus test have scored a five, which is the highest grade possible, Waterman said.

The AP tests have received much attention recently, such as a feature in a March issue of *Newsweek* magazine. The article rated schools based on their AP programs, using a ratio of the total number of tests taken divided by the number of graduating seniors.

In the Omaha area, several area high schools are active in the AP program, guidance counselors said.

Mr. John Natts, the principal at Creighton Preparatory High School, said that the total number of AP tests taken this year will be 211, which is high compared to the senior class of 224 students.

At Westside High School, the number was a little higher at 243, but compared to the number of seniors, the ratio is lower than at Creighton Prep, guidance counselor Ms. Lynn Hansen said.

Daly said that using the AP program at a school is a good way to measure the quality of the school.

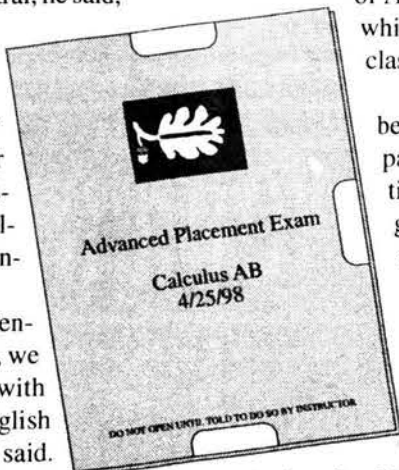
Another reason the AP program is important at high schools is that it is something that colleges look quite highly upon, Creighton Admissions Counselor Mr. Dave Hannam said.

He also said that colleges may take a student's record into consideration for admission, and AP classes can make the difference.

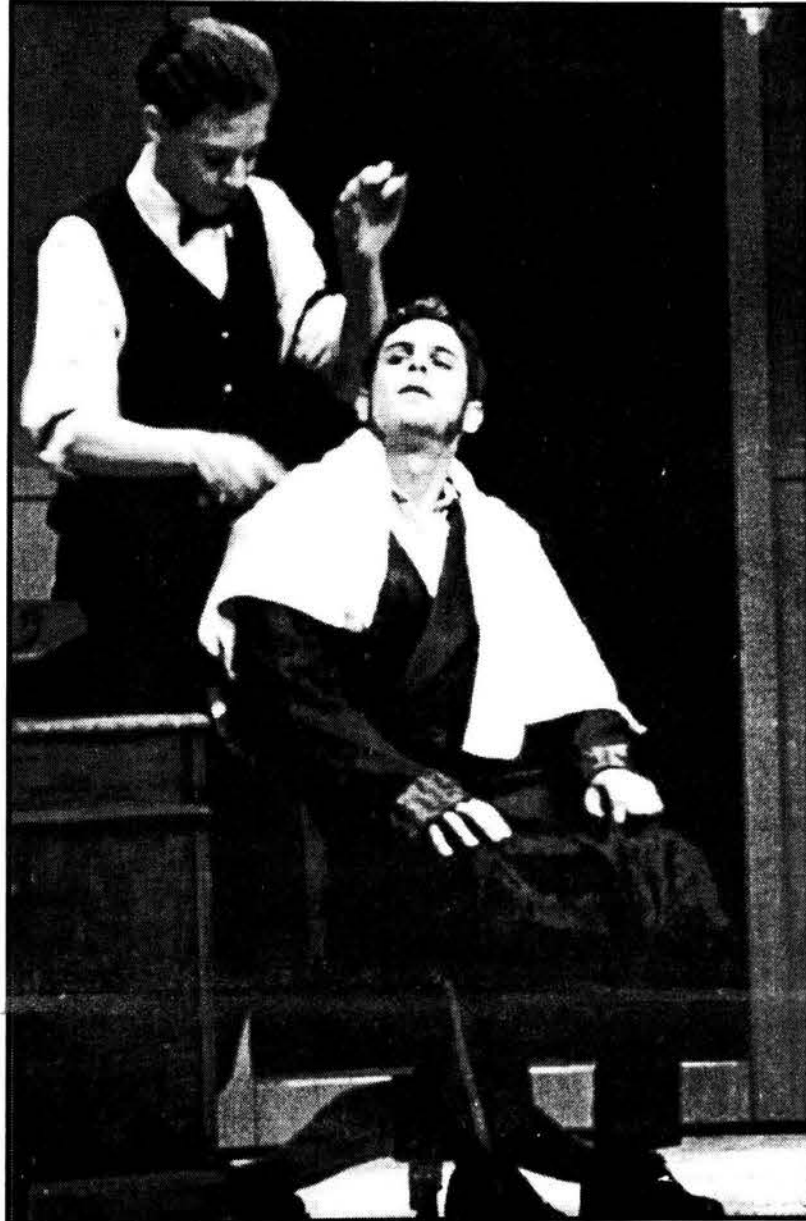
Previous Central students say that although the classes are difficult, they are very beneficial to take. Omar Nazem, a 1997 graduate of Central, is now attending Harvard University. He said he believes that the AP programs at Central were well worth the time and effort he put into them.

"I feel well-prepared at Harvard because of Central's spontaneous writing activities, such as in preparation for the AP tests," he said.

enough to move him into sophomore standing, he said.



## Close Shave?



Razor burn...Joe the Barber, or Central sophomore Vince Wesselmann, makes sure Mr. Horace Vandergelder, played by junior Dave Rennard, will look his best for a rendez-vous with his New York fiancée. Central's spring play, "The Matchmaker," written by Thornton Wilder hit the stage April 30 through May 2.

Ally Jessing

## Central's DECA Quiz Bowl team takes national title

By Josh Priluck

Four Central High School students made history at the Career Development Conference (DECA Nationals) on Mon, April 27, 1998 in Denver, CO.

Central seniors, Bo Gebbie, Sam Kruger, Kaspar Poulsen and Stephanie Putnam won second place in the DECA Quiz Bowl competition after defeating five other state championship teams.

Marketing Department Head Mr. Harry Gaylor said the team's

performance won Nebraska's highest ranking for the Quiz Bowl competition in the history of the Conference.

"This is perhaps the most prestigious marketing honor for the 1997-98 school year in the state of Nebraska," Gaylor said.

Normally, he said, populous states including the Washington, Michigan and Florida teams dominate the Quiz Bowl contest, which has existed since 1989.

"We qualified for the National Quiz Bowl competition every year except 1994," Gaylor said. "Until now, the best we've done was fourth place in 1992 and 1993."

Central's 1998 Quiz Bowl team defeated the Arizona, Texas, Washington, Kansas and California teams before meeting Ontario, Canada in the finals, Gaylor said.

However, he said the road to the finals began long before the National competition.

Gaylor said Central enters several teams into the District competition and tries to get as many students involved as possible.

He said eight Central teams competed against 56 other schools at the District competition, with fourth place as the best finish.

"At Districts, each member of the four man team must answer a certain number of questions," Gaylor said.

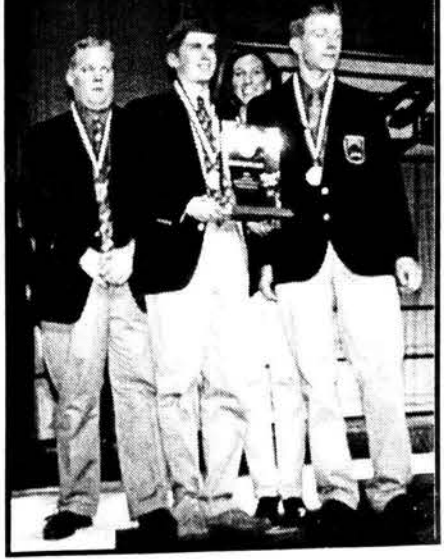
Only one team from each school attends the State competition, he said. Central's state team consisted of seniors Dan Danberg, Brooklyn Zendejas, Sam and Bo with alternate junior Karin Dudley.

"In the State competition, a written test precedes the oral round and determines the top eight who advance to the oral round."

Gaylor said he attributes a large

part of the team's first place state finish to Brooklyn.

"She constantly got the team focused and motivated. She is partly responsible for their trip to Nationals," he said.



Dan, also qualified for Nationals in individual events.

Team leader Sam said he also could have gone to Nationals as an individual competitor. However, he attended the competition individu-

ally last year and wanted to continue to be part of the Quiz Bowl team.

After the National team was decided, he said the students divided the learning materials and each concentrated on three or four major topics found in books compiled by marketing teacher and DECA Head Sponsor Mrs. Vicki Wiles.

The studying proved to paid off. Sam said he was content.

"I went to win," Sam said. "But don't get me wrong-I am very happy with second place," he said.

Central also found success with its other National competitors, Gaylor said.

He said 12 students attended Nationals and ten came home with national awards.

"All of the students met three standards of excellence: locally, regionally and nationally," Gaylor said. "It is a true reflection of the student body and you can't ask for more than that."

Gaylor said Wiles played a key role in the team's success.

Wiles said she was also pleased with Central's strong performance.

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■ Voting

## Political campaigns raise concerns

The game is afoot—the race towards political offices began a few days ago with the primary elections, which were held on Tuesday, May 12.

The number of people competing for the chance to better our community, state, and country through furthering democracy has since narrowed.

So how can someone who is supposed to be representative of the population as a whole be biased against a certain group of people?

Both Rep. Jon Christensen and John Breslow, both of whom competed to become the Republican candidate for governor, have spoken out against homosexuality at some point in their respective campaigns.

When asked how he felt about working with or the election of homosexuals, Christensen stated that he was only comfortable working with people who share his ideals and dreams. He made it clear that homosexuals were by no means a part of this group.

In light of the recent Rev. Jimmy Creech controversy, Breslow has made several statements promising that he will ban all lesbian marriages if he should be elected.

This is ironic due to the fact that just three years ago he was a gay rights advocate. Is this a sign that the people of this community have turned completely against homosexuals?

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion about lesbian marriages and homosexuality in general—that is not the main concern.

The big problem is the idea that someone running for a political office is even involving the discussion of whether homosexuality is morally acceptable in his or her campaign.

Who gave them the right to decide acceptable morals even beyond the laws?

The worst part of the whole ordeal is that somehow this may cause Breslow and/or Christensen to gain votes. What else would be the reason for including these views in campaigns?

Homosexuality has nothing to do with politics and should definitely be kept out of the campaigns. The law to separate church and state was written years ago.

There must have been a reason to keep religion and beliefs about how people should or should not live their lives separate from politics.

No one should ever make the decision concerning which candidate to vote for based on a candidate's opinions about personal situations. Discuss taxes, schooling, debt, anything that will either hinder or better the community and the world of the children of the future. After all, that is what political representatives are supposed to do.

■ Central High

## Area parking is becoming ridiculous

Cars parked bumper to bumper, every single free parking lot is full and the nearest place to park your car is near the interstate. Sounds like a typical weekend night in the Old Market, right?

Wrong. This is the everyday parking problem that several Central High students experience.

Finding a parking spot is a difficult task, most of the time for Central students. Unless students decide to get to school at the crack of dawn, they are probably going to have to walk quite a bit to get to school.

The closest spot that some students may only manage to find is by the interstate near Creighton.

In the past, there have been so many suggestions for helping students with this dilemma, but none seem to work except, "get here earlier."

Perhaps the school could look at the parking lot directly across the street from Central on 20th and Dodge.

Instead of having to call the parking company, couldn't students purchase a space through the school?

The school administration has pursued doing this, but Central would have to buy the building associated with the lot which is valued at \$6 million. Central simply does not have the funds to do this.

Although not every Central student experiences problems with parking near the school, the majority do have problems, unless they have a permit for a parking lot. But that is becoming a problem as well.

The fact of the matter is that the incoming student number at Central is growing at a very fast rate, which means there is going to be a much higher demand for parking soon.

If that is the case, parking by and around Central is going to keep getting worse.

It also doesn't help the situation when area lots including OEA, have raised their parking permit prices. OEA by itself raised the prices from \$130 to \$180 for next year. Of course not all students can park here, but it does help.

Perhaps a shuttle run from designated "shuttle stops" would help lessen the problem, but who knows for sure how students would react to a program like this?

Another alternative that the Central administration has looked at in recent years is parking in the Joslyn parking lot, but Joslyn does not want student parking to interfere with customer parking.

And Joslyn is totally justified in that matter. Joslyn has many popular exhibits that people like to see and their lot can become quite full with customer parking.

So now the only alternatives that students can do to avoid (distant) parking problems are to get to school early or park several blocks away. But don't most students do that anyway?

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# REGISTER YOUR OPINIONS

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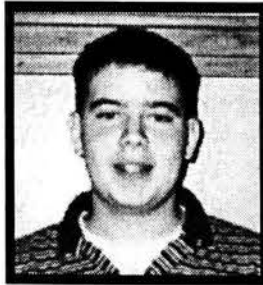
## Do you think that assisted suicide is acceptable?

Yes. There are certain situations that assisted suicide would be okay, but it all depends on the individual situation.



Rebecca Rennard, 10

No. I believe assisted suicide is wrong because if you look at it, assisted suicide is a nicer word for murder. It's against my morals.



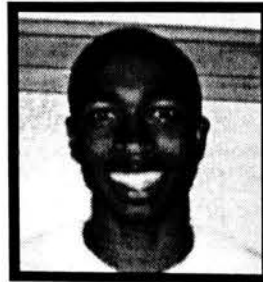
Drew Billings, 9

No. If a person wants to take their own life that's fine, but other people shouldn't encourage them. I think it's similar to murder.



Unique Williams, 12

Yes. It's their own business [if they want someone to be there or help them die]. People should have that right.



Brandon Williams, 11

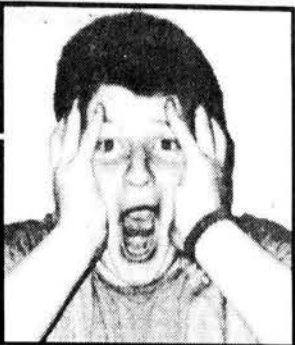
No. I consider it a form of murder. Obviously if someone wants to die, they are depressed in some way.



Mr. Greg Hansen  
Special Education

# LET'S BE FRANK

By Alex Wolfson



## Senior year: Rising to the top

And now we take you to America's favorite sit-com ... "Senior Year."

It's funny. It's all gone by so fast that it seems like a television show. After tomorrow, I'm no longer one of the crowd. I'm no longer an "underclassman." I am senior. The responsibility has begun.

But, how do the seniors moving on deal with the responsibility?

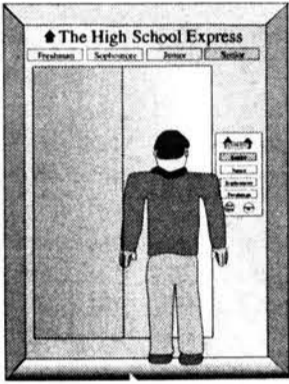
The year to come will be full of so many things that we aren't ready for. The days are full of AP classes and internships and other activities. For all of you graduating seniors, I have to give you credit.

"Get your transcript in on time!" "Have you decided where you're going to college yet?" "What did you get on your SAT?" "Did you get any scholarship money?"

When will the hassling end? Definitely not after graduation. At this point, you're just more overwhelmed with college and the responsibility on living on your own.

I'm worried I'll cop an attitude after I get accepted to college, slack off, and flunk out. Now, of course I am taking that a little bit beyond the extreme. But, it's still something to think about.

Senior year can be an equally good experience, though. Every freshman in the school looks up to the seniors as a kind of secret society which they can only dream about.



When I was a freshman, my sister was a senior and made sure to kindly "let me know" about all of the parties and other fun activities that I would only get to participate in with a coveted senior title hovering over my head.

Senior year is the ultimate wake up call, requiring lots of organization and focus.

We can't keep saying "oh, I'll think about college a few years down the line." College has to be the first thought on every senior's mind and that has to be nerve racking. It's one of those things that is just too important to blow off like your math assignment or taking out

the trash.

So, what does senior year hold for all of us juniors? I really can't say. I don't know what to expect. But I do know that high school is what you make of it. Just as life is.

No one can tell you how to perceive this year, but my advice to myself and all of my fellow juniors; along with freshman and sophomores that will someday be seniors, is make the best of the time you have.

I have learned more academically and about life in my three years at Central, than any wise man or scholar could teach me. The friends and relationships held within these walls are sacred and should be cherished.

I'd be lying if I said that I haven't become a better person because of this school. And senior year will be the icing on the cake.

It feels like just yesterday I was swinging on the Jungle Gym in elementary school and now, here I am, one day away from being a member of the most respected grade in the world.

Time to get ready for the year to come. To all of you seniors, I wish you farewell.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A READER OPINION FORUM



## Seniors revel in memories

Dear Editor,

Thirteen years of dedication and commitment are now coming to an end. The Class of 1998 is about to embark on the long journey of life. As the end draws near, we are faced with decisions and realities unknown to us previously.

Application deadlines are met and high school just completed, we now face the reality that we are adults. Each of us has made the decision to either attend college, join the armed forces, get a job, or try to sponge off of our parents for just a little bit longer.

Although each member of the class of 1998 is headed in a separate direction, we all have Central High School as common ground. Within the next week, we will bid farewell to faces that we may never see again, but each of us will hold our high school memories in our hearts forever.

Thanks to all of the students and teachers for all the memories and encouragement.

Sincerely,  
Alyssa Arthur and Jennie Sanders, seniors

# CENTRAL FILES

## A LOOK INTO EDITORIALS OF THE PAST

## Another recycled idea

October 1996

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 toward 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 an utter travesty. The amount littered around the school is even worse.

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 aluminum and plastic.

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 should be utilized.

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

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 and to the future of the world and the children.

