

Hawkins Construction workers install supports on the west side of the building. The supports would become part of the new cafeteria built during the renovations. Photo by Mendith Grunke

Freshman football coach Josh Montzingo reviews a play with his team at the Creighton Prep game. Photo by Lynne Clure





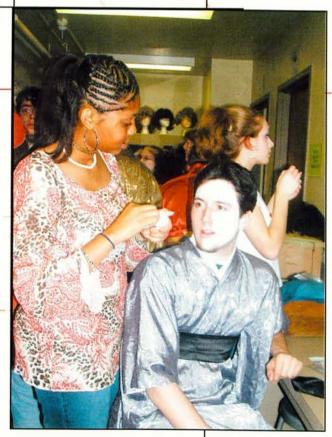
Nathaniel Crook (12) prepares to grind a rail as he launches off the fun-box at the Salvation Army skate park. Photo by Hallie Baber

Irene Blue (11) applies makeup to Nicolas Delman (11) before a dress rehearsal of the fall musical, "Mikado," Photo by Hallie Bieber

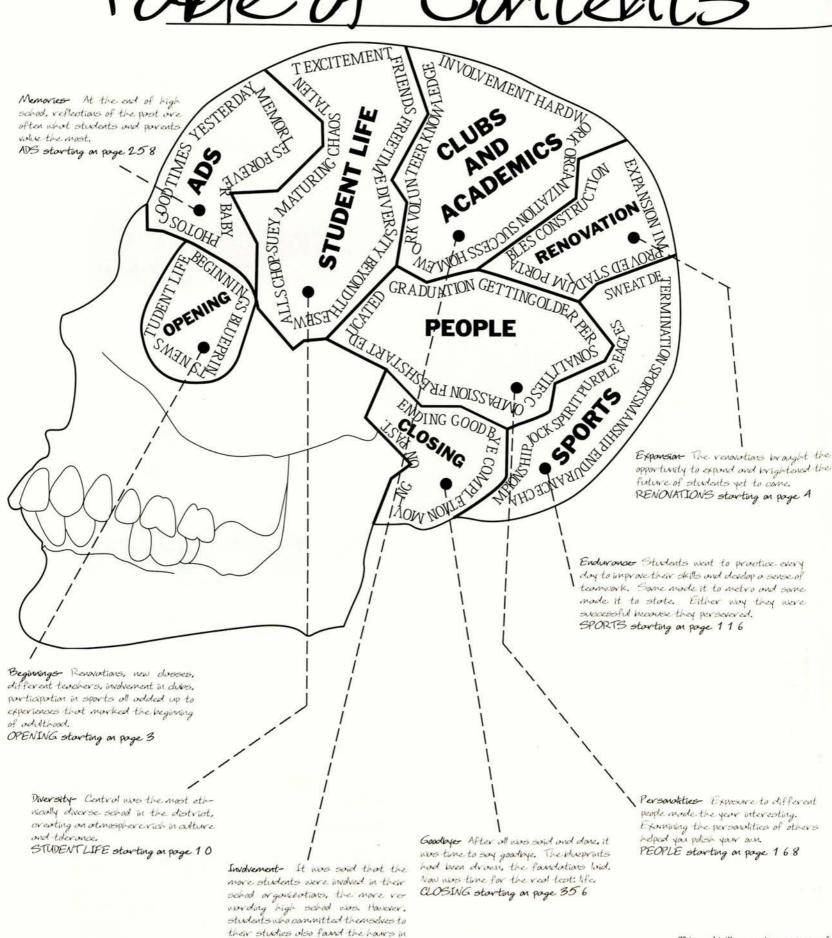
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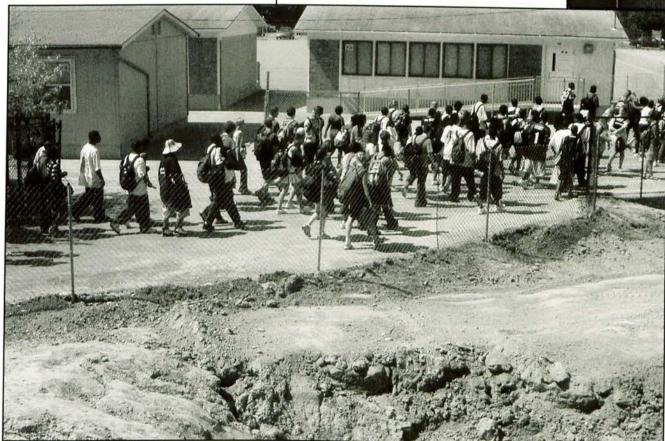


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CLUBS & ACADEMICS starting on

This graphic illustrates the organization of the book and the emotions associated with each section as they may exist within a student's mind. Graphic by Paula Salhany

Opening





Above- A backhoe sits on the west side of the school in an enclosed area that blocked the primary walkway to the main entrance of the school. People had to walk across the turf to enter through the school's west side. Photo by Doug Medgs.

Top- Desks sit stacked in a portable in late July. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Butz

Middle- Students walk towards Davenport Street after school has been dismissed. Photo by Doug Meigs n the first day of school, the observation of construction near the main entrance made it obvious that this year would be unlike any other.

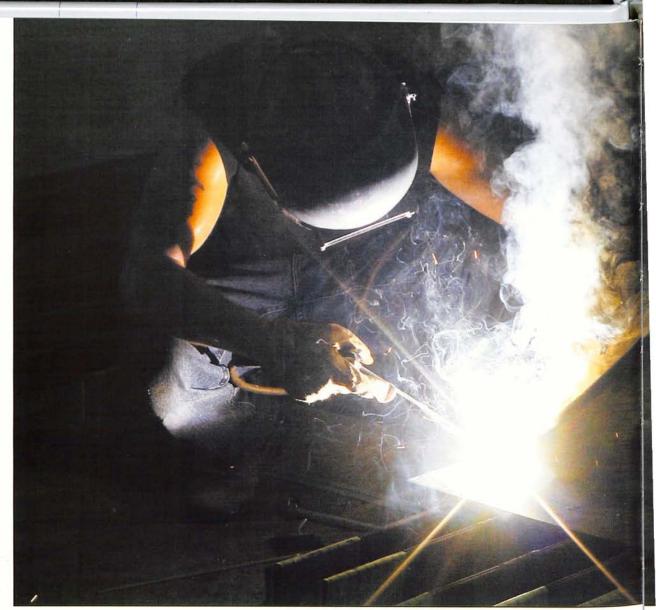
All were forced to adjust to the detoured traffic flow, and the presence of portables signaled students' overflowing desire to attend the school.

Everyone attempted to imagine what Central would be like when every class could fit inside the main building, and how the renovations would affect the students when the majority of the work would begin the next year.

Architects, construction workers and administrators began to design blueprints and plan how everyone would adjust when renovations were moved indoors. All were confident that these new plans would make Central a better school in the future. But the architects and administrators were not the only ones creating blueprints. At Central, students matured and laid the foundations for adulthood.

The ideas a student was exposed to, knowledge he gained and decisions he made all created the base drawings for his own personal blueprint called life. Remembering Sept. 11 made him patriotic. Understanding the Muslim religion made him tolerant. Participation in tennis made him competitive. Commitment to a job made him responsible. Enrollment in Honors classes gave him more understanding of the events taking place in the world around him.

So while the planners devised blueprints for the school that would benefit Central students of the future, the students themselves were creating the blueprints for their future.



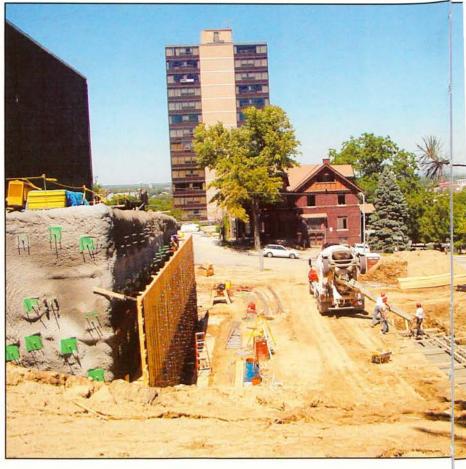
Opposite page- Before building the foundation for the kitchen addition, Hawkins Construction workers wall-up the windows on the west side of the building. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Battz

Left-A Hawkins Construction worker welds in the new gym. Photo by Doug Meigs

Below- A Hawkins Construction worker uses a bulldozer to remove the turf from half of the football field. The area from which the turf was cleared became the senior parking lot. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Butz







Left-The portables sat on cinder blocks on the turf in August, awaiting final instalation. Photoby Kaitlin Jessing-Burz

Above-Construction workers pour cement on the east side of the building, where the gymand basement additions would be built. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing Batz



Renavotions

New year brings multiple changes to Central

By Hallie Bieber

he four portable classrooms, parking lot where the practice field used to be and the enormous hole next to the gymand entrance doors were hard to ignore.

The renovations began a year ago, but the noticeable changes began this summer with the arrival of the Hawkins Construction truck and crews of construction workers. The former senior parking lot was filled with the construction equipment.

"Talk of renovating Central began about two years ago," former principal Gary Thompson said.

Thompson met with a committee of parents, students and various members of the school board and school district to discuss the renovation project. They decided what needed to be done with money that they had available to them.

There was also school district criteria having to do with the bond that was given to Central that had to be met.

"We had about \$15 million to work with, out of about a quarter of a billion dollars that was given to schools for renovations," Thompson said.

With the money that was available the committee then set priorities. Classroom space was a major concern as was air conditioning and practice space for athletes. They decided that air conditioning would be put through the entire building, the cafeterias on the fourth floor would be converted into seven technology labs and a new stadium-style field would be built on the adjoining Joslyn Art Museum property.

"Once we had the plan, we needed a bid from a construction company to do the work. Hawkins began work about a year ago," Thompson said.

Renovations continued slowly through the first

year. The construction on Central not only brought Hawkins trucks, but also many changes.

Randy Kirkpatrick, project manager for Jacobs Facilities (bond managing company for the renovations) oversees much of the renovations on Central. There are seven phases that Central will undergo during the renovations.

"Phase I is ongoing and should be completed towards the end of the 2003 school year," Kirkpatrick said. "They are right on schedule.

Phase II, which will be completed in early August, is on schedule also according to Kirkpatrick.

Phase II includes the construction of the gymnasium addition and the demolition phase for cafeteria addition.

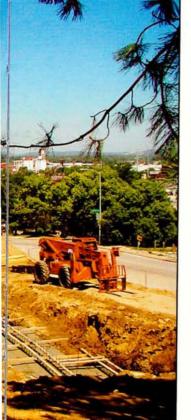
Four portable classrooms located on the practice field helped with the growth of the student population. Teachers and department heads volunteered to be put in the portables, which were mostly junior and senior classes. When work begins on the first and second floor, more will be needed to replace lost classroom space.

"We are estimating between 24 to 28 more portables on the practice field by next year, when work begins on the upper floors," Kirkpatrick said.

The four portables consumed the front of the practice field, while the back half was taken up by the relocated senior parking lot. The remaining field was sectioned off with a chain link fence.

The renovations have begun and Central High School will never be the same.





TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

PHASE 1A: APRIL 2002-OCTOBER 2002
Gym Addition

PHASE 1B: MAY 2002-JUNE 2003 KITCHEN ADDITION

Phase 2: June 2002-August 2002
Site and Structural Work to Existing
Gym Areas

PHASE 3A: JUNE 2003-OCTOBER 2003
BASEMENT MECHANICAL SPACES AND UPPER
AUDITORIUM RENOVATION

Phase 3B: June 2003-August 2003 Renovation of Basement, 1st floor

RENOVATION OF BASEMENT, 1ST FLOOR ROOMS, LIBRARY, AND 4TH FLOOR ART

Phase 4: June 2003-December 2003 1st and 2nd floor Classrooms

Phase 5: October 2003-December 2003 New Cafeteria

Phase 6A: December 2003-April 2004 4th floor Computer Lab Renovation (Old Cafeteria) Phase 6B: December 2003-May 2004 2nd floor Classrooms

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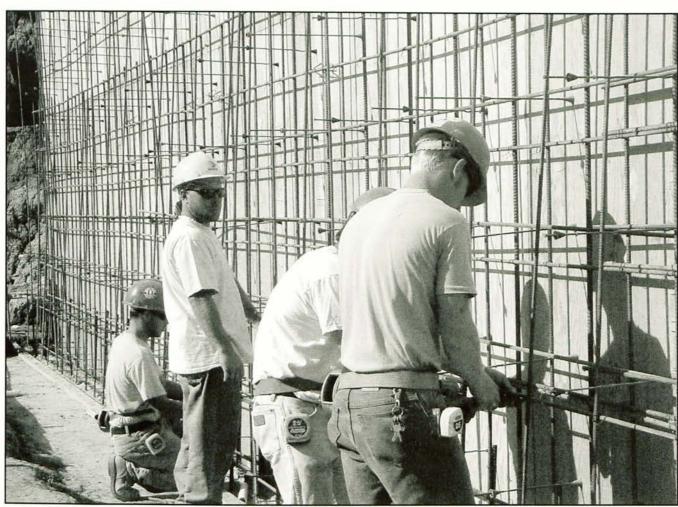
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1ST FLOOR ADMINISTRATION, COURYARD AND
4TH FLOOR SCIENCE

Phase 7B: June 2004-September 2004 3rd floor Science Labs

Phase & September 2004-December 2004 3rd floor Classrooms/Science

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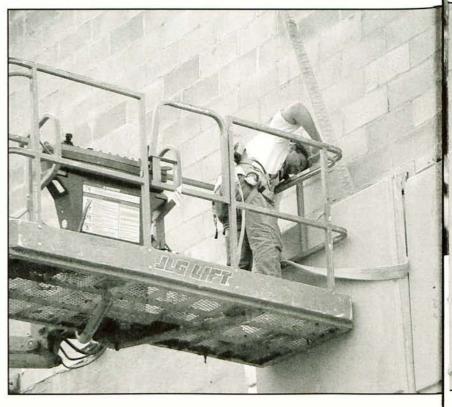




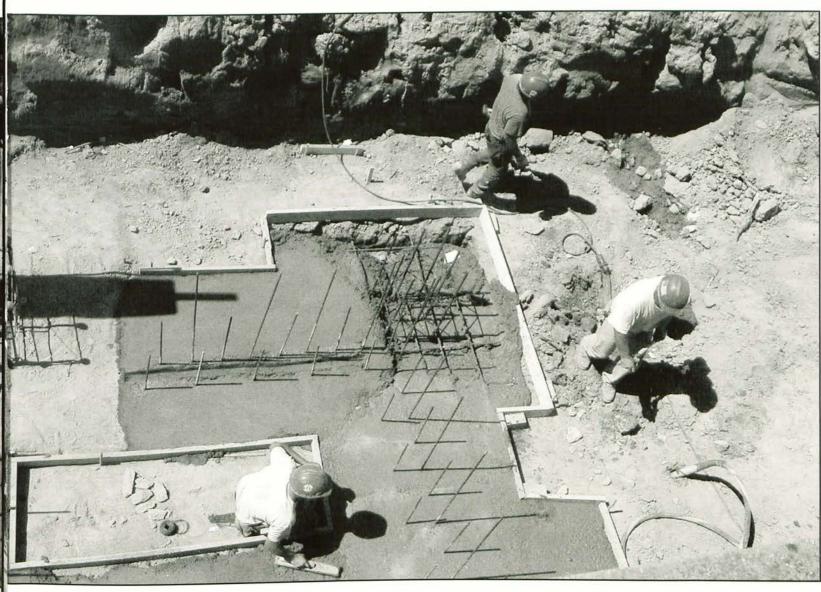


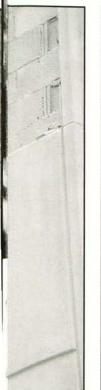
Above- Sparks fly as a Hawkins Construction worker cuts a piece of metal with an electric saw. Photo by Doug Meigs.

Top- Hawkins Construction workers prepare supports to pour cement.
Photo by Paula Salhany



Above- A Hawkins Construction worker carefully pulls a slab off of the side of the building. Photo by Paula Salhany









Above- Workers pour cement as part of the foundation for an addition. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Butz

Right-A Hawkins construction worker uses a backhoe to dig out the area where the kitchen addition would be built. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Butz

Top- Workers even out the cement poured on the west side of the building. Photo by Loug Meigs

Things will the same

Students, staff adjust to the renovations

By Hallie Bieber and Meredith Grunke

"I didn't let tardy students use the portables as an excuse."

-English teacher Diane Allen verall, the renovations at Central were positive. Finally, the school was getting air-conditioning. Finally there would be a stadium for the athletes to practice on.

The renovations that started last summer brought crews, trucks, holes in the ground and four portable classrooms.

When students arrived on the first day, they were greeted with the shortened practice field, access to only one entrance door and a relocated senior parking lot. By next year administrators say they expect 20 to 24 more portables.

Teachers were asked at department meetings who would be interested in being placed in a portable because of lack of space in the building. English teacher Diane Allen jumped at the opportunity to receive a portable.

"I jumped up, very excited! I was in a portable at Lewis and Clark and I loved," Allen said.

From the beginning Allen loved her new portable classroom. Although there was no plumbing in the portables yet she said that she had no regrets.

"There is no hall traffic, no noise and no congestion," she said. "I'm very pleased with the portables, I've made it my permanent home."

Allen put up posters and customized her portable. Four or five other teachers share her portable during fourth, fifth and seventh periods.

"I didn't let tardy students use the portables as an excuse," she said. "One of the first days it rained I stood and laughed because the kids were hysterical, acting as though they weren't waterproof."

Although Allen had a good experience with her portable she heard of other teachers having not such good experiences. One teacher, she said, had mildew on the air conditioner and it stunk up the classroom for a

very long time.

Assistant Principal Paul Semrad said the major issue with having the portables was classroom space.

"It appears at this point that a lot of classroom space will be unavailable [during the renovations]." Semrad said

With the close to 25 new portables next year he estimated that up to 800 students would be in the portables on the old football field at any given time of the school day.

"It's going to take a lot of planning by a lot of people," Semrad said.

The portables also helped security guards. With the senior parking lot closer to school, they could watch the overall traffic of students going to and from school.

"Right now it seems like it's been a little easier because the senior parking lot is more visible because it's up on the same level as the school," Michael McWhorter, security guard said.

The portable classrooms were placed on the practice field the senior parking lot on the other half cutting into the length of the field.

The project for the new stadium started the summer of 2002. The stadium is a collaboration between OPS, Joslyn and Creighton University said John Dineen, project architect.

He said they are having trouble deciding on a final design for the stadium and they are looking different options for stadium parking.

"We were working on a traffic study of the area, so that will give us an idea of how and where to park and how much traffic will be going through the area," Dineen said.

The chaos that the renovations caused, combined with a growing population, will bring many changes to Central, but the outcome looks to be a positive one.















Top-Drummers in marching band practice on the turf. The band was forced to adjust to practicing on only half of the space it was used to. Photo by Daug Meigs

Middle left-Football practices on half of the football field. Like the marching band, the football teams had to plan to practice on only half of the field. The other half had been designated a senior parking lot.
Photo by Hallie Bieber

Middle right- Cafeteria worker Liz Kubat ices a cake in the 4th floor kitchen. Construction had begun for kitchen addition, planned to be built off of the old gym, which would later become a cafeteria. Photo by Revin Jones.

Left-Students walk from the portables to the main building after class is dismissed. Even though students may have had to walk longer distances to classes, passing periods were not extended for those who had classes in portables. Photo by Hallie Bieber

How did the renovations impact you?



"I couldn't run track on ours anymore!" -Jacob Adams (12)



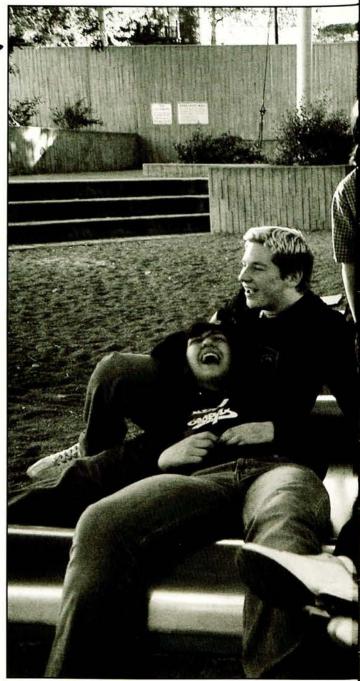
"The renovations were good. It was increasing Central's quality and helping it live up to its repuatation."
-Mariah Bianchini (10)

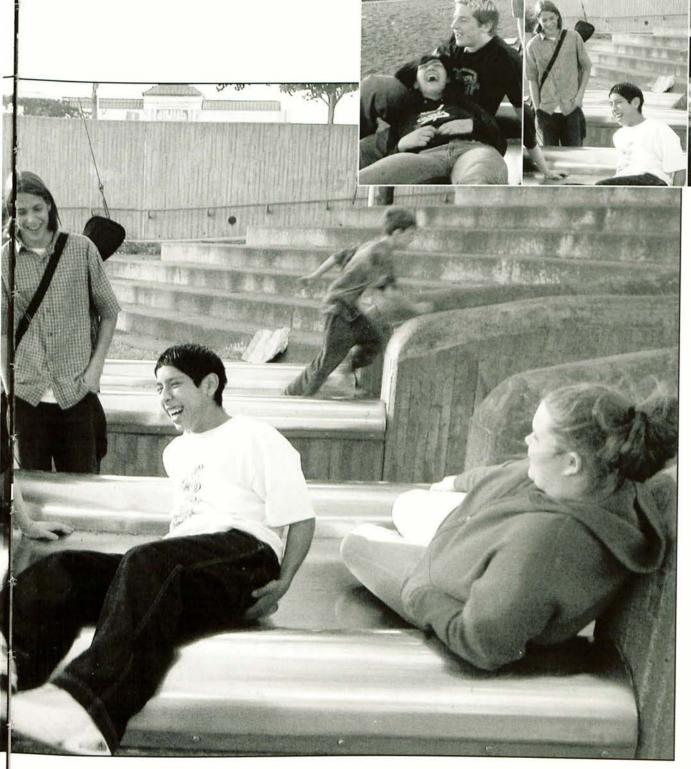


"I had no clue what was going on. But they were a good thing for Central." -Whitney Quinlan (11)

STUDENT

With a new principal, continued renovations and a student body that never stopped growing, the walls of Central were nearly bursting at the seams. Having almost 2,600 people in the building, there were a variety of activities taking place at any given time of the day. With a student body rich in diversity, some stood out and some decided to keep to themselves. While school was many students' focus, important events occured outside the walls of the school as well. Friends, family, volunteerism, individuality, expression and identity were what student life was all about.







Adam Christensen (12), Emily Greenberg (11), Andrew Seevers (10) and Kelly Rynkol (9) laugh after Fredi Nava (12) goes down a slide at the Gene Leahy Mall. Photo by Hallie Beber

Mereister

Students reflect on the one-year anniversary of a tragedy through a moment of silence

Compiled by Meredith Grunke

oday our community, our nation and our world are focused on remembering the tragedy and honoring the victims of September 11th. One year ago today, we stood stunned. No words could express the horror and tremendous grief each of us felt as we witnessed unthinkable acts of terrorism within the borders of this glorious land.

We have mourned the tragic loss of lives, but we will never forget.

Please join me in a moment of silence to remember_

-The innocent men, women and children who lost their lives in the plane crash in Pennsylvania, at the Pentagon, in the World Trade Center, and on the streets of New York City.

-The heroic New York City fire fighters, police officers and Port Authority officers who lost their lives while saving the lives of others.

-Members of the rescue and recovery teams who worked past exhaustion and whose experience at Ground Zero will leave a lasting impact on their lives.

-The thousands of family and friends who lost loved ones and today relive that grief and horror that will be with them forever.

-The fire fighters, police officers, government workers, and military personnel who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom and serving our democracy.

-CIA special agent Michael Spann, Reporter Daniel Pearl, and the more than 40 members of the American and Canadian military who have given their lives in the past year in the fight for Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

-And finally, our national and global leaders who must have the courage and wisdom to do what is necessary to protect our nation and promote freedom, democracy and peace throughout the world.

Today, as we remember those who have fallen, let us reaffirm our resolve that no life lost in the September 11th attacks or in our war on terrorism will be lost in vain. As we did one year ago, let us again send a message to the world. We, the people of the United States of America, still stand united as a community and a nation celebrating democracy in the land of the free and the home of the brave."

(Read by Principal Jerry Bexten before the 9:30 moment of silence. Courtesy of the National School Public Relations Association.)

"We, the people of the United States of America, still stand united as a community and a nation celebrating democracy in the land of the free and the home of the brave."

-As read by Principal Jerry Bexten



Above- Principal Jerry Bexten prepares to read a passage about the one-year anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy and lead the moment of silence. Photo by Hallie Bieber

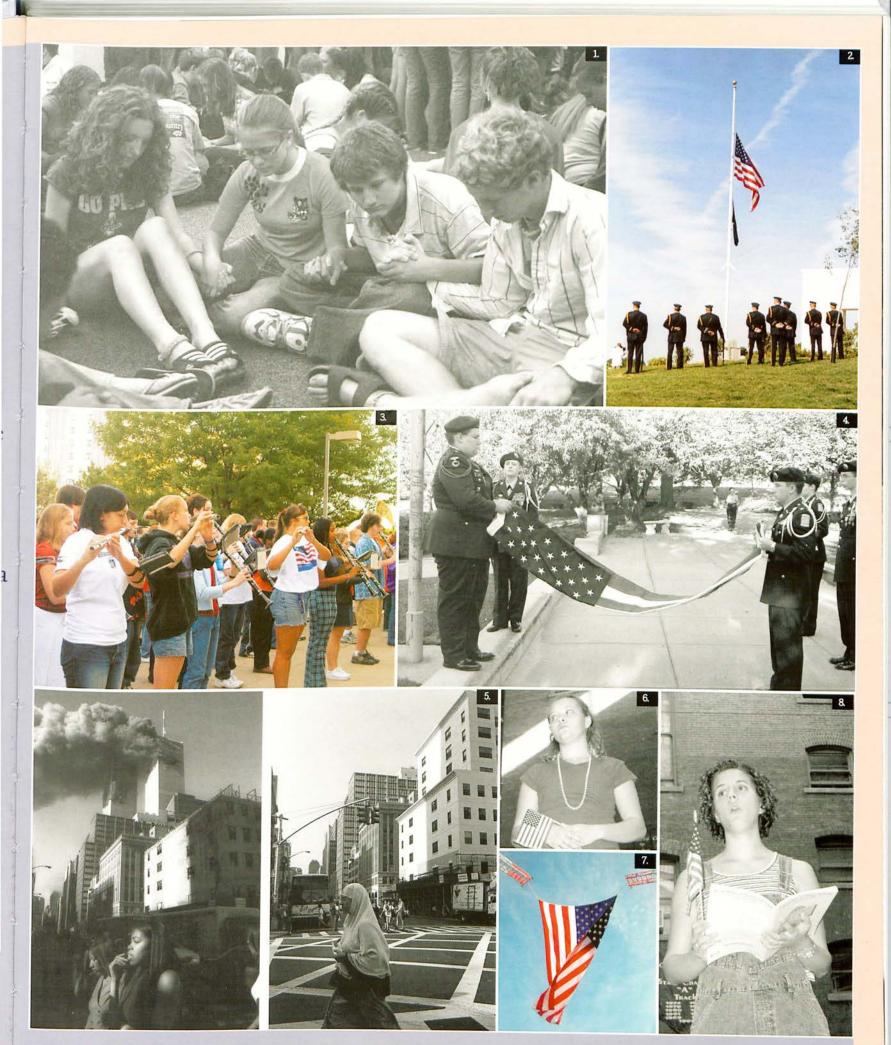
Hawdid you observe 9/11?

12.6% attended church

6.5% participated in school functions

51.8% thought there was the right amount of coverage

8.4% thought there was not enough coverage



1. Ashley Naikelis (10) Cassondra Barba (10), James Hubbard (9) and Marc Monbouquette (11) stare a group prayer during an evening youth gathering at Dundee Presbyterian Church. Photo by Katie Andert 2. Police officers and firemen line up in front of the flag pole after they raise it to half-mast. The flag raising ceremony was an important part of the memorial observance at Memorial Park. Photo by Katie Andert 3. Emily Greenberg (11), Evelyn Mayberger (10), Jessica Hannah (12). Tamara Cooks (11), Jennifer Clausen (12) and Jason Witty (10) play in front of the west side of the school during first hour. The marching band walked around the school, stopping to play "Amazing Grace" on all four of the school's porches. Photo by Halbe Bieber 4. Benjamin Lyons (12) and Nathaniel Crook (12) unfold the flag as they prepare to raise it. President Bush ordered that all flags be raised to half-staff as a sign of mourning and respect. Photo by Katith jessing-Butz 5. These two photos compare the scene of the tragedy in New York City and daily life at the same location one year later. Photos courses of Cary Conover 6. Kaley Eledge (11) observes her moment of silence in the couryard at 9:30 a.m. Photo by Paula Salbany 7. Firefighters suspended a large flag from two firetrucks at Memorial Park. Photo by Halbe Bieber 8. Katherine Musick (12) sings 'God Bless America' with the the CHS Singers in the courtyard during the moment of silence. Photo by Paula Salbany



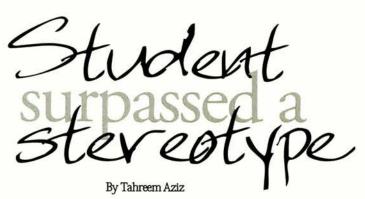




Above left- Farhana Husain (11) studies for a Spanish test. Photo by Tahreem Aziz

Far right- A person is supposed to be fully covered when she prays. Only their hands, feet and face can show. Photo by Tahreem Aziz

Above right-Daniel Gutman (11) talks to a Muslim child at First Methodist Church's tri-faith sermon for 9/11. Photo by Tahreem Aziz



"It is hard to fast at school because you get tired easily, and it's hard to watch everyone else eat. It makes your faith stronger though."

-Farhana Husain (11)

eing a minority in this country is a lot harder than many people realize," Farhana Husain

Farhana is a Muslim girl born in Bangladesh. Her parents migrated to America when she was a year old.

She found herself in a difficult position, living in Omaha where she is a minority in both religion and race.

"People didn't really know about Islam when I was growing up, so no one ever bothered me about it," Husain said. "The only time anyone asked me anything was when I couldn't wear shorts."

Husain said after 9/11 things changed and people started asking her more about her religion. She said no one treated her differently, but people mistreated one of her brothers. Her older brother had a long beard and wore traditional clothes that are worn in Asian and Middle Eastern countries, so he has been called "Osama" several times.

She also said that her brother was stopped at the airport due to his appearance. The airline attendants opened all his bags and checked them thoroughly.

Husain grew up in a religious family who still cherishes and practices their Bangladeshi cultural values. For example, she was raised to know that she must respect and obey her elders.

Keeping a balance between the eastern and western cultures was the hardest thing for her. She constantly found herself searching for ways to balance keeping her parents happy and doing what other American teenagers do.

"It's hard for my parents to relate to me because they were raised differently then me," she said. "They were raised in a totally different culture."

Western culture places great importance on clothing and style. The less you wear the better, Husain said.

Muslims believe that men and women must wear clothes that do not reveal their body, she said.

"These clothes are not always in fashion. You have

to find a middle ground between fashion and religion," she said. "I try to wear clothes that look nice but also cover my body."

She has been asked why she does not wear a hijaab head covering).

"It's hard to wear a hi jaab when you are in a place where no one knows what it is and no one else wears it," she said.

Not only are women supposed to cover their bodies they must also cover their heads. Many people have the misconception that women in Afghanistan are oppressed because they cover their heads, Husain said.

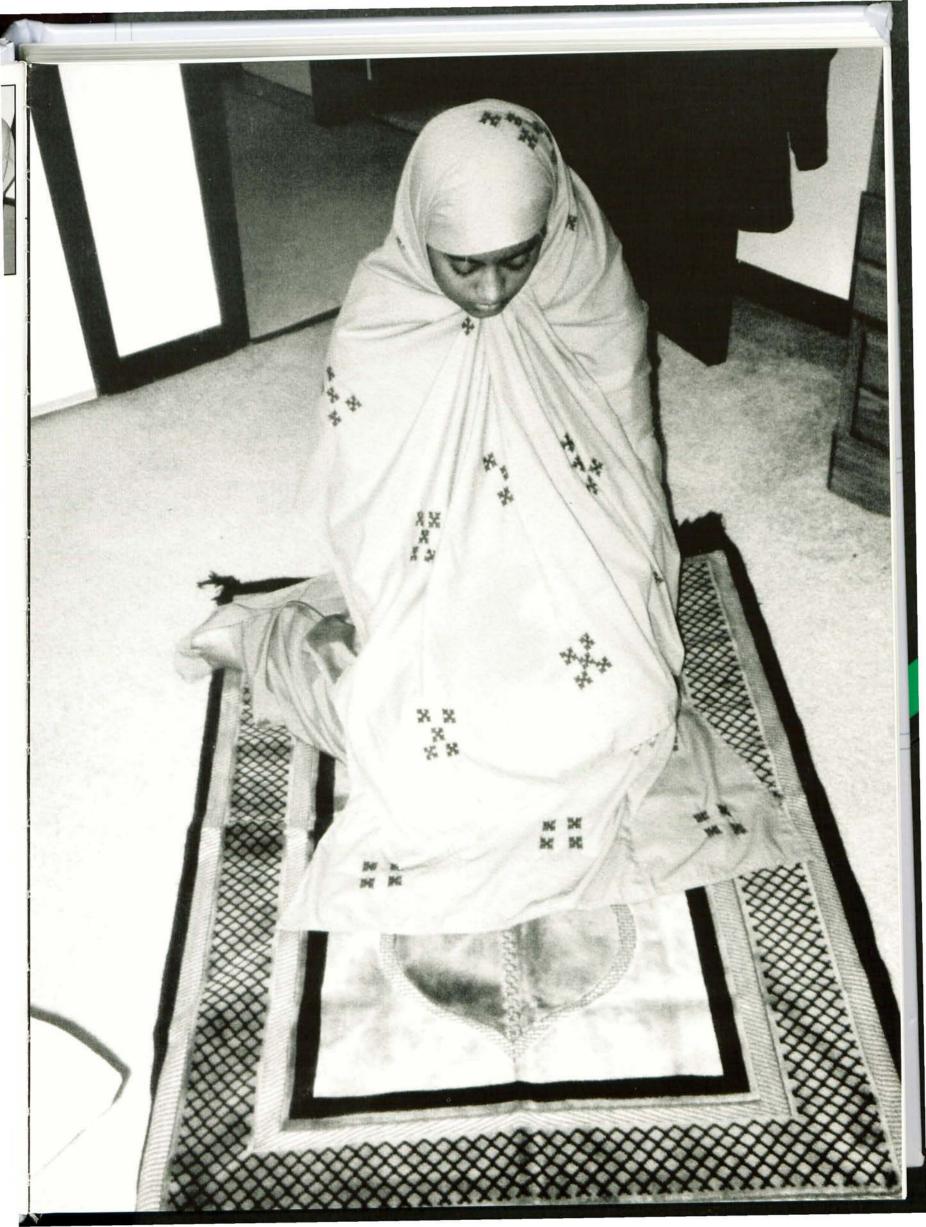
"Women in Afghanistan are oppressed, but not because they have to cover their heads and faces," she said. "A lot of the oppression that happens in third world countries is because of the culture and the male dominant society, not Islam. Islam gave women the right to vote, inherit, divorce and receive education, 1,400 years ago."

Husain said girls in Bangladeshi culture have a lot of responsibilities in the house, which her parents always expect from her, but it is a difficult balance with school, homework, friends and being a teenager in general. Despite the fact that Husain was a proud and practicing Muslim, she at times found it difficult to follow simple daily obligatory rituals of Islam, like offering prayers five times a day.

Fasting during the month of Ramadan (ninth month in the Islamic calendar) and abstaining from food, water and other luxuries and pleasures of life from dawn to dusk strengthen her will power.

"It is hard to fast at school because you get tired easily, and it's hard to watch everyone else eat. It makes your faith stronger though," she said.

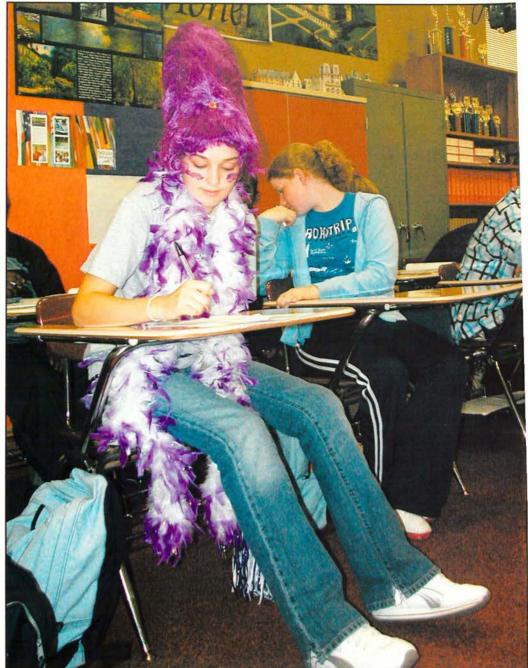
Husain understood that "Islam is way of life" for her. What she wears, eats, how she treats people around her are what her religion taught her. But this teenager found that she was pulled in two different directions, both equally attracting and powerful, one pulling towards her roots and the other towards her future.



Right- Kelly Dauenhauer (10) works during Jeffrey Sill's French class. Her outfit for Purple White Day was one of the more prominant ones with her tall hair and a feather box. Photoby Jamie Mincey

Below-Pathwaysteachers Kelly Means and Jodi Rackliffe showed off their matching outfits with the striped socks for Twin Day. Photo by Jamie Mincey.







Above- Ashley Knox (11) and Andre McIntyre(9)both wore Andre's football jerseys for Twin Day. Photoby Jamie Minory



Above right—Cheer leaders sat in the courtyard to help make and cut out decorations for Spirit Week, Photo by Hallie Bieber

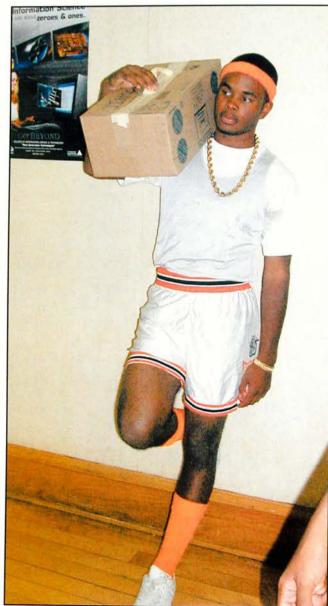
Spirit week dropped two days and became three days of spirit: '70s Day, Twin Day and Purple White Day



Left- Unfolding sheets of purple and silvercolored celophane, Pascha Fountain (11), Jennifer Yin (11), Emily Lebens (12), Katherine Lydiatt (11), Auriel Blake (11) and Kylie Zacharia (11) discuss how they will decorate the "C" for spirit week. Photo by Hallie Bieber

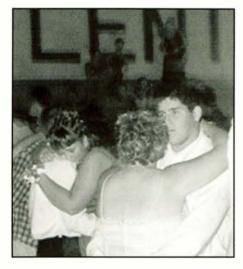
Bottom left- Pom Squad members Jessica Richart (12) and Amanda Carney (12) went to school the Saturday morning before Spirit Week to help decorate. Photo by Hallie Bidser

Below- Steven Hogan (11) rests against the wall with his home-made boom box during 70s Day. Photo by Hallie Bieber



Below-Couples hold one another other close during a slow dance. The DJ played very little slows songs throught out the dance. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Right- Jamie Moats (11), Eric Wilson (11), Elisa Berzins (10), Robert Garvin (11) and Desiree Fortina (11) dance on a small stage provided for the students. Photo by Meralith Grunke



Right- KeNesha Burton (12) and a large group of students dance the electric slide. Photo by Meredith Grunke





There was that night

Students dress-up, dance up a "Disco Fever"

It was time to boogie down at the "Disco Fever"-themed homecoming dance. People showed their best dance moves. Central's homecoming was held in the new gym from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30p.m.

The tickets were \$12 and sold over 1,100 tickets. Homecoming also included major expenses such as oufits, transportation and food. People's outfits ranged from Ashley Wilson's (11) \$5.20 dress to Jeffery James Jr.'s (11) jean outfit that cost him almost \$300.

Unlike previous years, one thing students could not get a discount on was tickets.

"You can't just give people a break for having an activity card this year," Dionne Kirksey, assistant principal, said.

Enjolie Wallace (11) went to homecoming this year because she went during her previous two years of high school and she said liked it.

She said she liked the DJ because he played a lot of good music.

Fallon Leahy (11) went to homecoming because she thought it would be fun, it was a tradition, all of her friends were going and she wanted to dance.

"The stage was great," Leahy said.

Homecoming Queen candidates were Jennifer Hodges (12), Lauren Freeman (12), Jessica Richart (12), Andrea Wilson (12) and Katharine Trerice (12). The King candidates were Christopher Gorga (12) and Brandon Teamer (12).

Gorga and Teamer were the only two males to make the deadline, so the escorts for the remaining girls were class representatives Lucas Matjya (12), Alex Jochim (12) and Daniel Hilgendorf (12).

Last year's winners, Beaumont Reed and Ashley Sellin, crowned this year's winners, Jennifer Hodges and Brandon Teamer.

After the dance, many students decided to go out to eat.

Lauren Faulkner (12) said she went to the Village Inn located on Saddle Creek. She complained that it took 20 minutes for her and her friends to get their food even though the restaurant wasn't full.

As soon as people were done eating and hanging out with friends, most decided it was time to head home and get a good night's sleep.

"You can't just give people a break for having an activity card this year." -Dionne Kirksey assistant principal





Left- Amanda Kelsey (9) and Frank Zuck (10)get up-close and personal. While many students went to homecoming with dates, some preferred attending with a group of friends.

Photo by Meredith Grunke

Right-Homecoming Queen Jennifer Hodges (12) and King Brandon Teamer (12) share a close moment after being crowned. While five females ran for Queen this year, only two males ran for King. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Photos by Hallie Bieber

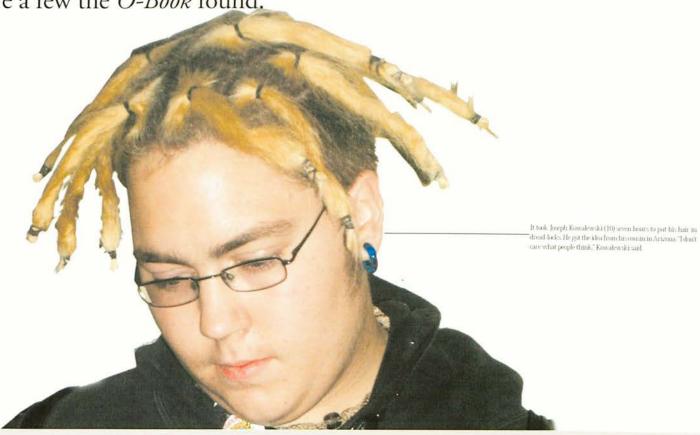
Students expressed every trend imaginable.





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Below are a few the *O-Book* found.





The heart daintain

Students, businesses work together to keep the peace

By Lynne Clure

or years, Central has been important in the down town community. Students have been a lively addition to the Old Market, vice president of Downtown Omaha, Inc. (DOI) Steve Kline of Creighton University said.

"There's so much culture down here [in downtown Omaha] there's just a lot to learn," Aron Cobbs (12) said. "It's a real place...like you're living a real life and around real people."

There were not very many complaints against Central this year. The ones they received were minor, such as students riding the down escalator at the Brandeis building, Principal Jerry Bexten said.

"I think it [Central] enhances downtown because we give it a youthful spirit," Jennifer Hodges (12) said.

Central has been a member of DOI for a number of years now. DOI's mission statement says DOI is "dedicated to helping the downtown community remain a viable, healthy, growing segment of Omaha, NE."

Former Principal Dr.Gary Thompson purchased a membership for years and attended the meetings representing Central, Bexten said. He also said he planned to continue the tradition.

"As an organization, DOI thinks Central High School contributes to the vitality of the area and keeps it alive, much as Creighton's students do," Kline said. "The most visible manifestation is the annual cleanup...DOI and CHS all collaborate on a good portion of a Saturday in May."

Gil Cohen, secretary of Downtown Omaha, Inc.,

said that the organization had various committees, including a parking committee and a networking committee. The networking committee worked between businesses, he said. He said they also visited new businesses that move in and helped get them off to a good start.

Every two years, DOI sponsored a gala celebrating downtown. It also recognized businesses and business people who volunteered or participated in civic activities, Cohen said.

He also said the organization's largest project was the Holiday Lights Festival at the Gene Leahy Mall.

"The relationship has definitely improved between the city and Central High School," he said. "I think it's important to have a representation of kids in downtown."

He said because Central students are closer to the culture of the city, they have greater opportunities, whereas out west that's not possible.

Kline said he has yet to encounter problems with Central students.

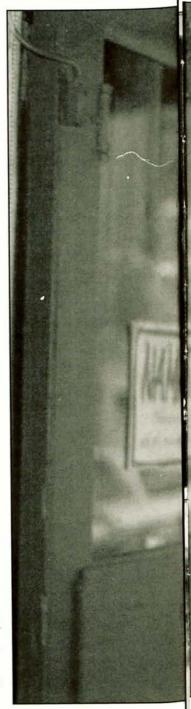
"We have had a great relationship with Central for a number of years," he said. "All in all, we at DOI can count on CHS as a part of the downtown area."

Bextensaid he thought Central's relationship with Joslyn and Creighton was positive. Also, a number of students worked downtown, which helped the community see Central in a positive light, he said.