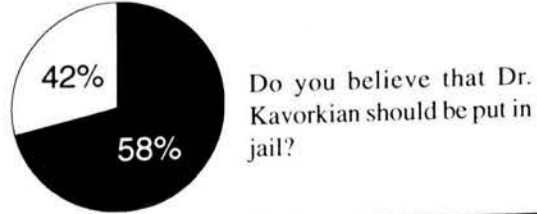
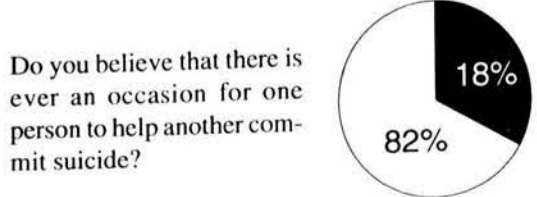
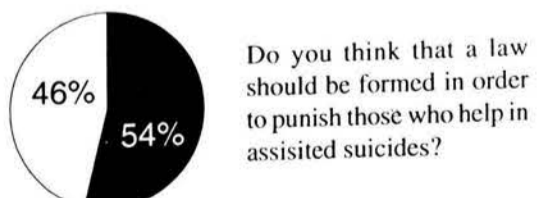
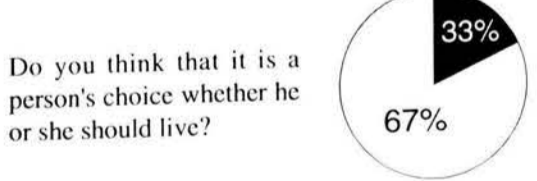
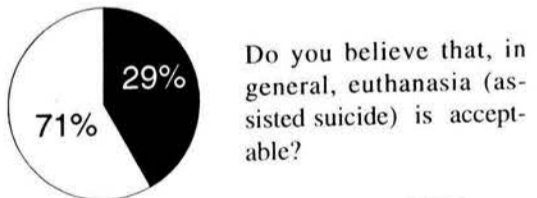
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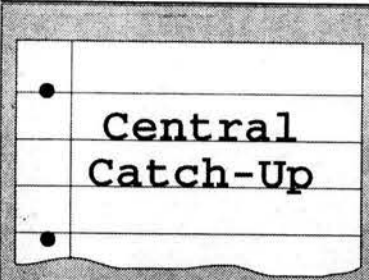
# CENTRAL STANDARDS

**NO** **YES** 103 students polled



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## Recognition Night honors band students

Awards, music and refreshments were all part of the annual Band Recognition Night held in the courtyard on Thursday, April 30.

"This is a night when we recognize student accomplishments from throughout the year, and draw attention to the outstanding effort put in by the students," Central Band Director Mr. Pete Wilger said.

He said that he started the tradition to give students positive feedback on the amount of work they do during the year, as well as give an opportunity to recognize small ensembles and soloists.

"It was a very pleasant evening, and I feel gratified to receive awards for all the work I put in this year," senior James Carrig, the recipient of one of the year's Most Improved award, said.

Among the other awards distributed were band letter awards, spirit awards, and the Best Section Leader award, which was given to Emily Anderson, senior, because of her outstanding work with the colorguard, Wilger said.

"I've worked hard all year, and recognition like this encourages me to keep working," Emily said.

Also awarded this year, he said, were two national music awards. One award, the Frederick Chopin award, is awarded to an outstanding pianist from the school. Lisa Linenberger, senior, was this year's recipient.

The other award is given annually to the school's most outstanding student musician and this year seniors Nicole Watzke and Allison Pagan shared the award.

## French students attend annual convention

The 13th Annual French Convention was held on Saturday, May 2 at Morton Middle School, Central's Foreign Language department head said.

Mrs. Daryl Bayer said that forty kids from Central competed in this year's competition.

"I was actually the one who started the French Convention 13 years ago," Bayer said. It was originally at Central.

Central's Knowledge Bowl team consisting of fifth year French students who received first place, Bayer said. The members of the team were seniors Nicole Best, Elonie Lewis, Sarah Felix and Joe Wojtkiewicz.

### OPS School Board

# Policy helps students with asthma breathe easier

By Brian Joseph

"Your body's normal reaction is to panic because you can't breathe."

Central junior Lizzie Fraser said that this statement sums up the frightening feeling that accompanies asthma attacks.

"The more panicked you get, the worse you get," she said.

However, the OPS Board of Education is looking to help students like Lizzie breathe a little easier with the passage of a new policy concerning asthma attacks in school.

"The assumption is that everyone who has asthma will not have every medication that they need at school," Dr. Russell Hopp, a local allergist who worked with the OPS district in drafting the policy, said.

Dr. Hopp said that asthma attacks are on no set time table; they can happen at anytime and students may not always be prepared for them.

"It's pretty naive to think asthma only occurs in your home or in the doctor's office," he said.

Thus, he said that he helped OPS draft this policy, which will go into effect during the 1998-1999 school year as a way to provide medication for students suffering from asthma attacks.

The catalyst for the policy, Mr. Bernard Kolasa, school board member, said was the deaths of two OPS students as a result of asthma attacks.

Also, he said that OPS is continually looking for ways to improve its safety and health policies.

Mrs. Geri Hansen, the district's health supervisor, said that the policy was drafted as a way to deal with the increasing number of students who have asthma.

Currently, 10 percent of OPS students have asthma.

"I really hate to say that [the policy was passed only because of

the deaths]," she said.

As for the policy itself, Dr. Hopp said that it consists of two parts. The first, he said, is that each OPS school will keep nebulizers on hand for students who are having an asthma attack that is not life-threatening.

Also, Mrs. Jenny Conahan, Central's school nurse, said that

the policy calls for the medicine albuterol to be on hand at each school to be used in conjunction with the nebulizers.

Dr. Hopp said that often times, students will forget their inhalers and be forced to either borrow someone else's medication or be sent home. This policy would eliminate that.

Junior Dana Keeling said that as a freshman, he would often forget his inhaler. Throughout the day, he said that he would worry about what would happen to him if he were to have an asthma attack.

"Maybe it [the policy] will keep your mind off it," he said.

Dana said that the policy will allow students who forget their inhalers to be able to concentrate on their school work rather than worrying about possible asthma attacks.

However, Dr. Hopp said that this portion of the policy is only temporary treatment; a student with an asthma problem cannot rely solely on the school's medication.

"We can't use the school as a substitution for good medical care," he said.

Sometime in the future, he said that the policy may be expanded so that if students who have asthma but

will not get outside treatment for it will not be allowed back into school until they have gotten a prescription from a doctor.

The second portion of the policy deals with emergency situations.

Dr. Hopp said that with the new policy, specially trained staff members at each of the schools will be able to administer injections of a drug called epinephrine to those students experiencing life-threatening asthma attacks or allergic reactions.

"It's not a causal situation," he said. "It's life-threatening."

Hansen said that epinephrine will be used in the event when CPR is not working to help the student breathe.

After the epinephrine is administered, Dr. Hopp said that an ambulance must be called because the student will need further treatment and because the

effects of the drug only last 15 minutes.

"You always have to call the squad," Hansen said.

Epinephrine usually requires doctor's prescription, but Dr. Hopp said that a "blanket" prescription has been given to all of OPS.

As for safety concerns about the drug, Dr. Hopp said that there is very little.

He said that while epinephrine is going to be used by OPS for emergency situations, it can be used for all asthma attacks, regardless of intensity.

"The side effects are virtually non-concern," he said.

Dana said that even if there was a concern about the side effects of

the medicine, it would not matter. "It's still better than gasping for air," he said.

Also, in regards to the safety of the drug, Kolasa said that the staff members who will administer epinephrine will receive continuing training on how to properly use it. But, Dr. Hopp said that the drug is fairly easy to administer. In fact, he said that people often use it on themselves in their homes.

"Epinephrine is a bee sting," he said.

Dr. Hopp said that the principal of each school will select staff members that will be trained in the use of epinephrine. Dr. G. Thompson, the principal of Central, said that the school nurse, the athletic trainer and a yet-undecided person will be trained in how to use the drug.

Conahan said that she thinks the three people will be herself, security guard and an ROTC instructor. Also, she said that a physical education teacher is a possibility as well.

Whatever staff members end up being trained, Conahan said that most of them will have already had training in CPR.

Dr. Hopp said that the problem of asthma may be increased by the actions students take. He said that teens sometimes do not take their medications because they do not want to look different.

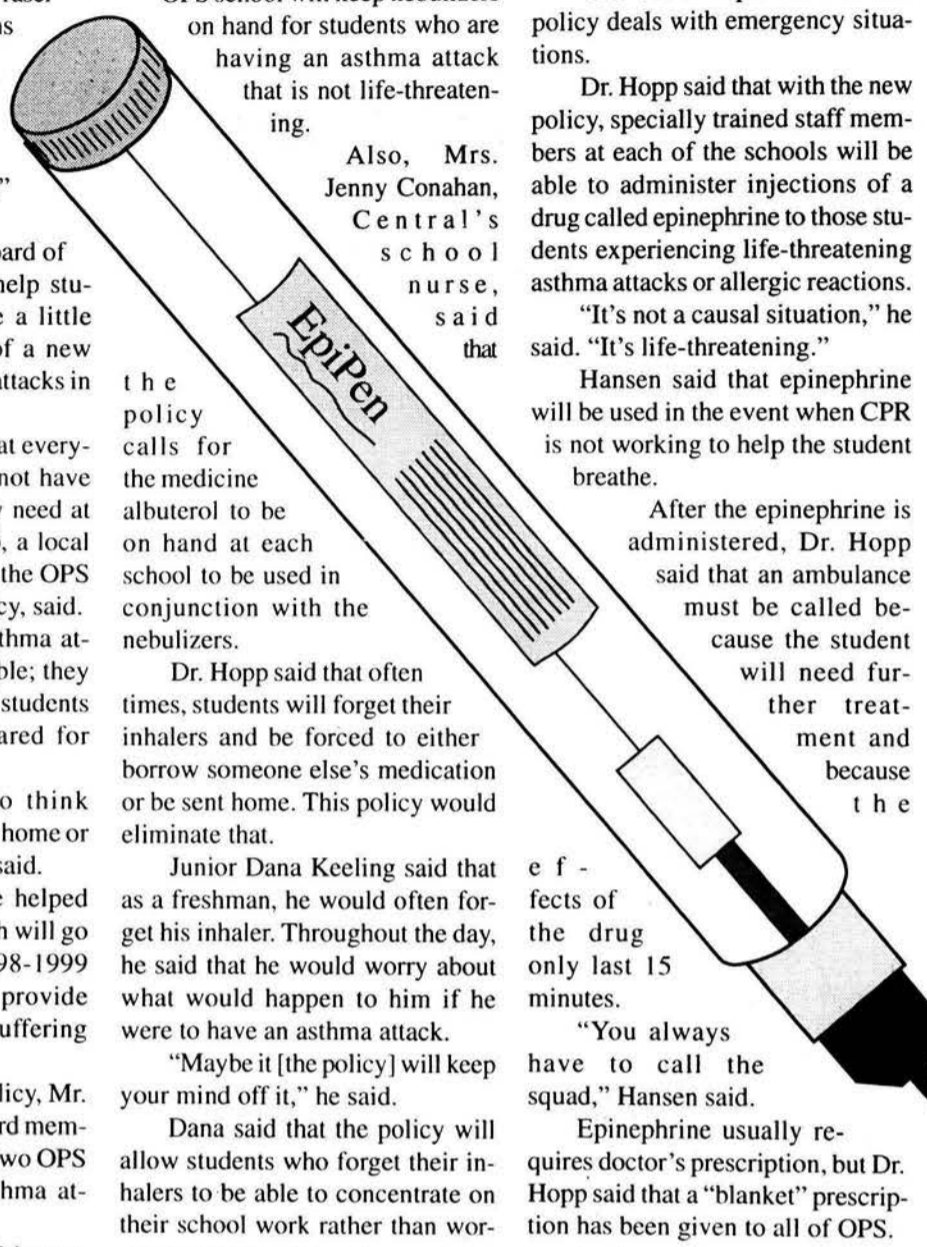
"Most teenagers do not like to have anything wrong with them," he said.

Whatever the cause, Mrs. Ann Mactier, school board member, said that this policy is needed.

In fact, she said that she cannot understand all of the interest in the policy has been receiving.

She said that it's quite clear that this needs to be done and it will be helpful to our schools.

"If we can save one kid's life," she said, "everyone can benefit."



### Downtown Omaha Cleanup

# Central students clean Omaha streets

By Meredith Kalina

Most high school students would not think of spending their Saturday mornings cleaning the grounds of downtown Omaha, but on May 2, 1998, Dr. Gary Thompson said that around 300 Omaha citizens participated in the Downtown Omaha Cleanup.

Dr. Gary Thompson, Central's principal, said that this was a voluntary activity in which businesses and other organizations spent a morning, from 9 am to 11 am, cleaning the grounds of downtown Omaha.

He said that this project is run by the Downtown Omaha Inc., an organization made up of several downtown Omaha businesses, who provided Central with orange juice, doughnuts and pizza.

Dr. Thompson said that Grace University and Creighton University were also involved.

He said that Central students, teachers and other people from the community spent the morning picking up trash downtown.

"This activity is geared toward letting

people get acquainted with downtown and the businesses downtown," Mr. Fred Wackerhagen, who coordinates the Omaha Cleanup, said.

Mayor Hal Daub attended the Downtown Omaha Cleanup, and he said that it is very important for everyone in the community to be involved. Mayor Daub said that too many people leave it up to everyone else to do their work in the environment.

"We can achieve much more together than we can achieve individually," Mayor Daub said.

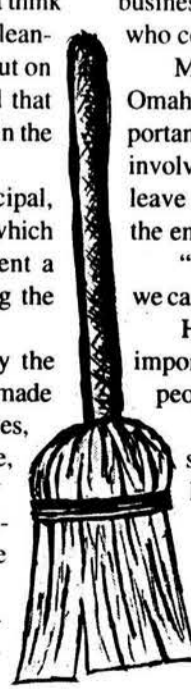
He said that this sort of project is extremely important, and he was glad to see so many people show up.

"Each person should shoulder a responsibility for the environment," Mayor Daub said.

Wackerhagen said that for the five years that this project has been going on, Central has always been involved.

Dr. Thompson said that a former Central teacher, Mr. Keith Bigsby, volunteered Central's help five years ago, and took a small group.

Dr. Thompson said that when he came three



years ago he encouraged Central to become more involved in the project, and now they have had a good number of students attend.

Dr. Thompson said that Central had the most participants in the project of any other organization.

He said that a few different clubs at Central formed groups to attend. For example, ROTC was planning on taking 95 students.

The YVC (Youth Volunteer Corp.), a club at Central that does a lot of voluntary work, assigned jobs to different people, handed out doughnuts, juice and pizza and wrote out volunteer certificates for those who attended.

"I like volunteering, and plus, if you go with friends, it's pretty fun," Angela Ingram, a Central freshman involved in the YVC, said.

Dr. Thompson said that he encourages the project, and he said that it is a good way for downtown Omaha to familiarize itself with Central and its students.

"I look at it as a way for Central to say thank you to downtown for all that they do for us, and for people to see that high school students are good people," Dr. Thompson said.



# OPS School Board passes drug-dog policy

Joseph  
 "I'm not going to effect anybody  
 bring a bag of weed to school.  
 of harming anybody else," a  
 junior said.

Dr. Dick Galusha, school board  
 member, said that the policy was  
 as a way to eliminate drugs  
 schools and to increase stu-  
 dent safety. However, he said that  
 Central does not have a big problem  
 with drugs.

Dr. Gary Thompson, the prin-  
 cipal of Central, said that drugs are  
 a major problem, though they  
 are found at school. But, even  
 though drugs can be found at Cen-  
 tral, Megan said that she does not  
 think it reminds me of Na-

she said.  
 She said that all the policy does  
 is make it look like the OPS district  
 is cracking down on drugs.

"I don't think anything will  
 change," she said. "People are still  
 going to do it and still get away with  
 it."

As for how the policy will  
 be implemented, Galusha said that the prin-  
 cipal of the school, not the police de-  
 partment, would call for drug-dogs  
 to search the school's lockers or stu-  
 dent parking lots.

Then, after school hours, he  
 said that the drug-dogs would search  
 lockers. Or, Dr. Thompson said  
 that if cars are going to be searched,  
 it will be done during the school day.

If a student's locker or a car is  
 found to contain drugs, Mrs. Nancy  
 Kratky, school board member, said  
 that the student's parents will be  
 notified. Also, the drugs will be  
 confiscated and the student will be  
 punished according to the OPS drug

possession policy outlined in the  
 student handbook, she said.

However, Kratky said that if the  
 locker policy is shared by two or more students, the par-  
 ents will be contacted, but no pun-  
 ishment will be given because it  
 would be difficult to determine  
 whose drugs it was.

Whatever the case, Galusha  
 said that the policy is a v e r y  
 positive one.

"It's another  
 positive way to  
 work with par-  
 ents and stu-  
 dents," he said.

He said that for  
 students, this policy  
 will create a safer en-  
 vironment in which  
 to learn. Also, he  
 said that this  
 policy should  
 cut-down on  
 the poor be-  
 havior that  
 students  
 which use  
 drugs ex-  
 hibit.

Fresh-  
 man Clint  
 Lloyd said  
 that this is  
 needed, espe-  
 cially at Cen-  
 tral.

"Drugs are  
 a big problem at  
 Central," he  
 said.

Senior Tina Gutierrez said that  
 she thought the idea of bringing  
 drug-dogs in to search the lockers  
 was a good idea. However, she said  
 that she did not like the idea of the  
 dogs searching the parking lots.

"They [students] have the pri-  
 vacy of their own vehicle," she said.

Junior Karin Dudley, on the  
 other hand, said that she does not  
 mind cars being searched.

"I don't have anything to hide,"

she said.

However, she said that she, too,  
 does not particularly agree with it.

The OPS School Board has had  
 some issues with the policy as well.  
 While the board passed the policy  
 unanimously during its final read-  
 ing on April 20, it has met criticism  
 from school board members.

When the policy was voted on  
 during its first reading, two of the  
 eleven board members voted against  
 it.

Galusha said that the two  
 board members, Ms. Mona  
 McGregor and Ms.  
 Nancy Huston, were  
 concerned that the  
 drug-dog searches  
 would be made during  
 the day. But,  
 McGregor said that  
 there are other things that  
 concern her about the  
 policy.

She said that she  
 does not want to see the  
 drug-dog searches to  
 turn into a media  
 frenzy.

"It was a dog  
 and pony show at  
 Westside," she said.

In fact,  
 McGregor  
 said  
 if a  
 drug-

dog search  
 conducted at an  
 OPS school makes the front page of  
 a local newspaper, she will bring the  
 policy before the board again.