"Thope that our total impact was positive," Bexten

Right-Carolyn Schaeffer (12) creates the letters "CHS" with water cups she filled for the Walk as One participants. The NHS volunteers set-up a table with water and juice before the walk, and crackers and soda after the Walk, Photo by Meredith Grunke







Left- Allison Legino (12) works at two stores in the Old Market. New Realities and Namaste. The location of many shops attracts students to work and play. Photo by Hallie Bieber



Above- Anthony Crowley (10) plays video games on the computers at the Anarchy Comics located downtown. Photoby Hallie Beder

Above right—Carolyn Schaeffer (12) and Lauren Freeman (12) move ice from one pop container to another, in preparation to hand out free cars to walkers who had just finished the course. The two volunteered at the National Honors Society table at the Walk as One event in Heartland of America Park, Photoby Meredith Grunke



Almost, but not quite_ The top two runners up:

Place to eat-

2. Burger King

3. Subway

Place to shop-

2. American Eagle

3. Hot Topic

Magazine-

2. Cosmopolitan

3. Sports Illustrated

Brand of Shoe-

2. Adidas

3. K-Swiss

2. Dave Matthews Band

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Car-

2. Mitsubishi Eclipse

3. Honda Civic

Movie-

2. "Gladiator"

3. "Love and Basketball"

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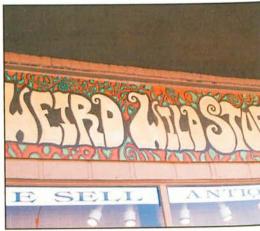
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Students pick their favorites

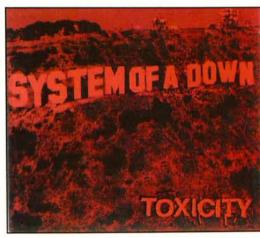


Taco Bell

The neon sign is a beacon of light as you drive home at one in the morning. Taco Bell was voted favorite place to eat because it offered a cheap solution to hunger.



Where else can you buy an outfit for a dollar? No wonder thrift stores were voted the favorite place to shop among students. They not only offer inexpensive clothes, but also the bizarre and outlandish items that no one else owns. Students voted thrift stores as their favorite place to shop.



Chop Suey

This song hit Billboard's number one spot back in 2001. Now over a year and a half later it is still on some people's favorite song list. This song was voted the favorite song by students. ey of Sony Music En





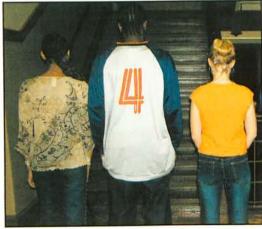
Nike

Swoosh. All Nike has to say in a commercial to sell millions of shoes a year. Nike's are sold throughout the world. Students voted Nike as their favorite brand of shoe.



"John Q."

John Q. Archibald lived a normal life with his wife and son. That is until he found out his son had a serious illness and needed an emergency heart transplant that his insurance would not cover John Q. decided to take matters into his own hands. Students voted this movie as their favorite.



Shirt

Not pants and definately not shoes, possibly a shirt. Shirts were voted as the favorite article of clothing by students. The shirt is a part of today's society. Television, sports and everyday life would be different without it.



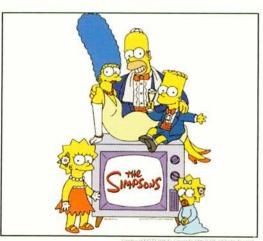
Seventeen

For the fourth year in a row, Seventeen was voted the favorite magazine. Find out how compatable you are with with your best friend while also seeing the best make-up colors for Spring all in one magazine. Altough the appeal for males is slim, Seventeen rings true as a classic among Central students.



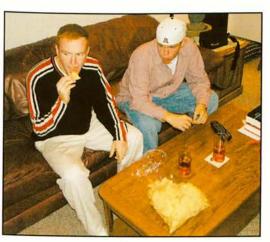
94.1

After their switch from 97.7 to 94.1 the radio station had a bigger broadcast area. Could the bigger broadcast area have an impact on the outcome of this poll? Maybe the music is just better. Either way channel 94.1 won favorite radio station.



Simpsons

For over ten years the Simpsons has brought smiles and laughter to many students across the nation. For the third consecutive year Simpsons has won the favorite t.v. show.



Home

Go home, grab a bite to eat and start playing Playstation. Students chose their houses as their favorite place to hangout after school. Home is the ideal place to hangout. It has food, does not cost a thing and if you get tired you can just go to sleep.



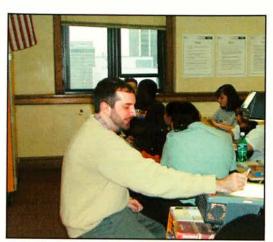
Nelly and the St. Lunatics

This group hit the scene in 1998 with "Country Grammar." Now five years later it is bigger than ever. With four CDs consisting of "Country Grammar." "Free City." "Heavy Starch" and "Nellyville," this group should be around for a while.



Mustang

The Mustang debuted back in 1964. The rise in popularity of the Mustang has boomed since then. The Mustang has had many different looks over the years but it's looks still appeal to the student body.



Math

The Math Department could teach everything from adding to BC Calculus. Math was voted as the favorite class.



Rap

Anything from Vanilla Ice and Easy E to Nappy Roots and the Big Tymers. From the beginning of rap with its crazy bass lines to today's rap with distincive lyrics, it continues to be the most popular form of music among students and was voted favorite type of music.



Basketball

It is one of those sports that can be played anywhere. From a desk throwing a paper wad into the garbage to the NBA and WNBA courts, the rush of the game excites, any spectator. With the numerous school-sponsored basketball teams every year, it is no wonder that basketball won the favorite sport.

Thext bing

Student band, Nextweus, takes fun to a higher level

By Hallie Bieber

hey conceived the name for their band while watching a Phish video and "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure." In the Phish video, the singer was talking about how they are compared to the Grateful Dead and they pondered who would be the "next us." The band's name became The Next Us for awhile, until while watching "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" they realized something better. Bill and Ted reflect upon the "us now, and the us then." From the two videos, Nextweus was born.

Nextweus, consisting of Douglas Hageman (12), Matthew Schrad (11), Charles Serfass (11) and Adam Nebel (11), became friends when Hageman moved to Omaha from Virginia. They all played an instrument and contemplated starting a band for months.

"From about December to April we talked about starting a band, then while watching a Phish video we were like 'that needs to be us,' "Hageman said.

Their individual musical taste come together to create their take on blues and reggae. While they all share a similar taste in music, their favorite bands covered a wide spectrum. Hageman's favorite band is Sublime. Schrad listens to Phish and the Grateful Dead.

Serfass' favorite type of music is jazz or jam. Nebel's taste in music is the most different from anyone in the group.

"I like Poison and Guns 'N' Roses," Nebel said.

Nextweus alternates where they hold practices between Serfass'church, Hanscom Park United Methodist Church and Hageman's house. They practice at least once a week and always hold jam sessions, Serfass said.

Having fun was the main objective for Nextweus. They could care less about becoming rich and famous. All the band members said that the most rewarding part of playing is when people are up dancing and having fun.

Their first concert was in Hageman's backyard in front of 12 of their friends. They performed for 50 people at Serfass' church. Nextweus took second in the Battle of the Bands at the Stop the Hate Vigil. In October it performed at Band-Aid, the fund-raiser to support the Drama department. During its performance, the crowd of students in the front row got up todance along with its music. Nextweus had achieved its goal, people were having fun.



Right-Nextweus performs at Band-Aid. The group performed nine songs, including a rendition of Shel Silverstein's "Boa Constrictor" in a round. Photo By Kaitlin Jessing-Butz.

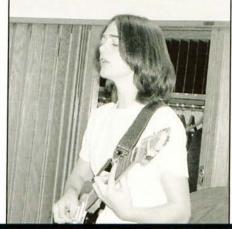












Left-Charles Serfass (11) belts out one of the groups many songs. Nextweus starts out with chord progressions which develop into songs. "Most of the words are in my head." Serfass said. Photo by Hallie Better

Above left- Adam Nebel (11) sets up his drums before the group begins practice.
Photo by Hallie Bieber

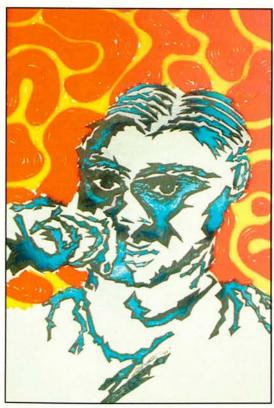
Far left- Douglas Hageman (12) plays guitar for Nextweus. While Serfass is the main vocals, everyone in the group sings. "It's somuch fun, it should be illegal," Hageman said. Photo by Hallie Bieber. Above-Matthew Schrad (11) is the bass player. The band members have performed a few cover songs, but otherwise write the lyrics and music for all of their songs. Photo by Hallie Bisber.

Top- The members hang around during a Saturday afternoon practice at Serfass' church, Friendsbeforethey were bandmates, the members practice facing one another, sharing jokes while they play.

Photo by Hallie Bieber

Students express themselves

Students found an outlet for their creativity through artwork which was submitted by students and teachers

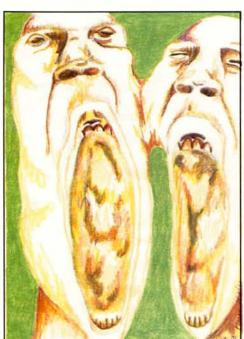


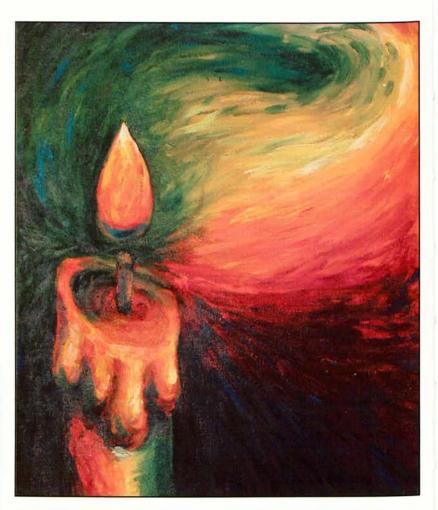
Topright- "Untitled"-Nora Prazan (12). This painting was created for an art class.

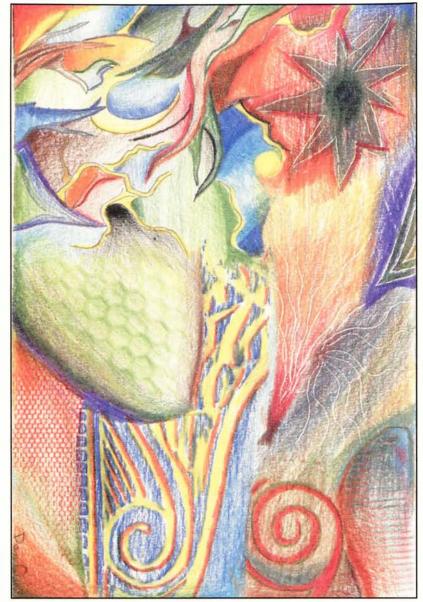
Above right- "Untitled"-Johnathan Kaster (12), this self-portrait was done using yarn, colored pencils and markers.

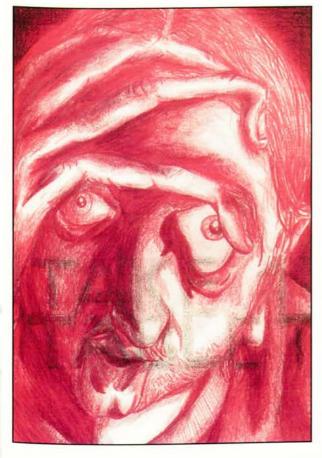
Far right- "Primal Instincts"-Daniel Crane (10), used colored pencils to create his abstract drawing.

Right-"Untitled"-Jennifer Lambrecht (12), was drawn using colored pencils.





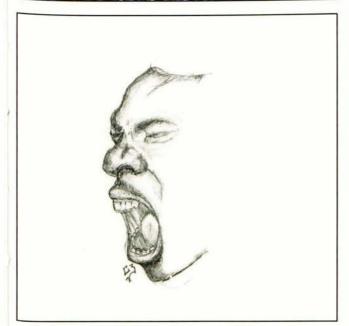














Above right- "Untitled"-Rachel Goede (12), submitted this abstract self-portrait.

Above middle- "Chess Board"-Francisco Elizondo (12), usad colored pencils to draw his picture of a chess board.

Above left- "Take 1 Tablet"-Brandon Cruz. (12), is an artist who liked to use colored pencils for his artwork.

Far left- "Sweet Colorado"-Shelby Beck (12) used black ink for her drawing.

Below left- "Untitled"-Chuol Pal (11), this submission was drawn in black pen.

Left-"Untitled"-Jeremy Manis (10), used oil pastels to create this drawing of a chair.

Movie students for every doss

Central's enrollment once again surpassed the previous year's population

By Jamie Mincey

tudent population was larger than ever this year. The flow of students seemed to never

Mark Parchment (12) said he transferred from a Chicago school because Central was known for preparing students for college. He said he was nervous about the move because he just became a senior and did not know what to expect.

"I heard Central was the best, and I knew some people so I knew I would be comfortable," he said. "The welcoming was great and the people made me feel like I already went here."

Parchment said he liked the courtyard located in the middle of the school and would have told his friends back in Chicago that Central was a very big school.

"Central was a challenge mentally and also a great school," he said. "It matured and prepared you for life."

Administrator Dionne Kirksey said because of academic standards, parents wanted their kids to attend Central.

"Traditionat Central has gone on forever," Kirksey said. "There is just something Central has."

Ashley Dantzler (12) came from Benson High School this year because she moved and thought life would be better at Central. She said she liked it better because she said the people were nice and the atmosphere was great.

"Central was a good school because the people make you feel more at home," Dantzler said.

Robert Marcell (11) transferred from Creighton Prep because of money. He said Central did not charge for tuition and Prep did. He said Central had better English classes than Prep.

"One thing that was different from Creighton Prep was it was more of a community then Central was," Marcell said. "It was more mandatory and you had to do more things, like go to mass and pep rallies."

Marcell said Prep put a little more emphasis on religion and morals and Central put a little more emphasis on academics.

"Even though Prep was an all boy school, all the students personalities were the same," Marcell said.

Abigail Camp (10) transferred from Lincoln East because her mom got a job in Omaha.

Camp said Central had a lot more AP and honors classes than Lincoln did and she was involved in six honors classes.

Camp said Central had more people and was a lot more diverse then her other school.

"Central was good because it prepared you for college and for life," she said.

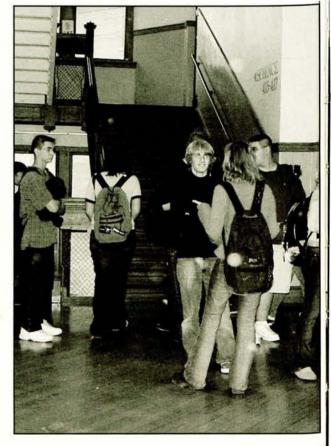
Sara Harper (10) came to Central from Lincoln also because her momgot a job in Omaha. The school she attended before she came here was Pound Middle School and what made that school unique was that junior high continued to ninth grade. This was Harper's first year of high school.

"I was nervous to come here because of meeting new people," Harper said. "The people welcomed me though."

This was a big step for Harper. Harper said she was not really a people person and coming to Central was a huge change for her.

Below- Hallways became obstacle courses when groups such as this congregated in the middle of hallways. Two years ago, the passing periods were lengthened due to the increase in population.

Physical Mellin Pales.





Right- Students push through the courtyard in order to get to class on time. The court yard is extremely congested during the lunch hours. Photo by Jamie Minoey

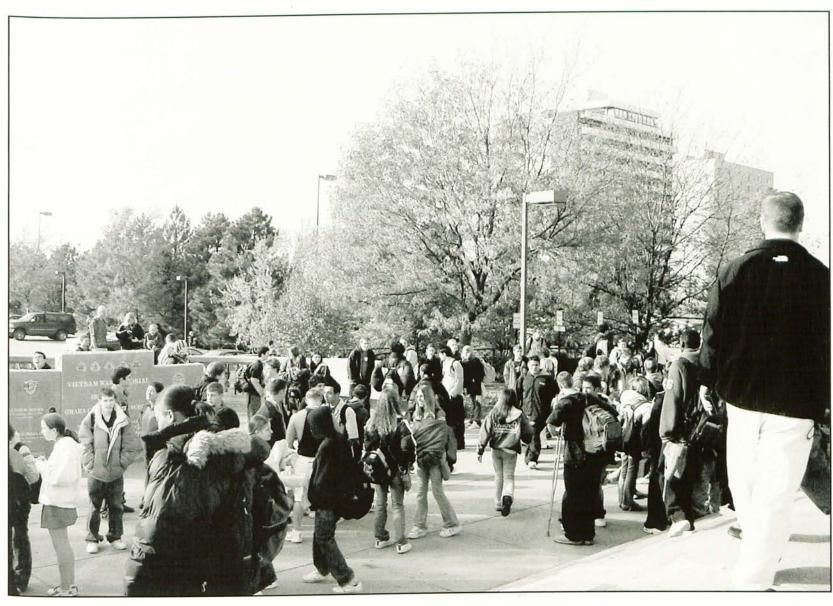
Bottom left- Students flow into the building from the portables after the bell rang. Some classes offered out in the portables were English, math and social studies.

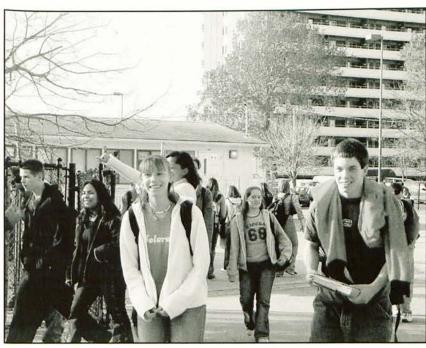
Photoby Hallie-Bieber

Bottom right- After school some students go to Dodge street to either board a bus or have their ride pick them up.

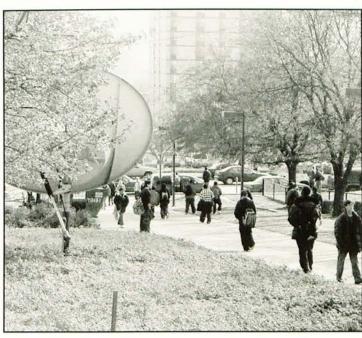
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Below- Outside the building after school on the "three side" was a popular place for stu-dents to exit the building. This year was the highest population ever at Central. Photo by Hallie Hieber





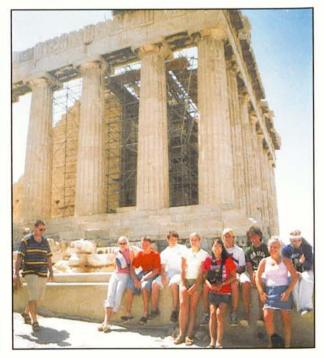
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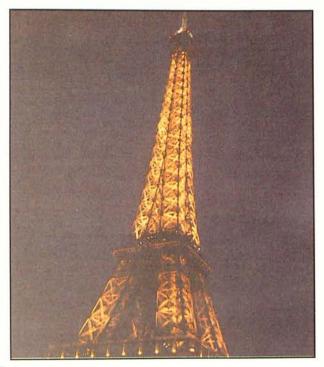














Students travel abroad, gain culture and insight

By Kevin Jones

Last summer 55 students and over 10 sponsors traveled over 10,000 miles to more than five countries on three separate trips all across Europe. They experienced the cultures and visited typically popular tourist sites.

France and Spain trip

After an eight-hour flight, the students arrived in Paris. The group of 17 people, 15 of whom were students, toured museums, visited the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower, while in France. The students visited the home of Claude Monet.

The trip then went across the country. They visited the Chartres, the cathedral with the blue stained glass windows that were no longer made. Then they toured three of the Chateaux of the region. The group then caught a T.G.V.(train) to Bordeaux to catch a bus. They stayed on the beach and went to Shrine of Lourdes, and that was the last of France after only one week.

The second week was spent in Spain. They crossed the border into Spain in Baske. They went to San Sebastian and Pomplona. Pomplona was getting ready for the running of the bulls. Then they visited a cathedral in Bourgeois where they stayed overnight. After that they headed to Madrid followed by Escarole, the burial site of all the Spanish kings and queens. The last city they visited was Toledo, where they visited a sword factory. Some students bought the swords they had for sale. That was the end of their two-week trip in which they traveled around 6,000 miles total.

Italy and Greece trip

"We went to Italy, then we went on a four day cruise through the Greek islands," sponsor Rita Ryan said. The trip lasted 19 days in all. The flight there was about nine hours long. All together they traveled around 5,000 miles. People had many experiences while in Italy.

"The boys ran a race around the original Olympic race track, that was really funny," Rachael Ferber (12) said. Ferber said she enjoyed visiting the Sistine chapel and the Statue of David. They also visited Rome, Florence, Ancient Olympia, Venice and Turkey for half a day.

"Ancient Olympia is a tough place for most tourists to get to," Ryan said.

This was Ryan's twenty-third trip to Italy.

"This was one of the best trips I have ever been on," she said.

It was a rather large group consisting of 25 Central students and 13 others.

"European Mosaic" trip

After an over six hour-long flight from Chicago to London, the trip was finally underway.

"We went to London, Paris, Berlin, Prague, Budapest, and Vienna," Rachel LaCroix (12) said.

The students visited lots of tourist attractions like the "London Eye," the tallest Ferris wheel in the world, standing about 350 feet high.

"Getting to meet new people and hanging out," LaCroix said, was her favorite part of the trip. Her favorite city was Prague, in the Czech Republic because of the "old buildings" and "the setup of the city was really neat."

Kaitlin Nichols (11) also liked Prague the best.

"The people were really nice and the street sellers had some very beautiful crystals and glass," she said. Nichols felt that the people's attitudes changed from place to place.

"For instance in France, if you didn't get something right they would look down on you. In London we got stuck in the middle of their World Cup semi-finals so they didn't even know we were there. The best were probably in Prague and Budapest where the people were really nice. Overall, other than in France, the people were nice," she said.

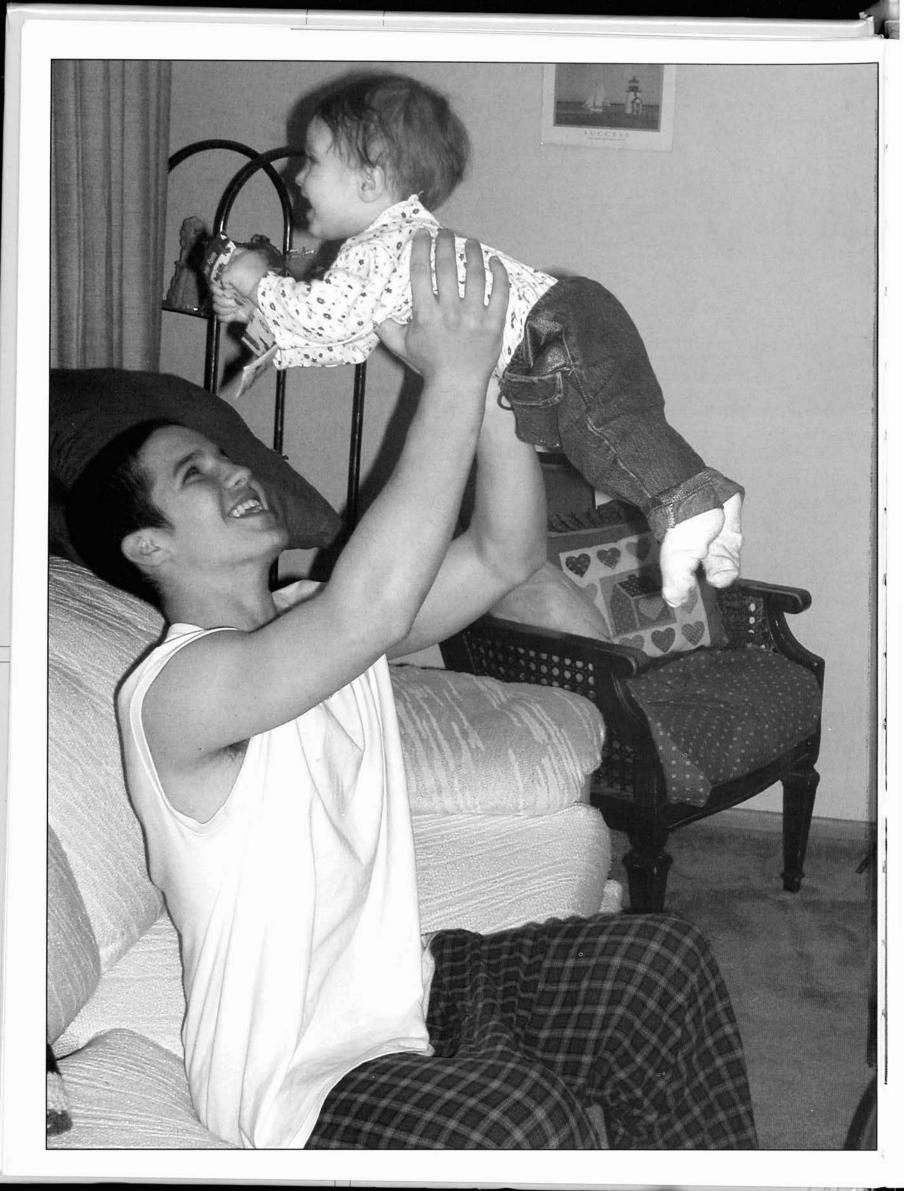
Far left-Allison Legino (12) poses in front of Degas' Little Dancer in France. Photo by Katie Ander!

Far left- The girls on the trip pose for photos. Photo courtesy of Rita Ryan

Far left- The Eiffel Tower lit at night. The group, based in the German classes, visited five other countries besides Germany while on their trip. Photo by Meredith Grunke Left-The group outside of the Louvre. Photo courtesy of Katle Anderl

Left-Some of the students on the Italy and Greece trip in front of the Parthenon, Photocourtesy of Rita Ryan

Left-The group in front of the Berlin Wall. Photo courtesy of Meredith Grunke









Above right—Taylor Nicole Greco tries to escape her father's grasp, only to be caught at the last second. Photo by Kevin Jones.

Above middle- Timothy Greco (11) tickles hisbaby girl. The baby lives with Bruckner, but Bruckner and the baby visit Greco's house often. Photo by Kevin Jones

Above left- Shaila Bruckner (12) holds her baby, Taylor, before she puts her to bed.

Seventeen and already changing diapers

Two students deal with becoming parents

By Kevin Jones

A little over a year ago Shaila Bruckner (12) gave birth to her baby girl. The girl's name is Taylor Nicole Greco. Timothy Greco (11) is the father.

"Excited yet scared," is how Greco said he felt when he found out Bruckner was pregnant. They found out two months after the baby was conceived that she was actually pregnant.

As soon as the couple found out they were going to have a child, they knew they were going to keep it.

"Abortion never even came to my mind, and neither did adoption," Bruckner said.

The couple first told Greco's older brother and then their close friends and then it spread from there. Their friends were surprised, but they were there for them.

"They figured it was bound to happen when they knew we partied a lot," he said.

The biggest decision for them, Greco said, was deciding how to tell their parents. Greco told his mom over the phone and then Greco told Bruckner's mom in person. They thought it would be the best way.

Bruckner said she was "scared, very, very scared and nervous," to be only 17 and have to tell her mom she was pregnant. Bruckner was gone from school for only four days when she gave birth.

"I knew my life would change," Greco said.

All Greco had time to do was go to school, go home and take care of their baby.

"If you like free time don't have a baby because after that child is born, you won't have any," Bruckner said

Bruckner said she was up at various times throughout the night taking care of her baby. She was up during odd hours more than once a week.

Greco thought they were almost invincible. He said when he saw teenagers pregnant he would think

the people were irresponsible. Now he said he feels like it can happen to anyone.

"I never looked down on them though," Bruckner said. She said she felt sorry for teenagers if she saw them with their own kids. Bruckner said she felt that kids needed to be talked to more and Greco and she should have listened when someone was talking to them.

"Just be safe and have fun in other ways," Greco

Greco dropped out of school during Bruckner's junior year to "take a year off."

"Vacation was more like it," he said. He decided it was a bad decision and re-enrolled this year.

Greco's mom reacted to the news of Bruckner's pregnancy by telling him that she was very upset with him, but she was there for him. Bruckner's mom reacted in a similar way by telling her she was upset, but she was there for her.

The baby lives with Bruckner and her mom, but she is often at Greco's house. Greco also still lives with his mom.

Greco's plans for the future are to graduate from high school, go to the Army for four years and pursue a career. Bruckner's plans are to go to UNO and then University of Nebraska Medical Central to become a Nurse Practitioner. He said he did not feel like going into the Army would affect their baby much because he would be home every weekend to see her. Bruckner did not think that she would be away from her daughter for that long because her mom helps out a lot.

When their daughter is old enough to understand that her mother was a teenage parent, they plan on telling her that she should be truthful. "[I want to tell her] to stay away from boys and never ever meet a guy," she said jokingly.

"Abortion never even came to my mind, and neither did adoption," -Shaila Bruckner (12)

> Opposite page- Timothy Greco (11) plays with his baby while they wait for Shaila Bruckner (12) to get home. Photo by Kevin Jones

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Five students defy perceptions while spending the afternoon downtown

By Hallie Bieber

"People subconsciously inhow people dress inhibits who they think they can hang out with,"

- Emily Greenberg (11)

hey were walking contradictions, with nothing visibly in common. They all drifted in separately, hibit themselves. Sometimes but by the end of the afternoon, they were laughing

> Kelly Rynkol (9) was first to come to the Journalism room, walking in and out, talking to the random people she saw in the hallway. Emily Greenberg (11) was next, sitting quietly before the others arrived. Andrew Seevers (10) came carrying his electric guitar in its case around his shoulder. Adam announced his presence with vibrant smiles and dance. Fredi Nava (12) was late and had to be paged over the intercom shortly before they

> On Tuesday, Oct. 15, five students came together for an afternoon to eat pizza, sit in the sunshine and discuss diversity, stereotypes, themselves and life in general.

> These students were chosen based, stereotypically, on the fact that they may not hang out with one another normally.

> In order to break that stereotype Rynkol, Seevers, Greenberg, Nava and Christensen gathered first at Zio's in the Old Market for pizza and introductions.

> Looking at Rynkol, she seemed self-contained and timid. It didn't show that she had once lived in the South Omaha Projects.

> Greenberg was polite, self-assured, and carried a calm demeanor.

> As soon as Christensen arrived it was evident they knew one another. Christensen began showing Greenberg the dance moves he had just learned, as Seevers and Rynkol looked on smiling.

Nava worea mischievous grin as he rushed to catch up with the group before they headed downtown.

"Am I late or something?" Nava asked.

Seevers, Rynkol and Greenberg, who rode in one car, discussed their musical tastes. Seevers said he listened to everything but country and rap, but mainly hard rock. Rynkol said she hated hard rock and listened to rap and R&B. Greenberg likes all music.

At Zio's they decided on a large cheese pizza and pops. Conversation started slow, seeing as they didn't know one another that well yet.

Nava, Rynkol and Seevers shared a common bond, when it came to their activities. Music was a part of all their weekends. Seevers talked about his band that he had started earlier that year, which practiced on the weekends. Nava went to "sweet sixteen" parties and weddings, where he danced to all different types of music, including salsa and reggae.

"I go to the clubs like Fusion," Rynkol said.

Christensen and Greenberg met during their involvement in the student play, "Pride Players."

After pizza the group headed for Gene Leahy Mall where the pond and popular slides are located. Rynkol darted across traffic Christensen and Greenberg horsed around loudly.

As they neared the slides, Rynkol and Christensen had an impromptu dance party on the sidewalk. Passerby's turned and smiled at the two as they compared moves.

The grass near the pond was cold, but the group sat in a circle and talked about their lives and the stereotypes

"My life is a constant stereotype," Christensen said. He came out his sophomore year and is self-described as flamboyantly gay.

It was easier for him because of the environment at

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Adam Christensen (12)- He had a smile on his face the entire time. He loved to dance and attract the attention of people walking by He describes himself as eccentric

Photo by Hallie Bieber



Fredi Nava (12) - He was the michevious one and laughed the hardest at all the jokes. "Just because you're short, doesn't mean you can't do things," Nava said. Photo by Hallie Bieber



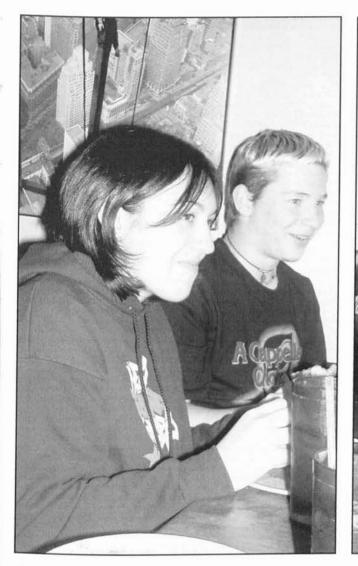
Emily Greenberg (11)- Describes herself as open-minded. Greenberg, along with Christiansen, was the most outgoing from the very start. Photo by Hallie Bieber



Andrew Seevers (10)- He was the most quiet one on the outing, but when he spoke it was always something very insightful and hilarious. He carried his electric guitarwith him everywhere. Photo by Hallie Bieler



Kelly Rynkol (9)- "I'm me," Rynkol said. She seemed cautious at the beginning of the afternoon, but by the end was laughing with the rest of the group, Photo by Katie Mapes











Top left- Adam Christensen (12) and Emily Greenberg (11) laugh about their pizza. The group gathered at Zio's before heading to Gene Leahy Mall. Photo by Hallie Rieber

Middle left- Andrew Seevers (10) shows his daring side by sliding down on his shirt. "People see me as quiet, but sometimes I can be insane, Seevers said. Photo by Kevin Jones

Left- Adam Christensen (12) and Emily Greenberg (11) discuss some issues in their lives: AP classes and homework. Photo by Katle Mapes Above- Andrew Seevers (10) and Kelly Rynkol (9) look on as the group discusses the stereotypes that surround them as high school students. Photo by Kevin Jones

Topright-Andrew Seevers (10) sat back and waited to see if anyone else would take the last piece of pizza. After Zio's the group went to the Gene Leahy Mall. Photo by Hallie Bieber

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Central. He didn't have any conflicts with people when he talked about his sexual preference.

"Unlike some other schools, Central is safe for me," Christensen said.

Rynkol spoke then, and tension crackled in the air for a moment,

"Like me, I don't like approve of that. That's how you are, but that's not my religion. I'm a Christian and I don't approve. I don't have nothing against it," Rynkol said, "And that doesn't mean I won't like you."

Greenberg said she is an advocate for gay rights. People who assume she is gay because she works for that cause annoy her, she said.

Nava is often stereotyped based on his height. People mistake him for someone younger.

"People think that because I'm short I can't play basketball as well as I can," Nava said.

Seevers said that he didn't think a person can change people's stereotypes, only how a person reacts to them.

Religion and church, decidedly among the group, harbored stereotypes. Christensen practices Wiccan, or witchcraft. People often misinterpret this as worshiping the devil. Seevers goes to Glad Tidings church where his long hair is a topic of conversation among other members.

"At my church, I get a bunch of weird looks from older people because of my hair," Seevers said. "They think I'm a punk."

Rynkol said she is in a gang and it often creates two very conflicting lifestyles.

"People think that just because I'm in a clique, just because I'm in a gang, I don't go to church," she said. "But I go to church [Spiritual Gospel Church] every Sunday and every Wednesday. It doesn't matter who you are at my church; you're accepted."

Greenberg said she deals with negative feedback and stereotypes from peers all the time at school. First of all she doesn't believe in God. She considered herself open-minded and accepting, but didn't practice any set religion.

"Just because I don't believe in God, people think I'm this horrible person," Greenberg said.

Second of all, Greenberg's grandfather is none other than billionaire Warren Buffett.

"People just automatically presume that I'm going to be snobby and stuck up because of it. I don't fall into any category like that. I accept everyone and am nice to everyone," she said.

She usually doesn't tell anyone in fear that they will judge her right away.

The group decided that there were societal stereotypes that are often used around Central: The Preps, the Goths, Skaters, Brainy kids, Potheads, Gangsters, Jocks and Cheerleaders.

Rynkol came up with at least eight other groups that she knew of like the Hot Boys, Hot Girls, Play Girls (a gang Rynkol is a member of) and others.

"People subconsciously inhibit themselves," Greenberg said. "Sometimes how people dress inhibits who they think they can hang out with."

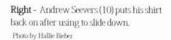
All of the five said they didn't base whom they talked and hung out with on how they dressed, as long as the person was cool.

Nava said he believed that people usually hang out with those they feel comfortable around.

"People usually stay in their own ethnic group." Nava said, "A small percentage branch out to other ethnic groups, but for the most part they feel they have more in common. They feel safe."

They dealt with different issues and lived different lives. They talked about the biggest issues in their lives: school, graduation, AP classes and trying to quit smoking pot. But they all agreed that life in general was their constant issue-how to figure out who they were and how to live.

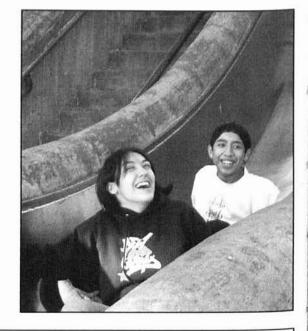
They rose from their places in the grass and ran for the slides, spending a good 20 minutes stumbling up and down the enormous metal slides. They laughed and cheered one another on, and for that moment, despite their differences, they were all exactly alike.

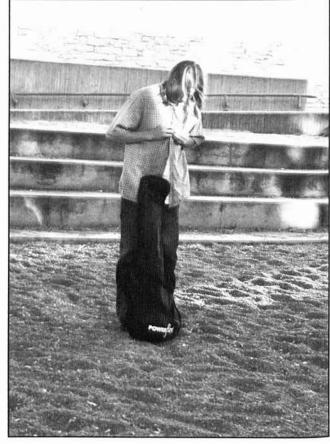




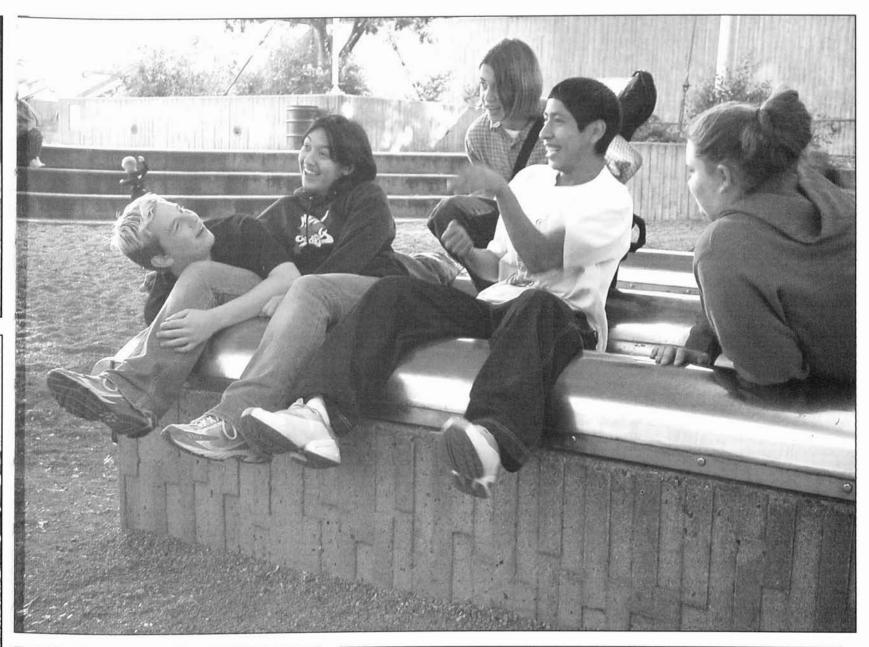
Above-Fredi Nava (12) and Andrew Seevers (10) listen carefully during the discussion the group was having. Photo by Kevin Jones

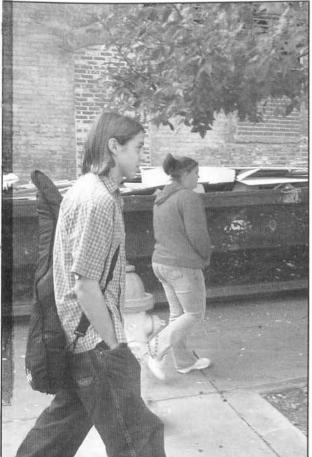
Right- Kelly Rynkol (9) laughs after showing off her dance moves on the sidewalk. Rynkoland Christensen had an impromptu dance party on the walk to Gene Leahy. Photo by Halbe Bieber













Top- The group collected at the bottom of the slide one last time before heading back to school. Photo by Hallie Bicker

Left-Andrew Seevers (10) and Kelly Rynkol (9) make their way to the slides Seevers carried his electric guitar with him the whole afternoon. Photo by Hallie Bieter

Above- Adam Christensen (12) and Emily Greenberg (11) share a joke while waiting for the rest of the group to catch up after their snack at Zio's. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Is voicism still an

Students, staff compose the most diverse school in OPS

By Ashley Pinkerton

entral High School is the most diverse high school in Omaha, according to the Racial Composition of fall, 2001 statistics tracked by TAC, Teacher's Administration Center. Since Central is the most diverse school, do students notice any race issues?

Jennifer Yin (11) said that a person could see that Central was diverse just by looking through the hall-

"Ibelieve Central is the most diverse high school," she said.

Yin said there was racism in school, unfortunately. She said this is because people were so rude. It may not have been a racial issue, but she said she had heard racial comments in the

hallway.

Yin said that people never really addressed racism. She pointed out that because this school was so diverse, that everyone was bound to have differences.

"I don't think people should judge other people on their backgrounds, clothes, or color of their skin," she

Aboveleft- Different groups of students clutter the hallways all throughout the day. Diversity could be seen within those groups.

Right- A third hour study hall in room 445 was a great example of a class filled with people of all different races. Photo by Kevin Jones

She said particular groups stayed with each other; "Nobody should feel left out because there is somebody for everybody," Kirksey said.

Yin said people just did not care and some of them never really thought about racism.

Kris Chavez, aerobics teacher, said she liked Central's diversity.

Chavez said she really did not think that Central had a problem with racism, but she saw it every now and

LaTasha Bradley (11) said that Central was diverse because of the variety of people from different countries.

She said she did believe there was racism at school because certain people of different ethnic backgrounds made racism a big problem for others just because they were different.

To Bradley, racism was just an excuse for a group to control other groups.

Dionne Kirksey, assistant principal, said that a person could tell that Central was diverse because of the large student population.

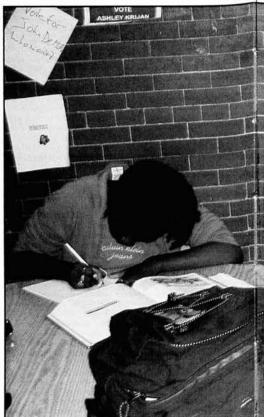
She said there had not been a problem vocalized to her about racism since she had worked here.

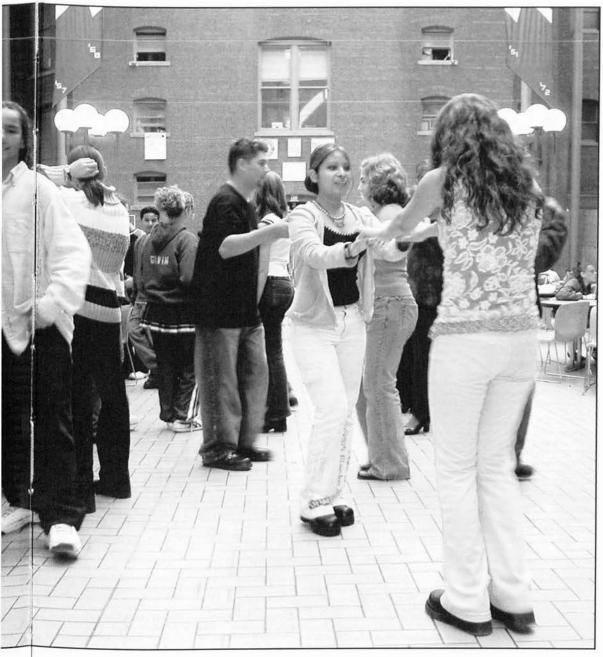
"People respect differences and celebrate similarities," Kirksey said.

people are with whom they were most comfortable.

Kirksey said she thought that racism exists everywhere, but she did not think it was evident at Central.