She said that others, such as  
 Mayor Hal Daub, want to make  
 searches large media events so it  
 looks like he is tough on crime.

Even though McGregor does  
 not want to see it happen, Dr. Thom-  
 pson said that the first OPS  
 school to use the drug-dog policy  
 will probably get a lot of media at-  
 tention.

"I'm just hopeful that we're not

the first one to use it," he said.

As for the passage of the policy,  
 McGregor said that it was passed  
 because of political reasons. She  
 said that all of the other local Omaha  
 school districts have a policy like  
 this and if OPS did not pass a sim-  
 ilar one, it would look like the dis-  
 trict is soft on students who brings  
 drugs to school.

"We don't want to look weak  
 on drugs," she said.

Huston, on the other hand, said  
 that she voted for the policy during  
 its final reading because she knew  
 the policy would be passed anyway.

"I don't see the need to use the  
 dogs," she said. "Maybe I trust kids  
 more."

She said that she thinks stu-  
 dents are smart enough to know not  
 to bring drugs to school.

Also, she said that she was  
 originally concerned that the drug-  
 dogs would be used during the  
 school day.

"I use the term 'armed camp,'"

she said.  
 She said the drug-dogs being  
 used during the school day takes  
 away from the school atmosphere.

Despite the fact that she does  
 not agree with the drug-dog policy,  
 McGregor said that she can see that  
 the issue it is addressing is impor-  
 tant.

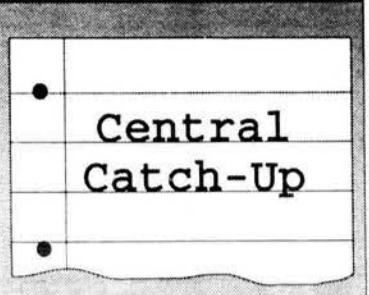
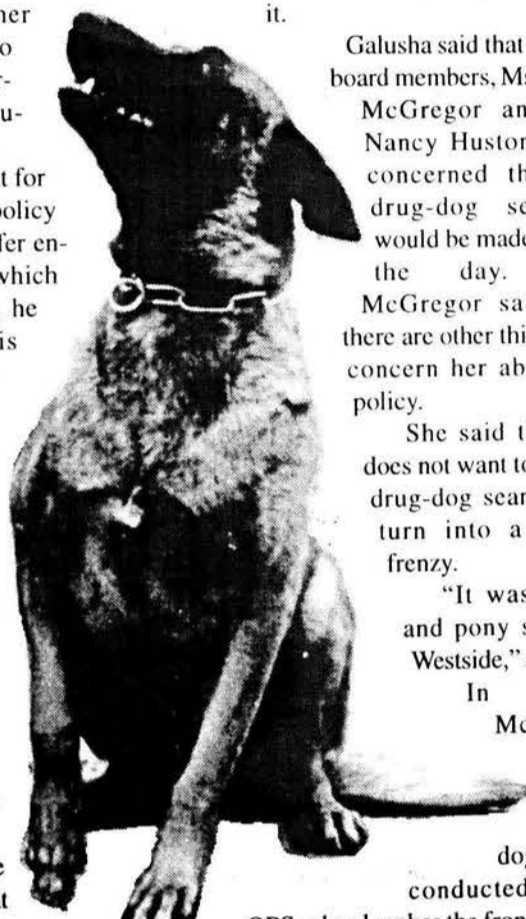
"I don't want drugs in our  
 schools," she said.

However, she said that this does  
 not mean that she is completely sat-  
 isfied with the policy.

"I'm going to watch it," she  
 said.

She said that there are many un-  
 answered questions about the  
 policy. For example, she said what  
 if drugs are found in a locker that is  
 used by five students. Or, she said,  
 what if a car is found to have drugs  
 but it is registered to the name of a  
 child's parents.

"Until those things are clarified  
 to me, I'm not comfortable with the  
 policy," she said.



## CHS students recognized at awards banquet

Sixty-six minority students  
 were recognized Fri., May 1 at a  
 Minority Scholars award cer-  
 emony and breakfast, a Central  
 teacher said.

Mrs. Kathy Maloney, English  
 teacher and Minority Scholars'  
 supervisor, said that the banquet  
 was held to honor the Minority  
 Scholars students.

At the breakfast, every stu-  
 dent was awarded with a certifi-  
 cate and a copy of Michael  
 Boston's book, *Daily Meditations  
 for Teenagers of All Colors*.

In addition, the seniors re-  
 ceived *Eyes on the Prize*, a book  
 about the history of civil rights.

Junior Felicia Ellis ran the  
 ceremony.

Mrs. Terri Saunders, English  
 teacher and Minority Scholars'  
 supervisor, said that Minority  
 Scholars is a group of high achiev-  
 ing, Hispanic, African-American  
 and Native American students.  
 The grade point average require-  
 ment to be a member is 3.0,  
 Saunders said.

## CHS National Honor Society holds elections

Central's National Honor So-  
 ciety held officer elections on  
 Thurs., May 7, during an NHS  
 meeting before school.

There were three prime can-  
 didates for NHS President.

They were juniors Melody  
 Dworak, Yen Nguyen, David  
 Rennard and Dana Hendee.

Vice President candidates  
 were juniors Annika Carlson,  
 Emilie Parrott and Mary Lynn  
 Super.

Juniors Charlie Carlin, Marci  
 Holmes and Jamison Richart ran  
 for the office of Treasurer.

Juniors Margaret Kukula,  
 Sonja Shelstad and Jane  
 Swirzinski campaigned for the  
 Secretary position.

Junior Adam Moeller ran for  
 Sargeant at Arms.

Both Mr. John Waterman and  
 junior Sonja Shelstad said that  
 they were expecting all the races  
 to be close.

"I think that with all the  
 well-rounded candidates, the  
 races depended very much on  
 small-margin-leads," Sonja said.

Sonja said that it was excit-  
 ing to campaign and she hopes the  
 outcome is as productive as pos-  
 sible.

# Graduated licence bill signed into Neb law

Alex Wolfson  
 "I don't think making a curfew of midnight  
 stop teens from getting in accidents," one  
 student said about the recently-passed  
 graduated license bill.

Junior Sonja Shelstad said that Legislative  
 Bill (LB) 320, which was recently signed into  
 law by Gov. Ben Nelson, seems to have good  
 intentions but will not do much good.

According to the bill, 16 year-old drivers  
 no longer receive normal licenses. They  
 get what is called a Provisional  
 Operators Permit (POP).

Then, after a year and a  
 drivers education class,  
 they can receive a  
 regular license.

"It's like having  
 training wheels,"  
 said Sen. Ardyce  
 Bohlke, person who  
 proposed LB 320 to the  
 Legislature, said.

LB 320, which is  
 effective on Jan. 1, 1999,  
 is intended to keep  
 the number of accidents among teenagers down.

According to insurance statistics, Bohlke  
 said, the number of accidents among 16-year old  
 drivers are significantly higher than the rest of

the driving community, especially from mid-  
 night to 6 am.

This is due mostly to lack of experience,  
 Bohlke said.

Bohlke said that the bill is a series of rules  
 that will apply to people between the ages of 15  
 and 17.

At 15 years of age, instead of just paying  
 for a learners permit, teens will now have to take  
 a special test.

The POP will have its own test and will  
 be the year between 16 and 17 years  
 of age, drivers must do one of  
 two things to get a regular  
 license.

First, there is the  
 option of taking a driv-  
 ers education course. If  
 this is done, then at the  
 age of 17, the driving  
 test will only be writ-  
 ten.

However, Sonja said  
 she believes that mandatory  
 education will not stop  
 accidents.

"The only reason I took it was for insur-  
 ance reasons and it hasn't made a difference in  
 my driving," said Sonja.

The other option is to log 50 hours of driv-

ing with a parent, guardian or another driver over  
 the age of 21.

If this is done, then the driver's test taken at  
 the age of 17 will include a driving portion.

Either way, after the tests are passed, the driv-  
 ing curfew will be lifted.

Bohlke said there are limitations, though.  
 If during the year of the POP license, a driver  
 receives more than 6 points against his license,  
 he will have to start at the beginning of that year  
 all over again.

Also, if a 16 year-old is pulled over by the  
 police after curfew, they will receive a ticket just  
 like any other traffic violation.

People that are 16 who have licenses already,  
 will not be affected by LB 320, she said.

Senior Jaelyn DiGiacomo said she did not  
 take drivers education and regrets it. She said she  
 believes that a mandatory drivers course will help  
 to stop accidents.

She said she did not take it because she did  
 not need it for insurance.

Gov. Nelson's policy advisor, Mr. Andy  
 Cunningham said that he and the governor sup-  
 port LB 320 because it is for the safety of all  
 Nebraska drivers.

Cunningham said that he believes that though  
 teens have the reputation of rebelling, this bill is  
 a lot like other laws that restrict things from teen-  
 agers such as alcohol and cigarettes.



## Central Catch-Up

### Student Council volunteers around Central

Student Council members have kept the old volunteering projects going while adding some new ones.

On May 1, senior Ryan Lewis and junior Meghan Duffy organized the annual giving of May Day baskets to OEA members.

The gift of one fruit and one candy basket has been a tradition for a number of years, Meghan said.

"It's something Student Council has done since anyone can remember," Meghan said.

The newest addition to their volunteering escapades includes the auctioning of two teams of four Student Council members each at last month's CHS auction, Meghan said.

Each team will work one day this summer cleaning and gardening for the buyer of each package, Meghan said.

Student Council members involved in the project are juniors Sonja Shelstad, Neal Duffy, Ben Rinaker, Andy Thompson, Matt Darling, sophomores Jeff McWhorter, Jon Croskey and Katie Spoonhour, Meghan said.

The sales brought in close to \$300 between the silent and oral auction, senior Sarah Felix said.

She also said that Mulhall's Nursery donated a tree to one of the packages.

### CHS Advisory Board holds last meeting

Central's Student Advisory Board held its final meetings of the school year, on April 21 and 22.

The student groups talked about the growth of next year's freshman class, pep rallies, the new technology courses, athletics and college preparation, among others, Dr. Gary Thompson, Central High principal, said.

This is the third years that Central has had such a board of students to open the lines of communication between students and administration, Dr. Thompson said.

"It makes you feel like your helping," Central junior, Emilie Parrot, said.

The group will continue next year, as it has gone well, the first years, Dr. Thompson said.

The only group that is left to meet is the freshman group.

The freshman board traditionally meets before the end of the year, to help plan the open house for incoming freshman.

## CHS junior takes math project to international fairs

By Alli Pagan

Instead of signing yearbooks and saying farewell to all of the seniors, one Central junior will be doing something else the week of May 10-17.

David Rennard, with his discovery of a mathematical identity, will be representing Nebraska at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Worth, Tex.

After winning the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair in March, he said he won an all-expenses paid trip to compete in the fair this month.

"These are the best science projects in the country competing against the best in the world. I'm honored just to be going," Dave said.

The project that he developed for these fairs has to do with finding factorials, which is the sum of a number multiplied by all of the numbers before it, he said.

His identity uses subtraction, instead of multiplying, to find the same numbers. He said that he uses a method to find what mathematicians call the finite difference, which is subtraction in a sequence of numbers.

The way Dave discovered this identity is pretty interesting, he said.

"Well, I was up late on a Sunday night, and was thinking about the Pythagorean Theorem, and just started subtracting squared numbers. When I kept coming up with two, I tried cubed numbers and then higher powers," he said.

He said he then brought his discovery to this math teacher, Central's math department head Mr. John Waterman.

Waterman said that he looked at it, and found some other mathematical things in it, such as a connection to Pascal's Triangle.

The next step, he said, was to send it to a former Central student, Mike Lawlor, who is at Brandeis University with a Ph.D. in math. Lawlor, he said, proved that the identity was correct.

Waterman said that this is a very complex identity in high level of mathematics dealing with number theory.

"The significance of this discovery is that it has never been found before. Usually you think you've found something new, but then someone before you has already proven it. It's remarkable to find something new like this," he said.

Dave said he is also excited about discovering something entirely new, because it shows that not everything has been discovered yet, and there is still a lot out there.

As far as what all scientists can do with this identity remains to be seen, he said.

Waterman said that this is a very "cool" identity, because it can be used to test and program super computers and help prove other theorems more accurately, he said.

For now, Dave is just having fun with his discovery, he said.

After proving his theorem, he began getting it ready for presentation, including charts, slides and

display boards, he said.

In March, he entered the Science and Engineering Fair where he virtually "cleaned" many of the awards, including the entire fair, as well, he said.

Along with these awards, he won gift certificates and a state-of-the-art graphing calculator.

The next week was the Nebraska Fair, where he qualified to attend the International Science Fair next month, he said.

At that fair, he said he will have chances to listen to many scientists and mathematicians from all over the world, as well as meet other students.

"I'm looking forward to meeting some Swedish girls," he said. The winners from the International Fair, he said, have the opportunity to travel to Stockholm, Sweden for the awarding of next year's Nobel Prizes.

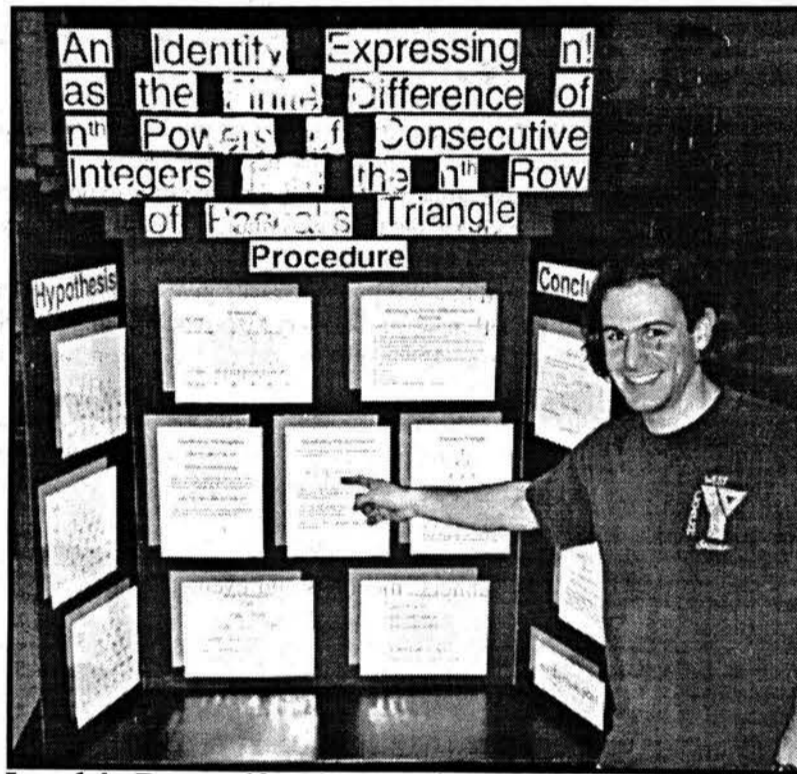
In April, Dave said that he competed at the Nebraska Junior-Senior Academy of Sciences in Lincoln. He was once again a finalist. In the fair, he qualified to attend the International Science Fair next February in Anaheim, Calif.

Despite his successes, he said that he does not have high expectations for the larger fairs, though he said it was conceivable he would do well in the mathematics divisions.

"I didn't derive Calculus, but I discovered something obscure in math," he said.

However, Dave said he feels proud of his accomplishment. One of his main goals in life is to accomplish something while, and he is glad to have one achievement at such a young age.

"Even if I die, I can still be remembered through this accomplishment," he said.



Look! Pascal's Triangle! Junior David Rennard describes the relationship between factorials and exponents to the judges, and explains subtraction to the rest of us. It is with this display that he has won several recent competitions and qualified for national and international science fairs.

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## Young people meet to write aspiring plays

by Martin  
 you have never heard of "Se-  
 First of Iga Death Ninja 3,"  
 are probably not a mem-  
 the Young Playwrights, a  
 of aspiring high school writ-  
 which meets at the Rose  
 Theater for Young People  
 week.  
 Central students are in-  
 ards, D in the group. Melody  
 a state, junior, has been writing  
 or, the sa group for three years, while  
 the Gre Gutman, freshman, has been  
 e qualiter for two years, and Katie  
 al Fair er, junior, has been involved  
 ra year.  
 e will h when I first joined, I never  
 y scient anything down," Melody  
 m arou was really shy before, it  
 t other at me out of my creative

Thursday to brainstorm and trade thoughts and ideas on the creations they are working on.

"Freedom of expression, opinion and creativity characterize the group," Melody said. "I don't think that the group can stop you in any way, if you have an idea, go with it."

One example of this theory is quantified through David, who said he had his play, "True Story of Why Scrooge Became Evil" performed. This play, David said, included feminists attacking Scrooge and the people in both Heaven and Hell having a war.

Interesting is a word both David and Melody used to describe the group and its actions quite often.

This is perhaps because the group's goal is to increase the creative content of its eight to ten stable members, the two said.

"I go into the meetings knowing no one will mock my creativity," Melody said. "Before, my 'weirdness' got laughed at by others."

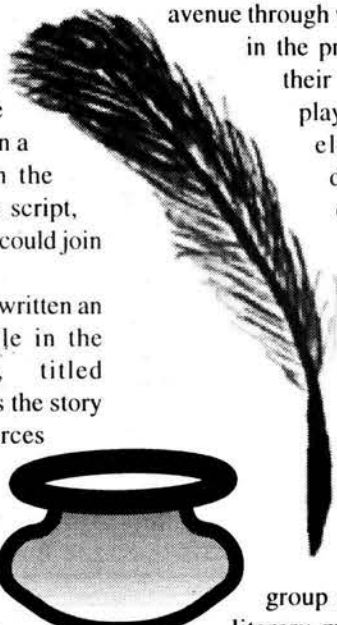
Three years ago, Melody said she was reading for a play at The Rose when she came upon a script from someone in the group. After reading the script, Melody found out she too could join the program.

Melody said she has written an interpretive dance while in the group. The dance, titled "Baatzunztaab," follows the story line of two powerful forces which represent good and evil.

Katie, who performed the dance, is working on trying to get a short film together through the Young Playwrights,

Melody said.

"Baatzunztaab" was performed at last year's Young Playwrights' Festival. The festival is an avenue through which members in the program enter in their scripts, poems, plays and whatever else to be produced and acted out, Melody said.



This year the Third Annual Young Playwrights' Festival will be held one weekend in the middle of May. In addition to the festival, the group also puts out a literary magazine called "Election."

## Runners complete marathon; help kids with cancer

by Morgan Denny  
 there were times I wanted to quit but my mom said that she just  
 at me and kept going and so I figured if she isn't quitting, why  
 I'll just keep going," an 11-year-old said about running a marathon, 26.2 miles.  
 At Eric Nelson Iverson, a survivor of leukemia, said that he ran a mara-  
 through Team In Training.

Team In Training is a program run through the Leukemia Society of  
 America that enables any individual to run a marathon, 26.2 miles, in  
 order to raise money for a leukemia patient.

Rosemary Opbroek, director of Nebraska's Chapter of the Leu-  
 kemia Society, said that this program is the largest marathon training pro-  
 gram in the world and one of the biggest fundraisers.

Opbroek said that the marathon and all expenses, such as travel, are  
 covered by sponsors, such as Bag 'N Save.

Eric said that the only requirement is that the runner raise \$2500  
 in pledges. She said that this year there are about 18,000  
 participants and will be about 30,000 next year.

Opbroek said that runners must be at least 18 years of  
 age, however, she said that there are some exceptions to be made,  
 such as the 11-year-old, Eric.

Eric said that he ran his first marathon in Anchorage, Alaska with his  
 mother on June 21, 1997, which was his eleventh birthday.

Eric said that he had leukemia and received chemotherapy for five  
 years but went into remission after receiving a bone marrow transplant.  
 He said that he has been in remission for three years.

Eric said that his donor ran a marathon for him through the Leukemia  
 Society's program, along with several others.

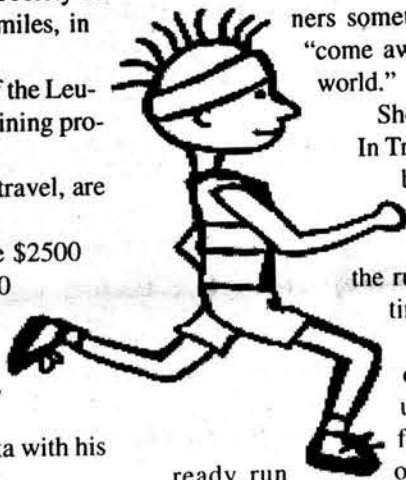
Eric said that he plans on running the Rock and Roll Marathon in San  
 Francisco along with his mom.

Eric said that the Anchorage marathon took him seven and one half

hours to complete, but he is going for under six hours this time.

Opbroek said that running 26.2 miles is very intimidating to people,  
 but the patient partnership is what keeps the runners going.

"These kids have gone through life threatening experiences,"  
 Opbroek said. "Thinking about that helps runners to get past the physi-  
 cal aspect."



She said that this program really gives patients and run-  
 ners something extraordinary. Opbroek said that runners  
 "come away from this experience feeling on top of the  
 world."

She said that running a marathon through the Team  
 In Training program makes you part of an elite group  
 because only one tenth of one percent of the United  
 States population has ever run a marathon.

Eric said that he had been going to some of  
 the runners' meetings and eventually decided it was  
 time to join.

He said that the group would run three miles  
 each day during the work week, four miles on Sat-  
 urday and six miles on Sunday. Eric said that be-  
 fore he ran his first marathon he had probably al-  
 over 400 miles.

Opbroek said that \$45 million was raised nationally last year and  
 that in two years the program will be the largest non-profit fundraiser. She  
 said that there are 80 participants from Nebraska.

Opbroek said that the Leukemia Society has added Century Cy-  
 clists, a biking trip of 100 miles, to the program.

"The event has become extremely popular," Opbroek said. "It stems  
 from the fact that it empowers people to do something as extraordinary  
 as a marathon as well as helping cure cancer."

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**College Close-up**

By Kate Alseth

**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
 founded in 1907

**Location:** Honolulu, HI

**Total Population:** 17,005 students

**Admission:** 64 percent of applicants accepted

**Average SAT scores for freshman admissions:**  
 50 percent of enrolled freshman scored between 470-580 verbal  
 50 percent of enrolled freshman scored between 510-610 math

**Estimated cost:**  
 Tuition - \$7,870  
 Room and Board - \$4,720  
 Books and supplies - \$818  
 Other expenses - \$1,143

**Faculty:** 2,320 total

**Number of credit hours needed to graduate:** 124

**Application deadlines:** Applications must be received by May 1. Applicants are notified of admittance on a rolling basis beginning on Feb. 1

**Application/Admission contacts:** David Robb, Director of Admissions and Records, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2600 Campus Road, RM001, Honolulu, HI 96822-9978.

**Telephone:** (808) 956-8975

**E-mail:** ar\_info@hawaii.edu.

**Web:** www2.hawaii.edu/admrec.

**Additional information:**  
 The University of Hawaii at Manoa is an urban campus set in the very large city of Honolulu. It is a mere three miles from the downtown area. It is mainly a commuter campus. Dormitories are available for students (men, women, coed). Special dormitories called wellness halls are available. These are halls where smoking and drinking are forbidden. The curriculum is an accelerated and focuses on cooperative learning. Students are required to take classes in English, foreign languages, history, humanities, mathematics, philosophy/religion, biological/physical sciences and social sciences. The curriculum has a strong emphasis on Asian/Pacific subjects.



# Foreign exchange students experience life in the state

By Beth Weis

Central's foreign exchange students are actively involved in many school activities such as volleyball, tennis, and drama.

Senior Miriam Uebe, a foreign exchange student from Germany, plays varsity tennis and played JV volleyball this year for the Eagles.

She had played volleyball in Germany for 7 years, but then decided to take up European handball.

Miriam said nobody here knows about that. Therefore she took up volleyball again.

"Miriam is really outgoing, and she shares a lot of here heritage with us, senior volleyball player Jessica Mouton said.

Senior Franziska Backhaus, another foreign exchange student from Germany, had performed in Central's musical, "The Fiddler on the Roof."

Franziska was a member of the chorus. Franziska said that in Germany their drama class had only been for seniors, and this year had been the first time she was able to experience it.

"She seems really enthusiastic," junior Dave Rennard, also in The Fiddler on the Roof, said of Franziska.

Franziska is also a member of the JV tennis team.

Senior Kasper Paulsen, a foreign exchange student from Denmark, was on the tennis team.

Kasper said he had played tennis in Denmark for four years, but it was only a club.

"Kasper has adapted to the U.S. really

well and has brought a new dimension to the tennis team," junior Charles Carlin, a member of the tennis team, said.

Miriam said that there are some major differences between life in Germany and in the United States.

She said in Germany everything is closed on Sundays so that everyone can relax before they begin work on Monday. She said everything is a rush here.

"The American life is very busy, Miriam said. "They never relax."

Franziska also said that there are many differences between American and Germanic life styles. She said that she did not get elective options in Germany.

"This school has so many opportunities to make something of yourself," Franziska said.

Kasper Paulsen said that kids in the United States have less freedom that kids in Denmark.

"It is unusual to have a curfew in Denmark," Kasper said. "And there are no age limits for smoking and drinking."

Miriam said that before she came, she was worried about getting along with her host family.

Now she said that she realizes how little she had to worry about. She said that she now feels how lucky to have had a nice host family.

In Germany, Miriam had one little sister, but while living with her host family she has three brothers. She said that they are very nice.

Another difference in culture Miriam observed was the difference in the amount of cars each family owns.

She said that everyone here has a lot of cars. In Germany there is usually only one car per family.

"In Germany, I walked to school everyday, but here everyone drives," Miriam said.

Franziska also noticed a major difference of culture in the U.S.

She said that in Germany one doesn't have to pay for college, but in the U.S. it is

really expensive.

Kasper however, said that the culture of Denmark and America are generally the same.

He said that Denmark is very different from America. We got all the food, the same movies, and the same music," Kasper said.

The students will go back to their home countries in July.



Central's European connection... Seniors and foreign exchange students Kasper Paulsen, Miriam Uebe and Franziska Backhaus (from left to right) are active members of the student body. For example, Miriam and Franziska are players on the women's varsity tennis team.

# Central senior honored with Intern of the Year award

By Jeremy Scurlock

A Central High senior was recently awarded the honor of intern of the year by the Applied Information Management Institute (AIM), a representative of the AIM institute said.

Ashira Jones recently received the award for her work with U.S. West as an intern. The winner of the award is a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the business with whom they did their internship, Nadeen Posschl of AIM said.

"When I heard I was nominated I was surprised," Ashira said, "When I won the award I was completely caught off guard."

Ashira worked with Mr. J.D Pace of the AIM Institute as well as two other people, Mr. Roni Huerta a South High Teacher and Ms. Stethany Heyl of the Downtown Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), on difficult computer programs and networks in Denver, Pace said.

While in Denver Ashira and her team went through

extensive training on server setup and website design. Ashira was the only high school student selected to work on the team.

"Working with the team in Denver was a lot of fun," Ashira said, "I really learned a lot."



The intern of the year award started two years ago and hasn't received much publicity, Pace said. The honor is awarded to one high school student and one college student a year.

There were seven other high school students nominated for the award including Central student Jennifer Sanders. The award is given to the student who accomplishes the most with the AIM Institute. The AIM Institute does a lot of work with computer networks and software as well as training young people in networking.

Last summer, Ashira received a call from Central teacher Mr. Murray Fenn asking if she was interested in working with web pages. Fenn thought Ashira would enjoy and be interested in working with the web pages because she was taking several computer classes starting in

the fall, Ashira said.

After working on the pages for several months, Ashira was chosen to go with the three others to Denver for training. She did the training so she could help set up a computer lab at the Downtown YMCA with a grant from U.S. West. Ashira spent the last week of February working in Denver setting up computer networks and training with advanced software, Pace said.

"The AIM Institute really taught me a lot about computers and networking," Ashira said.

The time she spent in Denver was very busy, Ashira said. There were approximately 20 to 30 teams of people in Denver working and training with Ashira's team.

"Working with all the technology was exciting," Ashira said, "It was also very interesting, and a very good experience."

Ashira was selected out of three students from Central to work with the AIM Institute. Soon after getting involved with AIM she began an internship working for Gov. Ben Nelson in Lincoln, Ashira said.

# Coffee shop offers a change of atmosphere

By Jeremy Scurlock

Think you have no time for a history lesson on your lunch break? Think again! The Omaha History Center and Coffee Lounge allows you to do just that, owner of the unique coffee shop said.

Mr. Bill Knutson knew said he knew he always wanted to own a coffee shop, he just had to find the perfect place, and the perfect atmosphere. Perhaps he found it. The coffee lounge provides patrons with an opportunity to learn about the history of Omaha while enjoying a latte, Knutson said.

Howard Hamilton is the historian of the center and owner of

the items on display. Hamilton said began his collection when he was a student at Tech High and has accumulated 28 filing cabinets of historic material.

The front of the lounge features a coffee bar and several seating areas with antique chairs and tables. Also, there are many Omaha related books, paintings and collectibles for sale.

Further back is the "Decade Room" which features newspaper clippings, photographs and paintings associated with Omaha.

"It's 50 percent history center, 50 percent coffee lounge," Knutson said.

Displayed at the center are

documents dating back to 1800. The articles vary from Abraham Lincoln's visit to Omaha to Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth paying a visit to Father Flannigan at Boys Town

The room provides the viewer with an assortment of interesting things to look at and read. The center also hosts talks with local historians.

"Howard has done a wonderful job organizing his collection and hosting the talks, and he knows nearly everything there is to know about Omaha," Knutson said.

Hamilton donated copies of his personal collection to

Knutson's coffee shop after he and Knutson became friends. After taking several tours hosted by Hamilton, he and Knutson became friends, that's when Knutson suggested the idea of a combined coffee shop and history center to Hamilton.

"I thought it would be a great idea to combine two businesses into one," Knutson said

So, why a history center and a coffee shop? Knutson said it gives people something to do while drinking their coffee.

"There's something that about being around history, it provides a great atmosphere," Knutson said.

Hamilton said he excited about showing his collection. Some of Hamilton's collection donated to him by individuals, churches and schools.

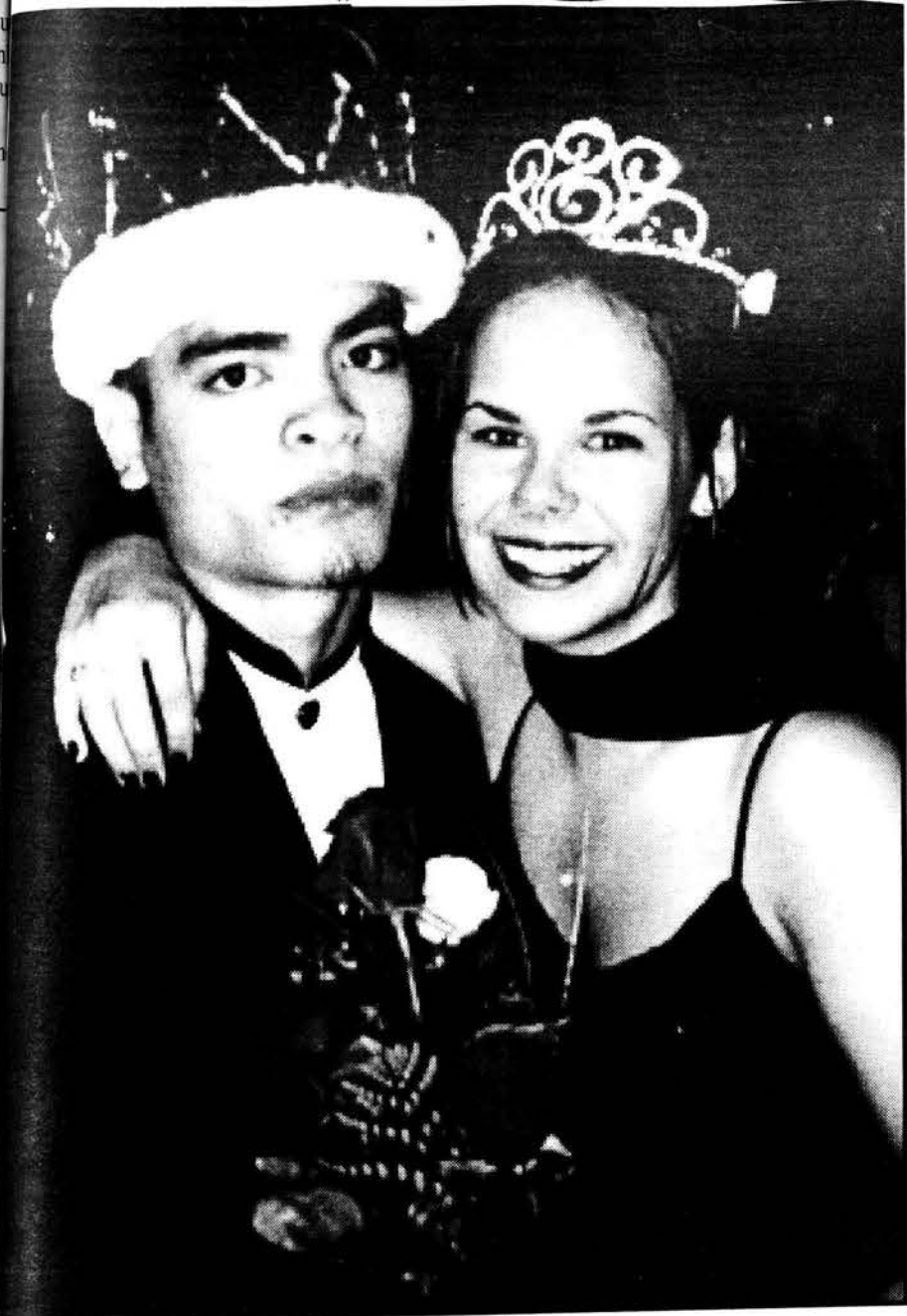
He said he tends on donating vast assortment of documents to the Omaha Public Library after he passes on or when he is through collecting memorabilia of Omaha's past.





# MANHATTAN MOONLIGHT

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**Above:** Makala Ross, junior, Ebonie Williams, Jamila Davis, Arbrina Dunson, Janelle Orange and Corina Vaughn, seniors (clockwise from upper left) get caught in a bonding moment.



**Far Left:** Seniors Shaun Israel and Sarah Price smile for the camera after being crowned Prom King and Queen. The two were chosen from ten nominated seniors.

**Left:** Susie Hutfless, senior, shows her pearly whites.

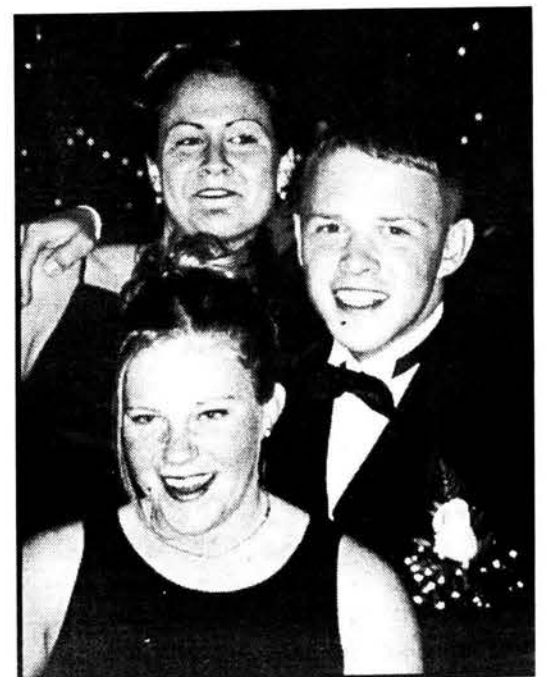
**Below:** Seniors Denna Leavitt, Todd Jacobson and Molly Deacon (from top to bottom) prove that three is not always a crowd.



**Below:** Seniors Becky Goldberg, Kelly Connor, Katie O'Neill, Delaina Terhune and Sarah Wengert (from left to right) party the night away.