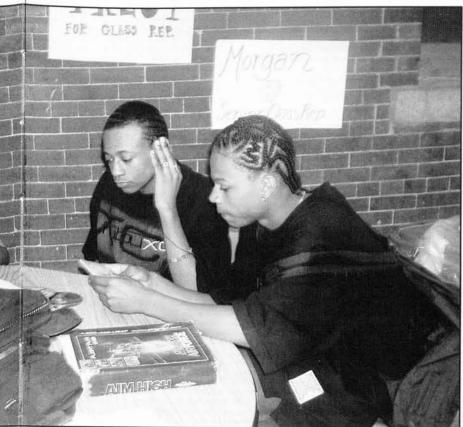


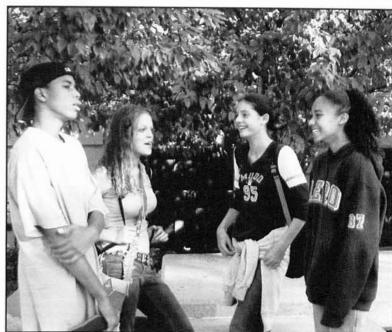
Left- Ritmo Latino is a perfect example of diversity. It was a dance club that had meetings in the courty and every 'Thursday from 3 to 4 in the afternoon. Everyone was invited to participate. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Bottom left- Brittney Brookshire (12), Torrance Roland (12) and Carrington Butler (10) sit doing their hornework before school. Photohy Jamie Mincey

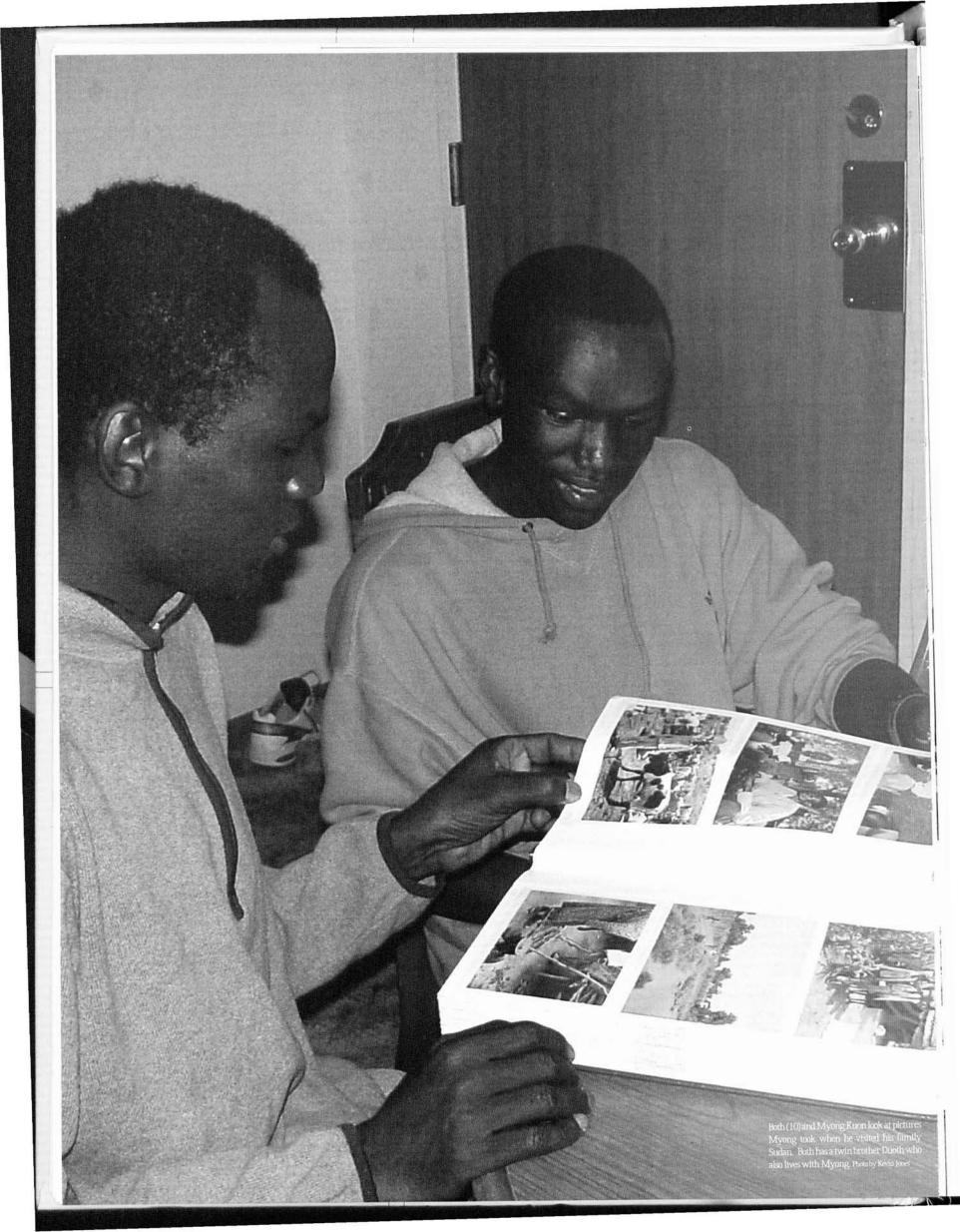
Below- A group of students en joy their first snowfall while waiting for their rides after school. Photo by Kevin Jones

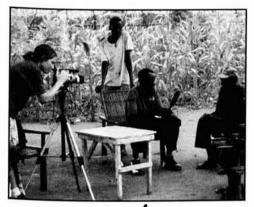






Above- A group of students hang out after school and joke around while waiting for their friends to arrive. Photoby Jamie Mincey









Aongfram home

Refugees adjust to American language, culture

oving to the United States as refugees at the age of five with their 14-year-old brother Myong as their guardian, Sudanese twins Both and DuothKuon(10)escaped from their war-ravaged homeland in search of opportunity and safety.

Duoth said he and his brothers immigrated to the United States, "because in our country there was a civil war going on down there. There were no schools and our family was scattered all over the place. Sudan had been having a civil war for a very long time."

The three brothers left their parents behind, Myong said, because their father had multiple wives.

"I think that's just a way of life in Sudan," Duoth said. "People get more than one wife and I don't blame him [for staying in Sudan]. He has to take care of them."

The twins remember their daily lives in Sudan as ones being dominated by agricultural pursuits, especially raising cattle.

"Wedidn't wake up in the morning and think we were going to school. We woke up and thought we were going to work," Duoth said.

Both said he saw the United States as a place to start a new life with the opportunity to go to school. In Sudan, he said, there was not an organized system of education, partially because of the war.

In order to immigrate to the United States, Duoth said, "We went through a lot. We went to camps because of the immigration people. Mostly you had to wait for them to come to get checked out for diseases and there were a lot of interviews."

Upon arriving in the United States, both twins said their biggest challenge was learning English.

"It was very difficult to come over not knowing the language..." Both said. "It was hard for me to go to school."

Duoth said he also had a difficult time adopting the way Americans dressed and acted. He said he was very self-conscious about what people in America thought of him.

"People [in America] are different, have different attitudes," he pointed out. "In Sudan people mature really quickly so when you're 12 or 13 you're a mature man so you act mature. Here you can mature at any time."

The twins became very involved in school-sponsored activities after they arrived at Central. Both said he was in soccer, African-American History Club, Science Club and the Sudanese Club.

Duoth said he also en joyed playing soccer and was on the JROTC drill team, Sudanese Club and Tae Kwon Do Club.

 $All\,three\,brothers said\,their\,goals\,were centered on getting\,a\,good\,education.$

Myong enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Omaha as a journalism major and got a position as an ESL paraprofessional.

"We were so happy to be able to have a Sudanese para," ESL department head Linda Ganzel said. "We had never been able to have a Sudanese translator and a Sudanese paraprofessional."

Ganzel said Myong's assistance to the Sudanese ESL students was beneficial because he was a good student himself and served as a role model. The students could relate to him, and Myong was able to help the students understand concepts they had never been introduced to, such as democracy, by translating the ideas to the students in their native language.

Myong said he thought Both and Duoth would benefit greatly from living in the United States.

"They gained an education, and also being in America was a lot better [than being in Sudan]" he said. "Here you had the opportunity to mold yourself into something, someone."

Duoth and Both said they planned on attending college after graduating from high school.

"I want to graduate and just be a successful person, lead a normal American life and may be have a wife and a good home," Duoth said.

Both said his goal in America was to "go to school...because I could go back to Sudan and help Sudan be a better country."

Duoth also expressed some interest in returning to Sudan, but said he was not sure he wanted to spend part of his life there.

"Thave to go visit our family," Duoth said. "If it gets better, I might [live in Sudan]"

Myong said he hoped to use his education to improve Sudan in the future, but he was not sure whether or not either of the twins would choose to do the same.

"I'm not going to make the decision for them," Myong said. "The only thing I can tell them is to get an education, but after that, it's up to them."

"They gained an education, and also being in America was a lot better. Here you had the opportunity to mold yourself into something, someone,"

- Myong Kuon

Far left- ESL paraprofessional Myong Kuon interviews refugees during a visit to his native country, Sudan. Photo courtesy of Myong Kuon

Middle- Duoth (10), Myong and Both (10) Kuon. Photo courtesy of Myong Kuon

Far right- This photo of Both, Duoth and Myong's father was taken during Myong's visit to Sudan a few years ago. Photo courtesy of Myong Kuon







From a to Central

After one room school house, student comes to Central

By Jamie Minœy

"I lived in New York and there was a whole community of home schools,"
- Evelyn Mayberger (10)

velyn Mayberger (10) never experienced being in a school with many students until she came to Central. From 5th to 8th grade, Mayberger went to a one-room country schoolhouse. The enrollment of her school was six, Mayberger, her brother and four other girls.

"Central was a school that had the greatest amount of diversity because of its mixture of different people," Mayberger said.

Mayberger was home schooled up to 5th grade from her father. She said they got to learn what they wanted to and if they were interested in a certain topic, then they would go in-depth for a day. They would go to museums or to the symphony. She said that it was a really unique experience for her because they got to learn what they wanted to learn.

"I lived in New York and there was a whole community of home schools," Mayberger said, "It was more beneficial."

Mayberger said as a person gets older, it is better to be in a school environment because there are more opportunities. She said that the difference between schools in Nebraska compared to the schools in New York was that New York had more unusual people. In Nebraska, she said that there was not as much of a variety of people.

"I was a bit nervous to come to Central because when I came, I did not know a soul," Mayberger said. "I was the only one in junior high at my old school."

Mayberger said that being home schooled was an advantage because she had a broader understanding of schoolwork. Until she was 12, she had a terrible time learing how to read.

"The one room country school house improved my reading." Mayberger said. "In the summer, I read six hours a day."

Mayberger was enrolled in nine classes; seven of them were honors classes. She said she had always enjoyed math, but was never taught algebra. When she came to high school, she had to learn it. This year, she took two honors math classes.

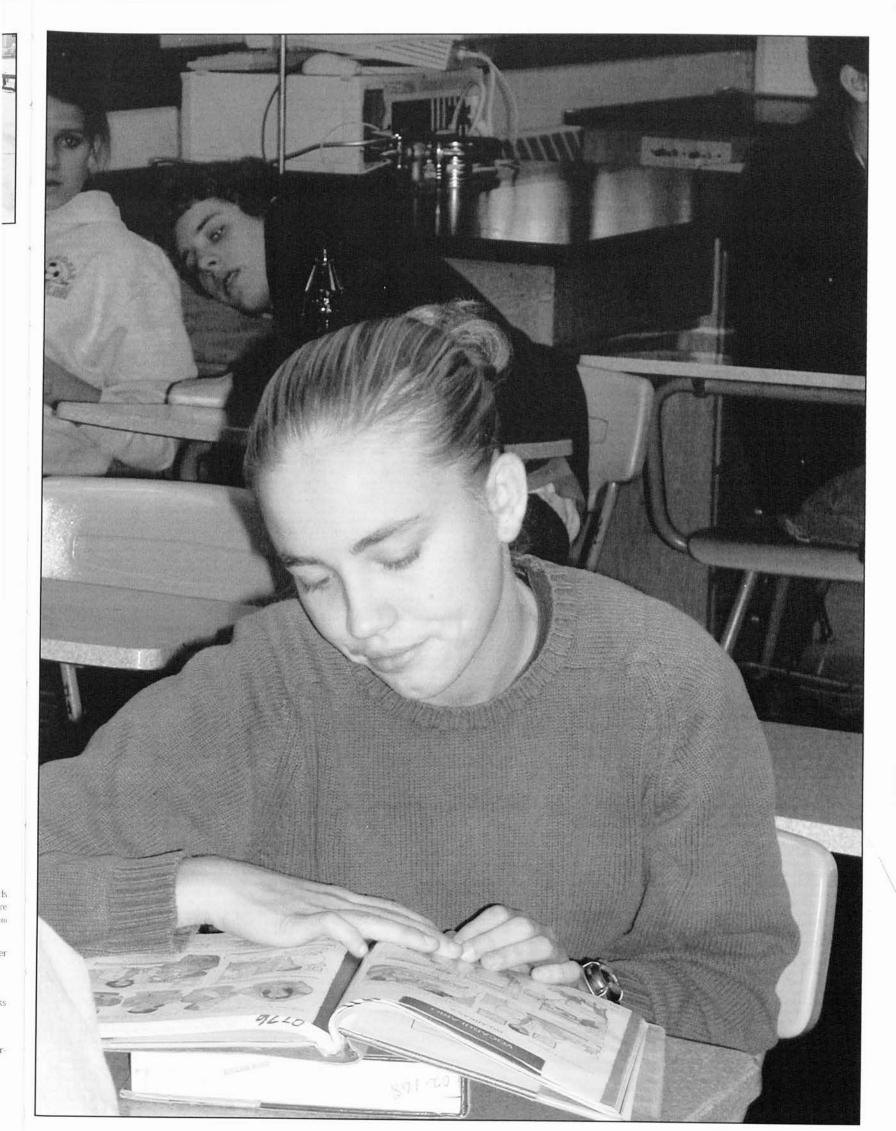
Shealso was involved incross-country, track, swim team and marching band.

Above left- Evelyn Mayberger (10) stands in front of the skyline in New York where she was home schooled for three years. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Mayberger

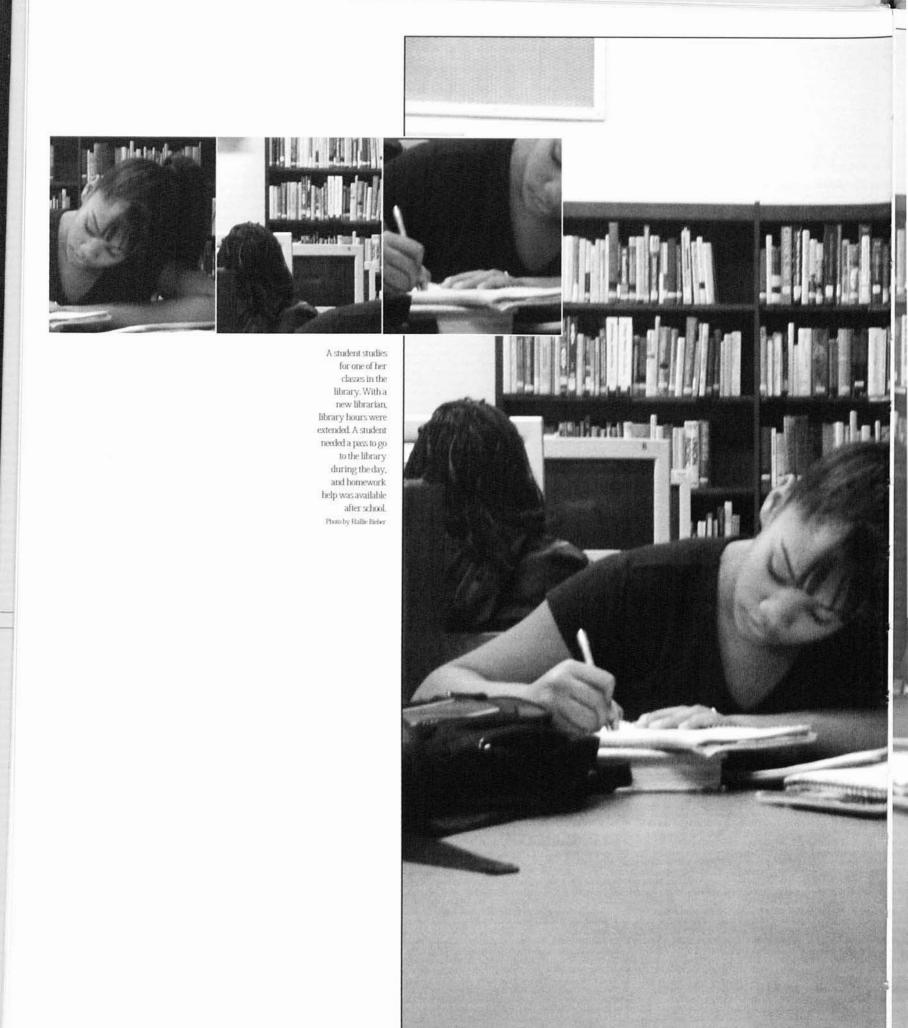
Above middle- Mayberger stands with her brother in front of tulips in New York. Photocourtesy of Evelyn Mayberger

Aboveright-Evelyn Mayberger (left) walks with her family. Photocourtesy of Evelyn Mayberger

Right- Evelyn Mayberger (10) studies during her third hour class. Photo by Jamie Mincey



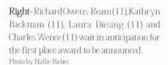
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CLUBS & ACADEMICS

You may not always remember your locker number, your parking space, or your schedule freshman year, but you will never forget that time you went on the hayrack ride with Latin club or the countless hours you spent at those study groups with your friends. Central offered numerous extracurricular activities. For many students, school was not just about studying, although academics were important. Clubs and activities were a huge part of meeting new people and getting involved. Students often were involved in a variety of clubs, ranging from Rugby to Book Club.







Above-Kathryn Backman (11) grins as she devours her barbequed ribs. The staff went out to eat together on the last night as a sign of unity. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Right- Jillian Risavi (12), Devon O'Connell (12) and several other staffers take a nap waiting for the plane in Omaha. Problems with the airplane delayed their flight and separated the group in Denver. Photo by Katle Backman

Bottom far left- A Register staffer holds the "NSPA Best of Show" award. The staff placed first in both the Specialty publication and the Large Newspaper categories and fifth for the newsmagazine, The Edge. Photo Hallie Beber

Bottom center- Devon O'Connell (12) carefully shaves the head of Aaron Maurice (12). To show unity, the boys shaved their heads and the girls dyed their hair.

Photo by Lynne Clare







Register notionals, again

Newspaper wins fifth, sixth top national awards

By Meredith Grunke

est in Show, six in a row.

After working many long hours and late nights to complete a 100-page issue of the newspaper, with 40 from the *Register* and 60 from the *Edge*, this was the only goal newspaper staff members had on their minds as they sat in nervous anticipation at the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA)/ Journalism Educator's Association (JEA) fall journalism convention awards ceremony.

"It was nerve-wracking," editor in chief Paula Salhany (12) said. "I thought I was going to have a coronary."

They were relieved to find out all of their hard work had paid off when the *Register* staff won two first place NSPA Best in Show awards, in the Large Newspaper and Specialty Issue categories.

They also won a fifth place Best in Show award for their newsmagazine, *The Edge*.

"It was partially about showing last year's seniors that we could do it, too," executive editor Kaitlin Jessing-Butz(12)said, "...A lot of people didn't think we could do it."

Salhany said she thought many people at the convention expected the *Register* to win first place again.

"This didn't come easy," Jessing-Butz said. "We worked really hard."

Jessing-Butz said she thought the *Register* won first place so many times because the staff wrote hard-

hitting news stories and covered more aspects of the school than most high school publications.

"The Register's goal was to sort of look at something unattainable and say, 'how do we get there being ethical and responsible journalists?" she said.

Each member of the staff was given the opportunity to show his or her individual talents during the convention Write-Off competitions. The entries were judged and awards were given out to those who earned the highest ratings.

Those whose entries received awards were: Salhany-Superior in Computer Design Photoshop Art, Jessing-Butz- Superior in Editorial Writing, Devon O'Connell (12)- Honorable Mention in Sports Writing, Douglas Meigs (12)- Superior in Editoral Cartoons and Richard Owens-Ream (11)- Honorable Mention in Review Writing,

Journalism adviser Matthew Deabler was also recognized as the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund 2002 Distinguished Adviser during the convention awards ceremony.

Jessing-Butz said the convention was a nice relaxation period for the staff since members had just finished their largest issue of the newspaper ever. She said it also helped to improve staff unity.

Staffers were also able to attend classes about different aspects of journalism and newspaper production, as well as talk to journalism students from other parts of the country and gain other perspectives on what newspaper production was truly about.

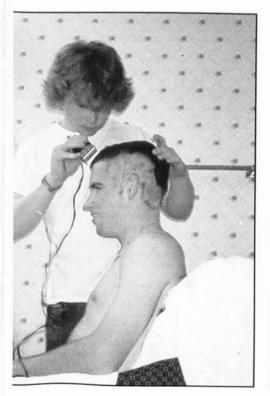
While staff members often worked towards winning awards, they said their purpose was to educate and entertain, just like other newspapers.

"It's our job to tell students and teachers what's going on in the school that they might not otherwise know," Salhany said.

Jessing-Butz said that this year's staff got along very well, which was beneficial to the publication because they had to work as a team.

While the staff was considerably younger than last year's, Salhany said she was very impressed with what they could do.

Assistant news editor Charles Wence (11) said he thought only a few Central students wanted to be on the *Register* staff because people were discouraged by the thought of doing so much work and did not think they had the time. He said a *Register* staff member had to be, "someone who was willing to work hard and had desire to put this publication out and not just pad their resume."





Crunching numbers for Success

Math club hosts event, places second to Prep

By Lynne Clure

he goal of the Math Department was to get more involved with the rest of the mathematical community.

On Nov. 2, Central hosted the Great Plains Math League competition for the first time. That was another one of math teacher Amanda Beery's objectives.

"My goal for this year was to host our own contest," she said.

She said the Great Plains sold tests to the specific schools so they could hold the competitions.

It was the same contest as the Brownell-Talbot and North High tournaments.

Central and seven others chools competed in several individual and team events.

Central was second only to Creighton Prep, beating out North, Duchesne and Ralston, among others.

The team of Scott O'Dell (12), Melissa Hepburn (12), Yasin Patterson (11), Preston Phelps (10), Deborah Philip (10) and Amanda Stastny (10) placed second in their relay event.

O'Dell said he was pleased they placed second.

"Of course we were expecting to win, but it was a big surprise that we beat North," he said.

He said they always thought they would win because they had inflated egos. That was the saying on the club's t-shirts this year.

He also said North was again their prime competition.

"They were by far the best math team in the state," he said.

Beery said the entire Math Club consisted of quite a few people.

"We had a big list, but we probably had 20-30 active members," she said.

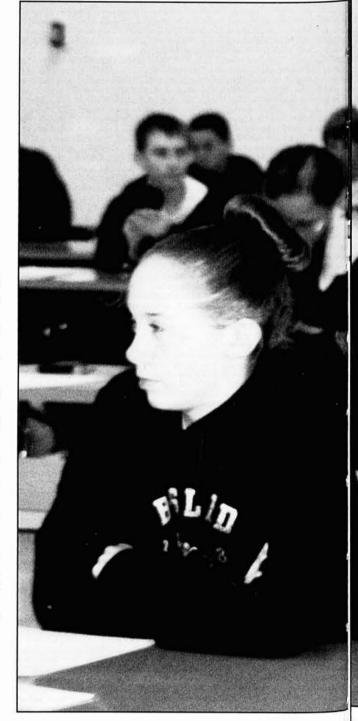
She said there are usually between 15 and 20 who actually compete at local tournaments.

In class, she said she held tests for about 40 of her students.

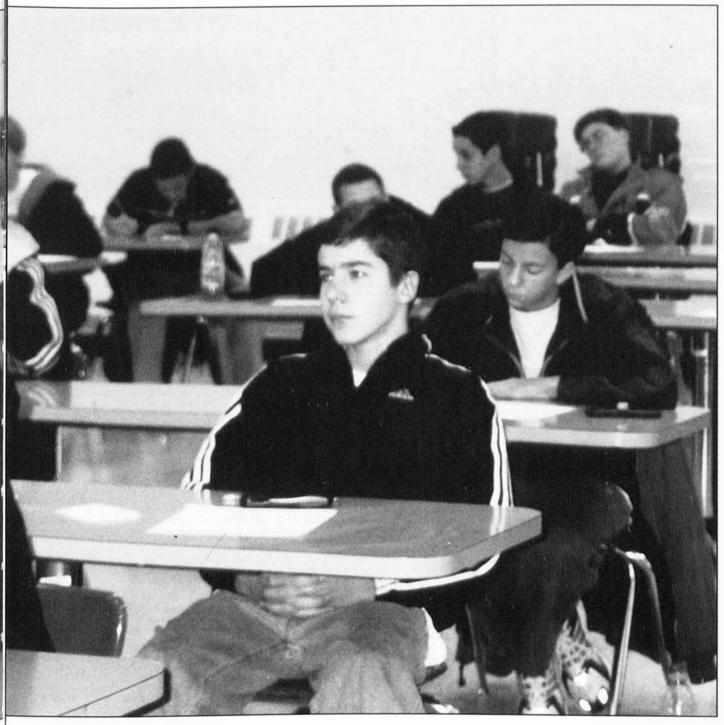
"We wanted to do better, and increase our scores," she said.

Other competitions they took part in were University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Math Day, Brownell-Talbot, North High and Northwest Missouri State.

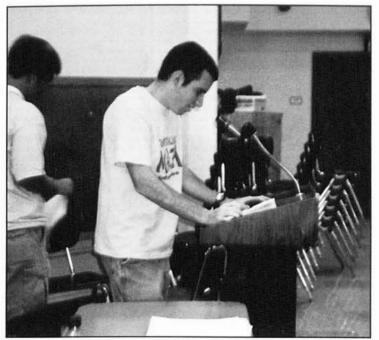
They also hosted their annual junior high competition, where club members helped give tests.











Above- Kaitlin Barr (10) and Christopher Kielion (10) listen attentively to the instructions for the event. They were a team for the relay. Each person would pass back an answer and the next in line would use it to derive the final solution. Photo by Lynne Clure

Far left- Math teacher Tarah Jansen places teams in their spots for the event. Central sponsored this particular competition.
Photo by Lynne Chire

Left- Aaron Maurice (12) reads the instructions for the team event, Central had two teams participate in the relay. Photo by Lynne Clure

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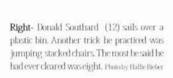
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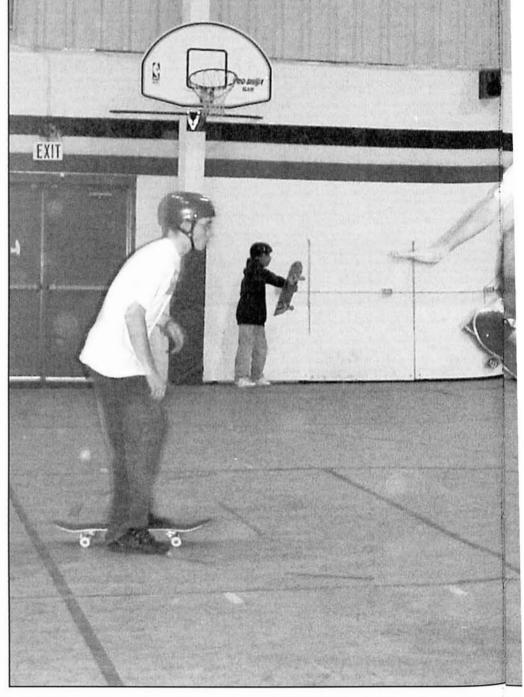
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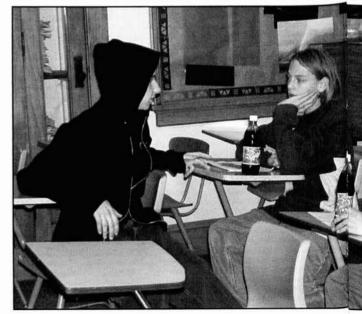


Above- Nathaniel Crook (12) and Donald Southard (12) wait for their turn down the quarter pipe. The indoor skate park was located in the gymnasium of The Salvation Army at 41st and Harrison.



Above-Donald Southard (12) performs a trick called a pop shove-it tail grab.
Photo by Hallie Bielser

Right- Donald Southard (12) turns to talk to Brandon Price (10) and Juan Chaparro (11). The club made posters and t-shirts this year. Photo by Meredith Grunke





Hotevs make hobby

Skateboarding Club plans for its second year By Hallie Bieber

Well over 60 clubs fill the rooms at Central. With the more traditional clubs like Math Club and French Club, the Skateboarding Club stood out among the crowd.

The Skateboarding Club, which is fairly new, started a little over a year ago. At one of the freshmen orientations there was a list that students and parents could voice their ideas for new clubs. Someone's mother requested a Skateboarding Club and Patti Gatzke made the idea a reality.

Christine Mills, English teacher, became the sponsor.

"I hung with the skateboarding clique in high school and I decided it would be fun," Mills said.

At the beginning, Mills said she was surprised at the response to the club. The membership ranged from about eight to nine active members.

"I was surprised to see that they wanted to come after school," she said. "I think they want to have a place to just talk about skating."

The club's president Donald Southard (12) has been skateboarding for over three years.

"It keeps my sanity intact and clears my mind," Southard said.

Members met every other Thursday for half an hour to 45 minutes. They sometimes went to the outdoor skatepark near 79th and Cass or to Robert's Park.

Southard began skating his freshman year. He said he taught himself everything he knows how to do, from jumping over seven chairs to just street skating.

Southardand another Skateboarding Club member Nathaniel Crook (12) have been friends since their freshman year. They shared a love for skating and spent a good amount of time this year filming and editing a skateboarding video they shot at various locations around Omaha.

"What is the most fun to do is go downtown late at night with a camera and just skate," he said. "My friend gave me an editing program for my computer and that's how we have been putting the video together."

Southard said he hopes to continue skating for as long as possible, as long as his body stays together. He has never had any broken bones, but has dealt with numerous sprained ankles and massive bruises.

Last year the Skateboarding Club received a grant and held a skateboarding competiton in the gym of the Salvation Army on 41st and Harrison, which housed a make-shift indoor skate park.

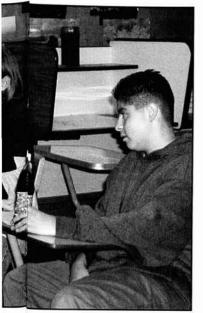
"We were hoping to hold a few more competitions this year, the group said around three," Mills said. "They wanted to have a few with bands, but we have no money to pay for the rental of the skate park."

The group was talking about possibly have an entry fee to compete in the competions.

Mills said the members spent club meetings designing posters to encourage new membership, watching videos and looking at skate magazines. At the first meeting they contacted a company to make their club tee shirts.

In the future Mills said they hoped to have a few guest speaker come to their meetings.

"This club is unlike any other club," Mills said. "It's very fullfiling and laid-back."





Left- Nathaniel Crook (12) lands a 180. A 180 is a trick in which the skater starts one way and turns the other way all in the same motion. Photo by Hallie Bieber

The Micodo, another successful production

Different kind of musical still draws crowds

By JV Dorsey

political satire in which love conquers all.
This was how Drama department head and productions director John Gibson summed up the fall musical production of "The Mikado."

"The Mikado" is a satire from a British point of view about two Japanese men, Koko and Nanki-Poo, who want the same woman. When they make a life and death trade, things go comically awry.

"It was a different type of musical from the ones usually put on [at Central]." Gibson said. "I picked it because I believed these kids deserved to be challenged both musically and theatrically."

The first step in bringing The Mikado to the stage was to find the cast.

After that, Gibson and the cast went through eight weeks of practice, two hours a day.

Brian Fahey(12) was cast in one of the lead parts. He said it was stressful but rewarding.

"It took a lot of time and commitment, but it was worth it when the end result was an excellent high school production," he said.

The cast was Fahey as Koko, Jonathan Raftery (11) as Nanki-Poo, Jennifer Castello (9) as Katisha, Icy Simpson (12) as Peep-Bo, Kaley Eledge (11) as Pitti-Sing, Michael Kern (12) as Pooh-Bah and Mark Zoll (12) as Pish-Tush.

Unlike past years, there was only one student matinee before the product started.

It was held after school the day before "The Mikado" officially started.

"It was small, but it gave the cast a chance to try it out completely and it was well received," Gibson said.

Since the traditional student matinees were not held, the Drama Department had to find a way to supplement the money it usually made from them.

It offset the costs by having a concert in the auditorium

"The concept of Band-aid originally started with some students and it just took off from there," Gibson said. "Mrs. Smith planned it, four bands volunteered and we made about \$1,000."

The play went extremely well and Gibson said this was due to the great students behind the curtains.

Sarah White (12) said she was head of costumes and makeup, which was an extremely stressful job.

"With only two people helping me it was crazy," she said. "I needed to do five things at once, but it was cool to see the cast in full costume and makeup. It was fun."

New this year at the weekend matinee was the two hour preceding brunch.

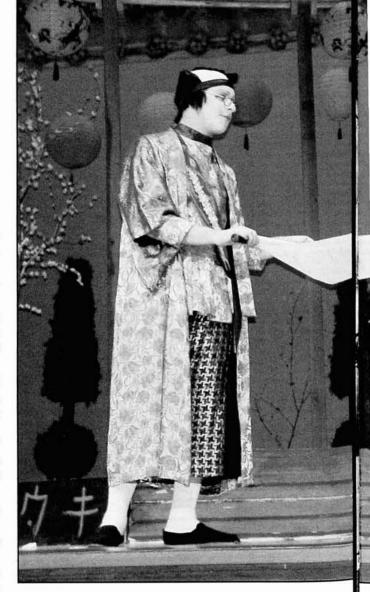
It was held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 3 and 150 people attended.

"The brunch was wonderful and very well attended," Gibson said. "We won't do it every year, but it was a nice way to end the musical's run."

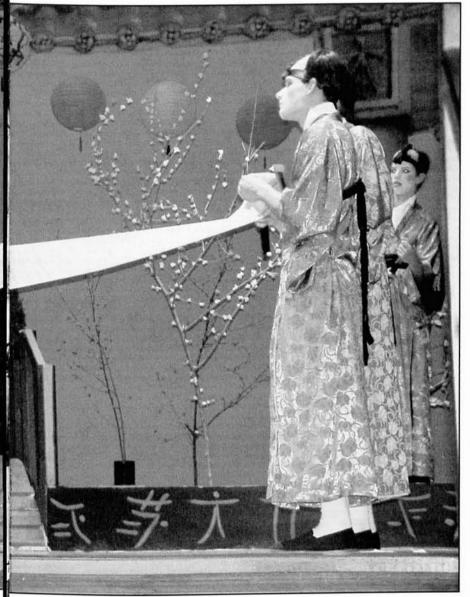
Due to renovations, "The Mikado" might be the last musical in the auditorium for a while.

"We don't have the final word on what will happen with the auditorium, but we are prepared for anything," he said. "Maybe we'll have dinner theater in the court yard or hold a musical at the Joslyn Museum. This just means we have to be creative."

The "Mikado" ran from Nov. 1-3.







Left- Brian Fahey (12) and Jason Nehrig (11) hold a scroll of names. The scroll listed those to be executed during the play Photo by Kaitlin Jessing-Butz

Below- Brian Fahey (12) rehearseshis lines in a rehearsal for "The Mikado." Fahey was Koko, one of the lead roles in the play. Photo by JV Docey







Far left- Angela Fraley (12) applies makeup to Katlin Peterson (10). The actors and actresses wore white makeup with lipstick and blush to emphasize the Japanese influence in the script. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Left- Fahey and the chorus sing together after his first appearance on the stage. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing, Butz

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ENGLISH 1-8/ AP- STU-DENTS READ A WIDE VARI-ETY OF LITERATURE IN THESE COURSES, THEY ALSO FOCUS ON WRITING EXPOSITORY THEMES AND RESEARCH PA-PERS.

BASIC READING- AL-THOUGH PRIORITY IS PLACED ON STUDENTS WITH READING DISABILITIES, STUDENTS WHO FAIL MAY MAKE UP ONE SEMESTER BY ENROLLING IN THIS CLASS.

JOURNALISM- THIS CLASS IS AN INTRODUCTION TO JOUR-NALISM AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEDIA.

O-BOOK/YEARBOOK-STUDENTS PRODUCE THE YEARBOOK

REGISTER/NEWSPAPER-THE NEWSPAPER PRODUC-TION COURSE, THE STAFF PRODUCES THE PAPER SEVEN TIMES A YEAR.

CREATIVE WRITING- THIS CLASS DEVELOPS STUDENTS' WRITING TECHNIQUES.

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Teaching leadership for life

Numbers, enrollment down this year in ROTC

By Lynne Clure

n a year when patriotism was flying high, enrollment in JROTC was down.

Instructor Lieutenant Colonel Mike Melvin attributed that fact to a lack of communication. He said that because it was his first year, hedid not know how to let incoming freshmen know about the program.

Hesaid beginning enrollment was down about 10 percent, but the retention rate was pretty high. He said there were approximately 20 fewer students than the previous year.

Melvin also said once they got the counselor's assistance and went into the freshman-only Pathways classes, interest generated quickly.

Since he became aware of the recruitment that needed to be done, he hoped enrollment next year would top the past few.

Melvin said there were many benefits to JROTC. It taught leadership, team-building, citizenship and life skills, consisting of everything from first aid to geography.

It was full of life lessons everyone should learn, Melvin said.

He stressed that JROTC was not recruitment for the military. Last year, out of the 18 seniors enrolled, four went on to join the military.

It was also a good class to take if the military was an option, he said.

Melvin also said it explored many different aspects that reached every student.

Aron Cobbs (12) took the class his junior year.

"I asked people about the class...you got to learn about the military and that was one area I wasn't versed in," he said.

He also said it helped him in his other classes and was a good class to take, but he did not wish to continue.

"It wasn't for me...I appreciated the class for what it was, but it wasn't anything I was interested in," Cobbs said.

He said he was not really looking into the military, but he had not ruled it out, either.

"I was [considering the military]... maybe the Naval Academy," he said. "It depends on how much money I get."

Annette Wilder (11) was in her second year of JROTC.

"Originally, it was just about ... getting out of gym," she said.

She said that after her first year was completed, she found out that it was interesting and taught good skills for life-leadership as well as citizenship.

Wilder said she was commander of the Courtesy Patrol and participated in the Drill Team as well.

The Courtesy Patrol passed out rosters at football games to fans and helped out in other areas as well.

She said there was a variety of activities within military science, including the Academic Decathlon ROTC, which is a more academic competition. She said the questions were about various things-mapmaking, first aid, citizenship and even a little history.

Another competitive team was the rifle team. This was a select group which worked on marksmanship and rifling techniques, Wilder said. They are the only ones allowed to use the rifle range in the basement of the school. Wilder said she was not a part of this team.

She said that she probably won't take the course again next year due to schedule conflicts.

JROTC members had other opportunities they could take advantage of. They participated in a map competition at Schramm State Park and a mass casualties drill at Camp Ashland.

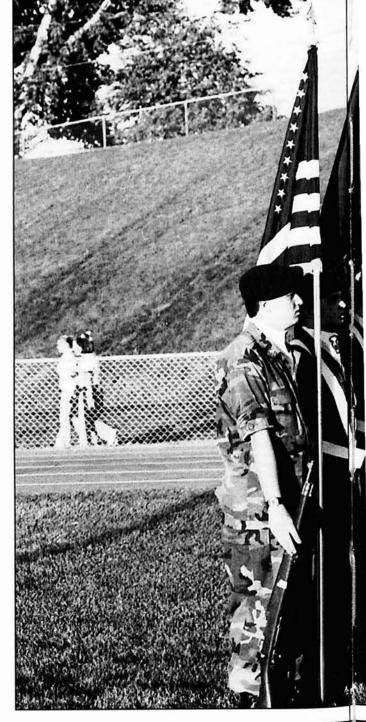
At Camp Ashland, participants were given descriptions of their injuries and told how to act. Some were more severe than others.

Military officers then practiced identifying in juries, writing reports and loading patients in and out of ambulances.

Cadets were able to choose how much they wanted to participate in activities. Some did several extracurriculars.

Cadets were required to wear the issued uniforms about once a week, according to the course catalog.

Melvin said he hoped enrollment would improve in the future, with the proper recruiting techniques. He planned to target more freshmen and recruit early.





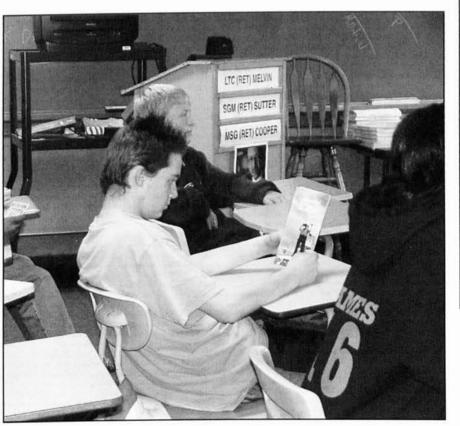




Far left- The JROTC Color Guard prepares to present the colors at a home football game. At games, the hand played the national anthem following the presention of the flags and then played the school song. Pour squad and cheer leaders danced to the school song. Photoly, Merelinh Gunke.

Left- Instructor Dwaine Suffer tells his students the proper way to march and stay together, JROTC often practiced zero hour in the new gym. Photo by Merelith Grunke.

Below- Some students sit in their ninth hour JROTC class. There were quite a few empty desks in most of the ROTC classrooms. Photoby Meredith Grunke



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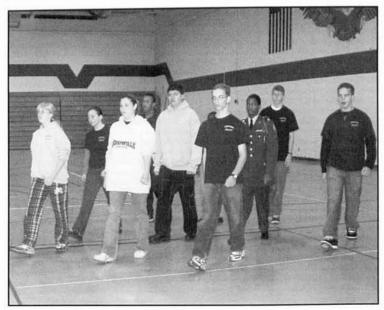
COURSES OFFERED

JROTC 1-8- THE HIGH SCHOOL ROTC PROGRAM IS FOCUSED AROUND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. THE COURSES STRESS RESPONSIBILITY AND SELF-DISCIPLINE, AS WELL AS THOSE TRAITS CHARACTERISTIC TOGOODLEADERS. THE COURSES DO NOT FORCE COMMITMENT TO THE MILITARY, BUT CADETS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE ISSUED UNIFORMS ONCE A WEEK, STUDENTS BEGIN IN JROTC 1-2 and can then take the UPPER LEVEL COORSES, UP TO FOUR CREDITS OF ROTC CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES, AND MANY STUDENTS CHOOSE TO DO SO,

MARKSMANSHIP-THIS IS A CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY IN WHICH STUDENTS LEARN ADVANCED METHODS OF MARKMANSHIP TO PREPARE FOR RIPLE COMPETI-TIONS.

DRILL TEAM/ COLOR GUARD-ALSO A CO-CURRICULAR ACTIV-ITY, CADETS LEARN ADVANCED METHODS OF DRILL FOR COMPE-TITION.





Far left- Gregory Merrill (12) leads the team in a turn. The team still had to stay together and march on just the right count. Photo by Mendith Graphs

Left- The JROTC Drill Team marches together at practice. They were a competitive team that developed concentration and dedication. Photo by Merelith Canada.

Rock dimbing veaches new height

Club numbers grow, provides challenges and exercise

By Tammi Cooks

Cach month the Rock-Climbing Club visited the South/SouthWest YMCA to scale its climbing wall.

Jean Whitten, Science Department head and sponsor of the club, said the YMCA allowed the club members to climb without having to pay a fee.

The only restriction was the amount of people allowed to attend each time.

Tenclimbers and five belayers, those who stand on the ground and hold the ropes securing the climbers, could so

Before climbing, this simple conversation took place:

The climber said, "On Belay?"

The belayer said, "Belay on."

The climber said, "I'm climbing."

The belayer said, "Climb on."

This exchange of words were meant to insure the safety of the climber.

Since space was limited, students who turned in their permission slips first were able to go climbing.

"Initially, many people were interested in the club because it sounded fun, but when it came to the actual climbing, people had to be motivated," Whitten said.

Except for a professional who oversaw the climbers, giving only technical advice, the climbers were left to scale the walls on their own.

The gray walls, colored with route markers and speckled with foot and arm holds, were each about 30 feet high.

Gregory Merrill(12)saidclimbing was a challenge until a person became used to it.

"Some struggled while climbing," he said. "It just depended on how long you had been climbing."

Concentration and trust were important for safety.

The climber had to be focused on finding the next foot or arm hold and keeping their balance, and the belayer had to be attentive to the climber at all times.

"Trust was very important," Nora Prazan (12), copresident of the club said. "You were responsible for other's safety."

Prazan also said that before students could belay other students, they had to take a class and become a certified belayer.

"The climber had to trust that the belayer would catch them if they fell," Prazan said.

Peter Sullivan (12), co-president of the club, who originally joined the club because it was different and not popularly known, said the club had a big impact on his life.

"I'm busy all the time now, but it's a lot of fun," he said.

Sullivan was involved in planning climb dates, passing out permission slips and ordering T-shirts and sweatshirts for the club's members.

Merrill also said he felt the club impacted his life.

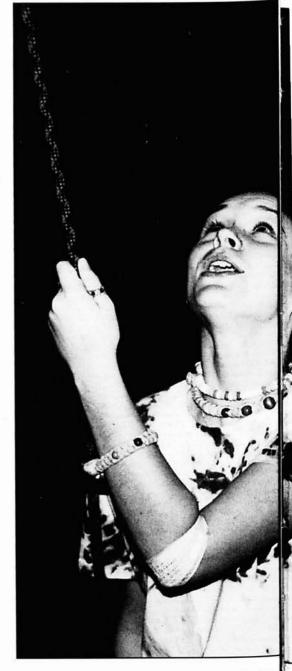
"Climbing gave me more confidence, especially when I made it over the hard ones," he said.

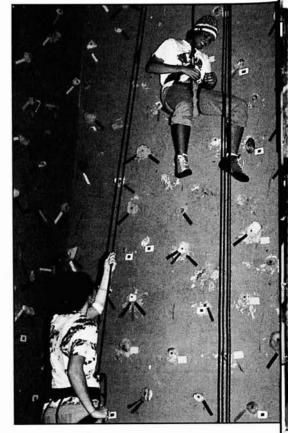
Aside from giving students the chance to experience climbing for the first time, the club also allowed other students to continue with a hobby.

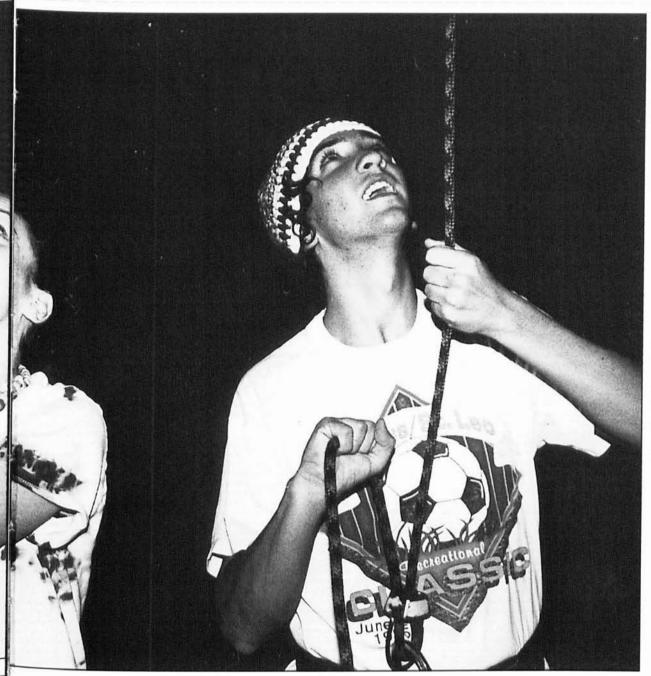
"I went rock climbing over the summer and I wanted to continue climbing during school," Michelle Peare (11) said.