**Above:** Be afraid, be very afraid ... James Leuschen, senior, deviates from traditional prom attire by displaying his own fashion expertise. Unusual clothing was abundant at prom this year.



**Left:** Jennifer Backman and Ian Simmons, seniors, capture the prom atmosphere by stopping for a quick photo.



**Left:** Chris Scofield and Erin Jenkins, seniors, take a breather after endless hours of dancing the night away.

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# That's All Folks:

## Retiring/Leaving Teachers



Right: Mrs. Heidi Jung, German/Spanish teacher, teaches one of her last classes.



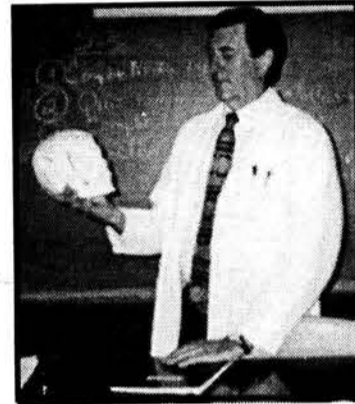
Right: Ms. Heidi Jens, Physical Education teacher, after a long day of work, enjoys a phone conversation.



Middle: Mrs. Sharon Franzen, Guidance counselor, is finishing another day of guiding the youth of Central.



Left: Ms. Kat Laughlin, Business teacher and Varsity girls soccer coach is carrying a thirst quencher to her thirsty players.



Left: Mr. Vern Krenzer models after the thinker, pondering what to do with his retirement.



Left: Retiring Physical teacher Dr. Robert Wolff explains something on the board to his students.



Above: Retiring Social Studies teacher, Mr. Brian Watson, clowns around with his students.

Right: Mrs. Rose Kobza, library paraprofessional, arranges some magazines.

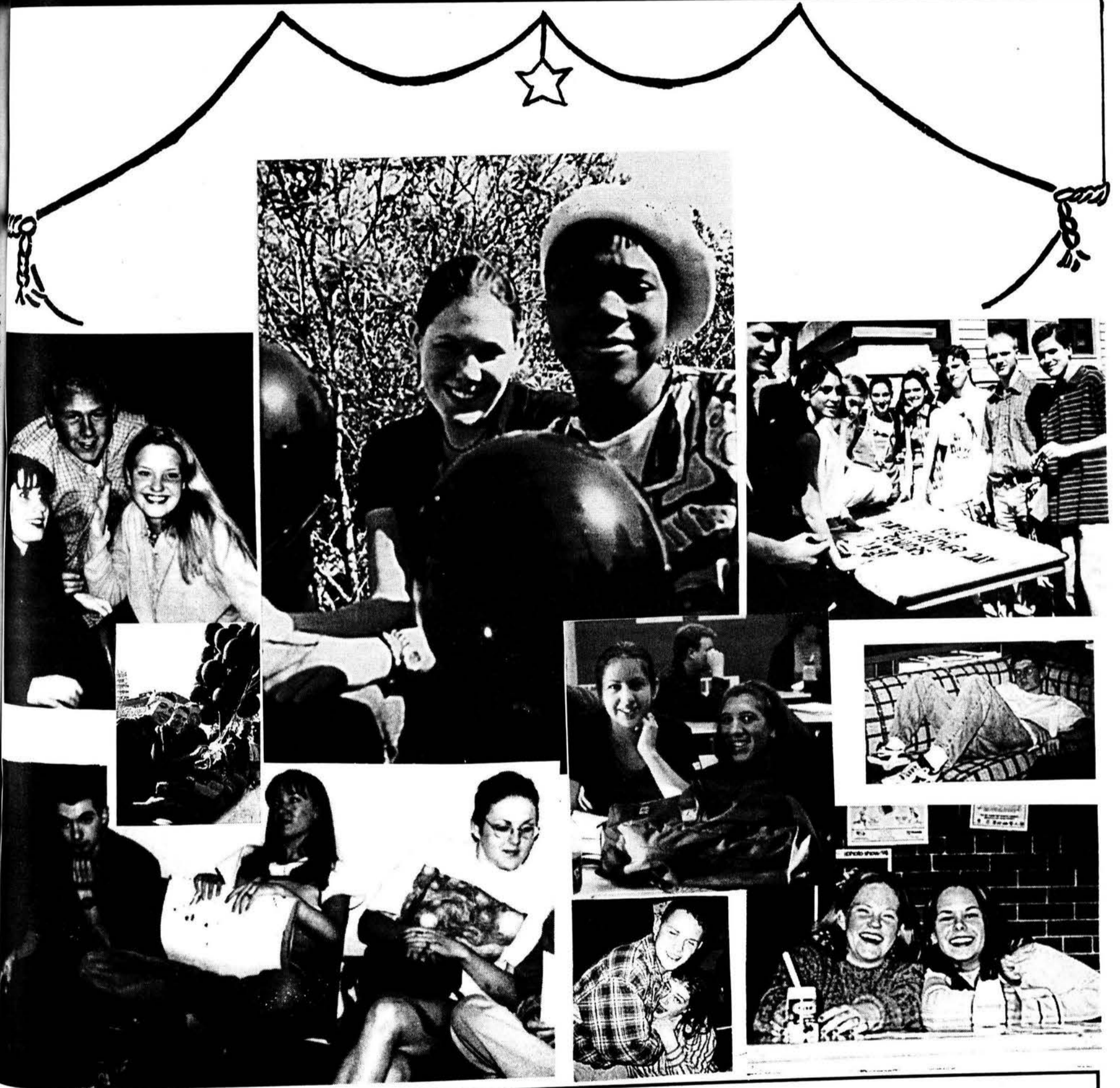


Above: Retiring Math teacher, Mr. Len Widhalm, enjoys one of his last days of teaching.

**Not Pictured:**  
**Mr. Trent Kelly, Art**  
**Ms. Kathy Mingo, Business**

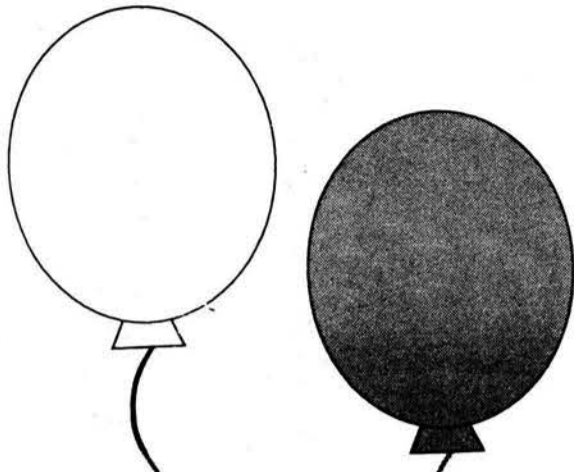
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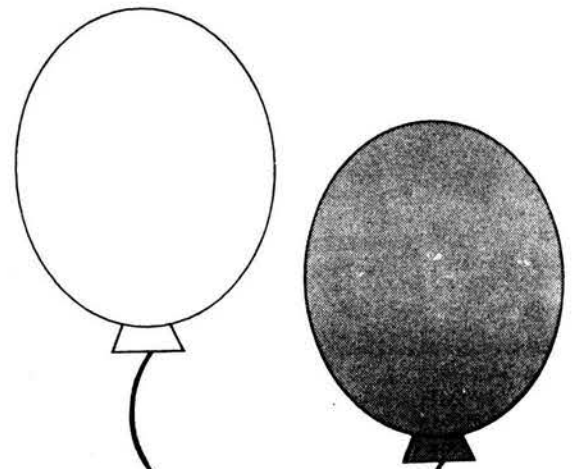
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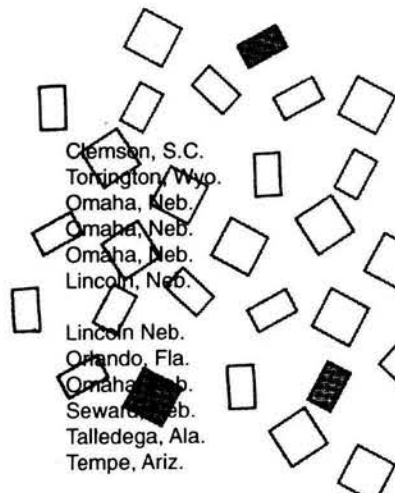


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# 1998 Senior Farewells: The Closing Credits...



## PRESERVING THE LEGACY BY RACHEL SLOSBURG

"Central High School-A Tradition of Excellence"...an accurate characterization from this student's four year perspective. My high school career at Central has been challenging and rewarding.

I am graduating with a solid education and feel I have been given the necessary tools to prepare me for college.

This is the present and my head start to the future. But what about Central's future?

As Central nears the 21st century and its 139th year of operation, it may be an opportune time to re-examine this institution of learning in order to perpetuate its tradition of excellence.

Today's top high schools are continually seeking new and better ways to educate their students. Central should be no exception.

Arguably, the most significant aspect of the educa-

tional experience is the quality of the faculty. With the recent retirement of many of Central's longtime, highly regarded faculty members, Central will be challenged to inspire their replacements with the same dedication and commitment to teaching excellence.

The administration must take the lead in recruiting, growing and maintaining a faculty desirous of achieving the highest goals in quality teaching.

The existence of a strong administration is another significant component in keeping Central on top. During its 139 year history, Central has had only 15 principals; some of which have led the school for over 25 years. Talented administrative leadership is paramount in orchestrating faculty, parental and student involvement.

Central has a unique and rich resource in the number of dedicated and talented alumni which maintain interest in the school. The administration should draw upon this resource to use as a sounding board in examining its future—not just for capital improvement projects, but in a real assessment of where Central should be headed and how to get there.

Central has enjoyed a reputation as being the finest college preparatory school in Omaha. In recent years, other schools have found their niche. North High School is an example of a school which remade itself and has earned a reputation as a pre-

mier high school for math and science.

Perhaps the most pressing issue concerning Central High School's future is the recruitment of students. With the presence of a free bussing system within the District, it will be harder to maintain a diverse student body. Central's administration, faculty and student body must combine to serve as ambassadors spreading the word of the extraordinary opportunities for learning and growing in a public high school environment, second to none.

If the leadership of Central High School looks to the future by honestly evaluating the school's strengths, weaknesses and challenges and takes the necessary actions to address many issues found therein, there is little doubt that a generation from now the words "Central High School-A Tradition of Excellence" will be as reflective of Central High School as they are today.

On a personal note, *The Register* consumed several worthwhile hours of my time at Central. I thank the staff for the constant hard work, meeting of all deadlines and ability to make me laugh or laugh at me.

I appreciate the active support of the administration, faculty and student body and the opportunity to serve as editor in chief of the oldest school newspaper West of the Mississippi.



## READY OR NOT, IT'S TIME TO GO BY ALLISON PAGAN

Well, here we are, fellow seniors, the last day of school. It's hard to believe that high school is almost over. Last year my graduating friends told me how fast the time had gone, but I didn't believe them. Why would I, when I still had a whole year left? Now that I'm here, though, I've found myself saying the same thing to friends that I, too, will be leaving behind at Central.

It was just a few years ago that I was choosing a high school. I had just gotten comfortable with that choice when an even larger task loomed ahead of me—what to do after high school. I decided only a few weeks ago which college

I'll be going to, after waiting until the last possible moment, like many others seniors.

But you know what? I'm excited about going to college, meeting new people, and living on my own. Just think: this is the last year I will ever have to get a pass from a teacher to go to the bathroom. All of those high school rules have seemed really ridiculous this year, now that at 18, I'm almost an adult. I can't wait to experience what it's like to go out to lunch everyday, instead of sitting around during study hall waiting until my end-of-the-day history class.

Life after high school seems like it's great, and it is good to know that in just two weeks, I'll have a diploma and finally be free!

Everytime I get excited about leaving, though, I realize that I don't want to actually go quite yet. I like Central, and I'm comfortable here. I know all of my classmates, some since elementary school, and I know my teachers, too. Being a kid is great still, with no responsibilities other than remembering to do my calculus homework once in awhile. While sitting

around in study hall was really boring at times, it was a unique opportunity to hang out with friends, which after today, will be gone forever.

I've had a lot of great experiences during my high school days that I wish would live on forever, but I know they won't. For me, that's a really saddening thought.

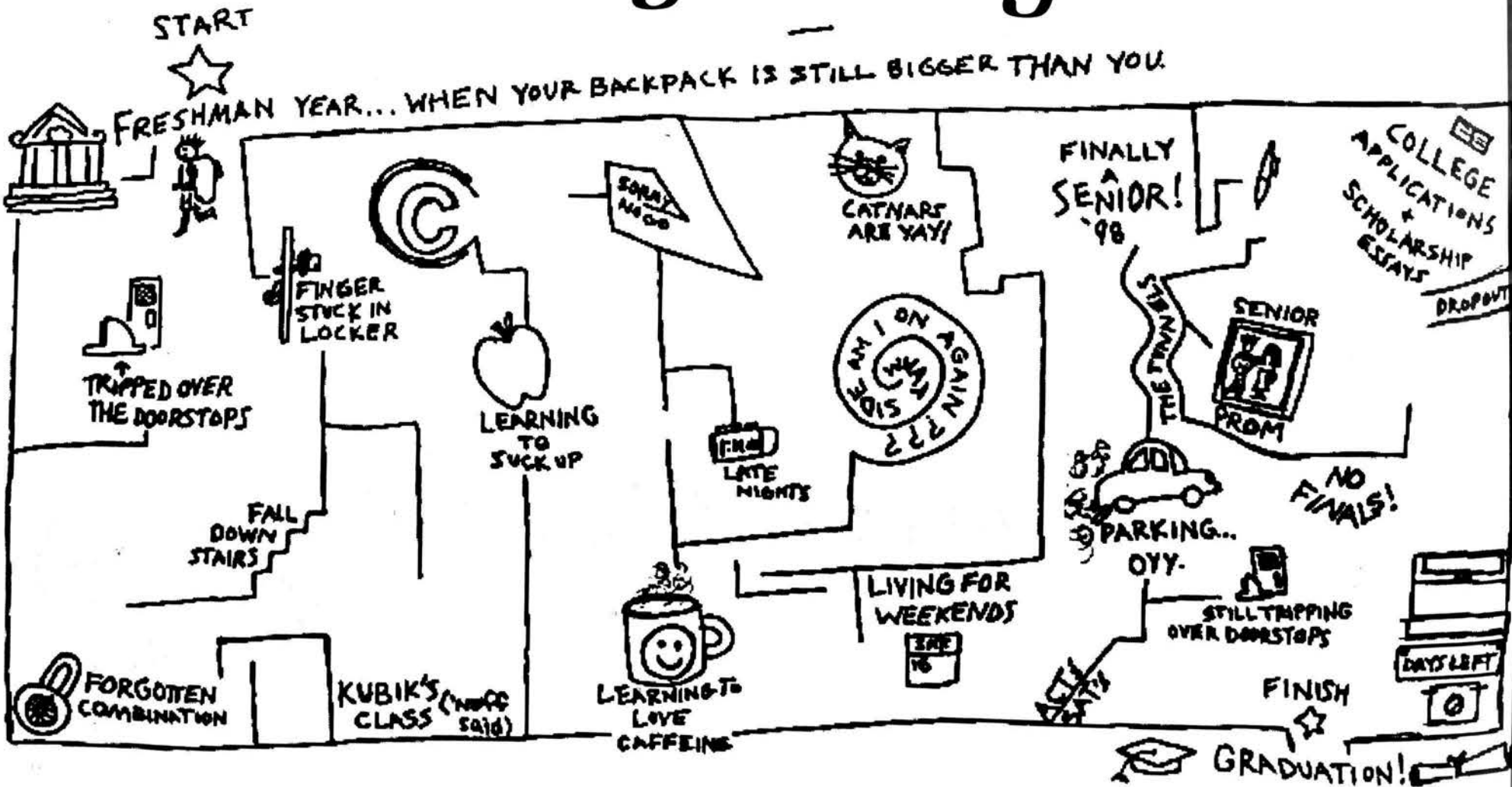
To cheer myself up, I usually go back to thinking about how great college life will be, and how great it will be finally be free. I can't wait to leave, but I don't want to go.

I'll most likely go back and forth between being sad and being excited all the way up until graduation, when I will have a choice.

To prepare for that, I think I'll try to think on the bright side of things. Isn't it annoying how we have to get passed for everything?

And what about progress reports every quarter? I'm glad that next year, I can just go out to my car to get stuff and go out for lunch between classes. Most importantly, I'll be free!

# The maze they call high school...



# Entertainment

## Earth Day entertains for a good cause

By Shaun Kiel

Earth day was April 26th. The sky was gray. The atmosphere was sedate. The day was slow and a little bit boring.

People meandered around Heartland of America Park, where the annual Earth Day celebration was held, in a generally good mood, but energy at the event seemed almost non-existent.

The informational booths present at the celebration had interesting displays, but some were the same as in previous years, like PETA. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which is still protesting animal testing of kittens at Boys Town.

A number of local bands performed at the celebration, including Duggan and Doyle and Six Speed Universe. These were the only source of energy at the park. Most people who arrived at the park, wound up congregated around the stage, listening to them.

The most noteworthy aspect of the day was probably the food. McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe had a booth set up and was selling all kinds of wonderful things.

An afternoon spent at this Earth Day may or may not have been one well spent. The weather dragged it down, and a nap would have been more justified than the time I spent at the park.



Alexa Christon

**Hitting on natural beat...** La Belle Afrique, exposing onlookers to a touch of African culture, performed for a fairly small crowd of people at Earth Day. The Earth Day celebration took place at Heartland of America Park on Apr. 25.

## Book sheds humor on race riots

Emily Martin

For a book that promised a race riot in the future where "the blacks are lead by MC Hammer and the whites are lead by Vanilla Ice and the Jews sit in trees," "A Crack-Up at the Race Riots" does not even come close to covering the goods. Word to yo mother!

What the book does throw in your face is a mud-pie crammed full of half written letters, suicide letters, sketches, puns, bad jokes and jabs at famous people. Author Harry Korine, best known for penning the "rocking" screenplay for the controversial movie "Kids," has one seriously twisted mind. Remember when you were in jr. high and all your time was spent writing and doodling in your notebook about absolutely anything that came into your mind? Imagine two pages: first of all you get the book published and second you are what most people would consider, insane. Not a bad insane, a creative insane where-okay, fine, insane. Well, "A Crack-Up at the Race Riots" throwing in amputees and midgets.

If you haven't guessed by now, Korine is a major freak preaching his freakdom to the masses through his warped book. Flash back to seventh grade, secretly showing one of your doodles to a friend and getting caught by the teacher, then she pays you for letting her see it. That is precisely what Korine has done through his book, charged you to view his off-the-wall ideas.

The book opens with a full page picture, supposedly of MC Hammer at age eleven. This single picture is the only remnant of the advertising ploy. This will especially provide you with entertainment if you are already anticipating the bizzareness of the book by reading the honorable Hammer's name as McHammer. (thanks to the all lower case letters the book likes to abuse) He works at Mceedee's now, dontcha know.

If you are looking for meaning, you will not find it here. If you are looking for depth, you will not find it here. If you are looking for the feel-good novel of the year or a contender for a Pulitzer Prize, you had better look

elsewhere because I guarantee you will not find it here. What you will discover is that a person can make money if he is already famous and blatantly bizarre. Oh wait, maybe you will not discover anything, but you will be entertained, maybe even impressed or inspired. The more sheltered will be shocked, the sane will cry out "The man is sick!" and the worldly will declare "That's my boy!" There is certainly something for everyone.

With a cover that looks like supplementary reading to a modern history book of events in rural America that were really, really scary and the inside that could very well be a case study for a psychology class, "A Crack-Up at the Race Riots" is oddly appealing. I myself read the entire book in one sitting. It was laughable, interesting and just plain-old messed up. I recommend this book to anyone who has an open mind and a wicked sense of humor. Just make sure you are not weak at heart or overly-sensitive because Korine bashes just about everyone in one form or another by the end of his 200 pages.

The scariest part of the "novel" for any recovering psychotic would probably be Korine's deviant handwriting on some of the pages with words scratched out maniac style and other words underlined for enhanced importance. Add that to the creepy-looking juvenile drawings and your thoughts wonder to if this is in fact a book or Manson's lost documents.

I know there has to be some sort of subliminal messages seeping into anyone's brain who dares to read this book, but that is part of the fun. You never know how your thought patterns will be altered after reading the stew of random nothingness doused with perverseness "A Crack-Up at the Race Riots" produces.

Critics have called the "novel" (yes, technically it is a novel) "totally independent" and "the sweet edge of the future," blah, blah, blah. I call it worth the \$14.95 for weirdness if nothing else and in the end, an escape to Alice's whacked-up Wonderland. Lewis Carroll would be proud.

## Paintball creates competitive gaming

By Andy Hickman

Imagine, crawling through the forest in complete camouflage, spotting the enemy and then BLAM you just splatted your opponent with paint. It's called paintball, one of the most popular new sports in America, Nebraska paintball instructor said.

"It's one of the hottest trends going on," Mr. Jeff Urich said.

The genre of people who participate in paintball are usually people who are involved with the military, Urich said.

"I'm in ROTC (Reserved Officer Training Corp) and paintball is the closest thing to real action," sophomore Matt Miller said.

The youngest a person can be to participate is thirteen but there is really no limit to how old a person can be, Urich said.

"I think the appeal to this sport is the action and the sense of danger that comes with it and the sense of war-like competition," Urich said.

The closest place to play paintball is Nebraska, not far

out of Omaha. The cost is \$30 which includes a field mask, a paintgun, 100 rounds, and CO2 cartridges, Urich said.

"You really end up feeling like you are at war with the other team," sophomore and paintball participant Matt Miller said.

When the \$30 is paid the training starts. After they give you your gear you're dressed in an army style uniform with a field mask. Then, they give you the gun. The gun uses compressed CO2 cartridges which won't injure you, it'll just sting, Urich said.

"We try to make it as much like real war as we can," Urich said.

After the gear is fitted and you get your weapon you're taken out to a shooting range. You get to know the gun and how it works, Urich said.

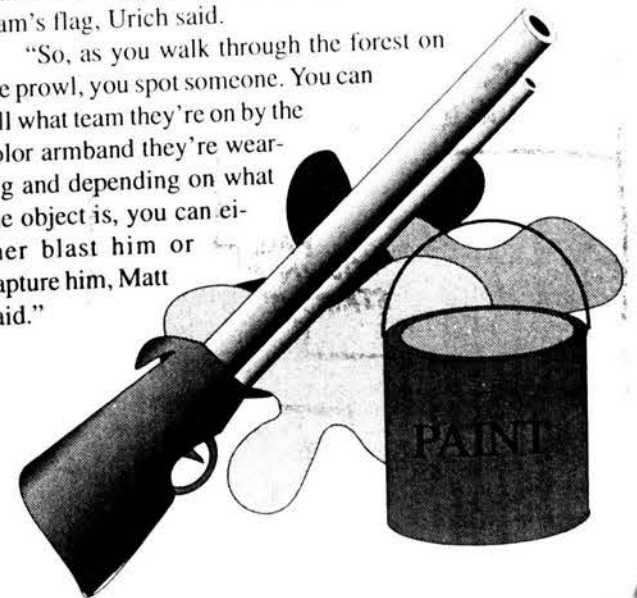
They divide you and the other participants up into two teams. The teams are sent out into the field, Urich said.

"In the four years we have been holding paintball contests there has never been an injury," Urich said.

Your goal: it depends. Certain places want you just to

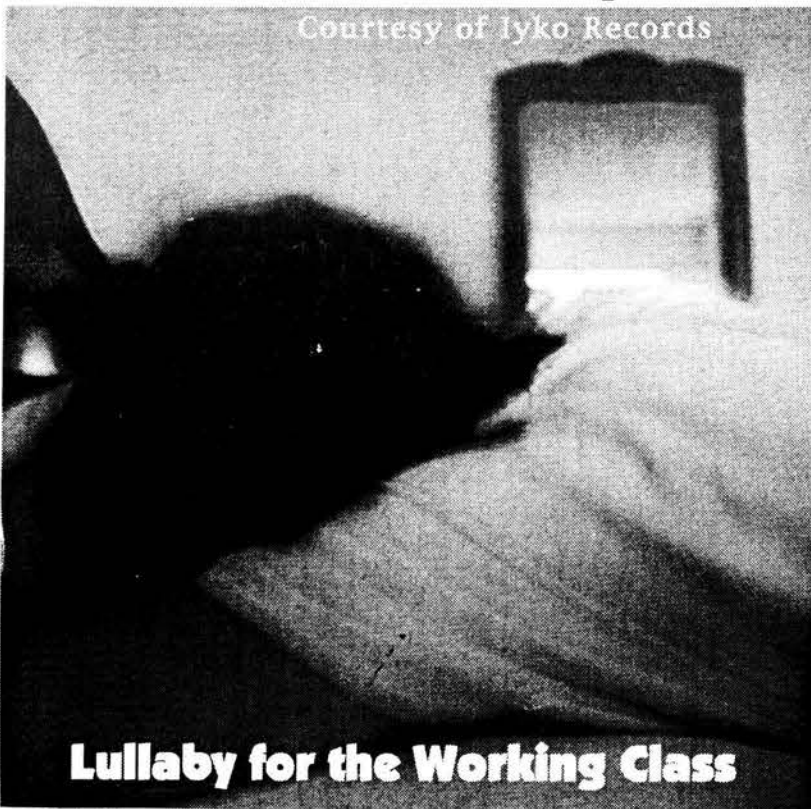
shoot the other team, others want you to capture other team members, and yet others have you capture your opposing team's flag, Urich said.

"So, as you walk through the forest on the prowl, you spot someone. You can tell what team they're on by the color armband they're wearing and depending on what the object is, you can either blast him or capture him, Matt said."



# CD REVIEWS

## Local listeners praise Lullaby for the Working Class



By Andy Hickman

Lullaby for the Working Class... sounds like a cheesy 80's band? They are far from it.

As you pop in the CD, "Blanket Warm", the several minutes of the first song, "Good Morning" is an instrumental piece. In that first piece you can tell that they are not your ordinary band.

Lullaby for the Working Class really doesn't use conventional instruments. The only general instrument is, of course, a drumset. There are four regular band members and seven additional people who play other instruments including the uchalali (tiny guitar), the harp, the sitar, the harpsichord, almost all the brass instruments, the cello, violins, the banjo and the glockenspiel to name a few.

The CD is kind of a trip in the way the music progresses from song to song. The CD starts with a song called "Good Morning" and ends with "Good Night" both of which are instrumental pieces. Most songs (as most are these days) deal with the opposite sex. But this band doesn't construct your typical relationship music.

Through the lyrics you could surmise that the songwriter(s) obviously has not had the greatest of experiences with the opposite sex. Titles for songs like

"Queen of the Long-legged insects" and "Honey, Ditch the Knife away" portray the air of negativity and anger, but this is not the case.

The general aura of the songs is relatively the same, though. Now this is not really a bad thing, the aura is remarkably nostalgic, very reminiscent. Listening down and listening to this music is almost viewing the songwriter's memories. The whole is very relaxing.

The vocalist, Ted Stevens, has a semi-whispering voice that, if with any of other band, would come across as annoying. But combined with the beautiful orchestration the overall sound is wonderful.

If your out for something calm, relaxing, and nostalgic then Lullaby for the Working Class is the right group.

The overall rating and sound of this CD is amazing. Lullaby for the Working Class certainly needs more recognition for how well the large group put together a sound that one wouldn't expect using instruments that they use.

Aside from the CD Lullaby for the Working Class has an amazing stage presence. The benevolent nature of their music is evident in the crowds reaction and the way they play.

## Silver Scooter rolls out an excellent album

By Rebecca Starr

Oh Wow! Silver Scooter came through town over spring break. Their drummer, Tom Hudson, was deathly ill and spending quite a bit of time at the facility of Saint Joe's and was unable to make the show. They still played an awesome show with just bassist and guitarist, Scott Gared and John Hunt.

The transition from the live show to the CD was incredible. True, I did not see the band in its entirety, but I found them to be a better album band than live show.

This is probably a hasty judgement. But the recording is clear high quality recording, which is hard to contrast to the poor, or rather lack of acoustics of The Cog Factory.

So I bought their CD, "The Other Palm Springs," and let me tell you that they rock out ten times as hard with a drummer.

The cover sort-of looks like the inside of a pineapple and the pamphlet contains a picture of a cat and not much else.

The sound is sort of a pop/rock mix that just about anyone can enjoy. While sound remains solid in its indie roots, they change it up a lot more than other bands in their league. Pop's presence makes for an

easier listen.

Perhaps one of the coolest aspects of Silver Scooter is the ability not only to hear the singer, but to comprehend him as well. Who knew that bands actually are singing words in some sort of thought patterns that sort-of make sense?

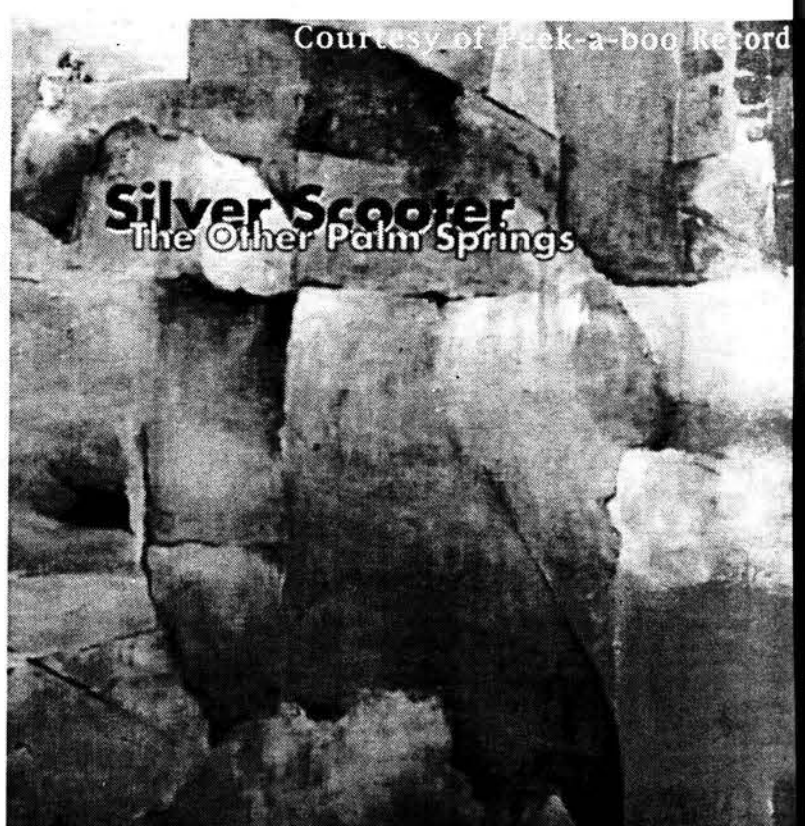
Lyricaly, they sing about more than bad relationships, which is a rare blessing. For instance, "Riverbed" is a song about a riverbed fight that contains lyrics about waking your friends to go watch a fight.

Another song, "10 PM on Saturday Night," deals with the perils of being left behind as your friends forget about you. It is actually kind of sad.

Debatabley, the most beautiful song on the album is "Pumpkin Eyes." I wonder exactly what pumpkin eyes are, but there is probably some very happy person to have this song written about them.

Overall, I was incredibly satisfied with this CD and would recommend it to anyone. Maybe Austin does produce some decent music after all. Give it a try.

This CD may be slightly more difficult to find around Omaha. If it is not available at Antiquarium or Drastic Plastic, I recommend checking their web page at [www3.pair.com/~travesty/peekaboo.htm](http://www3.pair.com/~travesty/peekaboo.htm).



## Disappointed listeners strike Fastball out



By Shaun Kiel

Disappointing. That is the only word appropriate to use in describing the new album by Fastball, "All the Pain Money Can Buy."

It's not that there aren't any good songs on the album, it's just that there's so few of them.

Just sticking the CD in the CD player and hitting the random or shuffle button on this album is like playing with loaded dice, because if the wrong song comes up, you'll regret it. Welcome to every other pop-rock song ever written, played with two guitars, a bass and drums.

There's only one or two good songs on the album trying to save it from being absolutely worthless. The single, "The Way", which is currently receiving massive amounts of radio play is a great song. It utilizes good instruments, good vocals and originality. One of the things that adds to the impression of this song is the piano. Although the piano is becoming slightly more common as an instrument for bands to use, it is still a refreshing break and a good instrument to see in a song like this. "The Way" is one of the only songs on this album that the listener will enjoy hearing more than once.

At first glance, "The Way," is the song that builds up your hopes for the rest of the album. It's the first

track on the album, and the listener is thinking "Wow, I am really glad that I picked up this CD."

Careful, though, because the minute the second track hits, it leaves the listener wondering where the music just ran off to. In its place, there is something oddly reminiscent of a slightly more "hard-core" version of The Rembrandts, those guys that did the theme song for "Friends." It's not the best of music.

It's another five tracks before the listener even comes close to having something worth listening to.

There are probably two more songs on the entire album that even hint at the the possibility for talent seen in "The Way", but, for the most part, all of the songs sound uncannily similar. They run themselves in one ear and out the other, without a chance or a reason to set in.

The listener will be through the end of the album before he realizes it, most of the songs running together into a mushy little pile of boredom, and that's when they'll realize, "I just paid a whole lot of money for this."

That makes this album one of two things. It's either a very expensive coaster for the coffee table or a very expensive CD single, on account of one or two songs that are worth the listen.



**'NUFF SAID**

By Stephanie Holm



**Say 'so long' seniors**

Alright, so your senior year is coming to an end, hey? What better time to look back on all of the foolish, idiotic, (fill in your adjective here), things you've done in high school than right now?

Let's start with freshman year. Oh yeah...that awkward move from junior high school (dun dun dun) high school. Yep, that time when you went from a straight "A" student to receiving your first "C." Hmm...I'm thinking junior highs should have a hint. Can we say preparation?

So...when you arrived on that first, frightening day of freshman year, how many of you tripped over those doorsteps? Be honest, now. I've seen more than a few people become supermen and superwomen as they flew through the air. Then again, the funniest part isn't the actual tripping...it's the numerous ways that people try to play it off.

Okay, so we've all done this at one time or another...and if you haven't—you're lying. Yep, there were a lot of frantic times like that as a freshman. Take for instance that chaotic questioning of everyone in your classes. "What hour do you have lunch? Can I sit with you?" Hey, no one wants to be eating lunch alone—why

don't you just stamp an "F" into your forehead, right? Moving onto sophomore year...where you still weren't "in" with the older crowd, but were now allowed to pick on those younger than you. Those...oh-what-was-the term...frosh? Hey, it's tradition, right? I guess sophomore year wasn't so bad...at least not as bad as that of freshman year.

You know what I'm talking about...that fatal junior year. As a freshman, I wondered what the juniors and seniors did to look so much older, so much more mature. The dark circles and under-eye wrinkles don't come with age...they are placed there by your junior year. Those papers being typed at one in the morning, the tests you cram all night for, only to forget everything the very next day. Ahhh...junior year. Can we say stress?

Either way, look at how many memories, both good and bad, you can say that Central has given you. And, as you leave us in the dust, remember one thing...what doesn't kill you, makes you stronger. Well, at least try to remember that when you have to go through an entirely new freshman year in college. Go frosh! 'Nuff said.

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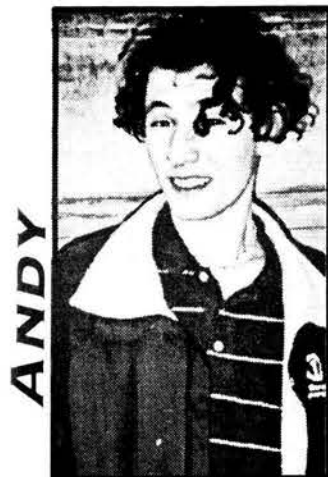
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## "City of Angels"

# THE E-TEAM

"It's the best thing to come along since sliced bread." -Mr. T.



ANDY



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The new movie *City of Angels*, starring Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan, was based around the idea that there are such things as angels. Not only are there angels, but these angels live and operate our world, just in another sort of dimension.