In the future, Central climbers may not have to stray too far from school.

The Downtown YMCA is planning to build a wall, and because of a partnership with theorganization, Whitten said, students would be allowed to climb there.







Left- Kimberly Elliott (12) and Alex Jochim (12) pull on the ropes attached to their harnesses. The climbers were careful to make sure all of their safety gear was in place. Phomby Katie Ander!

Below-Kimberly Elliott (12), Wesley Brown (11), Peter Sullivan (12), Nora Prazan (12) and Alex Jochim (12) remove their harnesses after the climb. The YMCA had to certify all climbers and train them on proper techniques so no one would be injured. Pastoly Katle Andel





Left- Kimberly Elliott (12) mans the ropes while Alex Jochim (12) descends from his climb. Each climber was also required to have a belayer to watch him and make sure everything was in place. Photo by Katie Anderl

Above.-Jean Whittenassists Rebecca Sullivan (10) as she prepares to scale the wall. The walls had colorful foot and hand holds to grab onto to help climbers maintain their balance. Photo by Katle Anderi



"[I joined] to try something new. It was fun because we had a good group of people who came climbing each time and new people were a lot of fun too." - Nora Prazan (12)



"It's [Rock Climbing Club] hard work that gets you in shape." – Jillian Risavi (12)

Troining former athle

Student trainers learn to treat injuries, athletes

By April Gayer

equirement for graduation from high school includes having two full years of physical education. After being introduced to the Physical Education Department, some students took it further than just the requirement.

Along with weight training, individual sports, team sports and aerobics, students at Central took part of an extra-curricular class called Student Trainers.

Mike Demilia, athletic trainer at Central, was the instructor for this class.

Duties that he was asked to perform on a daily basis included wrapping various sprains including ankles and knees, various muscle pulls including hamstrings and knee muscles and ice baths.

Students involved with the Student Trainer class, including Folasade Hinson (12) and Ashanti Weaver (12), also helped on many of these various in juries that occured everyday.

"I really like being able to add to making an athlete play better by being able to fix what they hurt," Hinson said.

When athletes hurt themselves during a game and a doctor was not there for whatever is needed, the trainers were always ready.

At football games or basketball games, at soccer or swimming, the trainers were always there ready to go with water bottles full and what medical supplies that they thought they would need to use.

Weaver said she thought that being involved with student trainers helped her to try harder at other things with school and become more focused.

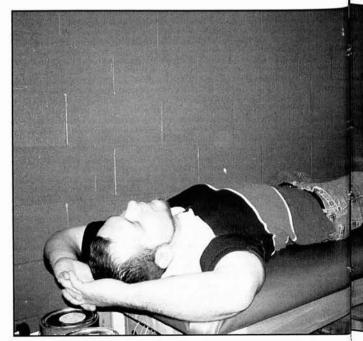
She said that no matter what they did, taping fingers or knees, it was always a fun learning experi-

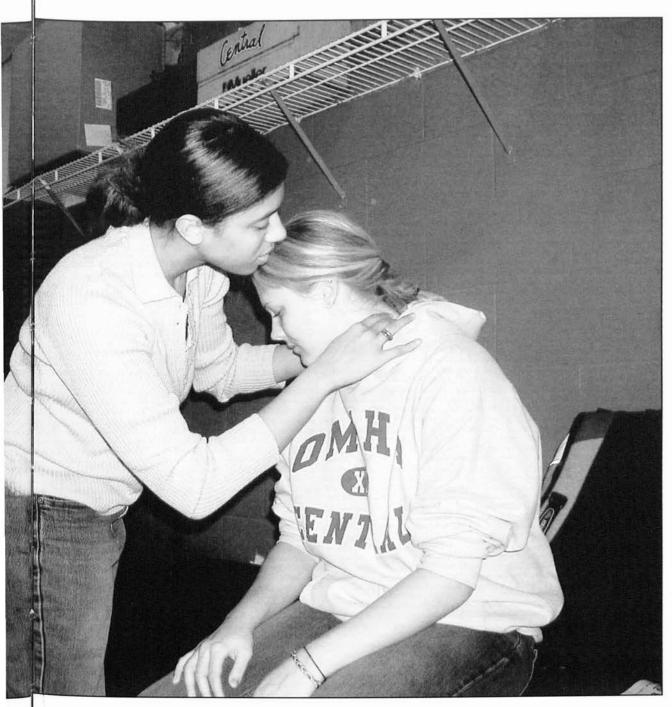
"Being an active athlete almost year round, I am really glad that we have such good student trainers for all the help that they give to not just me but to all of the students at Central," Cortney Grixby (10) said.

Michelle Harris (12) was injured her sophomore year and still remembered the treatment that she received from the trainers. During a basketball game, Harris was knocked down and was carried off of the court by trainers who were able to help her quickly get back to the game.

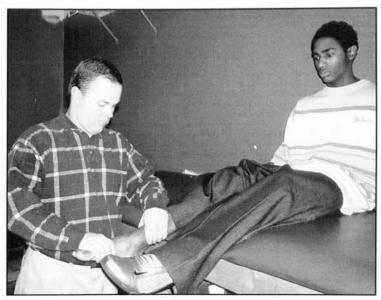
"The trainers looked at my ankle, wrapped it up and I was back in the game," Harris said.











Top left- Ashanti Weaver (12) looks at Ashley Wilds' (11) neck. Weaver-waschecking on soreness in Wilds' neck. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Far left- A trainer from the University of Nebraskaat Omaha inspects John Petersen's (12) leg. He tore his ACL earlier this year. Petersen was one of the football captains this year. Photo by Merotith Grunke

Left- Head trainer Michael Demilia checks out Avery Tyler's (9) ankle. He sprained his ankle and had Demilia make sure everything was all right. Photo by Meredith Grunke

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WEGHT TRAINING- EM-PHASIZES CORRECT TECH-NIQUES WITH WEIGHTS AND UNIVERSAL MACHINES, GOALS ARE, TO IMPROVE STRENGTH, DESIBILITY AND ENDURANCE.

AERORICS - FOCUS IS ON STRENGTHERING AND TON-ING. STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP CARDIO-VASCU-LAR FITNESS, IT ALSO IN-CLIDES NUTRITIONAL INFOR-MATION AND HOW TO DE-VELOP A FITNESS PROCERAM.

LIFETIME SPORTS- OFFERS LESSONS IN SEVERAL LESSIRE SPORTS, SUCH AS TENNIS, RADMINTON, BOWLING, COLF AND ARCHERY.

TEAM SPORTS- CARDROVASCULAR ENDURANCE IS EMPHASIZED THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BASKITBALL, SOCCER, AND FLAG FOOTBALL, ACTIVITIES ARE CONTINUOUS AND HIGHEY AFRORIC.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS INTRODUCTS STUDENTS TO SEVERAL CARRERS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS FIELD, BIOLOGY 1-2 IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THIS COURSE, STUDENTS ARE CERTIFIED IN CPR AND FIRST. AID, THEY ALSO LEARN BASIC ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY, ALTHOUGH A PART OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IT DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD THE REQUIRED CREDITS FOR GRADUATION.

LIFETIME FITNESS- DI-HECTED MORE FOR ATHLETES, THIS IS THE ONE COURSE THAT REQUIRES PERMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD TO ENTER. IT FOCUSES ON DEVELOPMENT AND MAIN-TENANCE OF PHYSICAL FIT-NESS. ACTIVITIES AND CARDIO-RESPIRATORY WORK-OUTS ARE DESIGNED TO IM-PROVE SUCH SKILLS AS VER-TICAL JUMP, SPRINTING SPEED, STRENGTH AND AGEITY.







Central's IROTC members standaround instructor Michael Melvinawaiting their instructions from the National Guard servicemen. Each person was given a different in jury and told how to act so the enlisted military personell could identify their wounds. Photo by Lynne Clur

Kyle Kenkel (10) and Gregory Merrill (12) discuss the false appendages on the table in front of them. Some of the JROTC members who faked in juries were given bloody arms to strap to themselves. Photo by Halfie Bieber

This ambulance was used to transport the JROTC volunteers to the hospital. All of the students m in one building where they received their instructions before being taken away on ambulances.

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JROTC members travel to Ashland for a special military drill

A narrative by Hallie Bieber (12) [co-editor in chief]

When I first heard about the Mass Casualties Drill, I pictured JROTC members dressed with fake blood and other gory appendages hiding in the woods waiting for the Marines to recover them. Wow, I thought, that would be cool to take photos of.

Italked to Sgt. Sharon Cooper about the activity for a few minutes. It turned out that the bus for Camp Ashland was leaving at 4:45 the next Sunday morning in the TAC parking lot. Shocked, I walked away reconsidering how cool the whole thing would be. I discussed the idea of going with Lynne Clure (12) |clubs and academics editor] and we decided that if our parents allowed us to go we would make the alleged 45-minute car ride following the bus.

The night before the event, which was on Oct. 20. Lynneand I made plans to meet at 4:30 in order to make it on time. I hadn't been up that early in a long time, and I wasn't looking forward to it.

Lynne met me with sleepy eyes and tales of her trouble getting to sleep the night before. I had trouble sleeping as well. It was almost like the anticipation before Christmas; we knew something was going to happen, we just didn't know what.

When we got to TAC, Meredith Grunke (12) [coeditor in chief] was waiting for us with cold cans of Mountain Dew, which were like heaven. We sat in my car trying to stay warm. I got out to talk to Lt. Col. Mike Melvin for a moment. It was then I realized I might be in for an interesting day, because he told me to be wary of the rough roads.

We took off at around 4:50 and hopped on the interstate. I followed the blue United States Air Force buses because I had never been to Ashland. We seemed to stay on the same stretch of highway for a very long time. Lynne and I began to wonder how far we were actually going because it had been longer than 45 minutes. The morning was still dark. The only lights were our headlights and the bright, yellow moon.

We laughed when we saw a sign for the University of Nebraska Agricultural Center. But when we turned on a dirt road leading to it, I was confused. We sat, trying to decipher where we were and what we were doing there. Out of the darkness, men and women in camouflage began to appear, their guns strapped upon their backs. Lynne and I looked at one another and laughed nervously. The bus driver came over then, telling us to turn around because we were heading to Camp Ashland, where I originally thought we were going in the first place.

I followed the buses down a very bumpy and uneven road into the checkpoint at Camp Ashland, and upon arrival Lynne and I had to show ID. We were led into a long building where Meredith, Lynne and I sat

with our cameras ready for action.

The sun began to rise as each JROTC member was given a slip of paper with a scenerio on it, describing an in jury or ailment. They were to wait for instructions on where to go. They were told that if they ever became uncomfortable to say "real world" and they would be given assistance. Otherwise they were to act the part of the injury they were given. Stretchers were brought in, the military ambulances drove up and the first group of students was taken to an unknown destination.

As we waited, we stood by a few refrigerators. Turning I saw a warning sign pasted onto each of them that read: WARNING R-12 contains a substance which harms public health and environment by destroying the ozone in the upper atmosphere.

The aspiring photojournalist I am, took a few photos thinking I had uncovered secret government warfare. I later found out that R-12 is what keeps refrigerators cool.

As the students from Central participating in the Mass Casualties Drill lined up for the ambulence to take them the other site, Lynne and I readied ourselves to hop in my car and follow. All of the men and women we encountered were polite and ready to help us in any way to ensure we got what photos we needed. As a helicopter buzzed overhead, I drove behind the ambulance to an open field scattered with numerous tents and swarms of camo-people.

The ambulance with our kids in it arrived first and we sped-walked in order to catch up. All of a sudden a man in army garb stopped us and asked for the password. Thinking he was joking, Lynne and I kept walking. When he grabbed her arm, I began to get nervous.

"We have a couple prisoners of war here," he said over his walkie-talkie.

He walked us to a tree where he stood guard over us, reminding us that if, in fact, it were a real war it is standard procedure to take prisoners of war who don't know the password.

"Do we look like we would do anything?" I asked

Finally, he allowed us to catch up to our group and take photos, only he followed directly behind us, telling whoever would listen that we were the prisoners of war.

We decided, two rolls of film and close to 60 photos later, that it was time to make the journey back home. At 10 we thanked Lt. Col. Melvin and exited Camp Ashland, passing by a ancient-looking tank.

A week or so later Lynne, Meredith and I received Certificates of Appreciation from Melvin and the JROTC program. It made me proud. Despite the fact that we woke at 4, drove through countless dirt roads and been taken prisoners of war, the JROTC Mass Casualties Drill was an interesting event that changed my perspective of the military in general.





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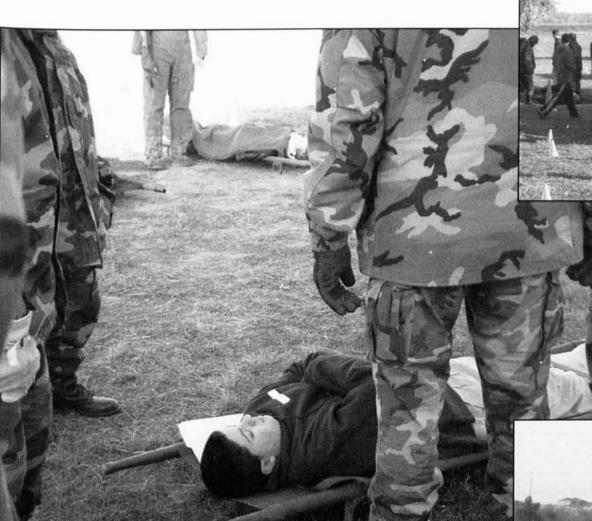
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Gregory Merrill (12) lies on a stretcherwhile a soldier examines his injuries. Merrill acted out one of the more serious injuries, one in which his internal organs were outside of his body. Photo by Hallie Rieber

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This warning label was found on one of the refrigerators in the building the students were placed in Pions by Hallie Barber.





Left- Kyle Kenkel (10) lies on the ground, surrounded by members of the military. They analyzed his injuries and placed a paper on him with the official report. Photoly Lyme Cline

Below-Some students are rushed from the ambulance to the helicopter for faster transport, indo by Hallie Beber

Exploring the human orrotormy

Class helps students gain experience in medicine

By Kaitlin Hartnett

For the first time, Central offered a class on the blueprints of the human body. This class was called Anatomy and Physiology.

"The class itself was not difficult," anatomy teacher Linda Brock said. "But it did make students think about what they were doing."

She also said the students who took the class were trying to determine whether they wanted to go into the medical field.

Meagan Page (12) said she took the class to help her possibly get a degree in pediatric physical therapy.

"It was like almost any other science class," she said. "We did labs, and there were professionals from the medical area who came to speak to us about what they did."

Although it was similar toother classes, Brock said they did things a little differently as well.

"We did look at certain organs of other mammals," she said. "We dissected a sheep's heart and eyes, the kidneys of a cow and small pig."

For the year, anatomy was not considered an honors course, unless a student applied for honors credit.

There were certain prerequisites involved and the class had a degree of difficulty to it, Page said.

"To take this class, it was recommended that students have at least one year of chemistry or physics, preferably honors," Brock said. "It wasn't exceedingly difficult, but there was a lot of terminology to remember, You couldn't cram for this class."

She also said since the class mostly consisted of

honors students, the group as a whole was incredibly smart and basically everybody had a good grade.

"Only four or five students out of 70 failed the class," she said. "But that was because they weren't willing to do the work and memorization involved."

Even so, the students who were failing often got involved in almost everyone's favorite part of the class, which was group discussion.

"The class discussions were definitely my favorite part," Page said. "It gave everyone a chance to sort of say what was on their minds, as long as it was relevant to the topic."

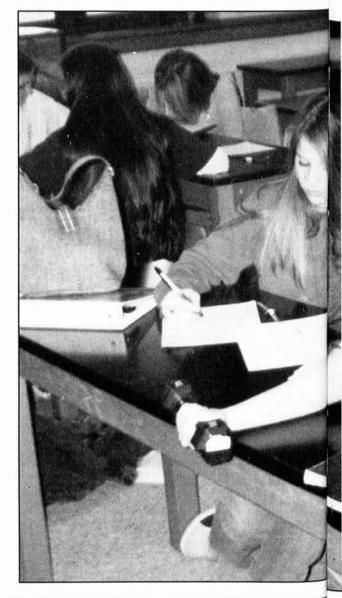
The main idea of the class was "structure determined function," Brock said. To prove the statement was true, she made plans to go see the cadaver labs at the Nebraska Medical Center. The cadavers were bodies that had been donated to the university center for research.

"Everyone kept calling it a morgue," Brock said.
"But that was absolutely incorrect. It was just a really
big science lab, like you would have seen in physics,
biology or chemistry."

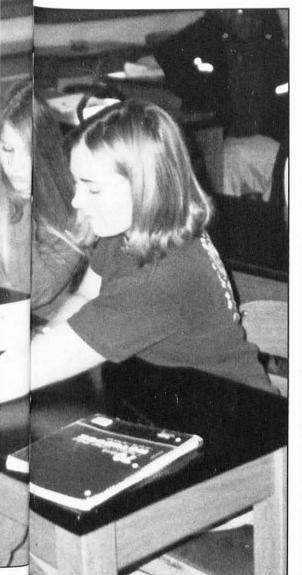
Page said going to see the cadavers actually would have been a completely new experience for most students.

"We were really excited about going to see the lab as a class," she said. "But a small amount of people thought it might have been kind of gross."

The anatomy classes were offered fourth and seventh hours.

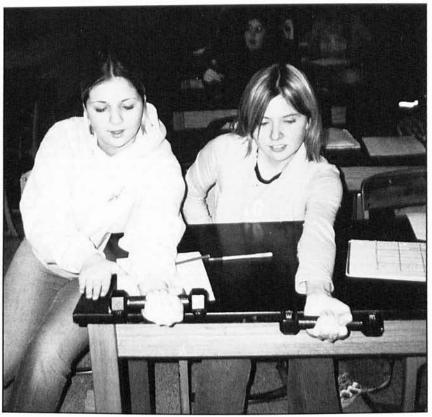






Left- Valerie Niemeier (12) records the information as her lab partner, Jessica Reiss (12) performs bicep curls. Photoby JV Docey

Below- Cassie Dalrymple (12) and Nitasha Dickes (12) do wrist curls in an anatomy lab. The class was working on a lab about muscle fatigue. Photo by JV Dorsey







Left- Michelle James (12) and Corinn Grabow (12) discuss a lab write up. Lab work and write-ups were a big part of the class. Photo by JV Dorsey

Far left- Jaclyn Rahaman (12), Lindsay Tejral (12) and Sarah Umland (10) laugh at David Watson's (12) lab time antics. Umland was the only underclassman in either section of Anatomy and Physiology. Photo by JV Dorsey.

SCIENCE

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Courses Offered

BIOLOGY - MANY LEVELS
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TOPICS COVERED.

CHEMISTRY-LEVELS OF THIS COURSE RANGE AS WELL, FROM CHEMISTRY 1-2 TO AP CHEMISTRY. THESE COURSES COVER ALL THE BASICS, SUCH AS ELEMENTS AND COMPOUNDS. THEY ALSO GO INTO ADVANCED CONCEPTS, SUCH AS ORBITAL THEORY AND THERMODYNAMICS.

PHYSICS COURSE OFFER-INCS VARY FROM PHYSICS FUNDAMENTALS 1-2 TO AP PHYSICS 1-2 BEGINNING WITH TOPICS SUCH AS EN-ERGY, WORK, FORCE, AND ACCELERATION, THESE ARE EXPLORED IN DEPTH WITH STUDIES ON OTHER SUBJECTS SUCH AS VECTORS AND KINE-MATICS.

EARTH SCIENCE 1-2- A COURSE EXPLAINING THE HUMAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EARTH. TOPKS INCLUDE GEOLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY, METEOROLOGY, PLATETICTONICS, AND ASTRONOMY.

HONORS ANATOMY AND PHYSICIACY 1-2-THIS SUB-HECT IS IDEAL FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO EATER THE MEDI-CAL FIELD. SUBJECT MATTER COVERED INCLUDES THE FUNCTIONS AND WORKINGS OF THE ORGAN SYSTEM, AS WELL AS MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT THISE SYSTEMS.

Team makes it to Stote

Two mock trial teams qualify for State competition

By Tahreem Aziz

t's not your average club," Lauren Prest (12) said about Mock Trial. "It challenged you and you found yourself hooked."

Prest joined Mock Trial last year by accident. She said she was just accompanying one of her friends to the meeting and Carol Hipp, adviser, handed her a packet so she joined. She decided to do it again this year because she had so much fun.

She said it taught her how to use logical techniques and taught her poise. She said she also learned that bias affects almost everything.

Mock Trial was a mixture between acting and debating a point, Prest said.

Her favorite part was how those components fit together to prove a point.

Kira O'Bradovich (11) said there were two sides, the prosecution and the defense.

The team had six people: three were assigned to be lawyers and the other three were witnesses. They usually alternated as to whether they were defense or prosecution, O'Bradovich said.

She joined Mock Trial because she loved to argue and wanted to be a lawyer.

"This was a great experience because it helped you with public speaking, memorization and familiarized you with the court system," O'Bradovich said.

Her favorite part was interacting with the other teams and trying to prove her point.

Lauren Holm (11) decided to Mock Trial because her sister was in it. She said she used to go to the practices

and it was something that interested her.

Her favorite part was the practices because so much was done, but it was still so much fun.

"You learned how to think on your feet and how to use your critical thinking skills," Holm said.

She said it was really hard because it was not a class so time had to be taken out of her schedule.

O'Bradovich said that it was really hard and it was a lot of work

She had to memorize depositions, which are witness statements, the questions she was going to ask and the rulebook.

John De Mott (12) said he joined the team last year because there was a shortage of people, but he liked it so much that he decided to do it this year, too.

"It's engaging, it's like a wrestling of the mind," De Mott said.

His favorite part was the competitions and the people on his team.

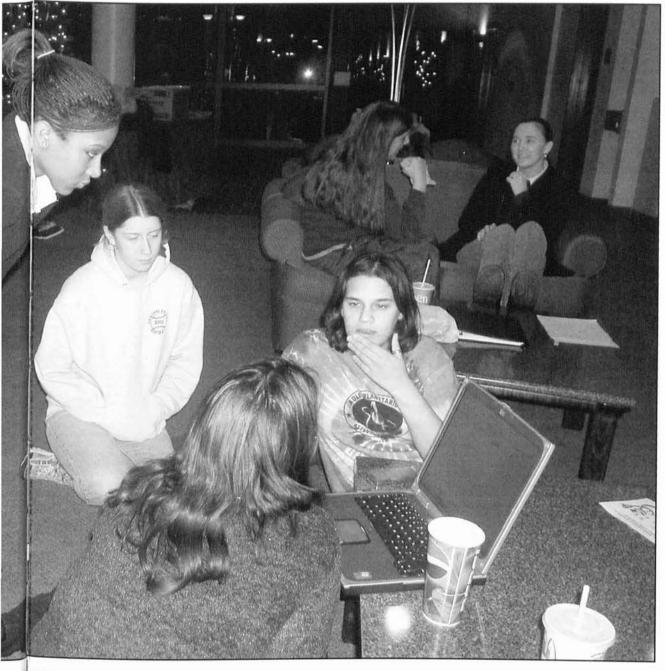
De Mott also said that he learned how to be poised because of Mock Trial. He also learned to speak better publicly and to think on his feet.

This year Central went to State, which was very rare, O'Bradovich said. She said they went to State last year, but this year both teams went.

There were only two spots from the Omaha area to go to State and Central received both. That basically meant that Central beat the Millard Schools, Westside, the parochial schools, and the other schools in Omaha Public Schools.







 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Left-} Norma Reynolds (12) leans over to see the files \\ pulled up on the laptop. The teams practiced with a lawyer coach when they could find the time. \\ \end{tabular}$

Below- Team members gather around to discuss the case. The feam practiced when they could and did role plays to prepare. There were two teams, each consisting of six members. Photoby Tahmem Aziz



Left- John DeMott (12) reads over some information in his case study. There were three witnesses and three play their case in preparation for State competition. The lawyers on each team. They were trained by a professional. Photo by Tahreem Aziz

tournament was held in Columbus. Photo by Tahmem Aziz



"It [Mock Trial] was a lot like guerrilla warfare, but instead of poison darts and guns, you use words."

-John DeMott (12)



"Mock Trial was an exciting, nerve-wracking, but fulfilling experience."

-Kira O'Bradovich (11)

Sudomese meet a vole model

ESL students hear Manute Bol speak

By Kaytee Meade

Anticipation was in the air on Oct. 4 as 16 Central students left the building and made their way to Benson High School, where they were to meet one of their role models.

Manute Bol, a 7-foot-7-inch Sudanese basketball player had just flown in from his home in Connecticut, and was to make a speech to all Sudanese students within the Omaha Public School district (OPS), whether elementary, middle, or high school age. He was also to take pictures and sign autographs for the students who attended the assembly.

Linda Ganzel, department head of English as a Second Language (ESL), and one of the sponsors of the visit, said that Bol came to raise awareness and fundraise for the Sudanese. Myong Kuon, who is a Sudanese paraprofessional in the ESL department, was the other sponsor of the visit. Kuon moved to America from Sudan with his brothers when he was 14 years old.

Bol started his own charity, the Ring True Foundation, which raises money for Sudanese causes. He came to Omaha for the weekend. A local Baptist church sponsored Bol's visit to Omaha. Bol also made several other appearances around the city where the public could come and hear him speak for free, including at the church.

Ganzel said she thought this was a good experience because it gave the kids motivation. She said that he was definitely well known among all of the kids, and most looked up to him as an idol.

"I'm kind of a big fan," Both Kuon (10) said.

Kuon said that he and his brothers have been living in America for seven years, since he was 5 years old. He said that it has been a big challenge learning to speak English.

Kuon said that the speech dealt with issues that are taking place in Sudan. He said it was quite a motivational talk.

Kuon said it was a great experience. He was also excited about the fact that he and his brother got to take pictures with Bol and received a basketball with Bol's autograph on it.

"I think we have lots of education experiences

for Latino kids, but very few specifically for the Sudanese," Ganzel said.

Polly Briles, who is a paraprofessional in the ESL department, said that clubs offered at Central like the Latino Leaders offer Latino kids many educational experiences that the others in the department will not be able to experience.

Marnie Best, who spent her first year as an ESL teacher at Central this year, said that even in the ESL classroom, it is easier to find people who speak Spanish to help the kids, and to find worksheets that are written in Spanish and English, rather than in other languages that are native to some of the students who take ESL. That is why she said she thought it was a good experience for the students to see Bol. She said that it was good that the kids got to experience something that they would not ordinarily be able to.

"It was an experience for me, because I had never seen Manute Bol before," Kuon said. "I would definitely like to do something like that again."

Briles said that it is not very often that the ESL students get a chance to hear a speaker from outside of class.

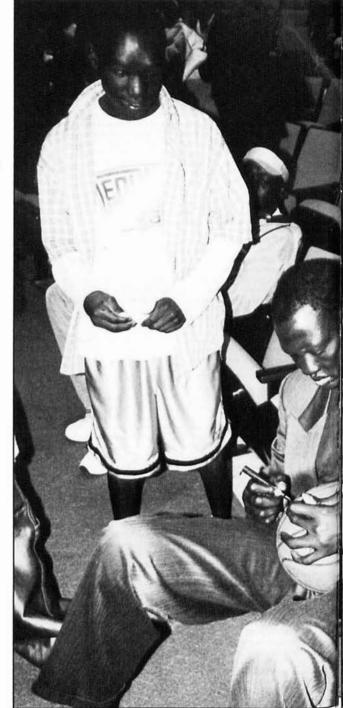
She said that she could not think of one other speaker who has come to speak to the students in all the years that she has been at Central.

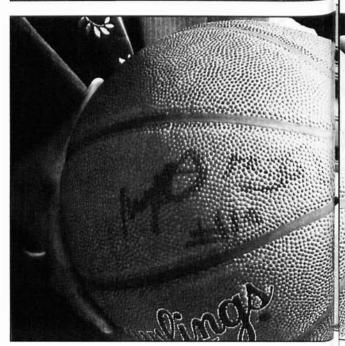
"I don't know of any others, and that's why his was so important," Briles said of Bol's speech.

Briles said that it was important for the students to go and hear Bol speak because he has experienced so much success in his life and the kids can look up to him as a role model for their own lives.

Briles said that in past years, the ESL department has organized trips to the opera, the zoo, the Western Heritage Museum and to see "The Christmas Carol." Briles said that some of the activities that the ESL department participates in are related to the International Club.

Briles also said that for the past two years, the department has hosted a banquet for the ESL students and their parents. The ESL staff hopes to do more activites like these in the future.





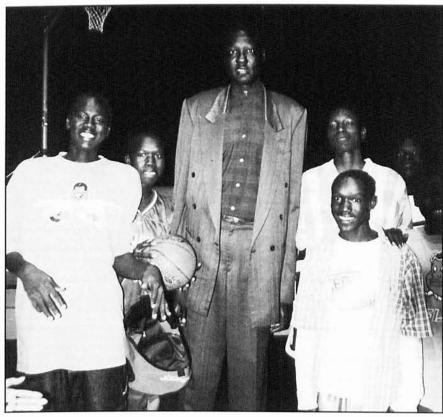




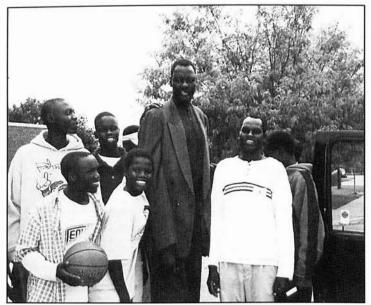


Left- Manute Bol poses with Sudanese students from Benson High School, Photo courtesy of Myong Knon

Below- Manute Bol hangs out with Duoth Kuon, Both Kuon, and Churl Lamq, along with students from other schools. Photo owirtesy of Myong Kuon







Far left- This is a ball signed by Manute Bol. He was a Sudanese basketball player who came to speak to Sudanese students. Photocourtesy of Myong Kuon

Left- Manute Bol says goodbye to all of the Sudanese students he met. Photo courtesy of Myong Kuon

English as a Second Language

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Courses Offered

ESL ENGLISH 1-6- THE BEGINNING LEVEL FOCUSES ON TEACHING SURVIVAL SKILLS LANGUAGE- SUCH AS ANSWERING THE BASIC QUES-TIONS AND PRONOUNCING SOUNDS CLEARLY ENOUGH TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY OTH-ERS. STUDENTS ARE ALSO TAUGHT TO NAME AND DE-SCRIBE COMMON NOUNS, AS THE LEVEL PROGRESSES, STU-DENTS INCREASE THEIR VO-CABULARY AND STUDY MORE INTENSE GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE. IN THE MOST ADVANCED LEVEL, STUDENTS ALSO PRACTICE READING COMPREHENSION,

ESL BASIC READING-BASIC READING SKILLS ARE INTRODUCED AND FRACTICED. COMPREHENSION, VOCABLI-LARY EXTENSION, AND IDEN-TIFYING MAIN IDEAS AND DETAILS ARE PRIMARY COALS OF THIS COURSE.

ESL MATH 1-2- TEACHES
BASIC MATH VOCABULARY IN
ENCLISH AS WELL AS THE
FOUR OPERATIONS AND THEIR
FUNCTIONS. THIS COURSE
DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
MATH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

ESL SOCIAL STUDIES PREPARATION— TEACHES HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL VOCABULARY WHILE COVERING AMERICAN HISTORY FROM PRE-COLUMBLS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA. IT ALSO TEACHES MAP SKILLS. IT DOES NOT SATISFY THE SOCIAL STUDIES GRADUATION CREDITS.

ESL TECHNOLOGY PREPARATION- A COMPUTER LITERACY CLASS FOR STUDENTS WITH LITTLE OR NO TECHNOLOGICAL BACKGROUND. COVERS BASIC PROGRAMS, INTERNET USE, KEYBOARDING AND WORD PROCESSING.

MATH ESSENTIALSGEARED TOWARDS STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT READY
FOR PRE-ALGEBRA, THIS
COURSE TEACHES MORE DIFFICULT OPERATIONS AND
BASIC GEOMETRY.

Playing for the love of the game

Students, faculty form teams

By Jamie Mincey

ntramural basketball players got to experience their love for the game by playing three-on-three ball. It was a competitive league. National Honor Society members such as Daniel Hilgendorf (12), Holly McCarthy (12), Anna Bolmeier (12) and Valerie Niemeier (12) kept scores.

The games were two 20 minute quarters and played on half courts in the new gym. Students such as Davon White (11), Ricardo Washington (11), Darryl Robinson(9) and Cortney Grixby (11) coached the teams. Sponsors were Jim Galus and Derek Leslie.

Members of the faculty also made up teams and played against the students. One team that played against the seniors was the Superstars, which consisted of former Varsity boys basketball coach Richard Behrens, Scott Wilson, Ryan Wise, Brent Larson and John Hammil.

The season started out well for the Celtics, which was a senior team, made up of Chae Glass (12), Joseph Holzapfel (12), Devon Richards (12), Damien Cardwell (12) and Lucas Maty ja (12). Maty ja scored 28 points, which helped beat the Lakers. The Lakers were Michael Jernigan (12), Steven Hogan (11), Cleophas Stevenson (12) and Johnny Tapley (12).

Other teams that played for the seniors were Pis-

tons, Kings and Magic.

Former graduate Ryan Colvin assisted the All-Americans along with Derek Leslie, Scott Hodges and Chad Townsend. Unfortunately, the teachers lost to the Mavericks. The students who played for the Mavericks were Nelson Brooks (10), James Cannon (11), Donald Hayes (10), and Austin Henley (11).

The other teams that played for the juniors were the Wizards, Suns, Warriors and the Heat. Due to lack of members, both freshmen and sophomores did not have teams.

"We wanted to give students something to do who liked to play basketball," Galus said.

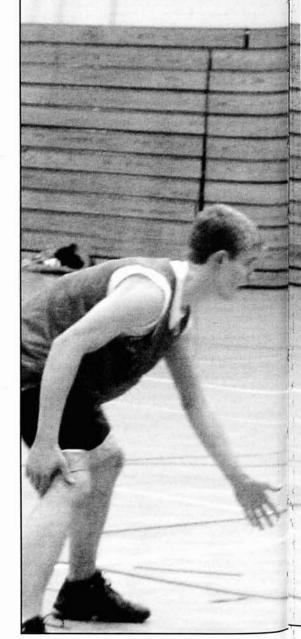
Intramural players ranged from former basketball players to football players to students who just liked to play basketball.

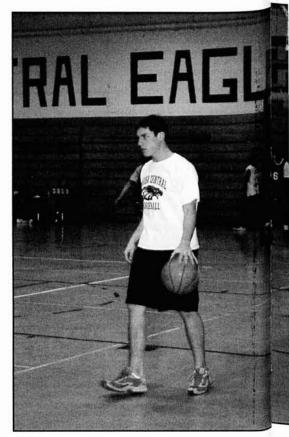
Some players did not go out for the basketball team, were cut or were not eligible to play on the team.

Games were watched by anyone who came, but mainly by family members and student spectators.

Intramural players did not practice because they had no gym time and they played for fun.

"I think it was good for the kids to still be competitive," Galus said.







Left- Steven Hogan (11) looks for an opportunity to shoot as Lucas Maty ja (12) guards him. Maty ja scored 28 points in his first game. Photo by Lynne Clure

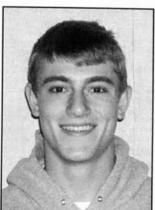
Below- Scott Wilson and John Hammil watch to see if the the ball goes in Some of the faculty formed teams and played too. Photo by Hallie Bieber



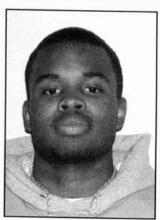


ing for an opportunity to shoot. Games were held on Monday nights between teams. Photo by Hallie Bieber

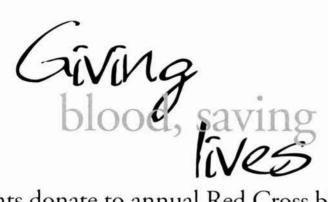
Above- Chae Glass (12) jumps and shoots for three. Intramural basketball was open to everyone, Photo by Hallie Bieber



"I played intramural basketball because I played a lot last year and I love to play basketball." -Lucas Matyja (12)



"[It was] fun , real competitive even though we didn't compete against other schools." -Steve Hogan (11)



Students donate to annual Red Cross blood drive

By Katie Mapes

Lyery year the Blood Mobile comes to Central High so students can donate blood and help save lives.

One unit of blood may help save up to three people, according to the pamphlet given out by the American Red Cross and Midwest Region Blood Services.

The Blood Drive was sponsored by the Health Professions class and Eagle V Crew, with teacher Jeanee Weiss supervising.

On Oct. 24, the Blood Mobile came to Central at 6:45 a.m. to set up in Joslyn's parking lot. The Blood Drive started at 8 a.m. that morning.

This year's goal was for 50 students to donate. To ensure that they reach their goal, they scheduled 75 students in case students were absent, they didn't feel good, or they had low iron levels in their blood.

Students had to meet the requirements in order to donate blood. They needed to be 17 years old by the day of the drive, in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and they could not have received any body piercings or tattoos in the last 12 months. The Red Cross was also careful about people who had been in other countries for extended periods of time. This included students and teachers as well.

It takes about an hour for one student to get through the process. First they had to go to the main conference room by the "C" to fill out all of the paper work.

After that they could go to the Blood Mobile and donate blood. This took 5-15 minutes depending on how fast the person's blood pumped, Weiss said.

She said the Blood Mobile pumped blood from three people every $15\,\mathrm{minutes}$.

Many juniors and seniors donated blood at the Blood Drive.

Daniel Tipton (12), who was 17 at the time, was one to sign up for the drive.

"I was a little nervous about having fluid drained from my arm," Tipton said.

Tipton was informed through the pamphlet of

the benefits and reasons to give his blood.

"If I could provide somebody with something my body regenerates, that they desperately needed, with no expense to myself, I think it was well worth it," he said

On the day of the Blood Drive, Tipton went down to the conference room by the "C" at 10:45 a.m.

Then Tipton went outside in the snow to the Blood Mobile when it came time for another donor.

Tipton said he was slightly nervous going in but he knew what to expect. Once in the Blood Mobile, doctors ran a few tests.

Tipton was then told to sit down into the chair to donate blood. The nurse rubbed iodine on his arm and checked his blood pressure.

The most nerve-wracking part was watching the nurse prepare the needle, he said.

"Having her bring the needle slowly towards my arm was kind of scary, but it didn't really hurt," Tipton said

Many nurses made small talk with the donors to relieve the tension of inserting the needle.

"I knew that once they got the needle in I'd be fine, and I was," Tipton said.

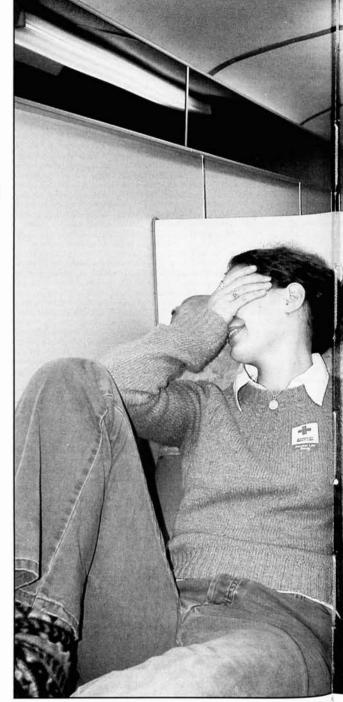
The donation took less time than Tipton said he thought it would, and after it was over he went to the front of the Blood Mobile to eat food and get sugar into his bloodstream.

One of the side effects of donating blood was feeling woozy or lightheaded. The food and sugar was intended to help prevent students from fainting after they had donated.

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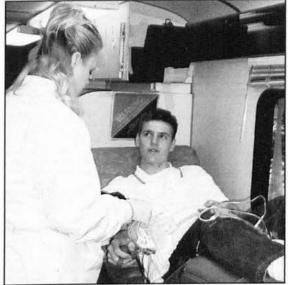
Six weeks after the students donated their blood, they received cards in the mail that they could use to track their future donations.

Tipton said he thought the card was a nice gesture. "The card was good," he said. "It reminded me to keep donating, which is something I want to do."





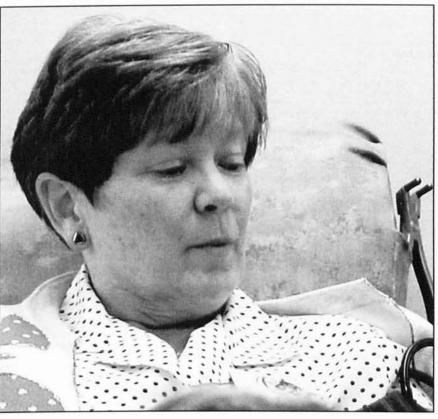




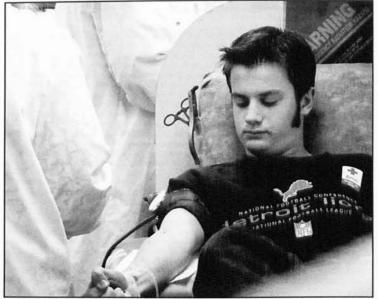
Far left- Kimberly Elliott (12) cringes and hides her face as the needle is inserted. In preparation, nurses had to cub iodine on the patient's arm and take her blood pressure, thoto by Meralith Grunke.

Left- William Brush (12) listens to the the nurse attentively as she explains the process. The nurses also talked about other things to try to relax the donors. Photo by Tallie Beler

Below- Guidance counselor Catherine Hanrahan watches as her blood pressure is taken. The Red Cross was careful about making sure all of the donors were comfortable. Photo by Katie Mages.







Far left - Katherine Musick (12) braces herself as the nurse secures the needle in her arm. The process took between 5 and 15 minutes to complete. Photo by Katie Maps.

Left- Daniel Tipton (12) looks down at his arm, preparing for his blood to be drawn, Donors received a sticker that said 'Rookie Life Saver.' Photo by Katle Mapes.

FAMILY/CONSUMER SCIENCE

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COURSES OFFERED

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENTS TEACHES DECISION-MAKING RELATED TO PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF LIFE. IT IS REQUIRED FOR SOPHOMORES, ALTHOUGH SOME CHOOSE TO "OPT-OUT."

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES 1-6- BEGINNING STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT SOCIETY IN RELATION TO CLOTHING AND BEGIN SEWING GARMENTS, AS LEVELS PROCRESS, STUDENTS GO MORE IN-DEPTH AND THE MOST ADVANCED STUDENTS ARE GIVEN SHADOWING EXPERENCES.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT 1-4-GEARED TOWARD HELPING STUDENTS GAIN UNDER-STANDING OF THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

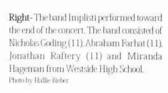
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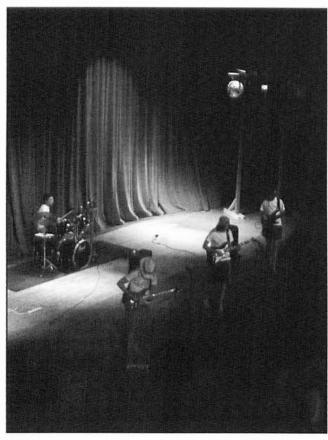
HOUSING 1-2- THIS CLASS SERVES AS AN INTRODUC-TION TO INTERIOR DESIGN, IT INCLUDES SCALING OF FLOOR PLANS AND IS RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUC-TION, OR REAL ESTATE,

FOODS 1-2- AN INTRO-DUCTION TO NUTRITION AND FOOD PREPARATION, THIS COURSE LOOKS AT PROPER NUTRITION AND STAYING HEALTHY.

CULIVARY SKILS 1-2-AN ADVANCED STUDY OF NUTRI-TION AND FOOD PREPARA-TION, THIS CLASS IS GEARED TO STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PURSUE CAREERS IN FOODS.

TEEN PARENTING- THIS CLASS ANALYZES ROLES OF ADULTS IN RELATION TO INFANTS. TO ENROLL, YOU MUST BE PRECIOANT OR HAVE A CHILD,







Above-Anaerial shot of Nextweus. The group played lively, upbeat songs through out its set. It played original songs as well as a few cover songs. Thomasy Hallie Bieber

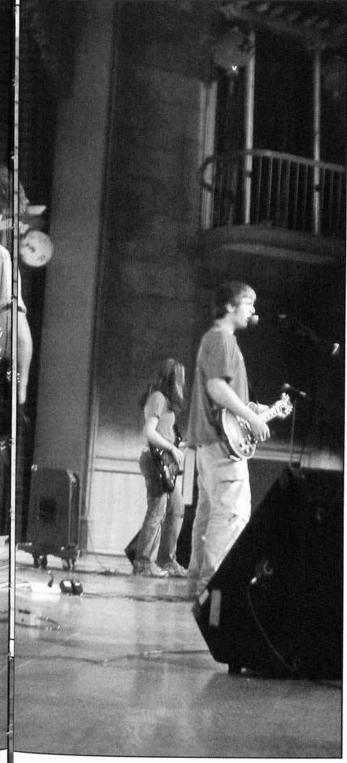
Right- Joshua Koterba (11) wails into the microphone. His band, the Castoffs, performed last. The other members of the band attend Westside High School.

Photo by Hallie Bieber

Far right- The band Nextweus encourages the crowd to stand up and dance. The members said the main goal of their group was for the crowd to have fun. Photo by Hallie Bieber







Students fundraise for Musical

Bands jam to show support for the Drama department

By Kevin Jones

ecause the school was not able to charge fees anymore, students had to figure out a way to raise about \$7,000 for the fall musical, "The Mikado."