Ryan and Cage starred in a story portraying the roles of angels in a contemporary setting. Although the focus of the movie was a romance between perky heart surgeon Ryan as Maggie, and black-clad picture of salvation Cage as Seth, the undertones of a bigger picture are definitely there.

The struggle of a 90's working woman vs. her heart and her beliefs was the significant sub-plot of the film. It deals with the mortality of man. So without further adieu...

### General Opinion-

**Kate-** I really like the film.

**Shaun-** It was a wonderful film.

**Andy-** An overall, sincerely decent movie.

**Becca-** Well done.

### Less General Opinion-

**Kate-** The whole concept of the movie was great. It made you question your own beliefs and left you thinking long after viewing it. Few movies of today leave you with that.

**Becca-** It was one of those movies that left the theater with you. It made you think about what you really believe.

**Shaun-** The romance between Ryan and Cage entranced the viewer. The subject of religion was handled very well within the context of the film. All in all, they managed to pull the whole shabang off brilliantly.

**Andy-** The directors and producers managed to do a good job making you believe the angelic nature of Cage's

character.

### Casting-

**Becca-** I can't believe that they cast Ryan as a cardiovascular surgeon. It is sort of an oxymoron. She did well with it considering that her roles traditionally swing another way. Cage is approaching god status as an actor.

**Shaun-** I think that Ryan and Cage were cast perfectly in their roles. Ryan can pull off the character of a pure, innocent girl, by sheer physical appearance alone. Cage played a wonderful angel. Together they are just the right people to portray an innocent and pure love.

**Andy-** Cage did an excellent job portraying the tender naive angel and Ryan did an almost excellent job as the vulnerable 90's working woman.

**Kate-** I really can't decide if I liked Ryan in this film, though usually I like her. Her as a tough, independent woman type, who also happens to be a surgeon, is a little unbelievable. But, she pulled it off. Cage did a great job, too.

### Plot-

**Andy-** The plot line is excellent but its greatness is due to the director. The movie could have turned out completely hoaky and cheesy but do to excellent cinematography and directing the plot line survived.

**Kate-** I loved the plot line until the end. It got very predictable, and left you feeling a little bit empty. But, I guess you can see it as a refreshing twist to the typical romance.

**Becca-** It got a little predictable. Fantastic just the same. It could have been terrible, but it was just so well done.

**Shaun-** If they could have ended the movie twenty minutes before they did, it would have been the perfect plot.

The idea was well-presented, though, and I was enveloped right up to the end.

### Soundtrack-

**Becca-** I hate Alanis Morissette. But the rest was good.

**Kate-** Usually, I hate Alanis Morissette, but I do like her song on the soundtrack. It reminds me a little of Tori Amos.

**Andy-** Very diverse, ranging from Jimmi Hendrix to Alanis Morissette to Peter Gabriel.

**Shaun-** My new, most favorite CD in the entire world. Buy it today. Peter Gabriel, Eric Clapton, Paula Cole... I could go on for quite a while like that. The movie warrants the purchase of the soundtrack, and the soundtrack won't disappoint. Even the four instrumental tracks on the CD are good.

### Closing Thoughts-

**Kate-** The movie was done very well. It kept me entertained, made me think and made my heart all tingley, not many movies can do all of that anymore.

**Becca-** Considering that this could have been another Ed Burns' "Hello God" film, it was remarkably well done. It raises questions like, "do you believe in an afterlife?", "what is this life worth to you?" and "is there a god?"

**Shaun-** It was a good movie to play on the emotions. It's much harder to write a decent romance than to write action or comedy. Making a good movie, all-around, is actually a pretty hard endeavor, so I'm happy to have seen this one.

**Andy-** All in all, a wonderful movie. Worth the money and the time spent on seeing it. This movie leaves you walking away with a renewed faith in the movie industry.

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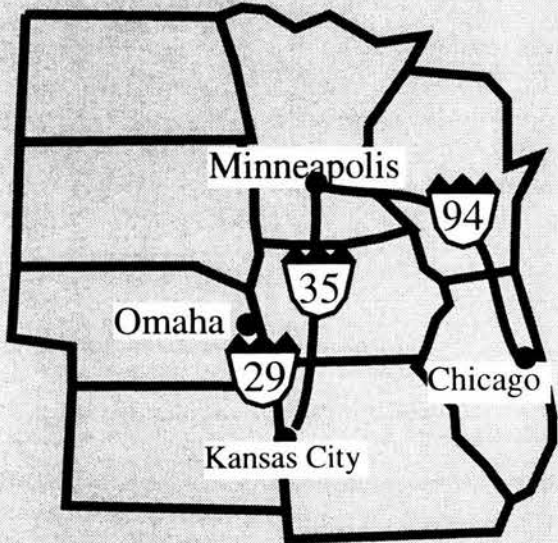
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# Summer concerts



## Send students on the road

By Kate Alseth

Ahh... summer, long days of nothing to do but lay around in the sun. But, after awhile that will get a little dull, so the Entertainment staff is here to spice up your life a little bit. One great thing about summer is the smorgasbord of music festivals that are going on. So we did our best to bring you a little taste of the concerts you could attend this summer, and a little information on each. Regardless what your music taste is, I think that there is something here for each and every one of you.

Lilith Fair, the all women music festival, is touring for another summer. From last year's impressive line-up of women musicians all but Jewel will be returning to the stage this coming summer. The artists include Sarah McLachlan, the founder of the festival, Indigo Girls, Sheryl Crow, Fiona Apple and new comer, Eryka Badu. The closest places this tour stops to Omaha would be Bonner Springs, KS at Sandstone on June 1st and Minneapolis, MN on Aug. 21st. Tickets for the Sandstone concert are already on sale.

The H.O.R.D.E. festival is taking it's acts back on the road again this year. H.O.R.D.E., Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere, was started a few years ago by John Popper of Blues Travelers. This year the festival is taking the stage across the nation with bands like Blues Travelers, Smashing Pumpkins, Barenaked Ladies, Ben Harper and Alana

Davis. If you like the sound of that, you can see H.O.R.D.E. at Sandstone on July 14. Information concerning tickets and other such things have not been released yet to the public, or I just couldn't find it.

Smokin' Grooves is another concert to consider attending this summer. You can assume the atmosphere of this concert through the name, laid-back and very chill. The music of last year included bands like George Clinton and Cypress Hill. Sorry to say but, not much seems to have really been decided about this festival yet. But, definitely find out about it, it's a must see concert.

If you liked the Grateful Dead, you'll love the Further Festival. This concert was created three years ago by the living members of the Grateful Dead; it was started as a sort of tribute to Jerry Garcia, who died in 1995. Bands such as Hot Tuna and Rusted Root will be part of this year's Further line-up. The tour will be stopping in Chicago, IL at the World Music Theater on July 16th. Tickets began selling May 2nd at \$35.25 for reserved tickets and \$29.75 for general admission lawn tickets.

These are just a few of the big concerts you could be attending this summer. If you can't make it to any of these show dates, check for others. All of these concerts play all summer long throughout the nation and they are all worthwhile events.

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- "you know you got it if it makes you feel good" -emily martin
- "god bless my underwear" -alexa christon
- "just call me 'chach'" -rachel slosburg
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By Gail Braddock

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# 1997-98 Central Athletes of the Year

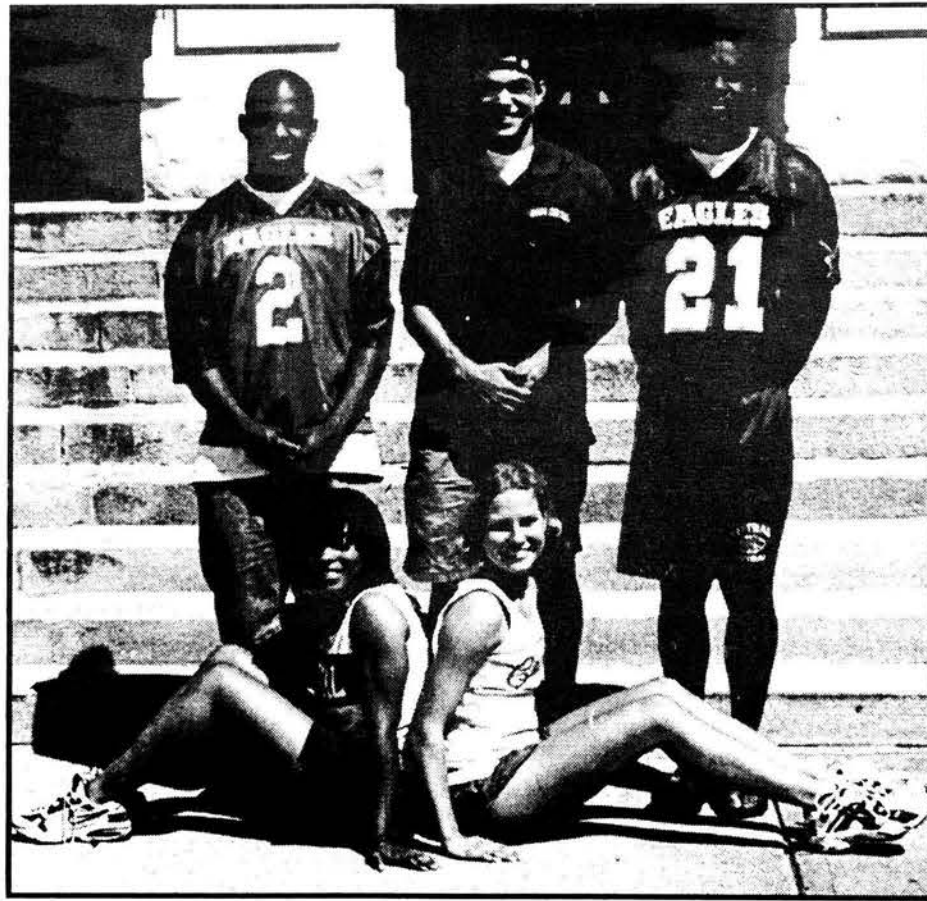
## Coach of the year



**Mr. John Waterman**  
18th year  
Boys' Tennis

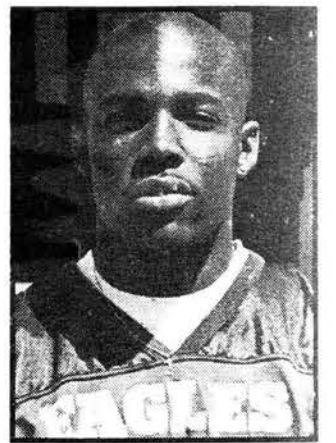
### Year in review:

Mr. Waterman capped off an 18-year coaching career at Central in grand fashion, with a State No. 1 singles title and a fifth place finish overall, in the team category, at the state tournament...he cited it being the "right time" as the main reason for him stepping down as head coach...Mr. Waterman said that he looks back at his coaching career at Central as being "wonderful" and said he "enjoyed coaching some of the best talent in Nebraska"...known as a "player's coach," he will be "sorely missed by all of his players," Stuart Waters said...Mr. Waterman will continue teaching math at Central



Gail Braddock

**The 1997-98 Central Athletes of the Year**  
From left to right, they are, back row: DeAntae Grixby, senior; Stuart Waters, junior; and Lawrence Butler, senior; front row: Tai Burleson, sophomore, and Annika Carlson, junior. Selection of athletes was based on performance, conduct and scholastic aptitude.



**DeAntae Grixby**  
Grade 12  
Football, track

### Year in review:

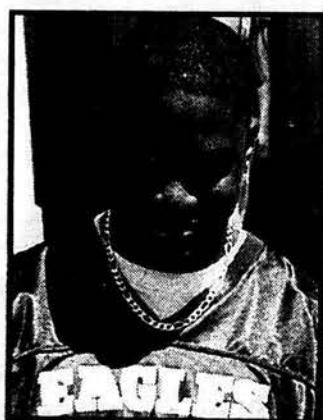
The latest in a long, decorated line of Central I-backs, DeAntae delivered on a highly anticipated senior year by rushing for 1,110 yards and 11 touchdowns...also a safety, he was considered one of the hardest hitters in the Metro...his statistics earned him a spot on the All-Nebraska team as well as several other national honors such as: Super Prep/Prep Star Magazine All-American, USA Today All-American honorable mention, and Parade magazine All-American, and Parade magazine All-American honor...all this despite getting off to what he characterized as a "shaky start" this season...University of Nebraska at Lincoln recruit.



**Tai Burleson**  
Grade 10  
Basketball, track

### Year in review:

Tai was a key contributor to the varsity girls' basketball team, as she was recognized by her teammates as the team's hardest worker...despite only being a sophomore, Tai is one of the top female runners in Nebraska...had a realistic shot at medaling in any or all of the individual 100m, 200m, or 400m races at State, as well as several relays...in addition, Tai also boasted a 4.38 GPA. \*\*\*State results were not in at time of printing\*\*\*



**Lawrence Butler**  
Grade 12  
Football, basketball

### Year in review:

Lawrence was a key contributor on both the varsity football and basketball teams...he was the varsity basketball team's defensive specialist in addition to leading the team in three-point percentage...at linebacker he was a key element in Central's defensive scheme...he backed up DeAntae at running back...Owner of a 3.5 GPA, Lawrence will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha next fall on football scholarship.



**Annika Carlson**  
Grade 11  
Cross country, track

### Year in review:

One of Central's two State Champions this year...has a list of accomplishments that include: State Class "A" Cross Country Champion, Junior Olympics Champion, Junior Regional Champion All Metro Team...Annika also has a 4.43 GPA, which earned her a spot on the All Metro Academic Team...she beat out close friend Paige Brown of North in the final...planned on running for track team, but knee injury kept her out..



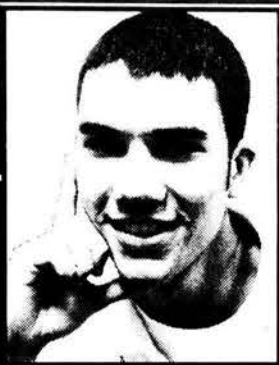
**Stuart Waters**  
Grade 11  
Tennis

### Year in review:

Another player who had sky-high expectations for this season, Stuart came through by becoming Central's first State Tennis Champion in 12 years...Stuart went 15-2 in his singles matches this year...he was awarded the Missouri Valley Sportsman of the Year award, as voted on by all the tennis coaches in the region...national college tennis programs are taking notice: Arizona State and Notre Dame have shown the most interest.

## TWO-MINUTE DRILL

By Derek Tritsch



### Huskers dependent on running game in '98

Not only is the head coach gone, but so is the running back position. Or so it would seem. It's a rarity at Nebraska when the running back position is not directly in the spotlight. And based on the past spring practice, it looks like it's going to be one of those years. The lack of attention that this next crop of Husker I-backs is getting truly amazes. I think that most NU fans are expecting automatic success from the running game, just by virtue of Nebraska's history of success at the position. Don't be so sure that his translates into results, though. Husker fans need to realize that the running game could be a very serious question next year. The exodus of Ahman Green and four other starting offensive linemen, plus the threatening surgery to Green's supposed heir-apparent, DeAngelo Evans, equals

a running game that could have serious problems—I don't care what school we're talking about.

With a new and virtually inexperienced quarterback—probably Bobby Newcombe, as it looks right now—at the helm, there's no guarantee that the offense will move the ball. Let's face it, Newcombe has actually caught more passes than he has thrown in his college career.

I'm not saying that this guy can't lead NU to a National Title, but, once again, we've never seen this guy throw the ball! It is imperative that Newcombe has a more than solid rushing attack to compliment that passing game that we've never seen but we think is going to be fine. Or something like that. Nebraska has had this problem before.

The year was 1996. Scott Frost was quarterback. If I recall, he was having a little dif-

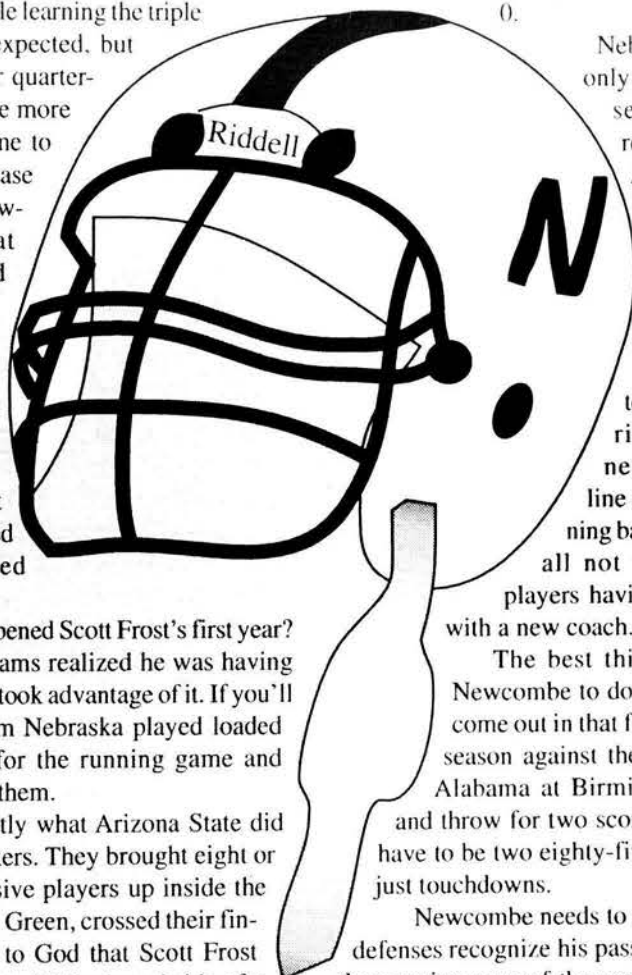
ficulty learning the complex Osborne offense. Go figure.

A little trouble learning the triple option is to be expected, but usually first year quarterbacks at NU have more of a running game to rely on to help ease the first-year growing pains. That year NU finished fourth in the nation in rushing, but don't let that mislead you. Nebraska ran up rushing yardage on the patsies, but when they needed it most, it failed them.

So what happened Scott Frost's first year? Opposing teams realized he was having trouble, and they took advantage of it. If you'll recall, every team Nebraska played loaded up defensively for the running game and made Frost beat them.