Nicholas Goding (11) and Richard Owens-Ream (11) said they came up with the idea to have a Central band concert.

"We were sitting at a football game and I found out he was in a band, then we started thinking of other Central bands," Goding said. "We thought of a lot so we thought of a concert. We decided to make it a benefit for the musical since we were both in the musical."

Goding was the lead singer for Implisti, one of the performers.

The two students took their idea to Sharon Smith, the new vocal music instructor, and asked if that would be all right.

She then took it to Principal Jerry Bexten for approval. After heapproved it, they started the planning.

The Castoffs, John Owens and the Reamers, Nextweus and Implisti were the four bands that were scheduled to appear at the benefit.

Goding and Smith had about a month to plan

before the event took place. Flyers had to be made and tickets had to be sold in order to inform people about this event. Tickets were sold for \$5 a piece.

The bands practiced on their own time until the day of the show. On the day of the show, there was a sound and lighting check, all of which was run by students. That was the only time the bands got to practice on stage.

Goding said his biggest worry was the other two bands. He had never heard the Castoffs or John Owens and the Reamers before.

"They sounded good though," he said.

The ticket sales went better than a lot of the band members thought they would, Goding said.

The tickets and the flyers were donated so the money they made was all profit. One family donated \$1,000.

The concert lasted about two and a half hours and was a "good time," he said. Some of the music at this concert was original and the rest of it was cover songs.

After about a month of planning, the show earned \$2,000 that was put towards the musical.



Preparing for post-graduation success

Career Center offers classes to spark interest, prepare students for future jobs

By Meredith Grunke

ffering a variety of classes, from Food Arts to Networking, to all Omaha Public Schools (OPS) high school students, the Career Center gave students the opportunity to explore careers with hands-on class-room experience.

"It gave me an idea of what I want to do when I grow older and go to college," Colin Rinaker (12) said.

Rinaker said his experience in the Career Center's Television Production Class has influenced him to consider pursing film production in college.

Shera Baumel (11) said the techniques she learned during her first year in photography applied to her art classes and she enjoyed learning the fundamentals of photography.

She said she decided to take photography because, "...it was something I was interested in as a possible career choice in the future and it sounded like fun."

Although he said he hoped to have a sports career after high school, Zachary Clark (10) also foresaw the possibility that his experience in the Auto Body class may lead him to a career in auto mechanics in the future.

Center classes were offered to Central students on a three-block schedule, each block lasting three classroom periods.

Each class took 75-80 minutes every day and was worth two credits per semester.

A student had to be at least a sophomore to be able to enroll.

The Career Center was opened in 1984 after the district closed Technical High School as a school where programs that were too expensive to be offered in all high schools could be consolidated and offered to students in all schools.

Jack Harkey, the Career Center Teacher Leader, said the Career Center was a positive option for students because, "There were a lot of students who didn't do especially well in a normal high school setting."

Some students learned best from hands-on experience, he said.

Rinaker said in the Television Production class he worked on television programs, helped produce the Homework Hotline and edited films.

He said he especially liked his instructor's attitude about his students' creativity.

"He gave you a lot of freedom in the class and he was understanding when you had a different idea than what he was used to," Rinaker said.

Baumel said she liked spending time in the photo lab and taking the photography course at the Career Center was considerably cheaper than taking the class somewhere else.

"The first year [in photography] you learn how to actually take photos and make educated photos instead of just clicking pictures," she said.

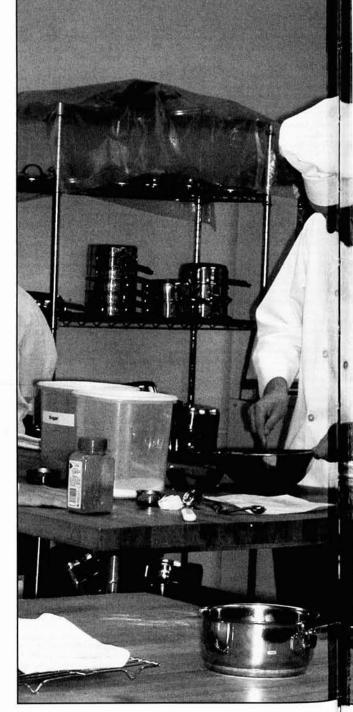
Baumel said photography students also learned how to use a darkroom and develop film.

In Auto Body, Clark said students were able to bring in their own cars and work on them later on in the school year.

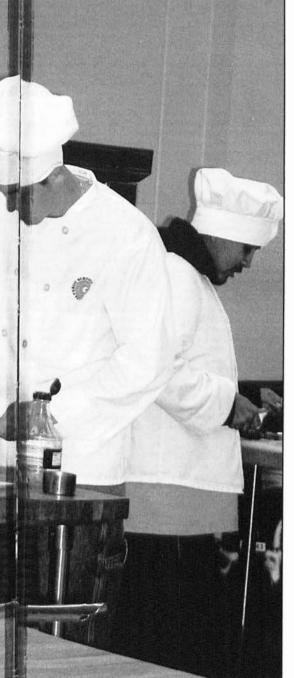
He said his favorite part of the class was working with tools in the shop.

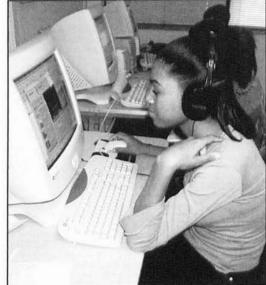
Harkey said the three most popular programs at the Center were the automotive, photography and broadcasting and Central students composed over 16 percent of the school's enrollment.

"The neat thing about Career Center was the mix of different students from different schools," he said.



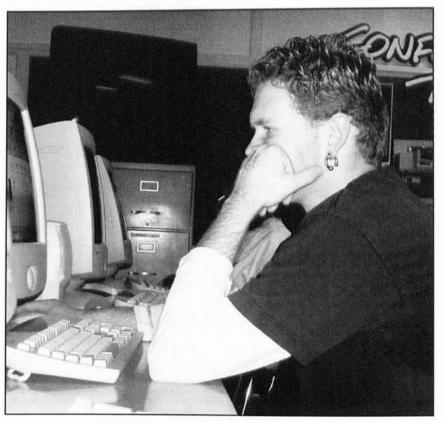






Far left- Joseph Holzapfel (12) stirs oil into a cinnamon muffin mix during period 'C' Food Arts Management. Photoby Hallie Bicker

Left- Tyeshia Cobb (11) works on her computer during Ken Brueggemann's Multimedia class. Photo by Hallle Bieber







Above- Bryce Jensen (11) studies his computer during period °C Career Center. Students ride the bus to the TAC building to take more comprehensive classes. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Far left- Joseph Holzapfel (12) explains ingredients and recipes to some other students in his Foods class. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Left- Barbara Marshall (10) stirs ingredients into pizza sauce. She is enrolled in Food Arts Management during period °C. Photo by Hallie Bieber

CAREER CENTER

PRINCIPAL. Dr. Gloria Aden OTHER TEACHERS STEVE BROSS KEN BRUEGGEMANN LISA BURKHARDT THERESA GERAGHTY JACK HARKEY DAVID HAWKS JANET HELMS LARRY JOHNSON JEFF KONECK Andrew Nakelis JANET ORER BOBBYE OVERMAN MICKEY REILLY JAY REBENSDORF RAMON RUTLEDGE IRENE SIMONENKO Doug Smith JACK TAFF DAN TRERICE CAROL TSCHAMPL-DIESING LANNY WALKER STACIA WEAVER

COURSES OFFERED

Broadcasting 1-2

Broadcasting 3-4

BROADCASTING INTERNSHIP

Electronics 1-2

Electronics 3-4

Photography 1-2

Photography 3-4

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Auto Mechanics

AUTOMOTIVE FUNDAMENTALS

AUTOMOTIVE INTERNSHIP

Graphic Arts/ Printing 1-2

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FOOD ARTS MANAGEMENT 3-4

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COMMERCIAL DESIGN

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS 1-2

THEATER TECHNOLOGY 1-2

THEATER TECHNOLOGY 3-4

Official

Intramural soccer becomes relaxed, fun

By Kaytee Meade

Intramural soccer kicked off its first year with great success, playing in the New Gym for two hours every Wednesday night.

Mary Michalak (12) was the only female to play intramural soccer this year.

"For the guys, it was more fun," Michalak said. "For me, it was more competitive because I'm a girl."

Even though Michalak said that she felt competition from the male players, she said it was still a fun atmosphere.

"You got to go do the one thing that you love, but it was really laid back," she said.

Michalak, a defensive player, has been playing soccer since she was 5 years old.

She said that intramurals mainly consisted of the players scrimmaging against each other and participating in tournaments.

She said that intramurals were a way to work on her skills, since she played during the regular soccer season as well.

Coach Tim Herbert said that the main reason that

intramural soccer was started was to try and get more kids interested in playing the sport. It was also to give those whodo not play club soccer a way to play throughout the winter.

Herbert said that intramural soccer is different from regular season soccer because only four players from each team play against each other at a time, instead of the standard 11.

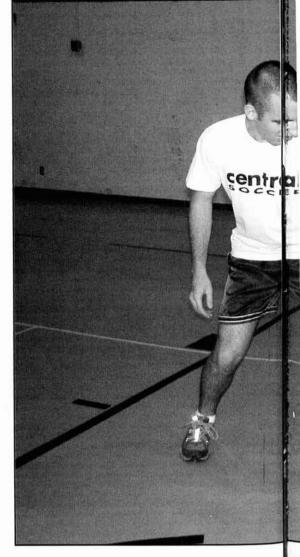
Herbert said that intramural soccer was open to anyone, even if they did not normally play soccer in the regular season.

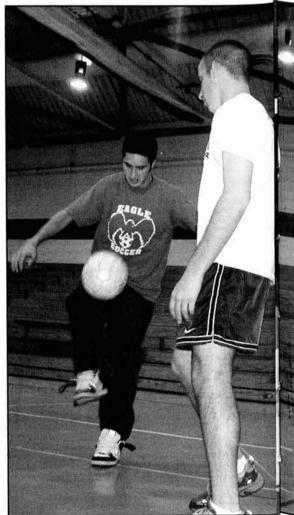
Other major differences are that there are no goalkeepers in intramurals and there are no out-of-bounds; players are allowed to play the ball off the wall.

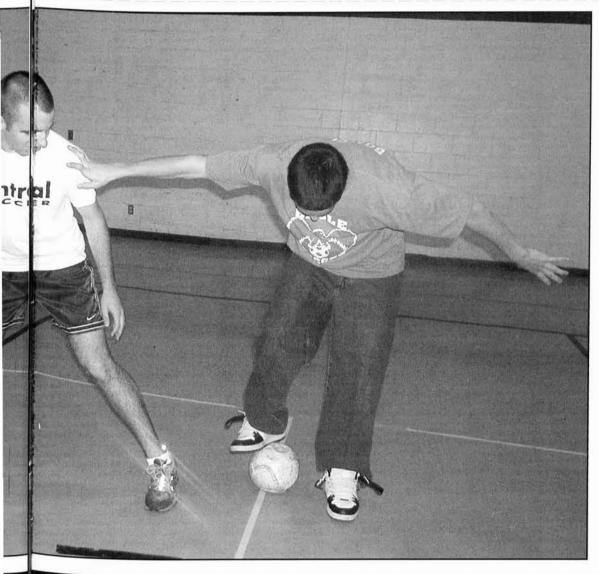
Andrew Monbouquette (9) said that his favorite thing about intramural soccer is the speed and the footwork of the game.

Monbouquette, also a defensive player, has been playing soccer since he was in kindergarten.

He said that he thought that intramurals were more fun than competitive.

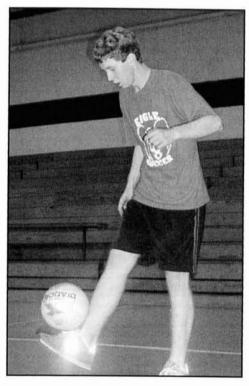


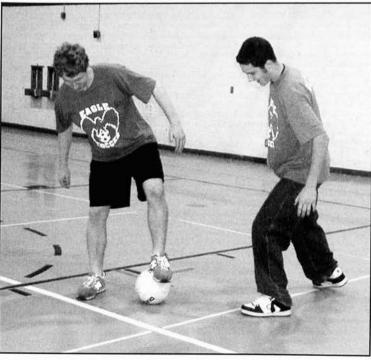




Left- Aaron Maurice (12) tries to steal the ball from James Boatright (12). Photo by Hallie Bieber

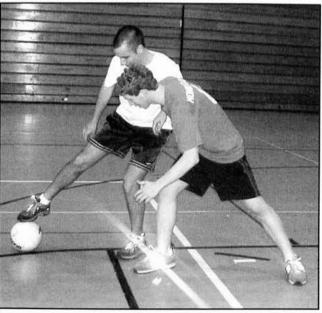
Below- Marc Monbouquette (11) prepares to knee the ball. Photo by Hallle Bicher





Above- Monbouquette dribbles the ball away from Boatright. Photo by Hallie Bieber

Left- Boatright warms up by kneeing the ball as Maurice waits to steal it away. Photo by Hallie Bieber



Above- Maurice tries to keep the ball away from Monbouquette, Photo by Hallie Bieber

Singing with the best

A Cappella harmonizes with Omaha Symphony

By Dana Cleasby

For the third year in a row, the A Cappella choir sang at the Orpheum with the symphony and the Heartland Opera Theater Soloists.

Roughly 2,000 people attended a concert with almost 400 students performing at the Orpheum on Sunday, Oct. 27.

A Cappella and other metropolitan high schools performed in a concert with the Omaha Symphony and the Heartland Opera Theatre soloists.

"The Orpheum was an amazing theater. I was excited that the six Omaha area schools, including Central, got to take part in such a great experience," Abby Franklin (11) said.

The six choirs that were featured in this concert were: Abraham Lincoln Concert choir, Omaha North A Cappella Choir, Bellevue East and West, Papillion-LaVista High School Concert Choir, and Central's A Cappella choir.

A Cappella spent many weeks preparing for the concert with the symphony and the Heartland Opera Theater Soloist. The preparation of the concert consisted of in-class practice and two sessions with the symphony conductor, Ernest Richardson. The four opera singers came with Richardson to practice the two pieces that the choir performed with the singers.

"Not a lot of other city high schools get to sing in a concert like that," Sara Cowan (11) said.

This was Cowan's first year in A Cappella singing first alto. She said that the concert was different in comparison to other concerts because a high school choir wouldn't normally get to do something like that.

"I thought it was a lot of fun to sing with other high school choirs and to sing with the symphony." Cowan said.

The choirs were split into two groups of three school choirs and then all choirs at the end of each performance sang two pieces. The first group of choirs was Omaha Central, Bellevue East and Abraham Lincoln

"I thought the performance was very well received with the audience that we had," Lyn Bouma, the conductor of A Cappella said.

She said that each group sang pieces from the composer Bach, three opera choruses, and two oratorical choruses, which were considered sacred. The students sang pieces written in Italian, German and French.

"It was exciting for the students to sing with the symphony and the professional singers," Bouma said.

The concert was conducted by Ernest Richardson from the symphony and Hal France from the Heartland Opera Theatre Soloists.

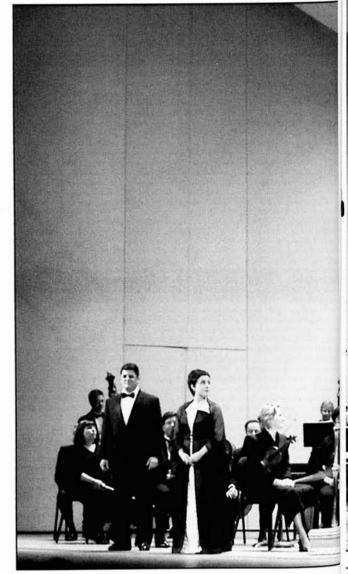
This was the first year the opera singers had performed in the concert and it was the largest number of schools that participated in the concert.

She said that Central had a big choir compared to other schools and it might have been harder for them to sing in such a large group.

Franklin learned that if a person sets her standards high, they can achieve any thing.

"Starting the year off with such difficult music made the choir really concentrate to learn the music quickly," Bouma said. "That translated into fast learning for the rest of the year."

She said that this year's A Cappella choir was probably the strongest, because its members were in-depth singers and strong leaders.







Left- The four soloists from "Opera Omaha" stand in anticipation just before their featured song during the first part of the performance. A Cappella sings behind them. Photo coursesy of Dana Cleastry.

Below left- Lara Watzke (12), Icy Simpson (12), Amanda Evans (11) and Natalie Andreasen (12) harmonize during 7th period A Cappella rehearsals. Phonoby Hallie Bieber

Below-Brian Fahey (12) and Uriah Giroux (12) look up from their music to keep time with the rest of the group. A Cappella consists of mainly sophomores, juniors and seniors. Photo by Hallie Bieber





Music

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Courses Offered

CONCERT BAND 1-2-EMPHASIZING MUSIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE, REQUIRED PERFORMANCES SUCH AS MARCHING
BAND FIRST QUARTER ARE
AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS
COURSE. STUDENTS WHO DO
NOT QUALIFY FOR CONCERT
BAND 1-2

ORCHESTRA 1-2-ALSO A
PERFORMANCE GROUP, ORCHESTRA IS OPEN TO STRINGS,
WINES, BASS, AND PERCUSSION PLAYERS. FRESHMEN
TAKE INTERMEDIATE
STRINGS 1-2.

JAZZ BAND- THIS GROUP PERFORMS AT SEVERAL CON-CERTS AND CONTESTS. IT POCUSES ON DIFFERENT JAZZ STYLES.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS 1-2- GIVING TIME FOR PRAC-TICE AND PERFECTION, THIS CLASS PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEORY CONCEPTS ARE COVERED AS WELL, AND PRIVATE LESSONS ARE GIVEN EVERY TWO WEEKS.

CONCERT CHOR 1-2 (A CAPPELLA)- THIS GROUP IS A VERY SELECTIVE MINED CHORUS THAT PERFORMS MANY TYPES OF CHORAL LIT-ERATURE.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE 1-2 (CHS SINGERS)- EMPHA-SIZING PERFORMANCE, THIS IS ALSO A VERY SELECTIVE GROUP.

TREBLE ENSEMBLE 1-2 (BEL CANTO)- THIS CLASS CONSISTS OF A SELECT GROUP OF WOMEN, ALSO EMPHASIZING PERFORMANCE.

TREBLE CHORUS (FOR WOMEN) 1-2- DESCRIED FOR BEGINNERS, THIS CLASS FOCUSES ON SIGHT-READING AND SINGING, MUSIC THEORY AND APPRECIATION ARE ALSO STUDBED.

Men's Chorus 1-2-Also a course for beginning singers, it is designed to train.

DECAWAKS aday For MDA

Marketing students raise money for a cause

By Hallie Bieber

ather than looking at the three mile walk as a task, close to 30 DECA members saw the Muscular Dystrophy Association Walk-A-Thon as a fun morning activity in which they could meet new people and interact with friends.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the members traveled to Lake Zorinsky for the Third Annual Muscular Dystrophy Walk-A-Thon hosted by the Papillion DECA, Central marketing teacher Alice Bunz said.

DECA members collected pledges and donated their own money.

Each member had to raise \$25 in order to participate from family, friends and places of employment.

The whole event raised \$5,000 with Central contributing \$1,000.

The students met at Central at 7a.m. and then drove to Lake Zorinsky where the Marketing teachers prepared a breakfast of purple juice, pancakes, donuts and bacon.

"While all these other schools were showing up with Burger King, our group was grilling out. It was great," Julia Lebedz (11) said.

Lebedz herself collected \$75 for the walk. She said she decided to do the Walk-A-Thon in

order to meet kids from other schools, get some exercise and dress foolishly.

Lebedz, Ashley Myers (11) and Jamie Moats (11) dressed in wigs, balloons and mass amounts of glitter to brighten up the morning.

"They gave me the ugliest costume since I couldn't go with them to buy the supplies," Lebedz said.

The DECA team won the Best Spirit Award. Besides the costumes created by Lebedz, Myers and Moats, many other students brought things to pass the time during the three mile walk.

Alex Jochim listened to music provided by the portable CD player he carried along with him.

"Me and Wes [Brown, (11)] alternated who carried it and we just flipped through radio stations a bunch and danced," Jochim said.

Theother schools that participated with Central were Papillion-Lavista, Millard West and Westside. Over 700 families benefited from the money raised during the walk.

The families used the money for medical bills and other expenses that insurance did not cover.

The MDA Walk-A-Thon turned out to be a fun and beneficial event for all involved.







Left, Julia Lebedz (11) leads the group in some stretches before they start to walk. Jamie Moats (11), Ashley Myers(11) and Lebedz made balloon suits to wear to show their school spirit. Central won "Most School Spirit" at the walk a thon, Photoby Lynne Clure

Below. Kathryn Keeler (12) and Dominique Gonzales (12) help themselves to sandwiches. MDA and Papillion-LaVista provided water, sandwiches, chips and cookies to the participants when they completed the three mile walk. Photo by Lynne





food coloring just right. Central brought their own grill and eggs, pancake batter and bacon. They dyed the pancakes purple by mixing red and blue food coloring into the batter. Photo by Lynne Clure

Left. Alex Jochim (12) concentrates on getting the Above. The walkers sit down and rest after the three mile walk. About 30 walkers participated and raised \$1,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from Central alone. The prize they won for "Most School Spirit" was a night at the Joker's Club with a hypnotist. Photo by Lynne Clure



"I wanted to get to know all of the new DECA kids and just have a good time." -Alex Jochim (12)



"I went on the MDA Walk-A-Thon in order to become more involved with DECA activities." -Dominique Gonzalez (12)

Celebrating a long tradition of excelence

Latin Club honors 100 year anniversary

By Lynne Clure

903. One hundred years ago, the first Latin Club in the history of the United States was established here at Central. Fifty years ago, the Junior Classical League (JCL) was started as a national organization for all Latin clubs. To commemorate the centennial, the Latin students planned an enormous celebration.

"We had a huge, huge Roman banquet in the courtyard," sponsor Rita Ryan said.

Ryan said that in April, people from all over the United States gathered at Central. Students, parents and alumni were all invited. The event featured a sevencourse Roman meal catered by the Greek Islands.

Ryan said fourth year students sat on couches reclining in the middle while they were served by first year students in the true Roman tradition.

They decorated the courtyard with 20-30 foot columns, Ryan said. She also said 400 laurel wreaths were made. Alexandra Huston (11) designed the invitations.

Ryan said the alumni committee helped to solicit

funds to pay for the decorations.

Ryan established a new committee specifically for the Centennial event. Jamie Hills (12) was the head of the group. Jennifer Yin (11) and Alex Jochim (12) were copresidents of Latin Club. Everyone helped sort through the archives, Ryan said.

The archives contained photos and documents dating all the way back to 1903, she said. She planned to set up easels around the courtyard displaying the photos.

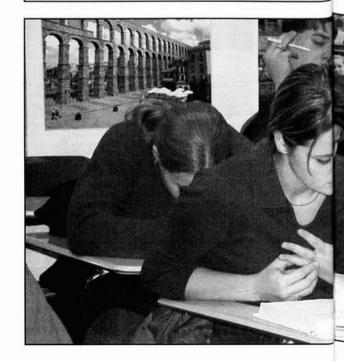
Ryan said the boxes and boxes of archives even contained the announcement and agenda for the first meeting in 1903. She said many of the papers were in a very fragile condition.

"It was so brittle," she said. "I was afraid to even move it."

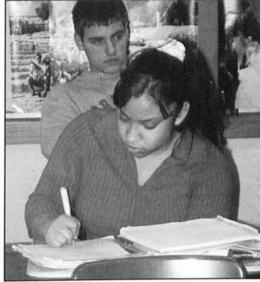
Ryan said that Central had one of the largest Latin course enrollments in the country with over 200 students.

"When other schools were dropping, we kept growing," she said.



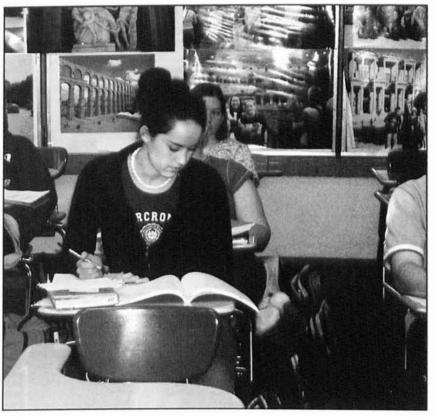


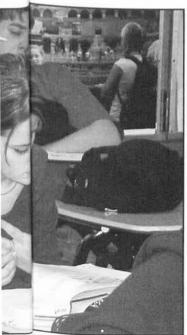


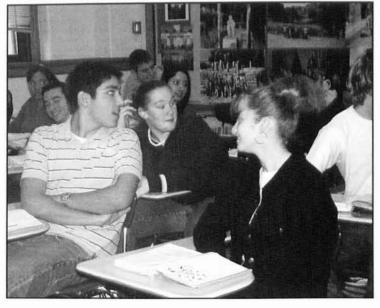


Far left - Latin instructor Rita Ryan teaches her class. Latin enrollment was over 200 students this year, one of the largest in the United States. Photo by Dana Clearby

Left- Latrice Penney (12) works on an assignment in her Latin class. There was a Latin class every hour. Photo by Katie Mapes







Above- Alexandra Huston (11) studies her Latin. She was a member of the official committee and designed the invitations for the ceremony. Photo by Dana Cleasby

Far left- Ashlee Theisen (12) reads through her book. A large percentage of Latin students participated in the club and were members of the committee. Photo by Katie Majes

Left- Kimberly Gavin (10) smiles as Robert Drickey (10) turns around to comment. Gavin was also a part of the official committee to honor the centennial. Photo by Katie Mapes

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE

DEPARTMENT HEAD BEV FELMAN OTHER TEACHERS VICKIE ANDERSON FAROUZ BISHARA JANE BOEKA WENDY BROWNSON CLYDIE COOK JIM GLEASON SUSANA LARA KRISTIN LONGACRE Rose Mellion ERICA MEYER RITA RYAN JEFFREY SILL CELIO SILVA

Courses Offered

FRENCH 1-10-BEGINNING
WITH THE MOST BASIC SPEAKING, KEADING, WRITING AND
LISTERING, THESE COURSES
BUILD UP TO ADVANCED PROPICIENCY IN COMMUNICATION
AND STRUCTURE.

APFRENCH-EMPHASIZING
AUTHENTIC MATERIALS, THIS
COURSE CAN EARN COLLEGE
CREDIT IF THE STUDENT
PASSES THE AP EXAM IN
MAY.

SPANISH 1-10-BEGINNING WITH THE MOST BASIC SPEAK-ING, READING, WRITING AND LISTERING, THESE COURSES BUILD UP TO ADVANCED PROFICENCY IN COMMUNICATION AND STRUCTURE. NATIVE SPEAKERS CAN TAKE SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS.

AP SPANSH- EMPHASIZING AUTHENTIC MATERIALS, THIS COURSE CAN EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IF THE STUDENT PASSES THE AP EXAM IN MAY.

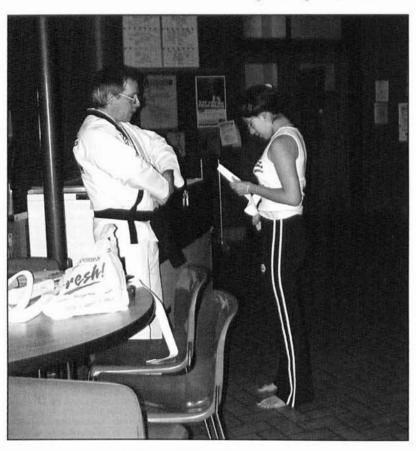
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AP GERMAN- EMPHASIZING AUTHENTIC MATERIALS, THIS COURSE CAN EARN OOL-LEGE CREDIT IF THE STUDENT PASSES THE AP EXAM IN MAY.

LATIN 1-8- COVERS EV-ERYTHING FROM TRANSLA-TION TO ALL BASIC GRAM-MAR

WORD STUDY- THIS COURSE STUDIES THE LATIN AND GREEK ROOTS OF WORDS AND PREPARES FOR THE ACT AND SAT EXAMS.

Right - Annette Wilder (11) hits a punch on the designated count. The club had professional black-belt instructors come and teach and reinforce proper techniques every Wednesday. Photo by Hallie Bieber

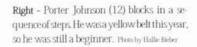


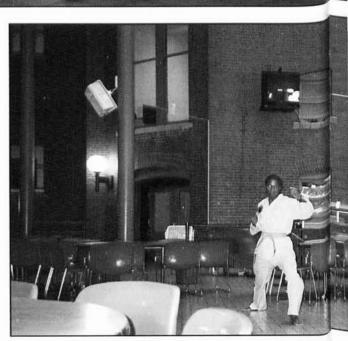


Above-Black belt instructor Michael Storm shows Leandra Cartagena (10) the correct way to tie her belt. Belt colors indicate the level of experience. Photo by Meredith Grunke



Above - Sponsor Sharon Cooper, Annette Wilder and the other more advanced students in the club watch another member's demonstration. Photoby Lynne Clure







New club teaches Self-defense

Tae Kwon Do Club gains involvement

By Lynne Clure

elf defense, discipline and...belts in an assortment of colors? It could only mean one thing. Tae Kwon Do Club.

Tae Kwon Do Club started at the end of last year. Many more students joined this year.

In the art of Tae Kwon Do, various belts are given for various levels of experience.

This is because in ancient times, the fighters didn't wash their belts, so one could tell by the color how long the fighter had been fighting.

"The darker the color, the higher the rank," Annette Wilder (11) said.

Wilder joined at the beginning of this year, but she has taken Tae Kwon Do for several years at the American School of Karate and Judo. Early in her junior year, she was a green belt.

"It's the lower half of the middle," she said.

She said the colors varied a little by school. Her school had eight colors.

The club utilized the instruction of three black belts from West Lanes Tae Kwon Do.

She said the school the club used had ten different color levels, ranging from white to black.

The instructor, Michael Storm, was a fifth degree black belt.

Wilder said that a large portion of the club was

yellow belts because they joined the club last year and moved up from their white belts.

She said there were a few other colors thrown in, including a blue belt and one other black belt beside the instructors.

Sponsor Sharon Cooper said that she was approached about heading the club last year, and since she was already taking classes, she said yes.

Cooper said that she took classes about 15 years ago, but just started up again last year.

"It was kind of a younger brother-sister thing that got me back into it," she said.

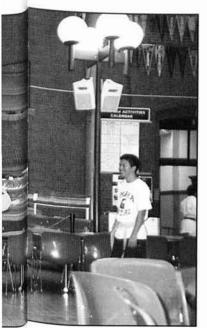
She also said her sister was a black belt. Cooper, like Wilder, had her green belt.

Cooper said when she decided to head the club, she wanted black belt instructors to teach kids who really had an interest in the activity.

She said the only time the instructors were available was Wednesday afternoon at 5:30. She said it amazed her how many students stayed around until that late for the club.

Wilder said Tae Kwon Do is a much more difficult art than people think. She said it was mainly about discipline.

"It's not just learning how to fight...it's teaching your mind and body at the same time," she said.





Left- Leandra Cartagena (10) proceeds to kick the punching bag. The members were urged to exclaim when punching and kicking in order to strengthen the hit. Photo by Lynne Clure

Siving students another option

Freshmen allowed to opt out of Pathways 21

By Lynne Clure

or the first time, freshmen were given the opportunity to opt out of Pathways 21, the required course for ninth graders.

About 25 students were allowed to opt out and were allowed to register for something else, Pathways teacher Cindy Thomsen said.

Students who opted out were exempt from all of the "hard-side," or technology aspects of the class. They were, however, required to come in 10 days at 7 in the morning to catch up on the "soft-side" material, such as counselor-related materials.

Because the Work Keys tests are taken partly in Pathways classes, it was one of the activities students had to make up.

"Kids were able to opt out because they took a test and their parents really wanted them to," Thomsen

She said the students had to write two essays pertaining to the material covered in the class. Former principal Dr. Gary Thompson then approved it.

Daniel Susman (9) was one the students who

"[The test was] sort of hard, but all you had to do was write how you'd familiarize yourself with the school and if you'd ever used a computer," he said.

Thomsen also said that because some of the technology teachers were not happy with the results of last year's application, they would work on a more extensive test for next year.

Next year, students wishing to opt out will have to take a test to demonstrate their abilities in the areas taught in the class. It will consist of two parts- a written and a demonstration, Thomsen said.

She said the purpose of the Pathways course is to givestudentsa tasteofall areas of technology, so students know what areas they are interested in. She said she felt this was especially important because Central does not allow students to drop classes once they are enrolled.

She said the other purpose of Pathways was to smooth the adjustment, both socially and academically, from middle school to high school.

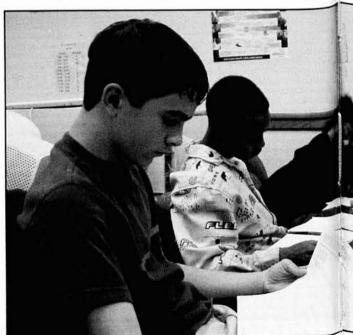
She said although it had not been discussed at the time, she thought it would probably be allowed to happen again. That is why the department was making another more extensive test.

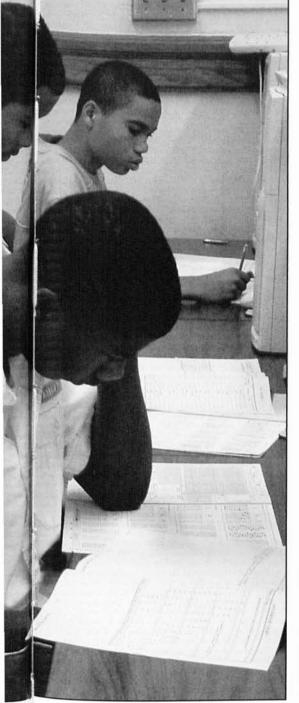
Susman said he opted out because he had been told not to take it. He was enrolled in JROTC instead.

"[I opted out] because my sister told me it wasn't very fun and it was boring," he said.

He also said he wasn't sorry he skipped the class.

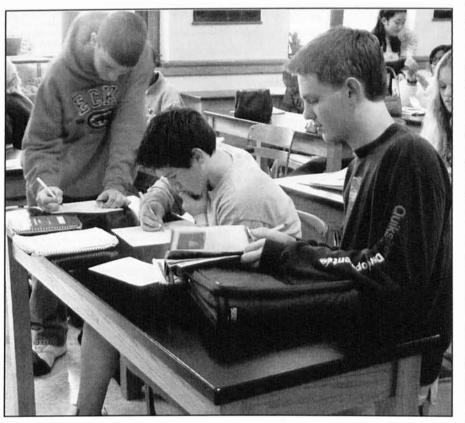




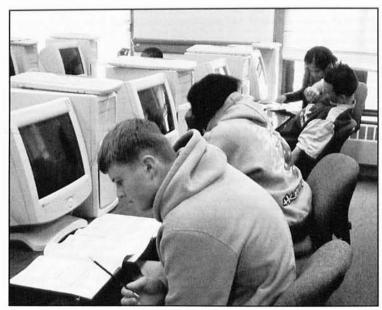


Left- Students take the Work Keys test, which tests memorization and listening skills. Photo by Katic Anderl

Below- Freshmen, who opted out of Pathways, study a worksheet 3rd hour. Only those enrolled in Honors Biology were given the option of opting out to give room to another elective. Photo by Meredith Grunke







Far left- Students work through the Work Keys Test, given to all freshmen in Pathways. Photo by Katie Andert

Left- Students enrolled in Pathways had two classrooms they alternated between. When in the computer lab, 215, students learn about stocks and other Internet uses. Photo by Katie Ander!

Business/Marketing/ Technology

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COURSES OFFERED

Accounting 1-4

Business and Consumer Law

Business Economics

Business Internship/Lab 1-2

Keyboarding/Word Processing 1-4

C++ Programming 1-2

AP COMPUTER SCIENCE AB

VISUAL BASIC 1-6

Computer Information
Management 1-2

Computer Graphics

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DESKTOP PUBLISHING

Marketing 1-4

Marketing Internship/ Lab 1-2

PERSONAL FINANCE

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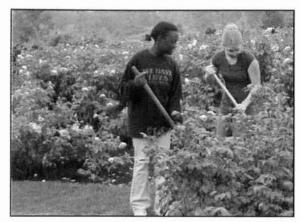
CAD/DESIGN ENGINEERING 1-6



Right- Zachary Kruse (12), Daniel Hilgendorf (12), Ryan Haskins (12) and Ryan Shaw (12) prepare a hay bale for use as an erosion barrier. They took turns hammering the bales into the ground using large stakes. Photoby Meredith Grunke



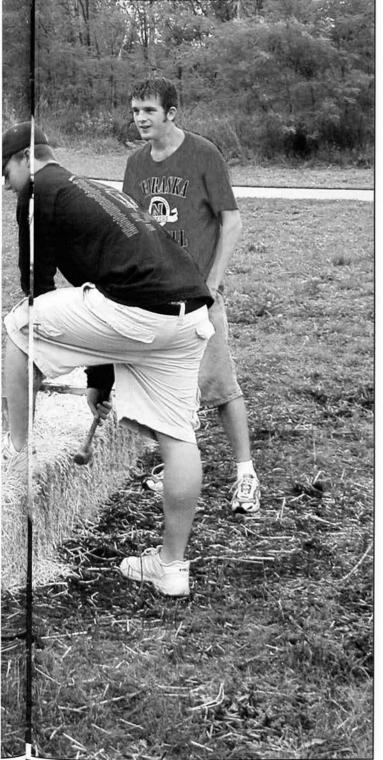
Above-Laureen Opere (12) takes the rose gardens. This was part of the clean-up process that NHS volunteers helped with. Photo by Meredith Grunke



Wilcox (12) as they rake around the rose bushes. Completing yardwork at the Gar-dens could have been counted as either a group activity or individual hours. Photoby Meredith Grunke

Above-LaureenOpere(12)talks.withAshley Right- Rachel LaCroix (12) deadheads roses in order to prepare them for the winter and regrowth in the spring. NHS volunteers went to the gardens twice last fall to help clean up. Photo by Meredith Grunke





White to ses

By Meredith Grunke

iving up their time to sleep in, many National Honors Society (NHS) members spent a Saturday morning beautifying the Laurietzen Garden-Omaha Botanical Gardens.

A group of 15-20 members met at the Gardens, located at 100 Bancroft Street, on Sept. 14 and Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"I was interested in horticulture and I thought it would be a good experience," Rachel LaCroix (12) said.

Daniel Hilgendorf (12) and Laureen Opere (12) said they participated in the group activity because they enjoyed visiting the Botanical Gardens on a previous date and wanted to see how much the recent renovations had improved the park.

"It was mostly because I'd been there before so I wanted to help clean it up and keep it looking neat,"

LaCroix said she deadheaded roses and raked flowerbeds to prepare the gardens for a wedding that was to be held that afternoon.

"Deadheading helped prepare the rose bush for winter and spring," she said.

Opere said she raked and clipped flowers, while Hilgendorf said he laid haystacks to prevent erosion.

"I learned a lot about flowers and how to keep them growing," Opere said.

Hilgendorf said he enjoyed participating in the group activity in September, so he volunteered at the gardens again in Oct.

In October, Hilgendorf said he raked flower petals and clipped roses, while LaCroix said she pulled and piled up dead plants.

All three students said they got to know their classmates better during their volunteer hours.

They also said that volunteering for National Honors Society made them confident they would volunteer after they graduated.

"I just learned that giving back [to the community]could be done in lots of different ways and it didn't have to be normal community service," Hilgendorf said.

NHS sponsor Cathy Andrus said she hoped the NHS members could find a cause to continue to be passionate about after high school and thought the variety of activities available would help them do so.

"Our point is service to the community," she said. "That's why we exist, is to be of service to the community."

Other volunteer activities included participation in tutoring, involvement in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, answering questions on the Homework Helpline. fundraising for Honey Sunday, mentoring and free babysitting.

NHS members donated their weekends and free time to service to the community in order to meet the society's required 15 hours of individual volunteer hours as well as two group activities per semester.

Left- Megan Rutherford (12) checks off her list as Cathy Andrus helps a volunteer count rose blossoms. The data was recorded as part of an experiment the regular volunteers had been conducting. The Gardens have several volunteers to help out year-round.

Photo by Menedith Grunke





Losing the foundations for Success

More AP classes offered to sophomores

By Lynne Clure

enovations were not only occuring outside the school, they were occuring on the inside as well. The Social Studies department began to revamp all of the courses offered.

Department head Carol Hipp said that in order to meet state requirements, the department altered the courses allowed for students of different grades.

This year, Hipp taught honors geography and economics classes and added a minor Advanced Placement component to each.

She also said she used a college textbook and forced the students to think more analytically.

"It's analysis, bumping the reading up to college level," she said.

She said that on Mondays and Fridays, she went into the classes and used more challenging curriculum.

"If I call it AP then I have to follow the AP curriculum," she said.

She said no final decisions about curriculum had been made, and she planned to leave the rest of the decision-making to her successor.

The plan was to offer APGeography to juniors and seniors as an elective.

She said she was not thoroughly convinced that sophomores were ready for AP classes.

Next year, APAmerican History will not be offered. because juniors and seniors will take APWorld History. She said that her successor would also be able to decide if he or she wanted to offer AP American after that. She said if the person did, it would be an elective course to upperclassmen.

Alex Jochim (12) took AP American History his junior year and said said he thought that it needed to be

"The only other time we took it was eighth grade," he said. "I mean, it's our country. It should be offered before World[History]"

He also said he thought if students were asked to say the pledge, they should be offered the class, too.

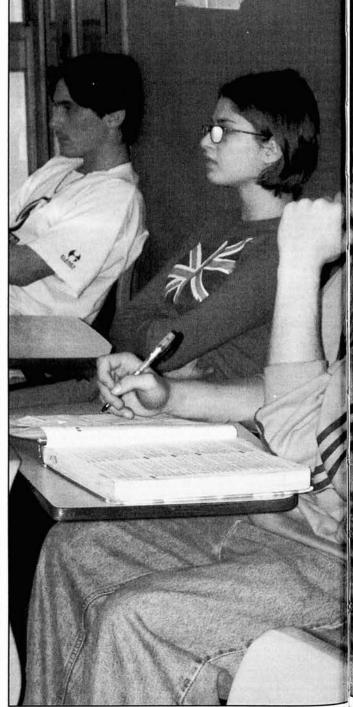
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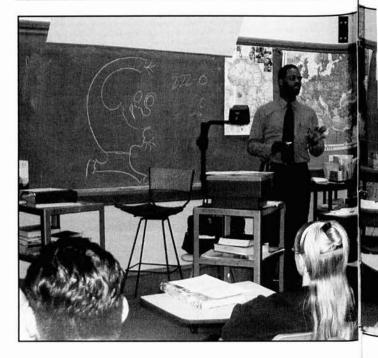
He said he did not think geography needed to be offered, but said economics might be helpful.

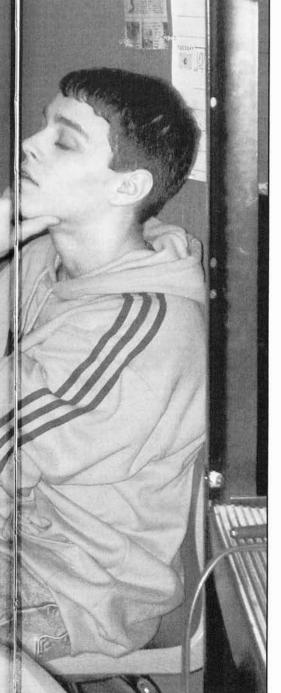
AP European History will no longer be offered, because it is not covered by state standards.

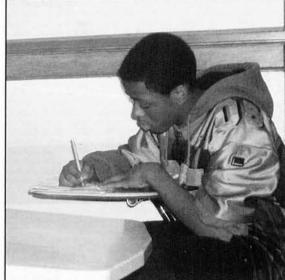
Hipp said because of the renovations, she had neither the classroom space nor the teachers to offer both European and World History.

"It was an experiment to see how much we could actually push," she said.









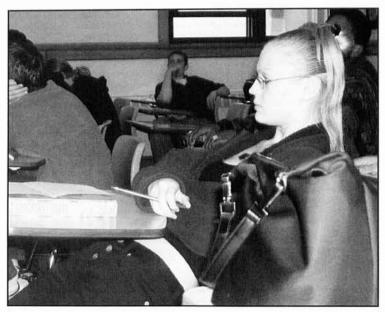
Far left- Joshua Saligheh (10) takes notes during Rod Mullen's ninth hour geography class. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Left- Karlton Lloyd (10) fills out his worksheetduring David Bartels'ninth hour Economics, Social Studies department head Carol Hipp taught some Economics classes AP curriculum. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Below- David Bartels lectures his ninth hour economics class on the laws of supply and demand. Photoby Meredith Grunke







Far left- Geography teacher Rod Mullen opens his ninth hour class with a discussion, Mullen also taught African American History and American History. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Left- Bobbie Thompson (9) quietly listens in Rod Mullen's ninth hour geography class. APGeography lessons were offered to some students two days a week. Photo by Meradith Grunke

SOCIAL STUDIES

DEPARTMENT HEAD CAROL HIPP OTHER TEACHERS TED ARNOT DAVID BARTELS ERIC BEHRENS Rick Behrens PATRICIA BRIZENDINE VICKI DENISTON-REED LISA DONAHOE JIMMIE FOSTER JIM GALUS CAROL KREJCI ROD MULLEN MICHELLE PLESS MICHELE ROBERTS TIM SHIPMAN BOB TUCKER JODI VANNOY SCOTT WILSON RYAN WISE

Courses Offered

US HISTORY- COVERS 1865 TO PRESENT LOOKING AT OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION,

GEOGRAPHY- STUDIES NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL, GEOGRAPHY,

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT-ADDRESSES THE THEORIES THAT SERVE AS THE FOUN-DATION FOR OUR GOVERN-MENT.

PSYCHOLOGY-STUDIES HU-MAN BEHAVIOR AND HELP'S STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

AMERICAN HISTORY- USES PRIMARY SOURCES TO ANA-LYZE HISTORY, ALSO AVAIL-ABLE IN AP.

SOCIOLOGY-EXAMINES HOW FEOPLE INTERACT.

LAW AND JUSTICE-DEVEL-OPS STUDENTS' KNOWLEIGE, AND SKILLS FOR SURVIVAL IN SOCIETY.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY- A STUDY OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION.

LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY-AN OVERVIEW OF LATIN AMERICA TO THE PRESENT.

WORLD HISTORY- THE GOAL IS TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE OF PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.

AP EUROPEAN HISTORY-ANALYZES ISSUES AND THEMES IN EUROPEAN HIS-TORY.

ECONOMICS- FOCUSES ON UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMY

Pointing pumplins for chowity

Art department puts a smile on children's faces

By Tahreem Aziz

he Art Club designed pumpkins to fundraise and spread the holiday spirit.

The pumpkins were painted with themes of fall, Disney characters and pure designs, sponsor Larry Andrewssaid. These pumpkins did not have Halloween themes or other scary themes.

The pumpkins were later sold at a silent auction and the proceeds went to Children's Hospital. Andrews said this was the only volunteer activity the Art Department did all year.

Alexandra Huston (11) said the themes were not supposed to be scary because the pumpkins were supposed to be positive and encouraging. The pumpkins were visual examples of fun, goodwill, humanity and color.

The pumpkins were placed in the rooms at Children's Hospital. Huston said the pumpkins were primed with white paint first so the orange would not show through. Then different designs were sketched on the pumpkin. The pumpkins were then painted with many different colors.

Huston said she had a lot of fundoing this activity. She said she received extra-credit for participating in this activity.

"It is important to share acts of kindness with other people," Huston said.

Huston said it was important to share what you can withother people. If something so little can brighten someone's day, it is definitely worth doing, Huston said.

Nora Prazan (12) did a Marilyn Monroe theme. It was one of the paintings from the Andy Warhol gallery.

She said she had fun talking to people while painting the pumpkins.

"It's a nice tradition the Art Club has done every year since I've been here," Prazan said.

Sarah Hansen (10) did a "Beauty and the Beast" theme.

She said it was something that interested her and it was really easy to do.

Lindsey Goding (9) did a sunset painting with palm trees on a beach.

"It was a good opportunity to use my talent towards helping others," she said.

Goding said she enjoyed interacting with her peers and she said she had a lot of fun painting.

The Art Club also auctioned pumpkins at Central and the proceeds went to help the Art Club, Makeda Gilliam (12) said.

Gilliam did a pumpkin that had a Monet theme. She said she combined two of his paintings into one design.

She said the auction was open to all the staff members and they sold all the pumpkins.

Science teacher Jean Whitten said she went down to the auction to buy a patriotic pumpkin for one of her colleagues. She said she was caught up in the bidding and ended up buying the "Beauty and the Beast" pumpkin for her mother. The patriotic pumpkin sold for \$25 and the "Beauty and the Beast" pumpkin sold for \$30.

Whitten also said there were clay medallions on each pumpkin.

On the Monet garden pumpkin the medallion was a butterfly and on the "Beauty and the Beast" one it was a candleholder. Whitten said this was a big draw to the pumpkins.

Huston said she really en joyed painting the pumpkins because she could socialize as well as help people out.

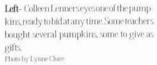
Other students said they felt the same way about the activity and they all said they would do it again if given the opportunity.





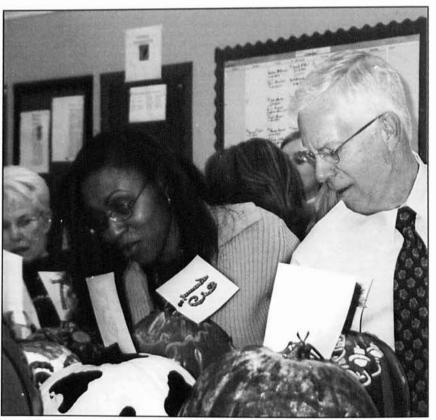




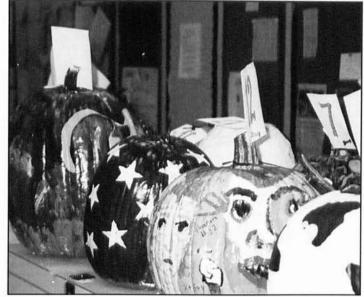


Far left- Melissa Smith warms Ginger Riffel to stay away from her pumpkin, while Lynne Braddock looks on.

Below- Patricia Brizendine writes in her next bid, while Richard Servis looks over her shoulder. The bidding continued down to the last second. Photo by Lynne Clure







Far left- A group of faculty negotiate with one another to get the pumpkin they want. Several staff members were making deals to protect their bids on their favorite themed pumpkins. Photo by Lynne Clure

Left- A row of pumpkins waits for bidding. The bidding process was simple each pumpkin had a sheet that teachers signed. Each signature was \$1. The bidding started automatically at \$5. Photo by Lynne Clure

ART

DEPARTMENT HEAD LARRY ANDREWS OTHER TEACHERS **REBECCA BLOOM** MARGARET QUINN JANE TAUCRETI SHANNON WEBER

COURSES OFFERED

ART 1-8- THE BEGINNING COURSE FOCUSES ON ELEMENTS OF ART, AS STUDENTS PROGRESS INTO THE HIGHER LEVELS, THEY ARE INTRODUCED TO SUCH TEXT-NIQUES AS SERIGRAPHY, THE ART 5-8 CLASS CAN BE TAKEN FOR HONORS CREDIT BY COM-PLETING ADDITIONAL WORK.

HONORS STUDIO ART 1-4-STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIO EXPERI-ENCE IN THIS ADVANCED COURSE. THESE COURSES REDURE ADDI-TIONAL WORK AND STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENROLL CONCURRENTLY IN ANOTHER ART CLASS, EVALUATION OF OTHER ARTWORK IS A SKILL THAT IS PRACTICED.

AP STUDIO ART- THIS CLASS IS GEARED TOWARD SERIOUS STU-DENTS WHO PLAN ON PURSUING A CAREER IN ART, STUDENTS DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO AND ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN TWO PERIODS TO DEVELOP IT. COL-LEGE CREDIT CAN BE EARNED WITH APPROVAL FROM THE COL-LEGE BOARD.

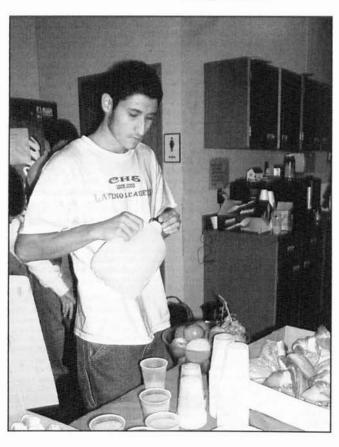
BEGINNING POTTERY 1-2-STU-DENTS LEARN HOW TO HAND-MAKE FUNCTIONAL AND CREATIVE POTTERY. SECOND SEMESTER, THEY LEARN TO USE THE POTTER'S WHEEL.

ADVANCED POTTERY 1-2-STUDENTS WHO HAVE COM-PLETED BEGINNING POTTERY MAY TAKE THIS COURSE, IT FOCUSES ON PROCESSING CLAY AND GLAZES AND KNOWLEDGE OF KILN FUNC-TIONS AND SETTINGS.

APPLIED DESIGN 1-2-EMPHA-SIZING CRAFT-MAKING, THIS CLASS STUDIES FIBER TEXTILES AND JEW-ELRY, AMONG OTHER UNITS.

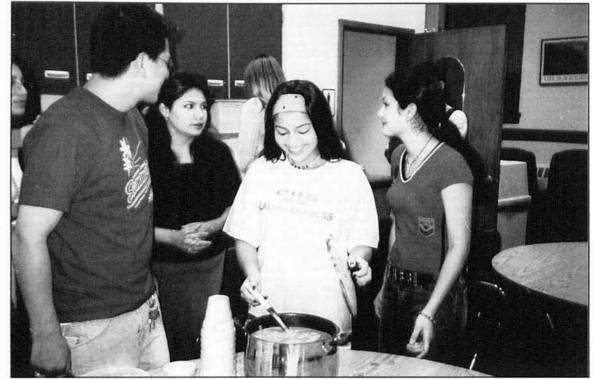
ADVANCED APPLIED DESIGN 1-2-AN EXTENSION OF BEGINNING APPLIED DESIGN, STUDENTS EN-ROLLED IN THIS COURSE STUDY SEVERAL MEDIA PROCESSES,

Right- Jimmie Foster grabs a donut from the faculty lounge. Latino Leaders set up an all-faculty breakfast in the lounge one morning, Photo by Lynne Clare



Above- Francisco Elizondo (12) pours orange juice into cups for the teachers. The students offered juice and hot chocolate to drink. Photo by Halle Fieter

Right- Yaneth Lopez(12) mixes the Mexican hot chocolate. They also served donuts and a rice mixture. Phonoly Lynne Clure







Serving breakfast to the teachers

Latino Leaders create authentic meal for faculty

By Jamie Mincey

Latino Leaders had one main goal for the year; to make a difference in the community and in school. Members met every Wednesday and discussed plans for activities to do.

Several students stepped up to take part in the many service activities.

Leaders in the group were Amanda Ponce (12), Jessica Merino (11), Alexandrea Romano (11), Adrian Guzman (12), Alfredo Hernandez (11), Yariela Ruiz (12) and Yaneth Lopez (12).

In late October, the Latino Leaders woke up early to serve breakfast to all Central faculty.

Teachers, administrators, counselors, security guards and janitors were presented with Mexican hot chocolate, juice, fruit, donuts and arroz con leche. Arroz con leche is a rice mixture with milk, cinnamon and sugar.

The group worked hard to send a positive message throughout Omaha. They showed leadership skills, displayed positive attitudes, had the want and need to make a difference and learned from each other.

"We're young activists and we're trying to keep Latinos in school," Amanda Ponce (12)said.

Latino leaders hosted a Park Avenue clean up where they cleaned up the community in the cold,

winter weather.

They walked throughout the streets with gloves and trash bags and picked up all the trash that made the neighborhood look bad. Then they piled into cars and drove to the South Omaha area and cleaned up and down 24th Street.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Latino sorority (the Rosas) teamed up with Latino Leaders to help the students with college scholarships, applications, homework help and anything else students needed help with

One of the other activities the group was involved in this year was babysitting at Spring Lake Park every Wednesday while the parents took parenting classes.

They also competed at the Cinco de Mayo parade that takes place every year in the South Omaha community.

"Latino leaders is a great club to meet new people and accomplish great things," Yaneth Lopez (12) said.

At the Latino Conference in October, several students went to various workshops on different careers. The night ended with a dance.

Diana Fernandez (12) and Adrian Guzman (12) both won \$500 scholarships at the conference for essays they had written.



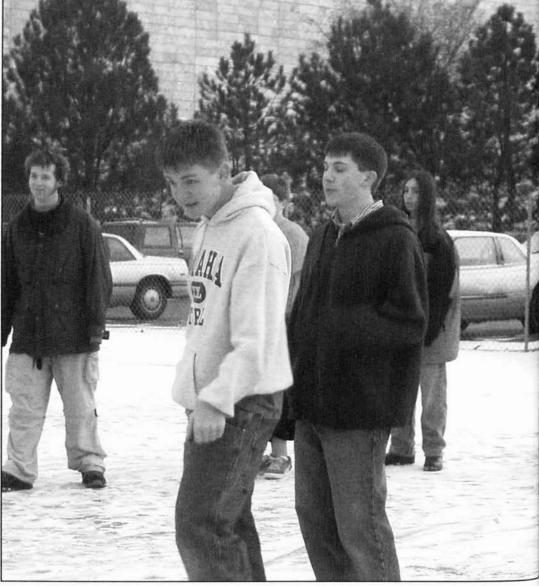


Far left- Leandra Cartagena (10) scoops the arroz con leche into styrofoam cups. Arroz con leche is a rice mixture sweetened. Photo by Lynne Clure

Left- Indira Gallardo (11) serves Mexican hot chocolate to staff. Serving breakfast to the faculty was only one of the many service projects Latino Leaders took part in. Photoby Lyme Clure Right—In the snow, Chase Steenbock (11), Kyle O'Day (11), Anthony Oneill (9), Brandon Barba (11) and James Schalles (11) try to keep warm while waiting for their turn to participate in drills. Many practices were held on Wednesday after school on the turf or Thursday at Memorial Park in cold weather, Photo by Katie Mapes

Below-While tossing the rugby ball, Christopher Tubrick (12) explains how to correctly perform a drill. Returning players helped teach the new ones the basics of rugby. Photo by Katle Mape.

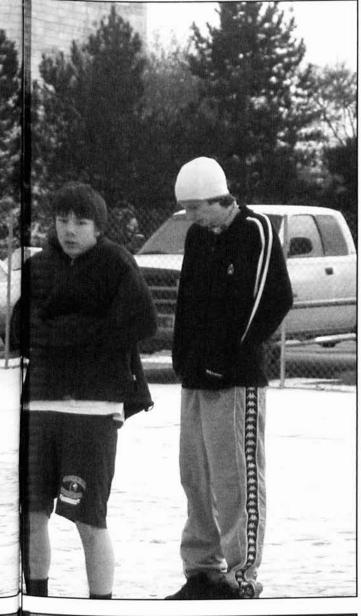


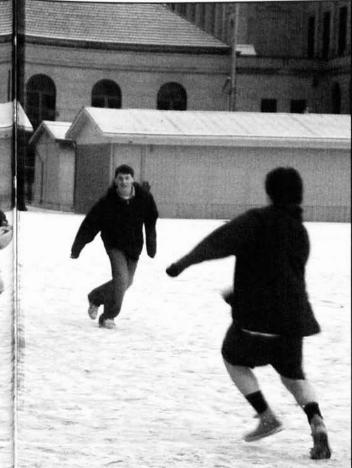






Right- Steenbock, aided by O'Day, runs the ball while Anthony Oneill (9) attempts to steal it from them. Photo by Katle Mapes





Teaching the bosics

Graduate returns to help students learn sport

By Katie Mapes

long withother returning rugby members. Central graduate Jacob Pederson helped teach this year's rugby team the basics of the game.

Pederson has played rugby for three seasons with Central's team, Griffin United, and a club team, the Omaha Goats.

He said he started playing rugby in high school when his friend, Bryon George, also a Central graduate, talked him into it, saying he would be a valuable asset because of his size.

The most rewarding part of rugby last year, Pederson said, was the cohesiveness of the team.

In Pederson's opinion, the main difference between last year's team and this year's was that it was a very young team compared to last year. This year's team consisted of more under classmen players than previous years.

Practices for the rugby team were Wednesday outside of the school on the field, and on Thursday at Memorial Park.

Pederson's thoughts were that the returning players would be great help in leading the team this year.

During the practices, returning members helped to teach new members everything they would need to know for playing rugby.

For returning member Christopher Tubrick (12), the hardest part of rugby was showing other people how to play.

"The first year was most challenging because you pick up aspects of the game as you practice, and over the years it becomes easier and easier," Tubrick said.

Rugby was not too hard to learn, Chase Steenbock (11) said. He said what makes it hard was that a person could always be better and improve.

At the beginning of the season when Steenbock was first learning how to play, his impression of rugby was that it would be tough and very tiring.

Steenbock said that friends Jacob Pederson and Bryon George, who were on the team the previous year, made him think that it might be cool to do.

To Steenbock, the most rewarding part of rugby was the feeling of accomplishment when he was finished with practice.

The game itself, Pederson said, was very simple to understand once a person knew the fundamentals.

The difference, Tubrick said, between last year and this one was that a lot more of the people were consistently showing up to practices and the fact that there were more people involved this year.

Tubrick had the most experience on the team, playing four seasons, getting his encouragement from his two older brothers who played before him.

Tubrick said the toughest competition for the four years he has been at Central has always been Millard North and Westside. He said that they were both good teams and they were very physical.

No matter how many games they won or lost, in the end, the team members always stuck up for one another, Pederson said.

"The most rewarding part of rugby was friendship," Tubrick said. "You met a variety of people and over the course of a season you became like family." groups _____



Chess Club

Christian Buckley (9), Michael Perry (9), Erik Servellon (10), Annette Wilder (11), Matthew Holzapfel (9), Lance Karasek (11), Cory McCarl (9), George Blazek (9), William Chaney(9), Nicholas Hug (9), Luning Ni (9), Jay Searson (11), David Crane (11), Tristen Holzapfel (12), Sponsor Stephen Bourna, Matthew Zmijewski (11), Jay Harmon (11), Nathan Horrell (11), Benjamin Walden (9), Kaitlin Nichols (11), Sarah Little (11), sponsor Drew Thyden, Photo by Hallie Bieber

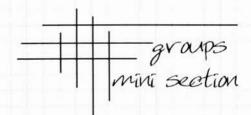
Art Club

Grant Anderson (9), Shera Baumel (11), Shelby Beck (12), James Boatright (12), Daniel Cavanagh (12), Jingran Dai (12), Alexandra Huston (11), Kimberly Elliot (12), Anthony Ewing (11), Magdalene Gilliam (11), Makeda Gilliam (12), Jill Glissmann (12), Kelsey Gotch (11), Ally Gumbiner (11), Jessica Hannah (12), Sarah Hansen (10), Amber Hankins (10), Sarah Hosford (12), Alex Jochim (12), Khadi ja Khabir (10), Cody Killion (11), Sara Krajicek (12), Rachael Lacroix (12), Jennifer Lambrecht (12), Barbara Livermore (9), Timothy Mayer (12), Holly McCarthy (12), Jatara Minor (9), Marc Monbouquette (11), Brighid O'Malley (11), Stephanie Olesh (11), Deborah Philip (10), Christina Pierce (11), Nora Prazan (12), Kristina Smith (11), Anna Vacha (10), Guadalupe Vega (9), Jennifer Yin (11).



African-American History Club

Anthony Ewing (11), Dimaria Livingston (11), Janel Mitchell (11), Anton Moore (11), Carrington Butler (11), Enjolie Wallace (11), Latasha Bradley (11), Ashley Wilson (11), JoAnna LeFlore (9), Trista Kelly (9), Cassaundra Marisett (10), Sydney Shead (11), Martinique Perkins (10), Jeannee Bradley (10), Ashley Pinkerton (11), Andrae Allen (11), Morgan Chatmon (12), Pascha Fountain (11), Larry Coleman (12), Ashanti Weaver (12), Rod Mullen and Patricia Brizendine.



Student trainers

Jill Ausdemore (12), Folasade Hinson (12), Ashanti Weaver (12), Samar Elatta (11), Athletic trainer Michael DeMilia, Hopeton Pommels (10). Photo by Hallie Bieber



Eagle Volunteer Crew

Amanda Stastny (10), Bryan Swotek (11), Melanie Marek (11), Nolan Windom (12), Anthony Allee (11), Jeffrey Downs (10), Amanda Bell (10), Cassondra Barba (10), Michelle Cavanaugh (11), Shelby Cherek (10), Nichole David (11), Shannon Durkan (12), Kimberly Gavin (10), Brett Gilcrist (11), Kari Gregruska (10), Megan Greise (12), Amanda Gutierrez (10), Tera Henrich (10), Rachel Kennedy (11), Sara Lange (10), Kathryn MacDonald (10), Lisa Martin (10), Sara Martin (9), Ellen Mickle (10), Jamie Mincey (12), Justin Morar (11), Brandy Mossburg (10), Ashley Naikelis (10), Katherine Okrina (10), Sam Okrina (12), Kaitlin Peterson (10), Deborah Phillip (10), Christina Pierce (11), Colter Ripton (12), Erika Roetzel (10), Shantell Ross (10), Patrick Venditte (11), Xu Wang (11), Leah Weis (10), Jessica Wyscarever (10), Jasmine Opere (10), Photo by Hallie Bieber



Senior Representatives

Andrea Wilson (12), Jessica Richart (12), Anna Bolmeier (12), Mary Michalak (12), Yun Lin (12), Katharine Trerice (12), Daun Bush (12), Ashley Krijan (12), Sponsor Christie Pfeifer, Daniel Hilgendorf (12), Christopher Gorga (12), John DeMott (12), sponsor Diane Allen, Alex Jochim (12), Lucas Matyja (12), Joseph Klaczynsky (12), Photo by Hallie Bieber



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Skoteboording

Juan Chaparro (11), Aaron Gonzales (10), Nathaniel Crook (12), Michael Alfaro (11), Patrick Caniglia (11), sponsor Christine Mills, Donald Southard (12), Photo by Hallie Bieber

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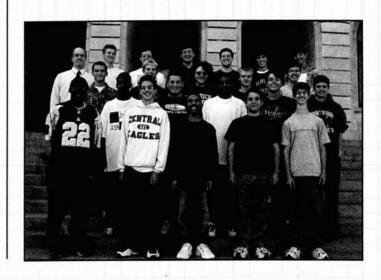
Student Democrats

Richard Owens-Ream (11), Christopher Bertch (11), Brian Fahey (12), Hannah Wunsch (10), Marisa Parker (10), sponsor Donna Noll, Kelsey Gotch (11), Kira O'Bradovich (11), Sara Cowan (11), Michael Smith (10), Megan Madison (12), Jessica Richart (12). Rachael Ferber (12), Mariah Bianchini (10), Anne Kline (10), Nicholas Delman (11), Craig Novak (12). Photo by Hallie Bieber

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Men's Chorus

Hopeton Pommells (10), Ryan Flemmer (10), Aron Cobbs (12), Anthony Allee (11), Nicholas Waszak (11), James Buie (12), Michael Smith (10), Torrance Roland (12), Mark Zoll (12), Jonathan Raftery (11), Jason Nehrig (11), Adam Christensen (12), Jason Witty (11), Michael Kern (12), Andrew Ritsch (9), sponsor Stephen Bouma, William Brush (12), Brian Fahey (12), Craig Novak (12), Nicholas Delman (11), Samuel Smith-Shull (11), Steve Salavec (11). Photo by Hallie Bjeber



NEST

Tyeshia Cobb (11), Samar Elatta (11), Andrae Allen (11), Ashanti Weaver (12), Makeda Gilliam (12), Marisa Parker (10), Mikila Brandon (12), Shazale Ramsey (9), Jenny Rosas (9), Larry Coleman (12), Ashley Easter (10), Ashley Wilson (11), Mauricio Canales (9), Marica Holland (9), Ashley Weich (9), Jalesa Moore (9), Ashley Minnifield (10), sponsor Mindy Morgan, Shabazz Ramsey (11), Karmen Holmes (9), Joanna Leflore (9), Melissa Gray (9), Photo by Hallie Bieber



Moth Club

Xu Wang (11), Alfredo Hernandez (11), Melissa Hepburn (12), Allison Hepburn (10), Kaitlin Barr (10), Aron Cobbs (12), Matthew Holzapfel (9), Abigail Camp (10), Elisa Berzins (10), Robert Drickey (10), Jennifer Yin (11), Marc Monbouquette (11), Aaron Maurice (12), Alexander Bloom (11), Tristen Holzapfel (12), Kari Greguska (10), Jingran Dai (12), Yun Lin (12), Lauren Prest (12), Adam Ramirez (11), Christopher Boro (11), Jonathan Albright (11), Photo by Hallie Bleber



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Moth/Science Upward Bound

Shaneda Greer (9), Elizabeth Brown (11), Samar Elatta (11), Martinique Perkins (10), Jasmae Prince (12), Briana Glaze (10), Annie Boyd (10), Brandi Clanton (10), sponsor Julie Johnson, sponsor Kelly Murphy, Adrienne Wilson (10), Marisa Parker (10), Shannon Prince (10), Angelina Perry (10), Deborah Phillip (10), Maurice Kimsey (9), sponsor Mindy Morgan, sponsor Jennifer Dickey, Brittaney Clemmons (11), Roberto Tlatenchi (10), Michael Alfaro (11), Christopher Polyzois-Lolan (10), Michael Boldan (10), Stephanie Simmons (10), Curtis Greer (10), Photo by Hallie Bieber

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Angela Friedman (10), Irene Blue (11), Pearl Boyd (11), Rebecca Waesch (10), Shera Baumel (11).

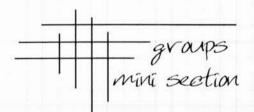
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Lotin Club

Jamie Hills (12), Jennifer Yin (11), Rachel Danford (11), Johanna Murphy (11), Kimberly Gavin (10), Kathryn Madonald (10), Amanda Wirth (9), Natalie Bachtell (10), Cassondra Barba (10), Brandon Skocz (12), David Woodruff (9), Tucker George (9), James Hubbard (9), Ashley Campbell (11), Steve Salavec (11), Jasmae Prince (12), Ashley Cap (11), Nicole Tyrey (11), George Blazek (9), Anne-Marie Lind (10), Robert Drickey (10), Allison Hepburn (10), Steven Gardels (10), Mary Michalak (12), Jay Searson (11), Jered Kotschwar (11), Sara Illig (10), Kwin Kunkle (12). Photo by Hallie Bieber



German Club

Jill Glissmann (12), Angela Friedman (10), Chelsee Kegermann (12), Adam Christensen (12), Kira O'Bradovich (12), Sarah Hansen (10), Nisa Holzapfel (9), Abigail Heithoff (11), Miriam Tippets (12), Corinn Grabow (12), Rebecca Waesch (10), Cecily Zdan (10), Kaitlin Larson (10), Kaitlin Barr (10), Brittany McClure (10), April Gayer (12), Mark Zoll (12), Tristen Holzapfel (12), Photo by Hallie Bieber



German National Honor Society Sarah Hansen (10), Nisa Holzapfel (11), Adam Christiansen (12), Kira O' Bradovich (11), Cecily Zdan

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French Notional Honor Society

Kaitlin Jessing- Butz (12), Austin Baumann (11), Melissa Hepburn (12), Kristy Swirzinski (11), Jennifer Adams (11), sponsor Beverly Fellman, Vanessa Brutsche (12), Clare McGuire (11), Rachel Kennedy (11), Sara Cowan (11). Photo by Hallie Bieber



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Destination Imagination

Aron Cobbs (12), Charles Serfass (11), Yun Lin (12), Hannah Wunsch (10), Alexander Bloom (11), Douglas Hageman (12), Matthew Schrad (11), Lauren Prest (12), Mariah Bianchini (10). Photo by Hallie Bieler

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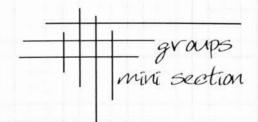
Sponsor David Martin, Jay Searson (11), Elizabeth Brown (11), Mary Mullen (9), Nicholle Leedom (11). Photo by Hallie Bieber



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Academic Decothlan

Melissa Hepburn (12), Stephanie Lemek (10), Allison Hepburn (10), Aron Cobbs (12), Meredith Grunke (12), Amelia Peterson (10), Ellen Mickle (10), Kaitlin Jessing-Butz (12), Timothy Shew (12), Gavin Jensen (12), Cati Peterson (10), Caitlin Monaghan (10), Ryan Flemmer (10), Vanessa Brutsche (12), Nicole Chen (12), Eric Shew (10), John DeMott (12), Cecily Zdan (10), asst. coach Stephen Bouma, Erica Daly (10), Lauren Prest (12), Courtney Thomas (10), Evelyn Mayberger (10), coach Vicki Deniston-Reed, Naomi Rennard (10), Christopher Danford (11), Daniel Gutman (11), Photo by Hallie Bieber



Student Canal

Catherine Bigsby (10), Austin Baumann (11), Normesha Reynolds (12), Alexandra Huston (11), Patrick Venditte (11), Alex Jochim (12), Christopher Gorga (12), Colin Rinaker (12), Larry Coleman (12), Stephanie Lemek (10), Tyler Klusaw (12), John Friend (11), Kristy Swirzinski (11), Steven Hogan (11), Matthew Storm (11), David Cleveland (10), Jennifer Yin (11), Julia Darrow (11), Auriel Blake (11), Cameron Knowles (10), Neal Bierman (12), Nicki Thomas (10), sponsor Judy Storm. Photo by Hallie Bleber



French Club

Kaitlin Jessing-Butz (12), Erica Yates (11), Vanessa Skocz (10), Ally Gumbiner (11), Austin Baumann (11), Kathleen Mapes (11), Katherine Erikson (11), Amanda Stastny (10), Sarah Alston (11), Desiree Fortina (11), Fallon Leahy (11), Sydney Shead (11), Vanessa Brutsche (12), Clare McGuire (11), Jennifer Adams (11), Jaclyn Rahaman (12), Kristy Swirzinski (11), Kaitlin Nichols (11), Jamie Moats (11), April Bloomingdale (11), Melissa Hepburn (12), Laraine Getty (11), Julia Lebedz (11), Eleanor Ashford (11), Michelle Peare (11), Jessica Wyscarver (10), Photo by Hallie Bieber



Lotin Club officers

Sponsor Rita Ryan, Kwin Kunkle (12), Alex Jochim (12), Jennifer Yin (11), Benjamin Lyons (12), Rose Perkins (12), Shelby Cherek (10), Kimberly Gavin (10), Jay Searson (11), Kathryn Macdonald (10), Irene Blue (11), Jered Kotschwar (11), Taylor Billings (11). Photo by Hallie Bieber



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Rughy

Allen Beckman (9), Ben jamin Zimmer (9), Christian Wilhoft (10), Andrew Monbouquette (9), Keenan Page (9), James Hubbard (9), Justin Mitchell (9), Ian Danielson (9), Chase Steenbock (11), Bill Rollins (11), Brandon Barba (11), Kyle O'Day (11), James Schalles (11), Paul Hildebrandt (12), Christopher Tubrick (12), Matthew Brown (12), assistant coach Samuel Comfort, sponsor Kris Chavez. Photoby Hallie Bieber

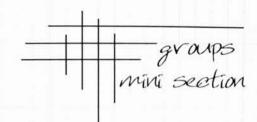
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Pascha Fountain (11), Katharine Susman (12), Mark Zoll (12), Ashley Krijan (12), Makeda Gilliam (12), Norma Reynolds (12), Fallon Leahy (11), Jennifer Yin (11), Emily Muskin (11), April Bloomingdale (11), Emily Roberts (11), Rachel Kennedy (11), Laraine Getty (11), Nicole Chen (12), Whitney Williams (12), Erika Kraft (11), Abby Franklin-Graskowiak (11), Clare McGuire (11), Kwin Kunkle (12), Sarah Cavanagh (11), Nichole Tyrey (11), Rachel Danford (11), Sarah Alston (11), Tamara Cooks (11), Melissa Arnold (12), Calli Shepherd (11), Rachel LaCroix (12), Nicholle Leedom (11), Jason Nehrig (11), Eleanor Hoeger (11), Christopher Danford (11), Robert Garvin (11), Kira O'Bradovich (11), Jillian Boston (11), Anthony Allee (11), Nicholas Goding (11), Matthew Schrad (11), Charles Serfass (11), Carolyn Schaeffer (12), Charles Nielson (11), Rebecca Heinemen (12), Nicholas Waszak (11), Sara Cowan (11), Alex Wigger (11), Samuel Smith-Shull (11), Kaitlin Nichols (11), Lauren Prest (12), Photo by Hallie Beber



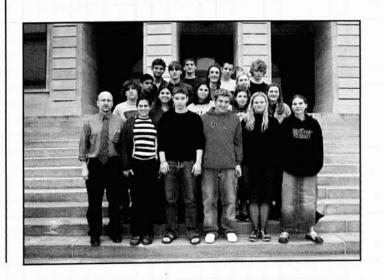
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Register

Adviser Matthew Deabler, Paula Salhany (12), Robert Hunter (11), Bryan Swotek (11), Kaitlin Jessing-Butz (12), Nicole Tyrey (11), Charles Wence (11), Jillian Risavi (12), Sara Rips (11), Laura Diesing (11), Kathryn Backman (11), Andrew Neal (11), Robert Meigs (12), Richard Owens-Ream (11), Danielle Welty (11), Stephen Packard (12), Douglas Meigs (12), Aaron Maurice (12), Devon O'Connell (12), Photo by Hallie Bieber





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CHEETA

Irene Blue (11), Leandra Cartagena (10), Daniel Cavanagh (12), Adam Christensen (12), Rose Ecabert (11), Rachael Ferber (12), Kelsey Gotch (11), Tayla Henderson (10), Ronald Hendrix (10), Sindy Hueso (9), Mayra Jimenez (11), Kristin Jones (11), Ximena Lucero (10), Gerson Manriquez (9), Lisa Martin (10), Sara Martin (9), Shaleene Matthaei (11), Wendy Medrano (10), Jose Morales (10), Victor Morales (9), Gabriela Ramirez (12), Ricardo Renderos (12), Robyn Sorensen (12), Princess Steward (12), Cameron Sullivan (10), Princo by Hallie Bieber



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Lotino Leaders

Jamie Mincey (12), Amanda Ponce (12), Maria Arredondo (11), Diana Fernandez (12), Gabriela Ramirez (12), Yariela Ruiz (12), Indira Gallardo (11), Alfredo Hernandez (11), Alexandrea Romano (11), Raul Aguilar (10), Adrian Guzman (12), Mayra Jimenez (11), Anthony Bruno (12), Jessica Mehuron (12), Mariana Lopez (9), Maria Torres (9), Veronica Franco (12), Wendy Medrano (10), Andrea Aguilar (12), Francisco Elizondo (12), Amanda Collett (10), Nancy Antunez (10), Melanie Black (10), David Black Jr. (9), Photo by Hallie Beiter

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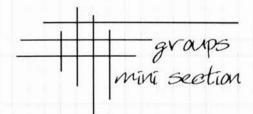
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Mock Trial

Laraine Getty (11), Robert Hunter (11), Jessica Richart (12), Norma Reynolds (12), Lauren Prest (12), Kira O'Bradovich (11), Rolanda Allen (9), Kimberly Pitlor (12), Autumn Golonka (11), Richard Owens-Ream (11), Lauren Holm (11), John DeMott (12), Sara Rips (11), Photo by Hallie Bieber





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Angela Friedman (10), Adrienne Wilson (10), Nihcolle Leedom (11), Alicia Wolford (12), Princess Steward (12), Kelsey Ratigan (10), Shea Muth (10), Amanda Bell (10), Sara Ficke (10), Allison Hepburn (10), Lindsey Thompson (10), Rose Perkins (12), Kaitlin Larson (10), Andrea Schnell (10), Tamaria Williams (12), Caitlin Monaghan (10), Emily O'Donnell (10), Laura Peters (9), Kathryn Earnhardt (10), Katlin Peterson (10), Hannah Wunsch (10), Jireh Knott (10), Allison Kollath (12), Ashley Brown (10), Katharine Susman (12), Photocountesy of Lyn Bouma



A Cappella

Abby Franklin-Graskowiak (11), Kimberly Pitlor (12), Katharine Susman (12), Jillian Boston (11), Nicolle Leedom (11), Annette Wilder (11), Erica Yates (11), Anthony Allee (11), Dimari Livingston (11), Kylie Zacharia (11), Saeeun Kwon (12), Icy Simpson (12), Norma Reynolds (12), Megan Madison (12), Kira O'Bradovich (11), Aron Cobbs (12), Tamaria Williams (12), Kaley Eledge (11), Amanda Evans (11), Kristy Swirzinski (11), Emily Muskin (11), Stephanie Beister (12), Normesha Reynolds (12), Sharra Graham (11), David Rangel (11), Kevin Jones (12), Uriah Giroux (12), Katherine Musick (12), Kwin Kunkle (12), Princess Steward (12), Rose Perkins (12), Danielle Rood (12), Dana Carlson (12), Adam Christensen (12), Natalie Andreasen (12), Alicia Wolford (12), Sarah Little (11), Nicole Chen (12), Duaine Johnson (11), Karlton Lloyd (10), Kyle Soares (11), Allison Kollath (12), Sara Kraji cek (12), Tamara Williams (11), Pascha Fountain (11), Calli Shepherd (11), Rhondesha Brown (12), Ashley Wilson (11), Dana Cleasby (11), Clare McGuire (11), Pearl Boyd (11), sponsor Lyn Bourna, Michael Kern (12), Megan Stratton (12), Lara Watzke (12), Rebecca Mayhew (11), Katherine Erikson (11), Jennifer Adams (11), Emily Roberts (11), Jessica Hannah (12), Whitney Williams (12), Charles Nielsen (11), Robyn Sorensen (12), Carolyn Schaeffer (12), Lauren Faulkner (12), Hopeton Pommells (10), April Bloomingdale (11), Michael Smith (10), Fallon Leahy (11), Halley Taylor (11), Jessica Richart (12), Sarah Cavanagh (11), Kaitlin Nichols (11), Jason Nehrig (11), David Hernandez (12), Eleanor Hoeger (11), Ryan Flemmer (10), Torrance Roland (12), Jonathan Raftery (11), Logan Kelly (10), Samuel Smith-Shull (11), Sara Cowan (11), Adam Lamb (12), Mark Zoll (12), Chase Thornburg (12), Nicholas Delman (11), Brian Fahey (12), Craig Novak (12), William Brush (12), Dennis Lett (12), Nicholas Goding (11), Joshua Koterba (11). Photo courtesy of Lyn Bouma



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Tae Kwan Do

Michael Bolden (10), Leandra Cartagena (10), Demario Holley (12), Jordan Jacobs (11), Porter Johnson (12). Kyle Kenkel (10), Duoth Kuon (10), Kenneth Lindmier (11), Zachary Lynch (11), Gregory Merrill (12), Robert Montag (11), Victor Morales (9), Luning Ni (9), Demetrin Pierce (9), Ricardo Renderos (12), Jose Toledo (10), Jarvis Toney (10), Annette Wilder (11), Deandre Young (10), Photo by Meredith Grunke

Lauren Anderes (10), David Black (9), Melanie Black (10), Justin Blackwell (10), Tamara Cooper (9), Amanda DeWitt (10), Marcy Ennis (10), Amanda Gutierrez (10), Nathaniel Hall (9), Teresa Larson (10), Allyson Leigh (10), Brandon Luther (10), Lisa Martin (10), Sara Martin (9), Elizabeth McGuire (9), Jamie Mincey (12), Ashley Mora (10), Candis Sorensen (10), Joshua Weilandt (9), Robert Yarbrough (10), Fhoto by Hallie Bieber



Mark Zoll (12), Icy Simpson (12), Megan Madison (12), Katherine Musick (12), Kira
O'Bradovich (11), Natalie Andreasen (12), Adam Christensen (12), Aron Cobbs (12), Whitney
Williams (12), Kimberly Pitlor (12), Normesha Reynolds (12), Lauren Faulkner (12), Kaley
Fleder (11), Norme Paraphly (12), Withorine Fishers (11), Isaac Nahria (11) Chem. Eledge (11), Norma Reynolds (12), Katherine Erikson (11), Jason Nehrig (11), Chase Thornburg (12), Joshua Koterba (11), Robyn Sorensen (12), Nicholas Delman (11), Adam Lamb (12), Dennis Lett (12), Photo courtesy of Lyn Bouma

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Minority Scholars 5th hour

Maria Arredondo (11), Lanisha Baltimore (9), Larry Coleman (12), Morgan Conley (9), Jalesa Moore (9), Justin Muhammad (11), Randi Paul (9), Jenna Pearson (12), Shabazz Ramsey (11), Jenny Rosas (9), Alvin Samuels (9), Catherine Velez (9), Ashanti Weaver (12), Ashley Weich (9), Andrea Wilson (12), Radell Young (9). Photo by Tammi Cooks



Merority Scholars 6th hour

Daun Bush (12), Erica Butler (11), Krystal Curry (9), Sharra Graham (11), Terrance Harris (10), Brandon
Henley (11), Jennifer Hodges (12), Alexandria Ingram (10), Chazaray Jones (10), Cameron Knowles (10), Megan Madison (12), Emily McTate (11), Nicholas Monge (11), Michal Nims (10), Laureen Opere (12), Prestyn Paul (10), Clinton Skanes (11), Stephanie Williams (11), Cynthia Wilson (11), Photo by Katle Mapes



Minority Scholars 7th how

Yvette Butler (9), Ashley Dupree (10), Ashley Easter (10), Timothy Gaskin (9), Melissa Gray (9), Amanda Gutierrez (10), Tylisha Harris (11), Karmen Holmes (9), Bianca Howard (10), Talaya James (9), Joanna Leflore (9), Ashlynn Lewis (10), Shazale Ramsey (9), Matthew Sledge (9), Teddi Teamer (11), Jessica Womack (10), Victoria Washington (9). Photo by Hallie Bieber





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Anthony Allec (11) Kathleen Ander (12) Austin Biuminm (11) Chamtalle Boston (11) Jessica Brewer (12) Elizabeth Brown (11) Wesley Brown (10). Droid Burr (11) Dum Bush (12) Ashley Cap (11) Amanda Carney (12) Christopher Caubarrus (12) Sarah Cavaragh (11) Ashley Christopher Caubarrus (12) Sarah Cavaragh (11) Ashley Christopher Caubarrus (12) Sarah Cavaragh (11) Ashley Christopher Caubarrus (12) Elizabeth Dwornicki (12) Sarah Dwidson (12) Missha Dickes (12) Alex Driggs (11) Anthony Driscoll (12) Jerel Dunn (12) Brittani Dutton (12) Elizabeth Dwornicki (12) Sarah Estata (11) Kimberly Eliiott (12) Holibe Engslahl (11) Katherine Erikson (11) Abigail Fitzgerald (11) Desiree Fortina (11) Jessica Franksen (12) Lunern Freeman (12) John Friend (11) Nicholas Golfing (11) Autumn Golonka (11) Dominique Gonzales (12) Daniel Gutman (11) Brandon Hargrowe (11) Kaitlin Hartnett (11) Abigail Heithoff (11) Melissa Hepburn (12) Alfredo Hernandez (11) Daniel Hilgendorf (12) Andrew Hilscher (12) Joseph Hasgland (12) Demario Holley (12) Josob Holst (11) Adam Hopewell (11) Kaby Humpal (12) Ashley Irwin (11) Ales Jochim (12) Kathryn Johnson (11) Kathryn Keeler (12) Michael Kern (12) Joseph Klaczynsky (12) Adam Konfrist (11) Sara Krajock (12) Zachary Kruse (12) Kyle Langenfeld (11) Eaflon Lashy (11) Emily Lebens (12) Joseph Klaczynsky (12) Adam Konfrist (11) Sara Krajock (12) Zachary Kruse (12) Kyle Langenfeld (11) Eaflon Lashy (11) Mara Martinez (12) Jario Maurice (12) Catle McCarthy (12) Holly McCarthy (12) Mackenzie McDonough (12) Clare McGuter (11) Kayle Model (11) Mary Michael Morrison (12) Jessica Moyer (12) Kaite Mudkoon (12) Emily Mukkin (11) Ashley Myers (11) Shuron Norton (12) Kyle O'Ray (11) Scott O'Bell (12) Sam O'Kritan (12) Alex Olson (11) Christine Palmer (11) Nora Prazan (12) John Pryor (11) Whitney Quinlan (11) Adam Ramirez (11) Raymond Rife (11) Emily Roberts (11) Swee (12) Kristy Switzinski (11) John Pryor (11) Sydney Shead (11) Eric Brandon Schradar (11) Clophus Schwan (12) Katharine Susman (12) Mithel Swee (12) Kristy

Bond-Freshmen

Hiba Ahmad (9), Kevin Anderson (9), Grant Anderson (9), Brianna Brei (9), Yvette Butler (9), William Chaney (9), Gregory Clements (9), Chloe Fortina (9), Lindsey Goding (9), Krystal Griffin (9), Andrew Haskins (9), Denise Hearity (9), Jessica Hollenbeck (9), Joseph Iwen (9), Jennifer Mach (9), Audrey Madison (9), Tess Mandell (9), Anna McMahon (9), Leah Meyer (9), Christopher Nelson (9), Yasmine Nuwwarah (9), Casey Poe (9), Abigail Prest (9), Zachry Qualls (9), Deborah Rennard (9), Andrew Ritsch (9), James Rubio (9), Jennifer Rue (9), Jessica Saligheh (9), Ana Santos (9), Joshua Schlotfeld (9), Daniel Shute (9), Kristen Van Putten (9), Joseph Wallace (9), Ashley Welty (9), Stacy Wilkerson (9), Jee Hyun Yoe (9), Radell Young (9), Photo by Hallie Bieber



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Bond-Sophomores

Faraz Ahmad (10), Ashley Albers (10), Patrick Anderl (10), Kaitlin Barr (10), Elisa Berzins (10), Wesley Brown (10), Amanda Chism (10), Brandi Clanton (10), Theresa Crnkovich (10), Bryce Dantzler (10), Garrett Day (10), Ryan Flemmer (10), Angela Friedman (10), Steven Gardels (10), Stephanie Hall (10), Thomas Heafey (10), Allison Hepburn (10), Amanda Herskind (10), Zachary Kain (10), Alissa Kechely (10), Christopher Kielion (10), Danielle Knutson (10), Kaitlin Larson (10), Anne-Marie Lind (10), Kathryn Macdonald (10), Evelyn Mayberger (10), Sean McCall (10), Caitlin Monaghan (10), Thomas Mullen (10), Cody Oltrogge (10), Cati Peterson (10), Deborah Philip (10), Joshua Saligheh (10), Andrew Seevers (10), Amanda Seher (10), Natalie Shaw (10), Mindy Sotello (10), Nicholas Stuberg (10), Lindsey Thompson (10), Jason Witty (10), Jessica Womack (10), Hannah Wunsch (10), Cecily Zdan (10).