This is exactly what Arizona State did to the 1996 Huskers. They brought eight or even nine defensive players up inside the box to shut down Green, crossed their fingers and prayed to God that Scott Frost wouldn't be able to hit the broad side of a barn throwing the football. And it appeared

that God was listening to the Sun Devils, as NU was shut-out in nightmarish fashion, 19-0.



Nebraska fans can only hope that 1998 season is not a repeat of 1996. And I'm not saying that it will be, but there are just so many parallels: inexperienced quarterback, inexperienced (and new) offensive line and young running backs. And this is all not including the players having any trouble with a new coach.

The best thing for Bobby Newcombe to do next year is to come out in that first game of the season against the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and throw for two scores. They don't have to be two eighty-five yard bombs, just touchdowns.

Newcombe needs to make opposing defenses recognize his passing skills from the opening snap of the season. The entire season depends on it.

# Eagles track running to win

Melissa Colton

Central's track is really soaring this season said the substitute Men's Varsity Track Coach.

Coach Joe McMenamin is replacing Mr. Dave Felici as coach of the boys varsity track team due to a sudden absence.

Coach McMenamin said that Felici's absence is a set-back for the team, but they are handling it very well.

"It's always hard because you're used to one person being the coach," Coach McMenamin said.

Coach McMenamin said that the team has great resilience, though, and they are working just as hard for him as they did for Felici. He said that the teams have been improving in many places throughout the season.

This year's men's team has three major strong points, said Coach McMenamin.

Their first strong point is in the sprint area, he said.

Seniors Lamare Fuller, Antae Grixby, and junior Bran-

don Williams are the team's leading sprinters, Coach McMenamin said.

Brandon Williams won the Lincoln meet on Wednesday, April 24 and Coach McMenamin said that he is expecting to win many more with this group.

"Our second strong point is our hurdlers," Coach McMenamin said.

He said that Cecil Evans, senior, and Jarmaine Billups, sophomore, are an essential part

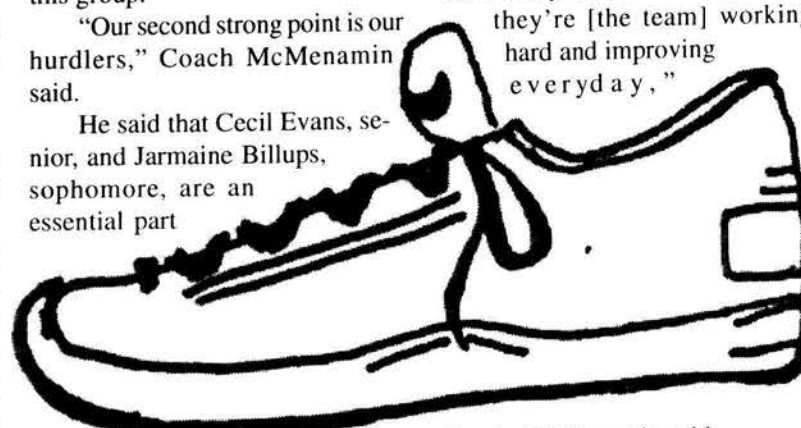
of the team and they score many points for Central at the meets.

Coach McMenamin also said that Wayne Reynolds is second in Nebraska's top ten in the 110m high hurdles and he also placed in the top ten for the 300m intermediate

hurdles.

Even with such high achievements already, the team still has room for improvement Coach McMenamin said.

"Track is a sport that improves by inches and seconds, so there aren't any drastic changes, but they're [the team] working hard and improving everyday,"



Coach McMenamin said.

Varsity girls coach Tammy Wade said that she agrees with Coach McMenamin in his thoughts on the track teams this season.

"I think the girls have improved a great deal this season," Coach Wade said, "they have worked hard

and it payed off."

Coach Wade said that the girls also have their strengths and their needs for improvement.

Coach Wade said that the girls' strengths lie in their sprints, relays, and, surprisingly enough, in their field events.

"I was really surprised at how well we're doing in long jump and shotput," she said.

Coach Wade said that although the hurdlers are young, they are showing a great deal of dedication and improvement along with a promising future.

She said that the biggest problem the team is facing right now is having the talent it takes to win, but not having the numbers. She said that the team consists of a small number of girls that are good at what they do.

Coach Wade said that it's hard to explain, but when each girl can only run four races, putting enough people in each race to score enough points to win a meet and getting people in field events isn't always

possible.

"I think that the way the team is handling things is the best way possible," said sophomore Oscaretta (Tee) Campbell.

Tee said that with all the effort that the team puts into their work, they realize their accomplishments.

Sophomore Tai Burleson said that with all the young talent on the team, it is likely that they will be a favorite in the future.

She said that she thinks incoming runners with talent added to the team that is already there will bring Central a winning record next season.

"I guess it all depends on how you look at it," Tai said, "even with small numbers, we're improving on a daily basis and will eventually achieve our goals."

Tai said that most of the team is excited about running and that really helps.

"Motivation is a big part of track and field," Tai said. She said that when all the members are hyped for a meet or a race, they do better.

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# Soccer looks to be a State Contender

By Amy Yin

Central Girls' Soccer is preparing for Districts after a recent loss to Millard South.

The Eagles are going into the middle of the season, with Districts just around the corner, with a record of 4-8.

"I thought it [the Millard South game] was one of the best games we have played in a long time," junior Brittney Girthoffer said. "Our record just doesn't show how hard we have played this year."

The Eagles lost the game to Millard South 1-0.

"The team played really hard for the whole game," junior Cara Dalrymple said. "I was surprised how great the team really played."

Brittney said that the team's goal's are to finish the season in good standing and to win their District.

"We want to win Districts and then go on to State," Brittney said.

Brittney said that the most improved players this year are freshman Meredith Rinaker and sophomore Sarah Manners.

"Both of them really try hard during the game and they never give up," Brittney said.

The Eagle's biggest competitors this year will be the Millard teams, Westside and Marian.

"Marian is a really strong team this year," Cara said.

"We are hosting Districts for the first time ever," Brittney said. "This is really exciting; we now have a home field advantage."

During Spring Break, the Eagles had games against Bellevue West and Westside. The Eagles also played in the Papillion/LaVista Invite.

The Eagle's season officially ended on the 28, against Bryan.



Photo courtesy of Brooke Kelly

Go for the goal... Senior Jaclyn Digiacoia kicks the ball past a Bunny defender during the Eagle's game with Benson. The Eagles won the game 5-0.

"I'm really sad to see the season end," Brittney said. "I think we'll all miss Kat [Coach Laughlin]."

Districts will be held on May 7-9 and State will be held May 16-18 and the 20.

"This is our only concern as of right now," Brittney said. "We want to go to State and to be considered a contender."

# Central Seniors play sport for kids' benefit

By Melissa Colton

Three Central seniors will participate in the 40th Annual Shrine Bowl on July 25th in Minneapolis, Minn. to help provide funding for disabled kids in need.

DeAntae Grixby, Thomas Hubbard, and Lawrence Butler have been selected for the Nebraska South team, Varsity football Coach Joe McMenamain said.

The Shrine Bowl is a football game that is played once a year by some of the best high school players in Nebraska, Coach McMenamain said.

He said that the Shriners began the program with the intention of promoting football and raising money to help the kids with disabilities.

Coach McMenamain said that the proceeds from the game go to benefit the Shrine Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.

Coach McMenamain said that he thinks Lawrence, DeAntae, and Thomas will play at their starting positions, which are linebacker, running back, and cornerback, respectively.

He said that he believes the players will take much more away from the game than they expected.

"The whole experience is very emotional for them," Coach McMenamain said. "They come back from the trip a changed person."

Coach McMenamain said that it

is very unusual for a single player to have three players in the Shrine Bowl.

"I'm very proud of the team that have on the team this year," Coach McMenamain said. He said that they have worked very hard and deserve this.

Thomas said that he is and happy to be playing in the Shrine Bowl.

"I'm really honored to have been selected because it means they consider me one of the best school players in Nebraska," Thomas said.

Lawrence said that he is honored to have been selected to the team.

"Now I will be remembering a part of the traditions and the Shrine Bowl," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said he's not sure what position he'll start at.

"I think I will probably be running back because that's my position UNO has me playing," Lawrence said.

DeAntae said that he agrees that the game is not too competitive.

The game is important because it comes with playing in the Shrine Bowl.

"Seeing all the good that the game is doing is enough for me to want to play," DeAntae said. "I'm sure whatever happens we will all be different people when we come back."

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# HS golfer looks to make noise at State



### Fast Facts:

**Chris Kelly**

Grade: 11th

Birthday: Aug. 11, 1981

Sports: Golf, Football

Honors: Three year letterman and captain of golf team. Two-way starter on J.V. football

**Derek Tritsch**

Central's No. 1 golfer is primed and ready for making a run at a State medal, he said.

Senior Chris Kelly said that he thinks that a reasonable goal, even though this would be his first year qualifying for State. He qualified last year by one shot and that as motivation for making a run at the State medal, he said.

"It took a while to get over the disappointment of missing the cut last year," Chris said. "But I used it as a reason to improve myself and I'm expecting bigger things this year."

Specifically, Chris said that his greatest improvement has come in the area of

intestinal fortitude—making big shots when it matters most.

"I'm definitely a lot better at playing under pressure than I was last year," Chris said. "And that's really important because I feel that I have a solid enough game to play with anyone in Nebraska—that is, if I make the big shots when they count the most."

Chris' best finish thus far this season came at the Central Invite at the par-72 Shoreline, a course he characterized as "the toughest course we'll play on all year." On perhaps the windiest day of the year, Chris finished fifth overall, but should have placed much higher, he said.

"I birdied the seventeenth hole to tie for the lead," Chris said. "But put my drive on the eighteenth in the water and ended up double-bogeying the hole."

Chris ended up shooting an 82.

"It was frustrating letting the win get away from me like that, but, when you consider the difficulty and conditions of the course, I'm happy with how I golfed," Chris said.

Next up, Chris has Metro competition at Benson Park, his home course. Chris said that his toughest competition at Metro should be Millard West's Travis Harris.

"I think I have a good shot at winning

our Metro, with the fact that it's being held at Benson," Chris said.

Chris said that Benson is his home course and one that he has played some of his best golf there.

"I know it very well and have even golfed a 72 there once," Chris said.

From there the Eagles will move on to Districts, held this year at the Knolls. The top ten finishers will move on to State, at Holmes Country Club in Lincoln.

Aside from lettering in golf the past three years, Chris also plays football. He was a two-way starter on Central's junior varsity team and he also served as starting varsity quarterback Cecil Evans' backup this past season.

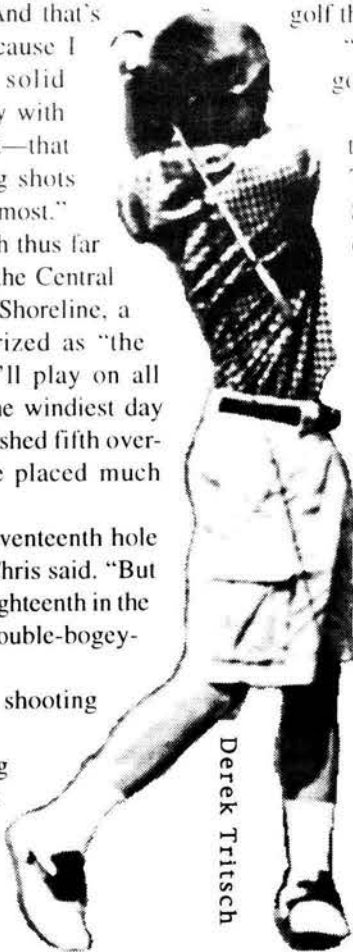
But Chris sees his future plans revolving around golf in some way, he said. Chris said that he wants to become a golf professional someday.

And Chris is also quick to point out the difference between "golf professional" and "professional golfer."

"I want to be the guy in the pro shop who knows the course backwards and forwards—that's a golf professional," Chris said. "Sure, I'd love to be a professional golfer on the PGA Tour, but I just don't think that's a realistic goal for a high schooler to have."

And as for his college plans, Chris said he is eyeing a program at New Mexico State University.

"There's a program there called Professional Golf Management that I want to enroll in after I graduate from high school."



Derek Tritsch

## Golf team drives into season with positive attitude

By John Eubanks

With two wins, one loss and one tie, the members of the 1997-98 varsity boys' golf team are very happy with their performances, even though they are lacking team unity, a golf team member said.

"If we start playing together as a team, we could have a great chance at performing well at Metro, Districts and State," junior Chris Kelly said.

On April 23, the team had a great victory over South, which was held at Spring Lake, Coach Jim Galus said.

Junior Phil Jonak shot a 36 with the low, John shot a 37, Chris shot a 39 and senior Andy Tworek shot a 43, Coach Galus said.

"We had a descent showing and I think we played up to our abilities, since it being such a tough course," Chris said.

With such a great win over South, it was saddenly enough that they lost to North on April 29, which was held at Miller Park (a par three course).

Phil shot a 32, J.D. and Chris both shot a 33 and John shot a 39, Coach Galus said.

The team also participated in the Burke-Millard North Invite on May 4, which was held at Knolls golf course.

Chris shot an 87 making him one out of the top ten, J.D. shot an 85 and John shot an 87, Coach Galus said.

"J.D., Phil and Chris have a pretty good chance at State," Galus said.

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## Soccer comes to crossroads

By Derek Tritsch

With a record of 4-11, the Central Boys' Soccer team realizes that its season is at a crossroads.

With Districts looming on May 7-9, the players realize that their game efforts must improve if they are to make it out of a group containing such Nebraska Top Ten powers as Burke and Westside. Both teams have already beat the Eagles so far this season.

Most recently, Central lost to the No. 6-ranked Warriors 4-2 on May 2. The game was played at Westside's Phelps Field as part of the Westside Invitational. Central goalscorers were senior forward Chad Powell and junior Andrew Thompson, the team's stopper.

In the game, the Eagles showed flashes of brilliance but failed to put together 90 minutes of sustained, high-quality play, which is something that has plagued them the entire year, junior Ben Rinaker said. "We haven't played a complete 90 minutes yet this season, to my memory at least," Ben said. "And, again, that was the problem



Central freshman Aleks Berzins (16) and sophomore teammate Jeff McWhorter (17) challenge a Bryan player for the ball. With only two senior starters, freshmen and sophomores have seen much playing time this year. The young Eagles have experienced their growing pains in a 4-11 season. (photo courtesy of Jane Swirzinski)

against Westside. If you take away a couple of defensive breakdowns, I think we'd have a different game."

Central can get somewhat of a glimmer of hope in having Burke as a District opponent, sophomore back Jeff McWhorter said.

"Our early-season game against Burke

was probably our best overall game of the season," Jeff said. "I think that we have a realistic shot at beating them next time we meet."

In their first meeting on April 4, Central's defense had perhaps their finest showing, as they bent but never broke, that is, until Burke's Dan Herrera

scored in the 90th minute.

But Central has improved much since that game, Andrew said.

"Now we're utilizing our forwards more in the attack," Andrew said. "We're also controlling the ball a lot—getting more long, sustained plays going, which is something that we weren't able to do with much success earlier in the year."

## Baseball having 'ups and downs' in coach's first year

By John Eubanks

"Despite our early short comings, I think that we will have a promising future," a member of the varsity baseball team said.

Senior Bill Houston said that with the record of 3-12, the team still has high hopes and will continue to work up to their best abilities.

Over spring break the team lost 6-1 to Elkhorn on April 13, but showed a surprising amount of power while defeated Pius 9-5 on April 14 and Burke 16-5 on April

17, Coach Matt Shafer said.

"We were really hitting the ball great," coach Shafer said.

On April 18 they lost to Bellevue East 8-7 and also won against Bellevue West 15-5.

On April 24 and 25 the team participated in the Lincoln East Tournament.

Sophomore Aaron Brittain said that their first game was against Hays Kansas, an undefeated team, in which they lost 9-0 to.

"We played great defensively, had great pitching, but no hitting," Brittain said.

Their second game was against North in which North beat them 11-0, Shafer said.

Shafer said that North has their ups and downs but Central made some errors which cost them the game.

Finally, the team played Burke again and lost disappointingly 9-7, Shafer said.

"We played good defense and at least it was a lot better scoring than our other two prior games," he said.



Jump it up... An unidentified Creighton Prep rugby player (right) jumps up for the ball as Central junior Mike Sheehan watches on. The team, compiled of both Prep and Central students, finished second in the Great Plains Region with a 4-2 record. Their record qualified them for the Western Regionals, held in St. Louis this year.

## Prep/Central rugby team's season ends in St. Louis

By Derek Tritsch

If they tried, this year's Creighton Prep/Central rugby team players could probably find some irony in the fact that their season ended on the one night in the year when rugby, arguably the roughest sport in America today, collided with its exact opposite—prom night.

But that's just what happened. At the Western Regionals, held in St. Louis on April 25 and 26, just two Central students—senior Tony Tubrick and junior Mike Sheehan—made the trip because the other four were at the Central prom.

"It was kind of frustrating how the timing worked out," Tony said. "But I think we would have had our work cut out for us anyway."

The reason for that, Mike said, is because of the tough competition. The players are quick to point out that rugby is a state sanctioned sport in Missouri, as opposed to its club sport status in Nebraska.

Missouri teams are allowed to practice five times a week while his Prep/Central team only practiced two times a week, Tony said.

As a result, Prep/Central had to face three

Missouri teams that were equal in talent far superior in organization. And that goes a long way, Mike said.

"It was clear that they had played together much more than we had," Mike said. "That being said, I think that we more than our own and maybe could have even escaped out of there with a victory or two had our been any different."

Prep/Central qualified for the Western Regional competition by finishing second in their league, the Great Plains Region. They finished with a 4-2 record, with both losses coming at the hands of Millard North. It was a very successful season, junior Jamie Richart said.

"It was a blast playing this year," Jamie said. "And that's probably because we were so much better than our last-placed team in 1997 was."

Next year's Prep/Central team should be just as good, although they will lose their leading scorer, Mike said. Tony, a winger, led the team with ten tries and is set to graduate in May from Central. He will be difficult to replace, Mike said.

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