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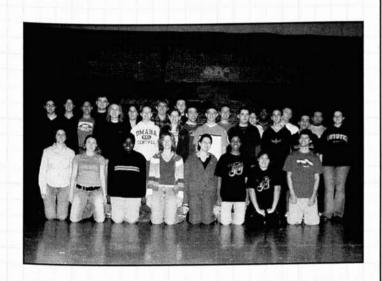
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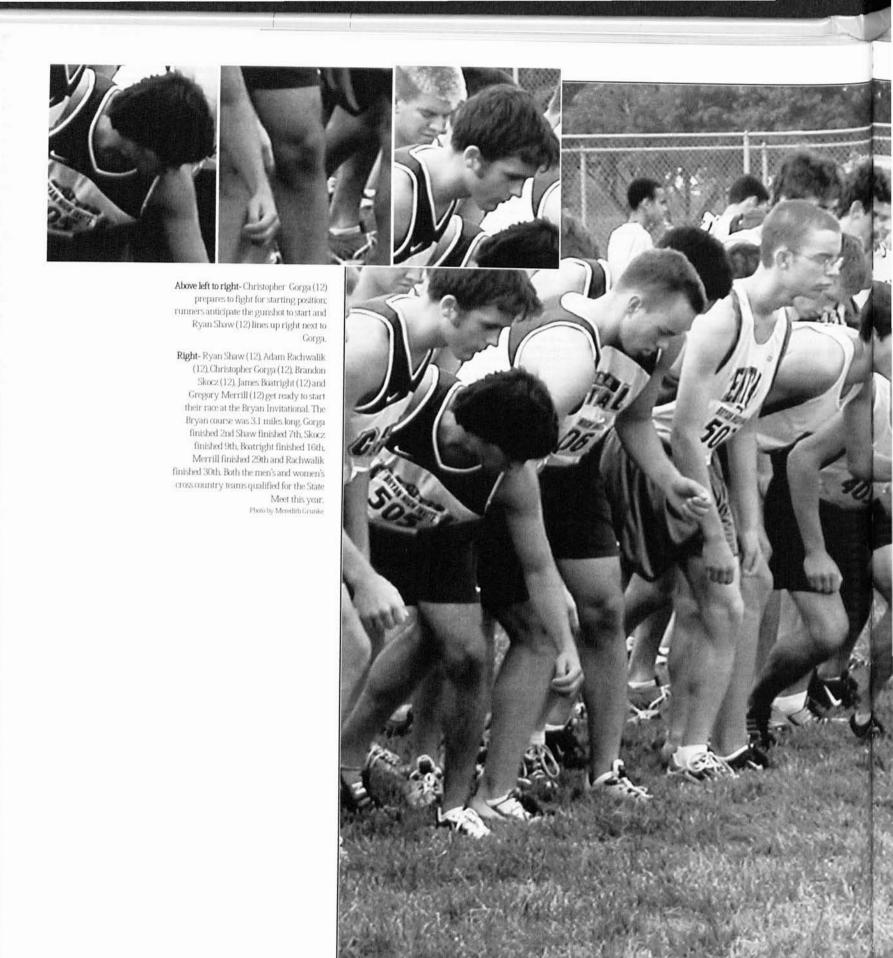
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Orchestra

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SPORTS

A successful sports season requires dedication to strive, patience to perfect each day of practice and each game throughout the season. Sometimes after a strenuous workout, the players dragged themselves off of the field engulfed in sweat, limping slowly as not to show their pains. The blotches of purple and blue on an arm or a leg barely showed the effort put into a game. The way that game, race, meet or match was played depended on the willingness, ability and unity of the athletes and coaches. Whether the game was won or lost in the end did not matter. What did matter was that the athletes worked, played and learned in every practice. They improved through perseverance. This was the blueprint for being considered a true athlete.

Paver firesse

Team mixes strength, talent to come out on top

By Kaitlin Hartnett

or the first time in seven years, the softball team made it to the State Tournament. "The girls were extremely successful," Kerri Murtaugh said. "They were able to set a great atmosphere and were top-notch athletes the entire season."

This year's key players were Jennifer Miller (12), Darcy Rutherford (10) and Alison Hess (10). Miller was named to the All-Metro and All-Division teams, and the All-State Class A second team and the All-Nebraska second team for her pitching record, which totaled over 100 strikeouts during the regular season.

"Jenny pitchedevery game," Murtaughsaid. "She had a great deal of poise on the mound and was just a great captain for the team."

Rutherford had the highest batting average on the team, and Hess had the crucial part of catcher, so they were all main elements of the team, Murtaugh said.

Emily Muskin (11) said the team had only two basic goals: 1) Win their district and 2) make it to State.

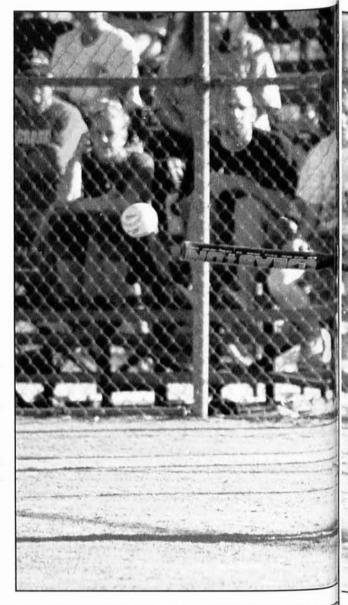
"We went completely crazy when we won Districts," Muskin said. "It was awesome." Murtaugh said the girls had a great season, not only because of the wide range of talent on the team, but because the girls were able to stick together and remain consistent through the tough times.

"There was one night game we played against Lincoln Southeast," Hess said. "Instead of just nine innings, there were ten. Neither team had scored the entiregame. Then Darcy Rutherford managed to get on base and somehow made it around the bases. We won that game 1–0."

Muskin said the toughest competition this year was the top-ranked teams that beat them in the State Tournament. The State Champion was Papillion La-Vista, the team that received second was Omaha Burke and number three was Lincoln Southeast. The Central girls finished fourth in the state for Class A.

"Burke was the team we wanted to beat the most," she said. "We played them three times altogether and were able to beat them once."

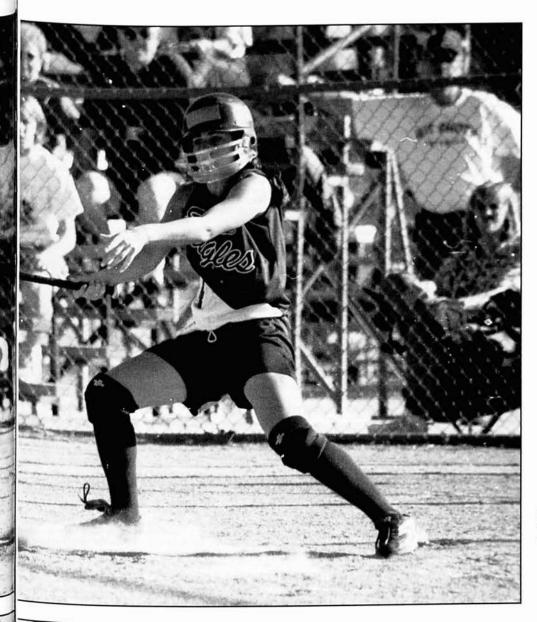
"There was a great sense of camaraderie among the girls on the team." Murtaugh said. "Because of it, they were able to stay motivated."



Right- Katie Muldoon (12) slides into third base to ensure she is safe. Runners either chose to take their chances with the stand-up base or they chose to slide. Photoby Buda Salhany







Left- Emily Muskin (11) hits a single. The team had an overall batting average of .267 whilecompeting at State. Photoby Paula Salbany



Left- Darcy Rutherford (10) gets in a little batting practice before a game. Kelsey Ratigan (11) and Katie Muldoon (12) were the only players to hit a home run while at State. Photo by Paula Salfiany

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Girls work on beating old records

By Kaytee Meade

Oth underclass softball teams had seasons that were described as "great" by their coaches and teammates alike.

Junior Varsity (J V) softball coach Scott Wilson said that the team had strong pitching and defensive abilities, which helped the team with its success.

Wilson said that just like any other JV team, the main goal was having fun.

"We wanted to break our record from last year, which was 11 wins and four losses, but we had two games that were rained out that we probably would have won," Wilson said.

The team ended with a ten win, four loss season, just short of reaching their goal.

Wilson said that the key players on JV this year were McKayla Clark (9), Jamie Hoffman (11) and Jaquelin Darrow (9).

Wilson added that the best parts of the season were the victories against Westside and Papillion, although he thought Burke was their toughest opponent.

Jodi Reeder, who has coached Reserve softball for two years, said that the toughest opponent for her team was Skutt High School.

The team ended the season with a 2-7 record.

Reeder said that the team's strength was the players' ability to work well together, and the players' willingness to play every position.

She said that the key player on the team this year was Lindsey Anderson (9).

Kathryn Runnels (9), who played both catcher and third base, said that she most en joyed the competition of the team.

"It got really exciting before the game. Everyone just got really excited and pumped up," Runnels said.

Runnels said that her best experience during the season was the team's last game against Marian.

"I just remember catching the fly ball," Runnels said. "Everybody on the team just had a good time. Everyone made a play."

Both teams practiced at Lynch Field every day after school for two hours. During practice, the teams would work on their skills and scrimmage to prepare for the real games.

Runnels said that the most important thing she got out of playing on Reserve softball was to learn how to work together with people on a team.

Runnels said she would definitely like to play next year and is looking forward to another exciting season.





Above-Coach Jodi Reeder gives a little advice to Stacy Wilkerson (9) and Lindsey Anderson (9). This was Reeder's second year as head coach. Photo by April Gayer

Right-Coach Scott Wilson gives a few words of encouragement before they hit the field. Wilson was one of the Junior Varsity coaches. Photo by Kaitlin Hatmert





Left-Kathryn Runnels(9)steps up to bat for her first time against Marian this season. Central lost this game 6-4. Photoby April Gayer

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Above-The reserve team anxiously waits to see if their batter will help a runner score off of the next pitch. They ended the scason with a 2-7 record. Photo by April Gayer

VARSITY SCORES

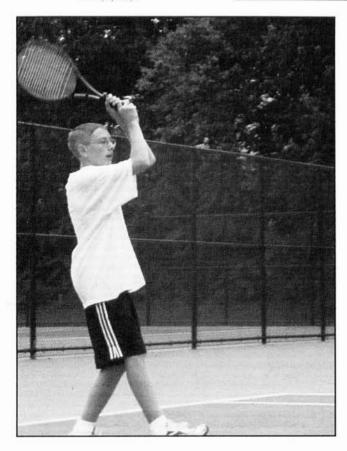
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Bottom right-Patrick Anderl (10) demonstrates the delicate side of hitting a tennis ball.
Photo by Katle Anderl

Below-In a power swing for a hit over the net, James Powell (9) returns the serve from another teammate while at a practice. Practices were held at Dewey Complex after school. Photo by April Gayer













Lefttoright-Nicholas Stuberg (10) practices hisserveat the Lewis and Clark tenniscourts. Patrick Anderl (10) demonstrates his follow through after serving the ball. Kyle Samuelson (9) manages to return most of the shots that Anderl and Stuberg hit at him. All Photos De Katie Anderl

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Varsity and JV have an overpowering season, again

By April Gayer

espite having a Varsity team with no seniors and a Junior Varsity team with many inexperienced players, both tennis teams had a fairly successful season, Varsity starter Robert Garvin (11) said.

A Varsity team with no seniors was not a problem for coach Matt Shafer to deal with. The players looked at this year as a rebuilding year.

Garvin said that he thought this year was difficult for many reasons especially because there were not any seniors on the team.

"We lost a lot of seniors," Garvin said. "But we still did surprisingly well."

Practices were held after school everyday until the season ended, Cameron Knowles (10) said.

Head coach Matt Shafer said the boys on the Varsity team sometimes played better than him and that he enjoyed practicing with them.

Yet even with the season being over, the players still played together during free time.

The team was pretty close knit, having played together in the past. They held laid-back practices and had a pretty easy season. They began the season fairly well.

"We were really surprised with the best win of the

season at the Millard West Invite with a final placing of third," Garvin said.

Knowles, the number one singles player, got first place, while Eric Shradar (11) and Garvin, the number one doubles players, got third place. All of the players said they felt that the wins at the invite helped to make the way for the good season.

Knowles said that they had a long and successful season. He also said that they may have struggled because of the differences of skill that were on the team. He mentioned how depth was a problem on the team and may have caused some problems.

"We had no depth on the team. This caused us not to have much of a successful year," Knowles said. "Losing State was a big disappointment. I was the only player who won a match."

Yet still without depth, the Varsity team was able to accomplish much this year.

Nicholas Samuelson (10) also said that both teams got along very well with each other.

Although they had very good practices, the games that the JV team played were not as successful.

"We won a couple and got killed on more games," Samuelson said. The team had an overpowering victory over North with a score of 6-1 in the doubles match.

Head JV coach Jurgen Shawver put his players into whatever positions that they had chosen to be in.

Matthew McGuire (10) said the teammates on the team were very close and were good friends.

"At a lot of the team practices, we would just play around with each other." McGuire said. "But at games, everyone played well and played hard."

The hard work that the teams had was because of the friendships that they had with each other.

With tennis being an individual sport, the only pressure that the players had was pressure that they gave themselves.

Varsity players look forward to upcoming sea-

They expect many good things to happen with more experience and depth to the team, Knowles said.

As for the JV team, this year's players said they are hoping to stay with Shawver and have an even more successful season.

The players said they enjoyed the tennis season and Central has great things to look forward to in the future.

Relationing

Team upholds tradition with new talent

By April Gayer

week before the first Varsity game of the year, positions had not even been given out to the players.

This fact had no effect on the team's surprising season. The Varsity football team, once again, proved that Central could hold onto traditions.

"We proved everyone wrong," Gunn said. "We weren't just a young team like they all thought. We surprised everyone."

Central finished with a record of 6-4.

"As a spectator, I did not think that the team was going to be any good, thinking of all the names that we lost this year," James Boatright (12) said. "But they did a good job with such a new team."

Being a young team did not bother any of the players. They were all still optimistic for the year and for their games, Joseph Medeiros (11) said.

"This year, they played hard each game, always walking off the field, knowing they played their hardest," he said. "Most of the team, being underclass players, looked at this year as a rebuilding and learning year."

Only ten seniors were on the team, three of which were the starting linemen on the offense.

Most of the offense and defense were underclass students, so most of the starting line for the offense will return next year.

Robert Wesley (10), said that the favorite thing about the team this year was just about being with his fellow teammates.

"This team was more like a family," Wesley said.
"There was more a team effort at the games. We weren't relying on just one or two players to run our games."

Wesley said that the coaches helped by creating a family-like atmosphere that was friendly and strict at the same time.

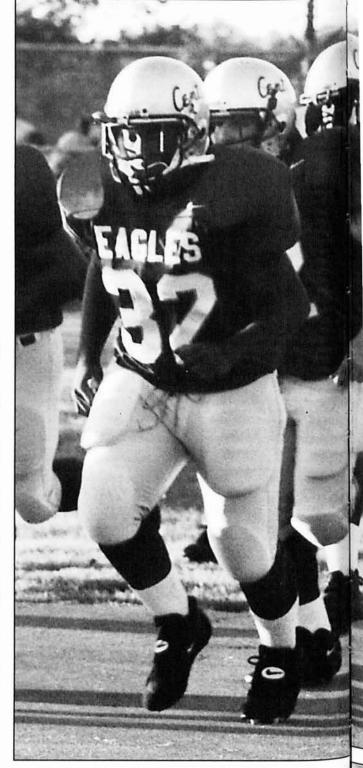
Assistant coach Stan Standifer, who is retiring this year, said he will miss the players from this year.

"These are a great set of boys here," Standifer said.

"They proved a lot of people wrong and took all the pressure and criticism in to learn from it. I am proud of them."

With such a young Varsity team, members expected great things for next year's season, said Medeiros.

He said that he believed next year will be better and will be very surprising for everyone including the players because of the unity that was formed.



Right-Coach Ryan Murtaugh tirelessly tries to make sure the team is in a position to win the game. Photo by Meredith Grunke







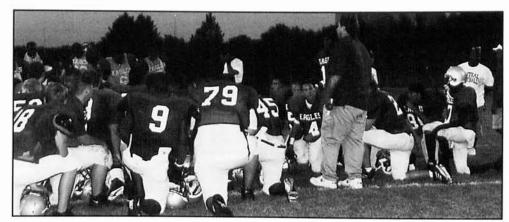
Left-The Eagles charge onto the field for the kickoff of the evening, Photo by $\Delta pril \, Gayer$

Below- John Petersen (12) takes a quick water break during the short time he sits out of the game. Photo by April Gayer



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Bryan	Westside
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28-6	26-27





Left- Two players scrimmage against each other to score a touchdown in the Purple/ White game. Photo by Paula Salhany

Above- After the Purple/White game, the team pauses for a minute of reflection led by the coaching staff. Photo by Meralith Grunke

A younger Ver Sion

Underclassmen gain experience, prepare for next year

By Kevin Jones

reshman football got off to a rough start, head coach Josh Montzingo said. Its record was 3-5 when the season ended. The team started off with over 100 kids at conditioning practice. Then when school started, students dropped.

"Only so many can play and some thought they knew everything there was to know about this sport and they had no idea," Montzingo said.

The kids who stuck it through did not always get a chance to start in games, which was another reason kids quit.

"You always start off with more than you finish up with," he said.

Montzingo said that he sees it every year: players think they have the starting postion they want, then they quit because someone else got the start they wanted.

Montzingo also said there were freshmen who stood out this year. They were Kevin Kuzelka (9), Craig Ecabert (9) and Darian Samuel (9). Kuzelka was the starting quarterback most of the season. Ecabert played fullback and linebacker and Samuel was a running back and a cornerback.

Junior Varsity on the other hand had a little bit more talent with about the same amount of success. The

team had a record of 3-4, but it won all of its conference games.

"When you beat all Omaha Public Schools, it shows your team pride," Jason Pietramale (11) said.

Most of the players on JV did not get too much playing time during Varsity games.

Andre McIntyre(9) played on the freshman team, JV and suited up for Varsity. McIntyre played running back and linebacker. He also had the fastest 100-yard dash in the nation during his eighth grade year.

"Just because you suit up doesn't mean you're going to play," Pietramale said. "It depends on the score and the formation the other team is running."

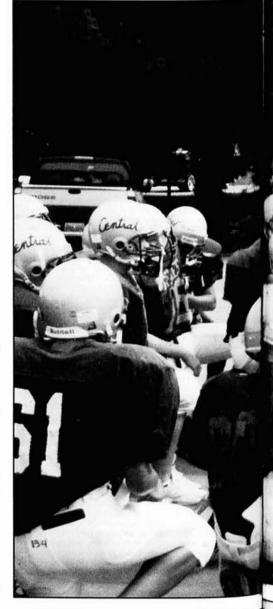
Some guys played on JV and just suited-up on Varsity. Some players got more playing time than others did.

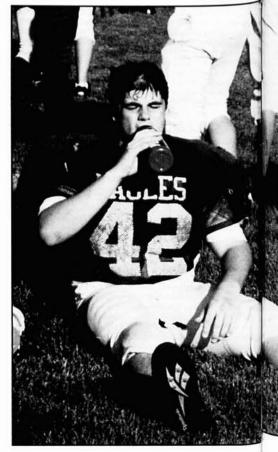
"Take what you can get," he said.

Pietramle played middle linebacker, offensive line and special teams, for JV. Pietramale also played on Varsity.

Pietramale said he felt that the coach was good and the team did all right.

"The team was good, but there was always room to improve," Pietramale said.







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Left-The freshman football team takes a knee at the end of practice as head coach Josh Montzingo gives them a few words of advice. Photo by April Gayer

Below- Darian Samuel (9) runs in an attempt tonot get tackledduring the Creighton Prep game. Central lost 54-0. Planta by Lynne Chare.

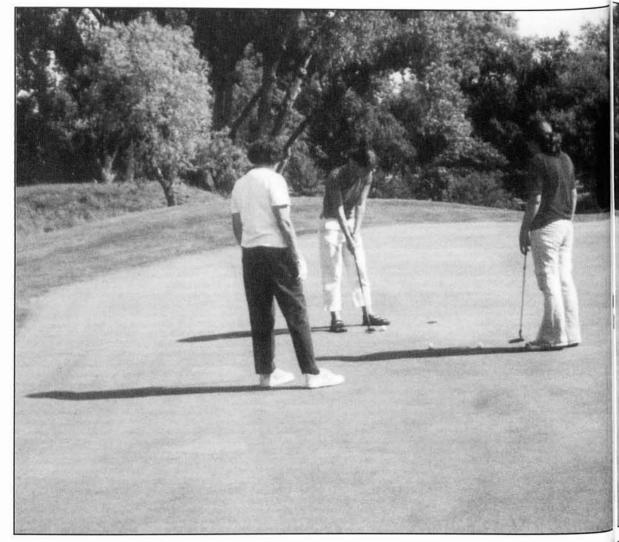




Left- The freshman football team's linemen do blocking drills at practice in preparation for one of their upcoming games Photo by April Gayer

Far left-Keenan Page (9) hurt his leg during the Creighton Prep game. He was out for the rest of the game. Photo by Lynne Clure

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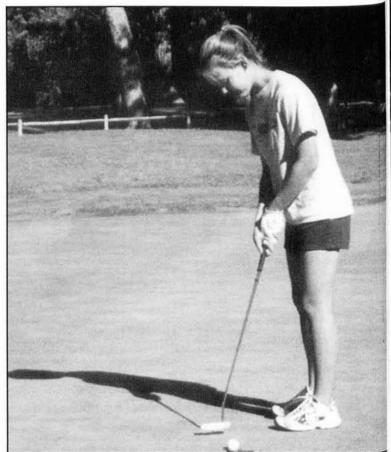


Right- The ball that is the farthest away from the hole gets to putt first. The team watcheseachother puttduring practice. Proceed country of Emily Lebens

Below-Practices held afer school allowed the women to improve on the total strokes. On the tee-off green, the women are working on their strokes. Photo by April Gayer



Above- Ashley Krijan (12) prepares to sink her ball into the hole. Putting is one of the most important parts of golf. Photocourtesy of Emily Lebens









Left to right- Ashley Krijan (12) works on the first stroke of the game. The first hit is always off of a tee. Naomi Rennard (10), Brandi Smith (10) and Ashley Krijan wait at the spot where they will be teeing off next. Emily Lebens (12) putts the ball into the hole. Photos by April Gayer and Courtesy of Emily Lebens.



Women accomplish high goals for first time ever

By Kaitlin Hartnett

This season the women's golf team was able to come together and pull off a terrific season, coach Wendy Brownson said. Practicing four days a week at Elmwood Park from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., the teammembers worked diligently to improve their form.

"During practice we'd mostly play around and really concentrate on putting in the sand and chipping," Deborah Rennard (9) said. "Our coaches would always remind us that every stroke counts. We'd been soclose in the past and we really wanted to make it this time."

The years key players were senior captains Emily Lebens (12), and Ashley Krijan (12), Brandi Smith (10), Naomi Rennard (10) and Deborah Rennard (9). Krijan was the top medalist on the team with four medals while Smith was second.

"We had a pretty young team this year," Lebens said. "But the younger girls added a lot, in both the score and team spirit."

The main goal of the season was to end with a record of 6-2. When the season was over, they finished the regular season 7-1, an improvement over last year's record of 4-4.

"The main match we lost was to Marian," Brownsonsaid. "Our key matches this year were Millard South, Marian, Westside and Papillion. We only beat those teams by a few points and Marian was the only team that beat us."

Krijan, who had been playing golf for 11 years, said the best meets were won only by a few strokes and their worst meet was against Marian.

"The day we were supposed to play Marian, they were on our schedule, but we weren't on theirs. We had to call the athletic directors of both schools and play the match in the rain," Krijan said. "They still beat us by more than thirty strokes, but they were a really good team and it was on their home course. Plus, we had never played there before."

Rennard said most of the matches they played weren't a big deal, but every stroke counted.

"If you were playing a round and you were winning by a few strokes and you lost your focus, you could lose the entire match," she said. "The same went for the other team."

One of the best invitationals of the year was Metro, Brownson said. The team placed fifth out of 16 in the Omaha Public Schools system.

The other main goal of the team this year was to make it to the State Golf Tournament, Brownson said.

To get to State, the team had to get third or better in their district. The teams in their district were Bellevue West, Lincoln Southwest, Omaha Benson, Omaha Bryan, Omaha Burke, Omaha Northwest and South Sioux City.

"We knew our district would be tough, especially South Sioux City and Lincoln Southeast," she said. "But the girls came through and we achieved one of our two main goals of the season. We made it to State."

The State Tournament took place on the Riverside Golf Course in Grand Island. Kri jan said the course was really great, and she had some of her best scores on that particular course.

"It was really flat, so it was easier to work with than our home course," she said. "What also made it easy was that there was no water on the course. There were no lakes, ponds or streams. But the best part of State was being able to meet different girls from different parts of the state. We were all golfers, so we all had at least one common interest."

As for State, the team managed to tie for ninth place with Elkhorn at a two-day score of 773.

"That was actually a decent score for us," Rennard said. "It wasn't great, but we were all happy with it."

"There was a definite improvement in the team this year," Lebens said. "This was the best women's golf team Central has ever had."

As for the basic type of person a golfer had to be, Krijan said a person had have to have a great amount of patience.

"Golf was a sport which required a lot of perseverance," she said. "There was no coach, no one else to blame it on. It was your game and if you did badly, it was your fault and no one else's."

Over coming destades

Team unifies through mental preparation, communication

By Meredith Grunke

arsity volleyball lost a key player, Robyn Sorensen (12), because of an injury less than halfway into the season, leaving just one senior, Carolyn Schaeffer, to lead the team.

"I think our seniors lead us every year," Ashley Woolridge (11) said. "We look to them for everything."

Elizabeth Sharpe (11) said the team had a difficult time getting over the shock of Robyn's in jury.

Woolridge also said she thought the team's major challenge was learning how to play without Sorensen.

"I think Carolyn handled it really good. She had to take a big role on; she stepped up," she said. "She had her responsibilities and had to take over Robyn's responsibilities so she stepped up and helped us out a lot."

Sharpe said the team started out the year with a losing streak and tried to set short-term goals.

"I think it was easier for us to see what was ahead if we didn't set our sights so high," she said.

Sharpe said the coach emphasized mental prepa-

ration for games, and the girls were given a sports psychology CD to listen to before games.

Sharpe said the team's communication improved through discussion during team meetings. She said the coach was very open for input from the players about games and improvements that needed to be made.

Woolridge said the players also kept journals.

"I really think that if you don't get thing sout in the open, you just can't work together or anything, whether it's a sport or not," Sharpe said.

The girls also became unified by gathering for team dinners before every game, she said.

"I think our major success was districts, when we beat Bryan and played a good game against Millard West," Ashley Woolridge (11) said.

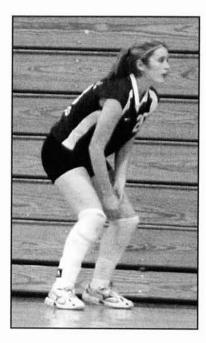
While Woolridge said she thought the team did have problems, she said the season ended successfully.

"With Robyn being hurt, we finished well," Sharpe said.

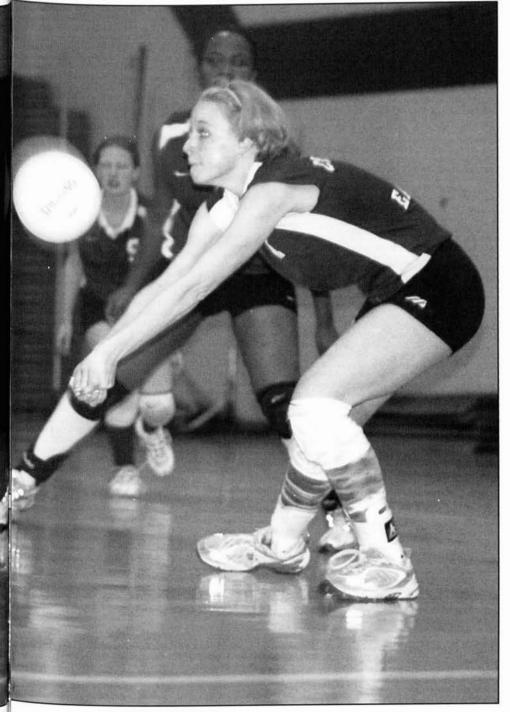


Far right-The team cheers after scoring a point during the Benson game. Phono by Halbie Bieber

Right-Before the games begin, many players warm up by performing drills. Holly Lehmer (11) waits for the ball while practicing bumps with another teammate. Photo by Hallie Bieber







Left-Carolyn Schaeffer (12) dives low to pass the ball to another teammate. The ball could only be hit three times before traveling over the net. Photo by Paula Salbany

Bottom-Shaeffer and Holly Lehmer (11) try to block the ball at the net during the last home game of the year. Photo by Hallie Bieher

Below- Schaeffer and Robyn Sorensen (12)

accept their flowers at vollehall senior recognition night. Schaeffer and Sorensen were the only two seniors on the team. Photo by Halille Beher





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Volleyboll nails a Spike

New talent and camp help team with goals

By Kaitlin Hartnett

A long with the new Freshman volleyball team came a whole new crop of talent this year, coach Christie Pfeifer said.

"The girls were really talented this year," she said.
"I know we can pull together a really great team in the future."

The key players for the freshman team this year were Jocelin Ford (9), Autumn Drickey (9) and Carla Schneider (9). The main players for the Junior Varsity team were Christina Craig (11), Brittany Arvin (10) and Natalie Bachtell (10).

"We had a really young Junior Varsity team this year," coach Erika Meyer said. "They improved a lot over the season and they all had a strong determination to play well every time."

To prepare the players for the season, the coaches ran practice and conditioning at schooleveryday during the summer. The conditioning was not mandatory, but most players for the players.

ers chose to at-



tend anyway.

"The camps were my favorite part," Andrea Holcombe (9) said. "They were a good way to be introduced to everyone before the season even started."

During summer campand conditioning, the girls worked on technique and endurance.

Coach Pfeifer said despite all this pre-season conditioning, the team could have had a better record.

"Our season could have gone better," Pfeifer said.
"The girls were a good team, but a lot of them came in without any experience whatsoever. They were also a little hard on themselves every time they made a mistake."

Jocelin Ford (9) said Burke was the team's main challengeduring the season. In the matchagainst them,

Above- The team celebrates after they score a point by gathering on the court. Photo by April Gayer Central won the first match and lost the second one.

"I really wasn't surprised with the way the season went," she said. "We were a new team and didn't know each other very well. When you've been playing with a certain group for a long time, you how everyone operates. We didn't have that advantage."

Pfeifer also said the freshmen girls had some nice height and a lot of individual talent.

Autumn Drickey (9), the main setter, said the things the team needed to work on were just basic skills.

"We wanted better serving and receiving," she said.
"We also needed to get the ball over the net a lot more."

 $For dalso said that working together was the {\it team's} \\ strongest point.$

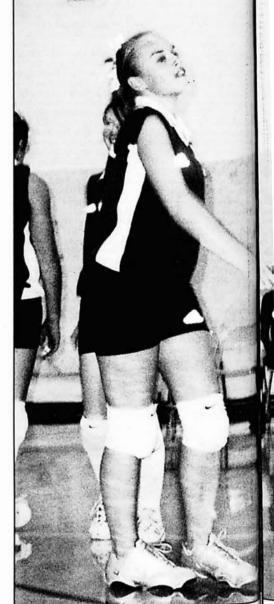
"We were really good with our communication and teamwork," she said. "All in all, it was a really fun season even though wedidn't win most of our matches."

Pfeifer said that she looked forward to an extremely successful team in the future.

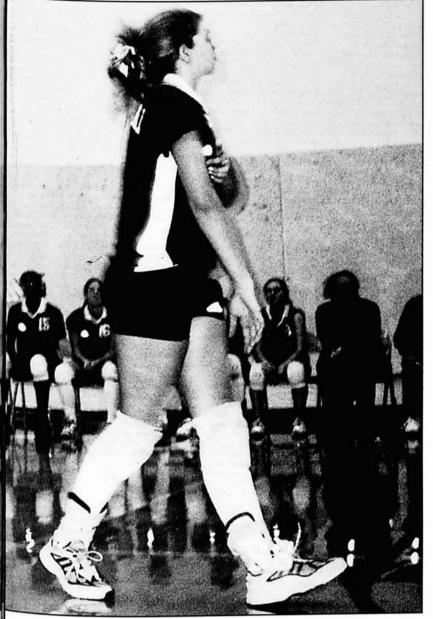
"These girls were extremely talented," she said. "Next year, a lot of those girls should make Junior Varsity at least."

Holcombe said volleyball was a great experience and she was definitely going to do it the next year.

"I gained a great sense of how teamwork is used to keep a team strong," she said. "Sometimes that was more important than individual talent."







Left- Players rotate positions on the court . Photo by April Gayer

Below- Devon Rumbaugh (11) practices . bumping before a match. Bumping is a crucial part of volleyball. Photo by April Gayer





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Left- For their pre-match ritual the volleyball team dances in a circle to start off the matches in a good mood. At the end of the seson, the Underclass volleyball record was 17-43. Photo by April Gayer

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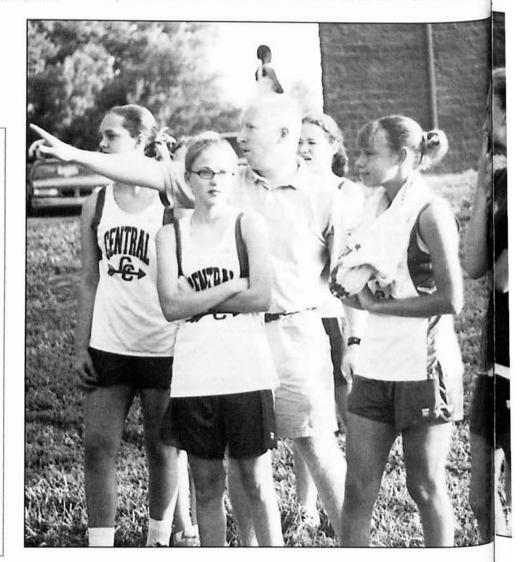
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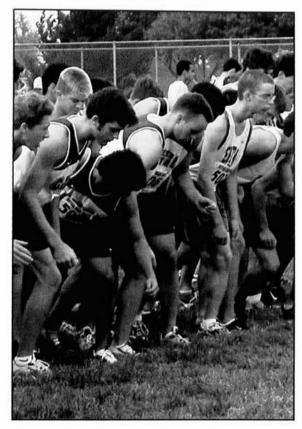
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Above-Jacob Mixan (11) coasts down the hill at the Bryan Invitational. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Top-Coach Trent Lodge points out the course for the women's team. Both teams warmed up on the course before the race to familiar ize themselves with it. Photoby Merelith Crunke









Top left to right-Brandon Skocz (12) tries to pass two other runners during a cross country meet. Allison Hartnett (9) and Catherine Bigsby (10) run together to pass the time during the meet. Christopher Gorga runs towards the finish line with a few words of encouragement from Lodge. All photos by Merelith Grunke

Both teams qualify for State Cross Country for first time ever

By Katie Mapes

his year may have been the first year both Central's mens' and womens' cross country teams went to the State Cross Country meet, Coach Trent Lodge said.

The goal for both teams this season, Lodge said, was to work hard to get first or second at the District meet and qualify for State

At the District meet both teams did well. The JV and Varsity womens' teams placed second, Catherine Bigsby (10) said.

She also said that by finishing second they were able to move on to the State Cross Country meet in Kearney, Neb.

Lodge said that making State was a very overwhelming experience for both of the teams, especially the girls' team because they were such a young team.

Bigsby said finding out they qualified for State was a good feeling, and that everyone started hugging when they heard the news.

"It was a nice reward that both teams got to go together," Bigsby said.

The feeling of qualifying was different for first year cross country members.

Allison Gorga (9) said that it was exciting, but not as exciting as it was for the people who had been working at it for four years.

Lodge described the State meet as a meet where both

teams competed against the 12 best teams in the state.

The runners missed a full day of school for the State Meet, which was held in Kearney, NE.

After they arrived in Kearney, they stopped at a park to warm up their legs, and then retreated back to the bus for lunch and a showing of Monsters Inc. to help them relax

There were a total of eight races at the State meet.

The courses were on a golf course, and because of the wet and snowy conditions, the course became considerably muddier after each race, slowing times and causing many runners to fall.

"Class A womens' were the last to run it, which made running really hard. The course was muddy and all torn up by the time we got to run," said Bigsby.

Bigsby placed 10th in Class A at the State meet and said that in her opinion both the team's season and her season went well.

At the State Meet the mens' team placed $11^{\rm th}$, while the womens' placed eighth overall.

Looking back, Lodge said he thought the toughest part of the season was at the Metro Cross Country meet.

"The season was really hard in the beginning, in the middle it got easier and State practices were really fun, easy and short," Gorga said.

The team practices, which were held at various city parks, consisted of a mix of sprints, hills and distance

work

For Gorga's first year, she said her goals were to stay in the top five on the team, which she was for most of the season.

For Ryan Shaw (12) it was his last year competing in cross country.

"I never thought I would do this well," Shaw said about his four years in cross country.

During Shaw's junior year he placed third at the District meet and qualified on his own to go to the State meet his junior year.

This year not only did Shaw qualify, receiving fourth place at the District meet, but the mens' cross country team also qualified. At State Shaw improved and received 26th place.

At the State meet, Shaw said he was confident and did very well at the practices.

The best part of the season, Shaw said, other than qualifying for State, was at the District meet when he received his best personal record of 17:01.

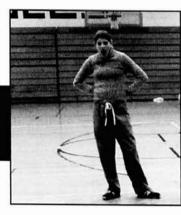
Shaw said his personal goal was to make the top 20 at state but was satisfied with what he placed.

"I did the best I could, so I was happy with it," he said.

Shaw said that he thought Coach Lodge pushed the team and did not make the season easy, but was thankful that he did.







Above left to right-Kathryn Fitch (10), Shannon Prince (10) and Erika Roetzel (10) practice their new cheers during a 7 a.m. practice. Marica Holland (9) and Jalesa Moore (9) show their pride by cheering before a football game. Kathryn Fitch (10) shows exactly how tiring the morning practices can be. All photos by Meredith Grunke

Fultime job with overtime

Cheerleading makes it another great year

By Kaitlin Hartnett

hether it was cheering at the home games, doing bake sales or decorating for Spirit Week, school activities kept the cheerleaders extremely busy this year.

"That was the hardest part of cheer leading," Kristy Swirzinski (11) said. "Trying to be at everything, especially if you had a job or a lot of homework."

Jessica Cederblom (9) said cheerleading takes a lot more of the girls' time than most would believe.

"We had practice everyday during zero hour," she said. "It was also really hard to learn all the cheers we had to perform."

Katherine Lydiatt (11) said even though it was time-consuming, it was a great way to make new friends and hang out with different people.

"Although our basic responsibility is to provide spirit and support for the school, we still have a lot of fun while doing it," she said.

This year, the Varsity captains were Jennifer Hodges (12) and Daun Bush (12).

"My jobs as a captain were to organize the team dinners, call out all the chants at games and basically pass any new information on to the other squads," Hodges said. "I actually had a lot of responsibility this year."

Hodges said the most difficult part of cheer leading was overcoming all the stereotypes that went along with it.

"Most people thought that cheerleading was just a petty after-school activity," she said. "They saw us as the ditzy girls who don't do real sports."

Most of the other cheerleaders said they agreed

with Hodges.

"Almost everyone thought it was easy to be a cheerleader," Swirzinski said. "But we worked hard and put in as much time as every other sport."

Another main part of cheerleading was trying to perfect all the routines that were memorized. To fix these routines, most girls attended at least one camp for a week over the summer. They also had practice everyday.

"During the summer, we focused a lot on conditioning," Lydiatt said. "But then during the school year, it was more technique and rhythm."

Along with summer conditioning and practices, the girls also had the option of attending a cheerleading camp for four days on the University of Nebraska at Lincoln campus. Kathryn Johnson (11) said camp was her favorite part of being a cheerleader.

"It was a great way to learn all the cheers and meet new people," she said.

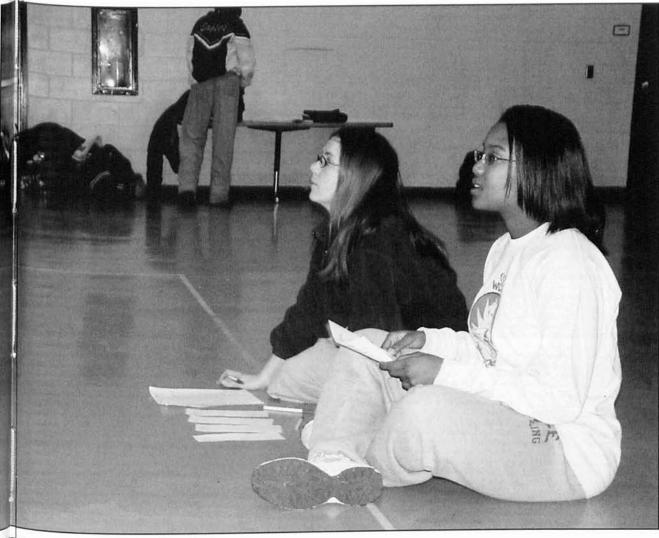
Another difficult part of the cheerleading process was the actual tryouts, Cedarblom said.

"They actually had a lot of requirements," she said. "We had to perform two chants, one cheer and all the jumps."

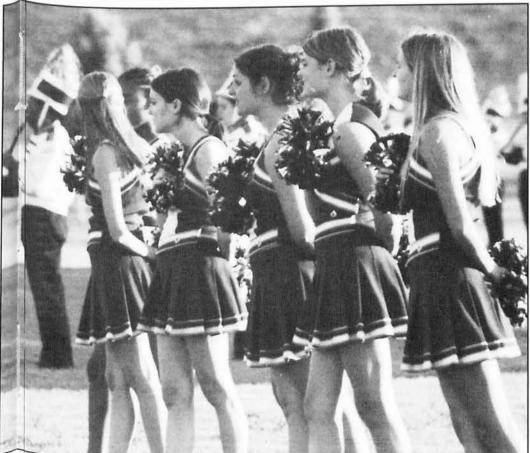
Kathryn Johnson said there were certain personality traits cheerleaders had to have.

"You had to be really optimistic and hard-working," she said, "because a lot of people didn't appreciate everything you did."

Hodges said all the hard work really paid off because it was an incredibly successful year and everyone had a great time at the games and practices.



Left- Jennifer Hodges (12) and Amanda Beery are doing cheer checks. Cheer checks were when the coach would call a cheer and squad members had to perform it. Photo by Meredith Grunke



Above-Cheerleaders stand in line and sing the national anthem. Cheerleaders did this at every home football game. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Above right- Alexandra Huston (11) kicks with another cheerleader to show her school pride. Photo by Hallie Bleber

Finding Young leader Ship

Team rebuilds after losing key seniors

By Lynne Clure

A fter losing five seniors last year, the men's Varsity basketball team worked with a younger group of players to come out on top.

Coach Eric Behrens said his goal for the year was to go back to Lincoln.

"Our goal was to win the State championship," Behrens said.

Cortney Grixby (11) said everyone's goal at the start of the season was to get to State and triumph.

Behrens said this year differed from last year be-

cause the team was not as experienced or mature.

"There was just a bigger learning curve I guess," he said.

He said another goal was to improve over the season in several areas. He said playing as a team and improving the offensive execution were some of the more important points to focus on.

He said he felt that since he had played Varsity since freshman year, his fellow team members had respect for him. He said he thought his experience allowed him to give more to the team.

"I just wanted to improve on my leadership on the team," Grixby said. "A lot of the other players looked at me as a role model."

Behrens named key players for the year as Grixby. Karl White (11) and Ricardo Washington (11).

"They were the most experienced and most talented coming back," he said.

He said his proudest achievement in basketball was winning the Metro Holiday and District tournaments last season. He said he hoped it would happen again.

The team's first game was against Burke. Central lost the game 49-54.

Behrens said he thought they needed to improve after that.

"I was disappointed," he said. "I wanted to win, but we didn't play well enough to do that."

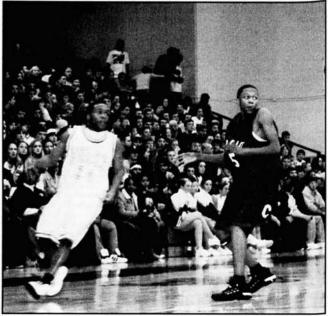
Grixby shared Behrens' feelings.

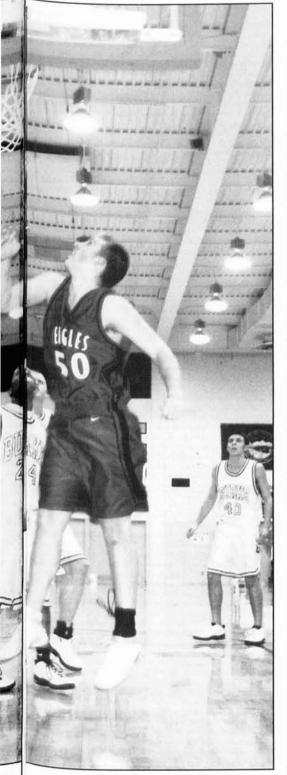
"We could have done a lot of things better," he said, "We lose as a team and win as a team."

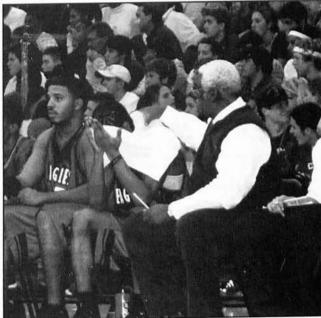


Above-Nathaniel Prater (10) pushes through the Burke defense to put up the shot. Photo by Meredith Grunke





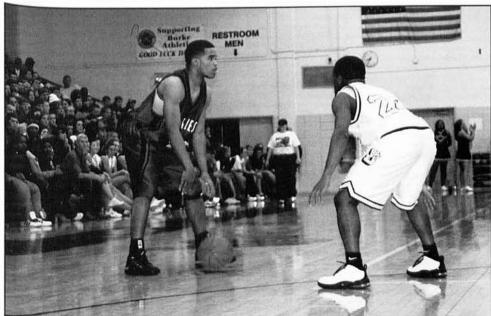




Par left-Adam Olsen (12) lands after making a jump shot during the first Varsity game of the season. Early on in the game, Central led Burke, but lost 49-54. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Left- Assistant coach and security guard Charles Williams comforts Ricardo Washington(11) after he is forced to leave the court due to a foul. Photoby Merellith Grunke





Above-Ricardo Washington(11)defensively attempts to prevent a Burke player from moving the ball farther down the court. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Far left- Davon White (11) watches for the ball. Photo by Meredith Grunke

Left- Brandon Gunn (11) looks for an open teammate to pass the ball off to. Photo by Merelith Grunke

Going

Team found strength on the court and the bench

By Kaitlin Hartnett

his year the men's Underclass basketball program found its strength, not only on the court, but on the bench as well.

"I don't see why any of the guys on this team wouldn't be able to start on Junior Varsity or Varsity in the next year or two," reserve coach Stan Standifer said. "We were a young team and had some major depth and talent[on the reserve team]."

Standifer said the key players this year were Tristan Washington (10), Albert Allen (10), Camron Tolliver (10), Terrance Feairs (10), Jeremny Felton (10), Sean Williams (10), Jeffrey Downs (10), Christopher Williams (10), Virgil Mitchell (10), Tyrell Deal (10), Sean Broadwee (10), Aaron Dorsey (10) and Shaye Thomas (10).

In their first game against Burke, the Eagles started out with a lead, ending the first quarter 16-10. They only had one foul called against them while Burke had six. At halftime, Central still led with 34-20. Toward the middle of the fourth quarter, Burke started to gain. With 5:57 left in the fourth quarter, the score was a nail-biting 40-39 with Central on top. Central won the game 52-46.

"A key point in that game was the way we ran our offense," Dorsey said. "We just kept playing as a team and did really well."

Standifer said the guys on the team had some specific goals this year. He said he just wanted to prepare them to play either JV or Varsity the following year.

Dorsey said the team just wanted to win the Holiday tournament and finish its season undefeated.

"Our defense was our strongest point and we had some great players," Standifer said, "but we do need to work on taking care of the ball and protecting a big lead when we get it."

Standifer also said a lot of guys stepped up and showed what they could do during the Burke game. Dorsey, Washington and Tolliver made the key free throw shots. Tolliver and Deal also made some great assits. Standifer said.

The JV team also had some strong points, although Burke won the first game of the season. Head coach Jason Jackson said the Eagles lost because they did not have a lot of experience playing with each other.

The key players on JV were Avery Tyler (9), Robert Wesley (10), Bryant Cotton (9), Willie McCarty (10), Duaine Johnson (11), Derrick Russell (9), Timothy Kanger (9), Darryl Robinson (11), Drew Meier (9), Andre McIntyre (9), Jonathan Skanes (10) and Nathaniel Prater (10).

"This was a really strong, young group of kids; six or seven of them are freshmen," he said. "They were mostly helping the Varsity players by scrimmaging with them instead of each other."

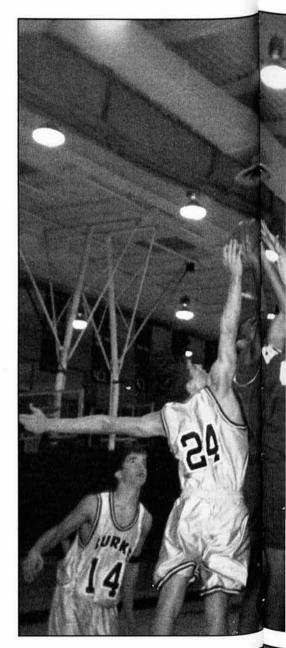
Jackson also said that since the team was so talented, they had their many strong points as well as their weak points.

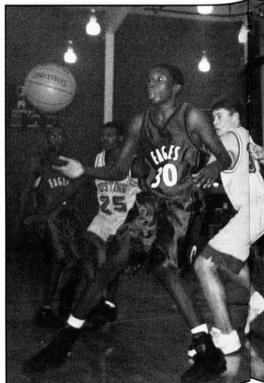
"Our full court defense was incredibly strong," he said. "We just needed to work on our half-court defense and shooting. With experience, we'll definitely be better."

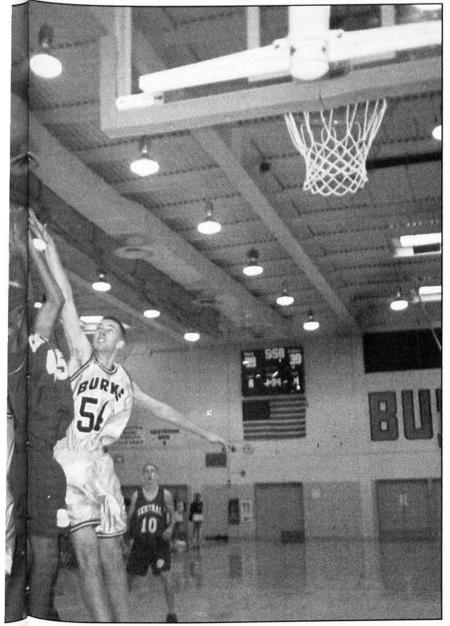
Although the Bulldogs started out with the lead in the first game, ending the first quarter 13-6. By halftime, the Eagles were still trailing 28-20. In the third quarter, Central scored more points and was only behind by two.

It kept making its shots and Burke kept retaliating. Finally, the game ended with a 59-45 loss to Burke.

"The main problem with that game was our shooting," Jackson said. "Our shots just wouldn't fall, so we didn't score as many points as we should have. These players are so talented, I know we'll bounce back. Any one of these guys could have made any game at anytime."

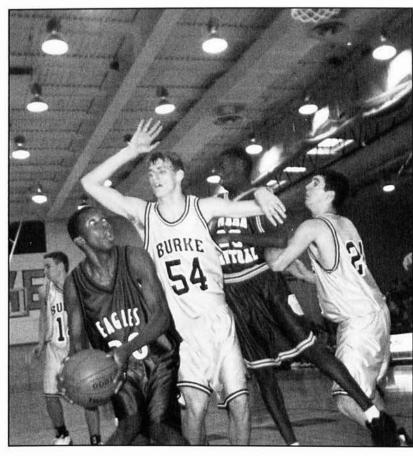


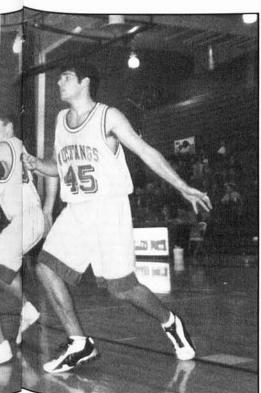




Left-Andre McIntyre (9) goes for the shot to bring the lead back into Central's hands, Central had six freshmen on the squad. Photo by Kaltlin Harmet

Below-Darryl Robinson (11) goes for a shot during the Burke game. Robinson plays JV and suits up for Varsity. Photoby Kaitlin Harmett







Left-Coach Stan Standifer gives the Reserve squad a little advice during a timeout. The Reserve squad is compiled of all sophomores. Photo by Kaitlin Harmett

Far left- Darryl Robinson (11) takes the pass from a teammate who just got the offensive rebound. Robinson was one of the starting forwards for JV. Photo by Kattlin Harmett

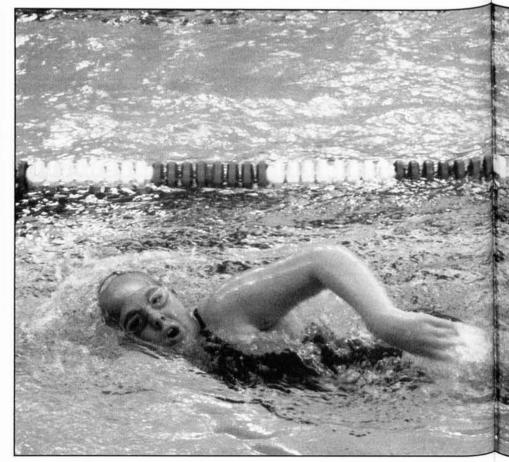


Right- Sean McCall (10) swims his race at the Millard South swim meet. McCall placed second in his race. Photo by Lynne Clure

Below- Coach Lyn Braddock observes team membersduringanafter-school practice. The swim team practices every day from 4 to 6 in the afternoon in the pool at Norris Middle School. Photo by Kevin Jones

Bottom right-Jessica Moyer (12) swims the 500 meter freestyle at the Millard South swim meet. Moyer has been on the swim team for four years. Photoby Lynne Clure













Swim team was small in size, still too big

By Lynne Clure

Although the swim team continues to get smaller, Lauren Freeman (12) said it was still too big.

She said one of the only problems this year was that the coach had to work with the beginners a lot when really the people who needed help were those who might have qualified for State.

"[There's] too much of a broad spectrum of people...but we all had a good time anyways," she said.

Coach Lynne Braddock said she had the same expectations this year, but with a smaller team. She said the benefit of the decreased size was more room in the pool to practice.

The team practiced every day from 4 to 6 p.m. and worked out early morning twice a week in the weightroom.

Braddock said her goal for the team was to send more swimmers to tougher competition.

"I guess her goal was to have at least ten of my swimmers qualify for State," Braddock said.

Freeman said her personal goal was to repeat her performance from last year.

She qualified in her relay team and hoped to do it again.

"I would like to make it to State again," she said.

She said her relay team was very close, but as a whole the team wasn't quite as unified.

"Our relay team, we were all really good friends...we had good unity," she said.

Braddock said she thought the team worked very well together. She also said she did not assign captains, but left it to the seniors to take responsibility.

"They cheered for each other," she said. "They were always there for each other."

She said their one weakness was probably that the team did not always practice as hard as she wanted.

Braddock said key swimmers for the year were Kimberly Norvell (10), Brittany McClure (10), Sean McCall (10), Abraham Farhat (11) and Nicholas Goding (11).

The swim team had 12 regular season meets this year. At the Millard South meet, the first of the season, both boys and girls lost to Millard South, but Norvell and McClure both qualified for State.

Norvell qualified in 100 backstroke, while McClure qualified in 100 breaststroke at the first meet alone.

Nicole Stubbs (12) and Kimberly Norvell (10) hold the sign of how many laps Jessica Moyer has completed. Nicholas Goding (11) talks to Kimberly Norvellduring the break between two of his races. Jessica Moyer (12) swims her final lap of her 500 meter freestyle. Photosby Lynne Clure and Kerin Jones.

Vorsity women shoot for

Team creates depth, strives to achieve

By Lynne Clure

ith more room for improvement, the women's Varsity team had an opportunity to create more depth and beat last year, coach Michelle Roberts said.

She said the expectation was to return to State and be successful. Mary Michalak (12) said the team set goals as a team at the start.

"Our goal this year was to win the Holiday Tournament and to win State," she said.

Michalak played basketball all four years. This was her second year on Varsity. She played as a shooting guard.

"I liked to contribute more with the overall attitude...cheering for the team, going in when I could," she said.

Roberts also said the team this year was younger. They lost three starters and needed to work to fill the voids

She also said the team had the potential to be better at the end with a team containing a little more depth.

Roberts named key players as Crystal Howard (11) and Keonna Williams (11).

"She [Crystal] could score, she created things and she made things happen," she said.

Michalak agreed that Howard was a valuable part of the team. "Crystal on a good day meant we were probably going to win," she said.

Roberts also said the team chemistry was better this year and everyone was a little more compatible.

Michalak said the team was much closer this year.

"Our attitude and team unity was much better...we were a lot closer than we were," she said.

Howard said she thought loss made the team stronger.

"When you lose something, you have to work harder to regain it," she said.

Michalak also said the team was more focused and worked harder at practices.

"I think the talent level across the board was a little higher," Roberts said.

Howard also said the players had more ability.

"Our strength was probably that we were a little more athletic team," she said.

She said the biggest weakness was inexperience, but the team worked well together.

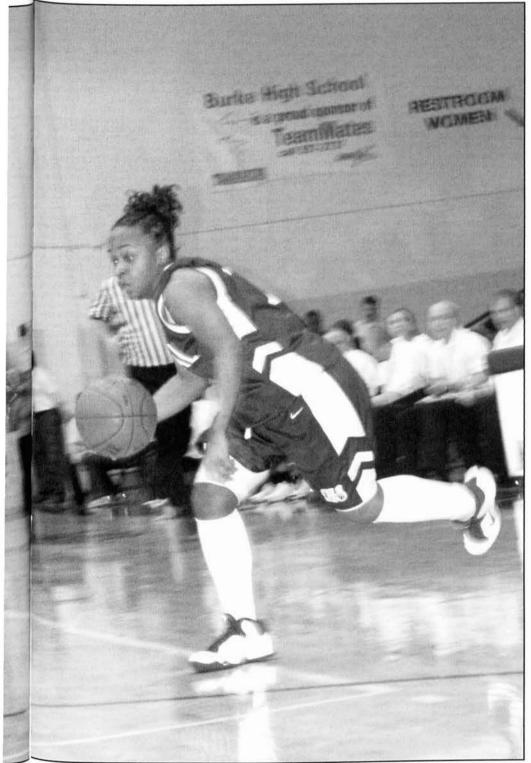
Howard said her role on the team was to be the leader and motivate the rest of the players.

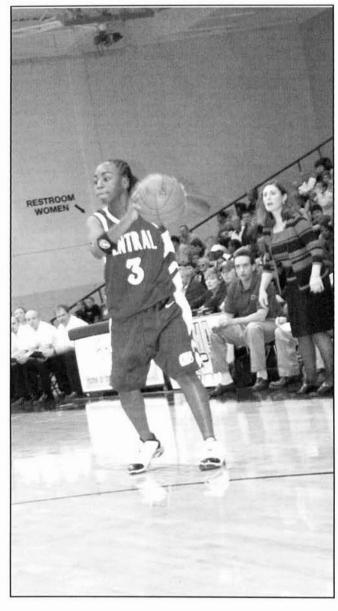
She said it was her job to set the tone for every game and every practice.

"For me, the difference [from last year] was we had better all-around players," she said.

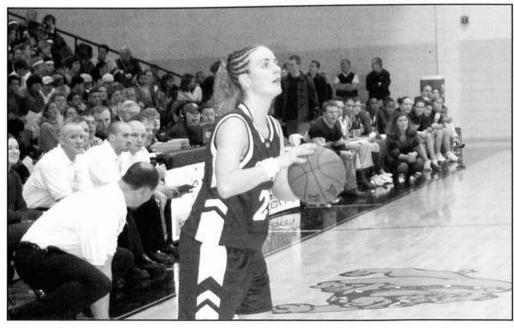












Above- Nikita Warren (12) prepares to pass the ball to one of her teammates. Warren has been on Varsity for three years. Photo by Paula Salhany

Above left- Keonna Williams (11) splits the tough Burke defense and takes it to the hoop. Photo by Paula Salhany.

Left- Rebecca Paulia (12) steps back and is about to shoot a three-pointer. Central lost its first two games. Photo by Paula Salhuny.

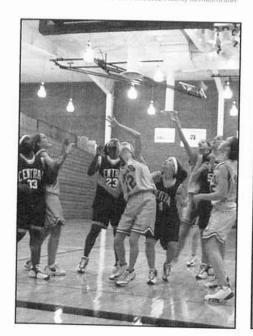
Far left-Crystal Howard (11) drives down the court to go for a lay-up. Central won its first game against South. Photo by Paula Silbany. Words Unitarias Baranous

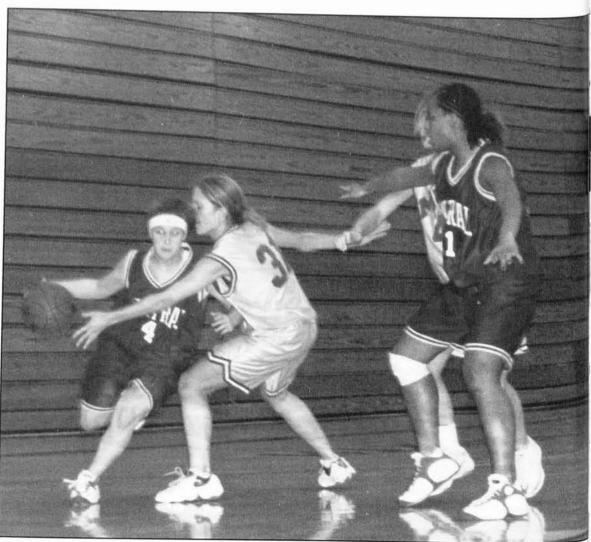
Bottom right- Head coach Mandy Bassinger gives the teams little peptalk during one of the team's one minute time outs Photo by Kevin bases

Bottom left-The Reserve team sits in the corner of Millard South's gyrn during halftime of their early season win. Photoly Keyn Jones

Right-Jessica Horn (10) drives towards the hoop during the Millard North game, Photoly Merelith Grunie

Below-Kaylisha Taylor (10), Madalyn Johnson (10) and Jessica Horn (10) wait for the rebound. Photo by Meredish Grunke















Left to right- Jessica Horn (10) looks for a teammate to throw the ball to on their inbounds play. Brianne Tapley (9) dribbles the ball down the court in attempt to find an open teammate who will get the easy points. Kyla Falkner (10) distracts a Millard North player by yelling. "Ball, Ball, Ball, Ball," as loud as she could during the throw in. All Photoc by Meredith Grunke.

Bosketbody SCOTES or gown Girls take a shot at a winning season

By Tammi Cooks

hope we give 110 percent every quarter,"
Darcy Rutherford (10) said.

The women's Junior Varsity (JV) basketball team had a lot of goals and expectations for the year.

In recent years, Central's girls' basketball program has had successful seasons.

This year the teams, including JV, started the season with hopes of continuing that tradition. Catherine Bigsby (10) said she felt that the JV team was strong.

"In order for a successful season," Emily Muskin (11) said, "we had to hussle and work hard in practice."

With hard work and a positive attitude, the team members said they felt they had a chance at achieving an undefeated season.

Bigsby agreed with Muskin that hard work would lead to success in practice and on the court.

"I think games are great," Bigsby said. "They are a chance to show what you've been working on."

While basketball can sometimes end up showcasing an individual player. Teamwork can never be underestimated as a key to a successful and winning team.

"We're good at working as a team, " Rutherford said. "Everyone works hard."

 $Chad\ Townsend, the\ JV\ coach, said\ he\ believed\ the$ team had many strengths.

"We had a good inside/outside game, talent at all positions," Townsend said, "and we were also strong at defense"

Townsend said he also felt playing and working together as a team with everyone playing hard on the floor is most important to the team's success.

The JV members said they believed that a positive attitude would contribute to success with each other and in games.

Rutherford said she believed three things would ultimately help out the team.

"Playing together as a team means not making mental mistakes and giving all you can, even when you're tired," she said.

Although the women's Freshmen basketball team lost its first game, it was looked upon as a stepping stone

for future improvement.

"We weren't as prepared as we wanted to be for our first game," Audrey Hatch (9) said. "But by losing, it helped us realize what we needed to work on, what we needed to become."

Francesca Cook (9) attributed the team's loss to the other team being faster.

"We didn't get down the court fast enough," she said.

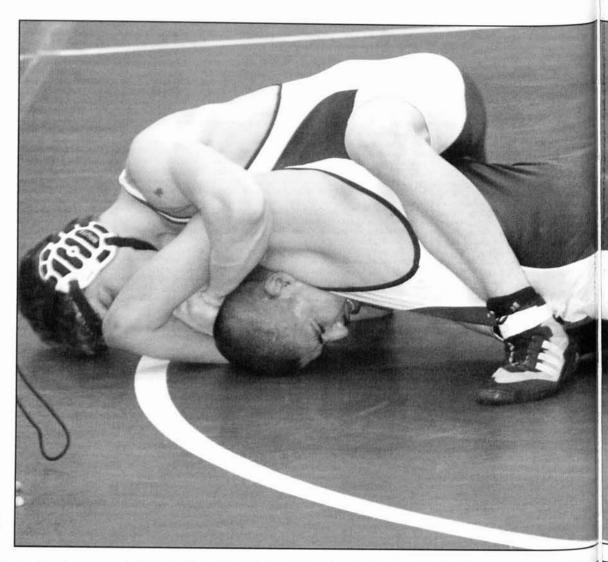
Jenny Rosas (9) said the team lost due to lack of communication.

She said she also felt the team could work on improving some weaknesses on and off the court. She said it could build more trust and the team could work together.

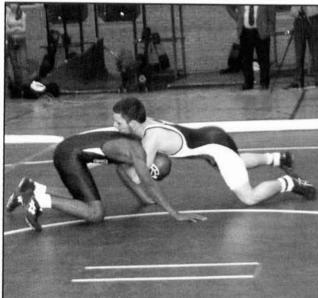
"We needed to get to know each other, it would help improve teamwork," she said.

Lindsey Goding (9) said she also believed the team needed to improve teamwork.

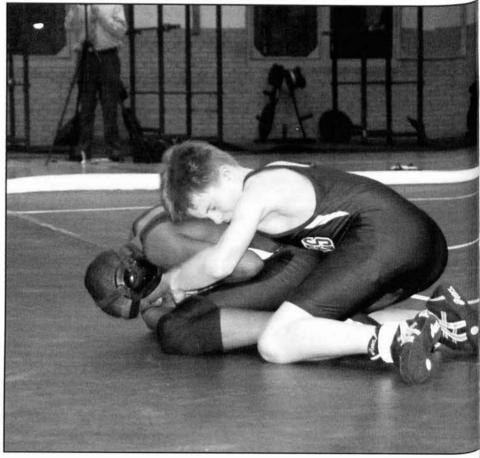
"We could improve teamwork, and if we got things together, our games would go better," she said.



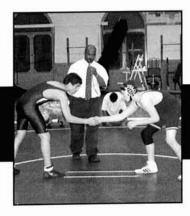
Right- Nicholas Wright (11) puts Jose Cardenas (11) in a half-nelson and attempts to put him in a cradle. Photo by Paula Salhany

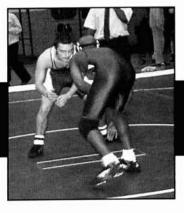


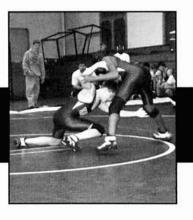
Above- Chad Brumley (12) and Ronrico Devers (11) wrestle at the Purple-White wrestling meet for the 125 and 119 pound weight classes. Photo by Paula Salhamy



Above-Guy Smith (9) curls up into a ball to make himself as low to the ground as possible. Joel Torpy (9) tries to roll him over for the pin. Photo by Paula Salbany.







Left to Right- Curtis McDonald (11) and

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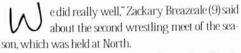
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Wrestling starts off with a loss, continues to build

By Kevin Jones



"High school competition is a lot tougher than it was in junior high," he said. "A freshman could be wrestling a senior who has more experience. The freshman would get slaughtered."

Central did well that night winning the meet, but it did not do so well at the Vern Ekfelt fundraiser held at

The first night was just the first round matches and the second night was the night the championships were held. Central only returned two wrestlers to the tournament the second night. Neither of them won their weight class that night.

Nicholas Wright (11) was a wrestler returning to the mat for histhird year. Wright was one of the best and most experienced wrestlers on the team but lost his match at the Vern Ekfelt tournament. "You can't win them all," he said. "It is better to lose one at the beginning of the season so you don't get a long winning streak broken by a stupid mistake,"

The hardest part of the season was the conditioning before the season even started, Anthony Bruno (12) said. He said it was the hardest part in order to weed out the quitters before the season even started.

Bruno was one of only two seniors on the entire team. The team lost a lot of wrestlers last year, but gained almost all of them back.

Breazeale said he sort of liked the conditioning because it got rid of the whiners.

"I think the boys liked the hard workouts, that way they didn't have a chance to run their mouths and get into trouble," coach Jimmie Foster said. Foster has been the head coach for seven years.

There were a lot of young and inexperienced wrestlers on this year's team.

"There were a lot of people who have never even

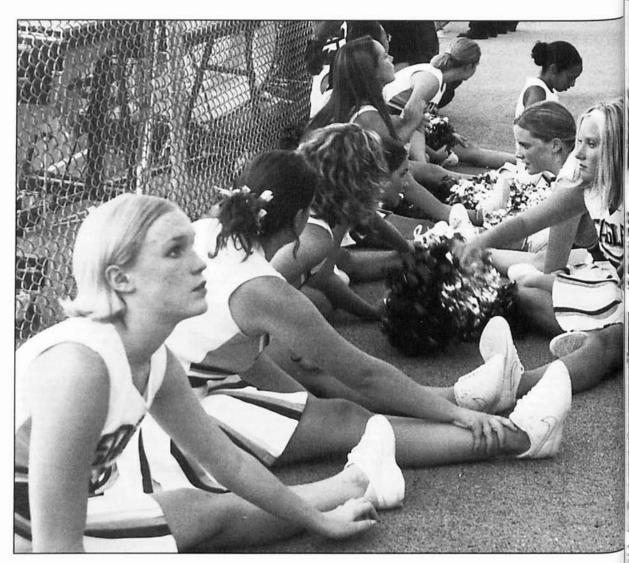
wrestled before," Breazeale said. "It's a good thing because they have time to learn and become good and a bad thing because they have no experience."

Certain things can keep wrestlers from being on Varsity, such as not having good enough grades, being over the weight limit for their weight class, bad behavior at practice and even wrestlers having more skill and experience than other wrestlers.

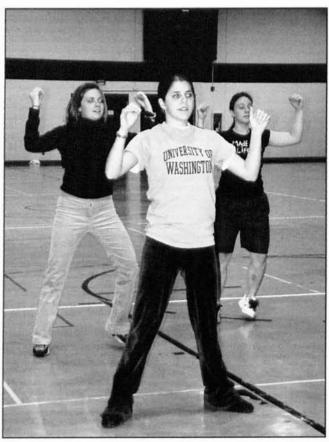
"Wrestling wasn't just lacing up the shoes and hitting the mat," Bruno said.

He said the team had to mop the mats to avoid Cauliflower Ear.

"Wrestlers do not do the violent sport that is portrayed on television, "Breazeale said. "They actually have to watch their diets so they can be under the weight for their weight classes. They actually have to stay in some sort of shape to compete. But the biggest difference is the protective gear worn like head gear and some wrestlers wore knee pads."



Right-Danielle Welty (11) and the rest of the squad stretch before a game. Pom performed a kick dance at halftime during home football games. Phototy Hallie Bieter





Left-Whitney Quinlan (11), Kylie Zacharia (11), and Sara McDonald (11) practice a routine for the upcoming basketball season. The girls choreographed their own dances, except for competition, Photo by Meredith Grunke

Above-Porn squad stretches before a game. Stretching was very important because it prevented any pulled or torn muscles. Photo by Hallie Bieler









Top left to right- Jennifer Yin (11) shows the other members of the squad where they stand in formation. The girls kick to the beat of the marching band at a football game. The squad takes a break after zero hour practice.

Pom squad members prepare outside of school

By Katie Mapes

ime,dance experience, money and dedication are all qualities one would need to be part of Pom Squad. Every morning before school the Central High Pom Squad met for practice from 7 to 7:35 a.m. to prepare for its next performance.

Sarah Hinchik (11) has been performing since she was 3 years old and understands the amount of time and effort it took to participate in Pom Squad.

Hinchik went to dance classes Tuesdays through Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 in the evening. Hinchik paid \$160 a month to attend classes ten months out of the year. She was also in competitive dance, which competed five times a year for a whole weekend.

Thosedance classes helped improve her techniques and made performances for Pom Squad much easier. Summer practices from Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 to 8 in the morning every week also helped to prepare. Ashley Welty (9) attended dance classes for two hours a week and could relate to the amount of work it took to do well in Pom Squad.

"I personally wouldn't have tried out for it because honestly I'm not that good," Welty said. "I think you would have needed at least three to four years of dance and be good at it," Welty said.

Pom Squad try-outs were very competitive and having good dance skills was a must; even if a person was in dance they might not make it. Every year there were many girls who tried out and never made it.

Hinchik knew this from experience.

"There were a lot of aspects and techniques that, if you had not taken dance, you probably wouldn't have made it," Hinchik said on making Pom Squad.

Hinchik did not make Pom Squad when she tried out her freshman year with her best friend.

"When my best friend made the squad and I didn't, I was devastated, but worked harder so I would make it this year," Hinchik said.

Group unity was a big part of Pom Squad and before every performance the group got together and ate dinner at one member's house.

"This was a great way for all of us to bond together and learn more about each other," Hinchik said. "It was also just a good way to get hyped up before a game."

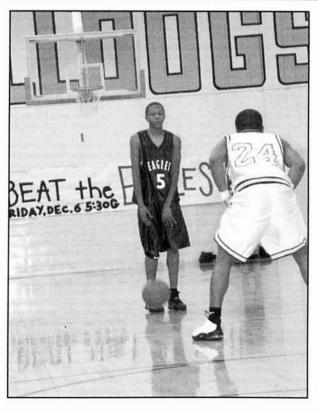
Pom Squad performed during the football and basketball seasons, as did the cheerleaders.

Cheerleaders practiced every Tues, and Thurs, 7 to 7:35 in the morning, memorizing cheers and simple dance moves. There was also the factor of expenses when making Pom Squad; on average members spend \$600.

They needed two pairs of shoes, which cost them \$110. On average they needed to purchase four t-shirts at about \$15 each. Poms cost \$40, the Pom outfit was roughly \$250 and the performance outfit was \$80.

"Pom Squad was one of the best things I could have done," Hinchik said. "The girls really put a lot of work into it."

Ployer profiles Men's Bosketboll



Davon White (11)

- -Has been playing basketball for ten years
- -Plays as Point Gaurd or Shooting Gaurd for the Junior Varsity and Varsity men's basketball team
- -Stays in shape by playing in the off-season
- -Conditions by lifting weights and watching more advanced
- -Achievements: Being on Varsity his sophomore year, scoring nine or more points a game, the skills and things that he has learned during his years at Central
- -Blueprints for the game: "I learn to play ahead of the game, watch the opponent and see what they can and cannot do. I go for the strength part of the game." - White

Davon White (11) takes charge as one of Central's point gaurds, Photo by Paula Salbany

Sdexboll

Carolyn Schaeffer (12)

- -Has been playing for ten years
- -Best memory of past seasons: Attending State in 2001
- -Achievements: Playing Varsity as a sophomore
- -Position: Starter on the court
- -Conditions by running and keeping in shape
- -Stays focused during games by keeping her mind focused
- -Blueprints for the game: "Teamwork is the best way to success." -Schaffer



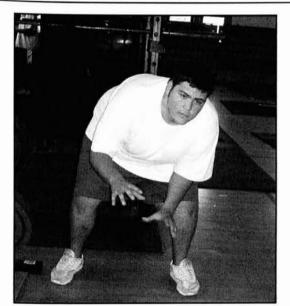
Photo by April Gayer

Softboll

Jennifer Miller (12)

- -Has played for 13 years
- -Plays as the Pitcher for the Varsity team
- -Season Record: Finished season with a number 5
- -Conditions by playing for select teams during the summer and lifting weights during the fall
- -Achievements: Her pitching led to the winning season for the Varsity softball team
- -Blueprints for the game: "If you don't play hard, you don't play at all." - Miller





Wrestling

Matthew Storm (11)

- -Has wrestled for 10 years
- -Weigth class: 275, Heavyweight
- -Enjoys the one-on-one competition
- -Stays in shape by attending camps and pre-season warm-ups
- -Conditions by dieting a month before season starts
- -Achievements: Winning season freshman and sophomore years, plans on making it to State
- -Blueprints for the game: "Little things win big matches." Storm

Swimming

Brittany McClure (10)

- -Has been swimming for five years
- -Swims the 100 breast and the 200 medly
- -Conditions year-round for Greater Omaha Aquatic Leopard Sharks (GOAL)
- -Conditions by weight training and eating healthy
- -Achievements: 12th place at State in the 100 breast as a freshman; 3rd and 4th at Midwestern
- -Blueprints for the game: "Swim your own race. Don't worry about it." - McClure

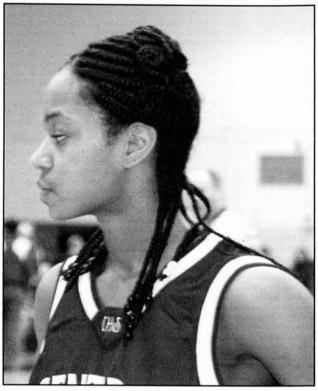


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Ployer profiles Women's Bosketboll

Crystal Howard (11)

- -Has been playing basketball for seven years
- -Position on the court: Shooting Point Guard
- -Conditions by playing all the time; plays for YMCA, select teams and travels with the Nebraska All-Stars
- -Stays in shape by weight training and running
- -Statistics for 2001-2002 season: Led the women's team to State, best game scored over 30 points against North
- -Able to play the court because of past experience with street ball
- -Motivated by teammates doing something better and by proving opponents wrong during a game
- -Achievements: Varsity starter for freshman, sophomore and junior year
- -Blueprints for the game: "I go out to perform well and to have fun." - Howard



Football

Brandon Gunn (11)

- -Has been playing football for nine years
- -Statisics: 77 carries for 780 yards and seven touchdowns
- -Main position is runningback freshman and junior year, played fullback sophomore year
- -Stays in shape by playing basketball and football
- -Conditions by weight training and staying focused
- -Season Success: Helped to take the team to State his sophomore year, winning season his junior year
- -Achievements: Started Varsity sophomore year as fullback, started Varstiy junior year as runningback
- -Blueprints for the game: "I just do my job to help the team out as much as possible. I want the ball, but whatever it takes to win." - Gunn

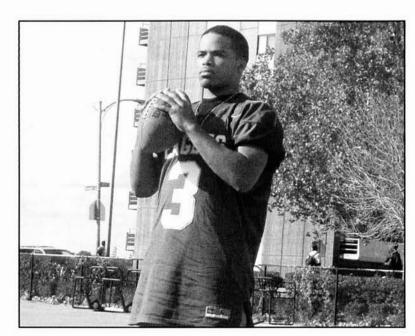


Photo by Hallie Bieber

Tennis

Robert Garvin (11)

- -Has been playing tennis for six years
- -2002 Season record: 6-3 for himself
- -Position: Number two singles
- -Stays in shape by playing other sports
- -Conditions by running during the off-season
- -Achievements: He was seeded at the Metro tournament and he won minor tournaments
- -Blueprints for the game: "You have to be fast-paced and it is pretty much based on your own decisions." Garvin

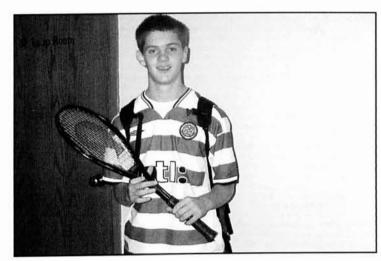


Photo by Kevin Jones



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Women's Golf

Naomi Rennard (10)

- -Has been playing golf for over five years
- -Best game was 2nd round at State, swung an 89
- -Favorite club is the 7 Iron
- -Stays in shape by practicing during off season and during free time
- -Conditions during season by improving putts and chips
- -2002 Season record: 7-1
- -Achievements: Placed 33rd at State sophomore year, 1st place champion at the Omaha Girls Classic League
- -Blueprints for the game: "Keep control, forget about the bad shot and keep going. You can't let the bad things get to you or it will ruin your game." Rennard

Cross Country

Catherine Bigsby (10)

- -Has been running Cross Country since freshman year
- -2002 season: Always placing in the Top 10 at each meet, best run was 15:33 at the Prep Invite
- -Uses running to stay in shape for soccer and basketball
- -Motivated to run by gaining a top position on the team
- -Goal to be in the top 15 at State
- -Runs because it makes her mentally stronger and gives her more endurance throughout her day
- -Achievements: Varsity track freshman and sophomore year
- -Blueprints for the game: "I just run. I always try to be the person in front." Bigsby

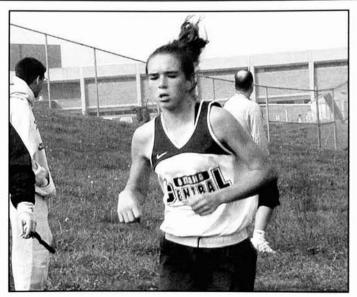


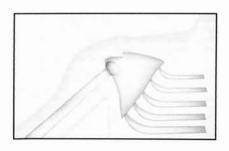
Photo by Meredith Grunke

Blueprints

Athletes fight through injuries, show insight of playing hurt

JamesBoatright-senior

Vorsity Soccer: pulled muscle



What happened: While diving for a practice penalty kick, Boatright landed heavily on his right shoulder.

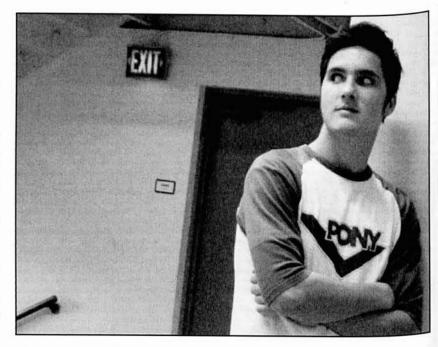
Results: After he fell, he said his shoulder started hurting with an annoying twinge and gradually grew so painful he couldn't even throw a soccer ball, which is a crucial part of being a goalkeeper.

Doctor's Diagnosis Dr. Kris Lausterer, a physical therapist at Nebraska Health Sys-

tem, said that pulled muscles can actually be a serious problem.

"Sometimes the pull can actually turn into a tear," he said. "If it's bad enough, the muscle will start to bleed internally and look like a giant bruise."

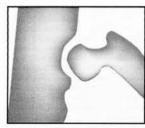
Recovery: Lausterer said there was really nothing to do for a pulled muscle, just basically put ice on it and rest until it is completely healed. Boatright said he had to sit out of practice for three weeks to make sure the muscle was in full working order.



Soccer goalie James Boatright pulled a muscle in his shoulder while diving for the ball. Photo by Hallie Bieber

KatharineTrerice-senior

Vorsity Track: hip flexor strain



What happened: During track sprints at practice, Trerice said she felt a slight twinge in her right hip while she was running. It didn't bother her at first. After a few more sprints, though, Trerice said the bones actually felt like they were grinding.

"The next day, my hip was so sore I could barely get out of bed," she said.

Results: "I was so incredibly stiff," Trerice said. "I had

trouble walking up stairs, let alone running." She said she decided she should probably see a doctor to see what was really wrong.

Expert diagnosis: According to SportsMedicineAdvisor.com, a hip-flexor strain (which is what Trerice's in jury turned out to be) happens when muscles that help flex the knee or do high kicks are overused. The in jury occurs mostly in athletes who run or jump with high knee kicks, as sprinters like Trerice often do.

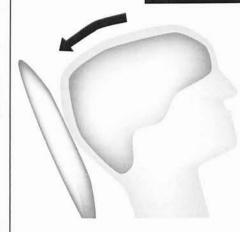
Recovery: Trerice said it took three months of rest and one month of physical therapy to get her hip completely well.

"I should have been more conscious about what I was doing," she said. "All I need to do differently is stretch longer and warm up a little more."



Katharine Trerice strained her hip flexor while running, forcing her to rest for three months and see a physical therapist.

CONCUSSIONS AT A GLANCE



1. The head strikes a hard surface

A concussion begins when the head hits a hard surface. If the blow is powerful enough, the brain may move around in the head causing bruising, and bleeding, damaging delicate tissue. Many times the person feels very little pain at this stage, as the nerves respond slowly to the injury. Most common symptoms of injury include dizziness, slurred speech, and confusion.

2. Pressure builds in the brain

Where the bruise first occurred, blood now flows to the damaged tissue causing the brain to swell. The swelling pushes the brain against the rigid skull, causing pressure to buildup. Within a few minutes, the pressure can be so intense that the person may lose consciousness and black out. If the pressure does not fade in a few hours more serious problems may occur, including permanent brain damage or even death.





Andrew Regan-junior

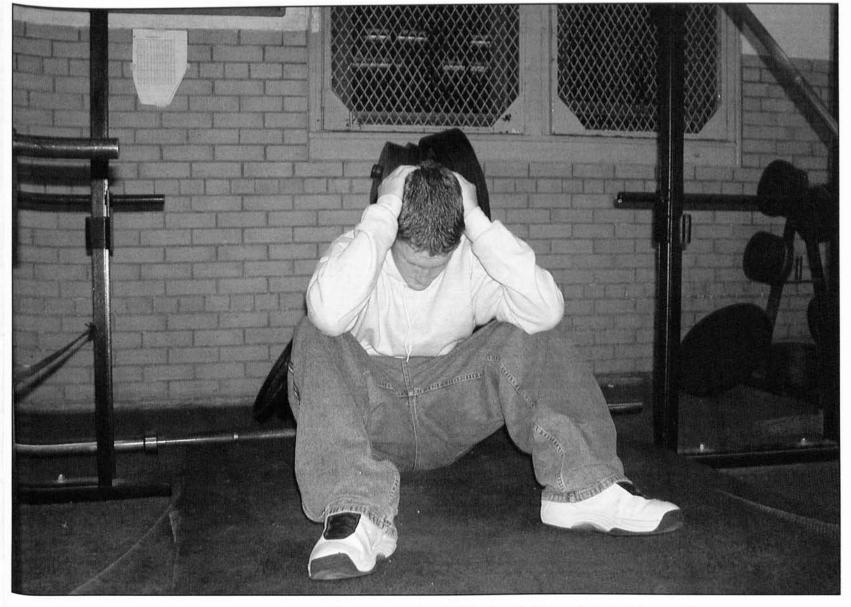
Varsity Football: cancussian

What happened: During linebacker drills, Regan was facing his opponent. As the players hurtled toward each other and the opposing teammate missed the tackle, Regan tried to jump over him, he tripped and fell on his back, hitting his head against the turf.

Results: After slamming his head on the ground, Regan said his teammates told him he just got up, shook it off and finished drills as usual. The only problem was he said he didn't remember any of it. When he went to the hospital, the doctors asked him questions like who the President of the United States was. Regan said Bill Clinton. Then, he said, the doctors said they realized they needed to investigate the injury further.

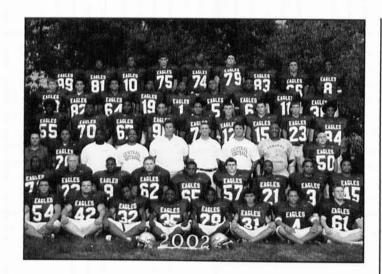
Doctor's diagnosis: "A concussion is basically a bruise to the brain." Dr. Lausterer said. "It's most often caused by a violent shock to the head that causes a temporary malfunction in the brain." Healso said the only thing that could be done for a concussion is wait it out and avoid most heavy contact.

Recovery: "It's really hard to sit and watch everyone play the game while you have to sit out," Regan said. "I had to miss my first two varsity games of the season. It took me a total of three weeks to recover completely."



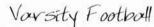
Regan got a concussion during football practice, causing him to miss the first two Varsity games of the season. Photo by Hallie Bieber

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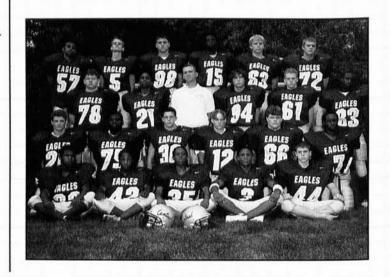


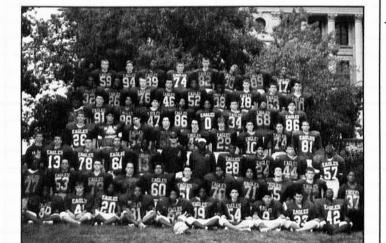
Junior Vorsity Football

Front- Kelvin Tolston (11), Anthony Tolbert (11), Jose Minton (10), Terrance Harris (10), Thor Gustavson (10) Second row- Blake Gayer (10), Austin Reed (10), Daniel Freed (10), Colin Perry (10), Jeffrey Hart (10), Dominic Minton (10) Third Row- Thomas Mullen (10), Jeremy Felton (10), coach Jeff McCune, Ned Sariscsany (10), Matthew Tatum(10), Darius Brewer (11) Back-Michael Woolridge (10), Ehrich Weis (10), Matthew Krise (10), Virgil Mitchell (10), Nathan Kerzman (11), Michael Tingley (10). Photo countesy of Photographic Enterprise



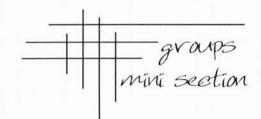
Front-Roman Myszkowski (11), John Petersen (12), Ian Jones (10), Tarrell Burrell (12), Damien Cardwell (12), Joseph Medeiros (11), Chae Glass (12), Andrew Regan (11) Second row-Kendall Dorsey (11), James Parsons (11), Andre McIntyre (9), Jason Pietramale (11), Tony Cannon (11), Jacob Sellin (11), Robert Wesley (10), Brandon Gunn (11), Kelvin Tolston (11) Third row-trainer Mike DeMilia, Geoffrey Davis (11), coach Larry Lathan, coach Robert Lessley, head coach Joe McMenamin, coach Jeff McCune, coach Ryan Murtaugh, coach Stan Standifer, Joseph Bertino (12) Fourth row- James Watson (11), Shabazz Ramsey (11), Terrence Peoples (10), Shaye Thomas (10), Sean Lewis (12), Matthew Brown (12), John Friend (11), Scott Miettinen (11), Robert Phillips (11) Fifth row-Jeremy Longwell (10), David Burr (11), Marchelo Moderow (11), Jesse Wilson (12), Brandon Torry (11), Fred Falkner (12), Christopher Leflore (12), Domach Gatluak (12), Brandon Smith (11) Back-Nathaniel Prater (10), Devon Richards (12), Aaron Dorsey (10), Matthew Barr (11), Brandon Teamer (12), Matthew Storm (11), Alex Tyson (12), Aaron Blanke (11), Jacob Adams (12), Photocourtesy of Photographic Enterprises.





Freshman Football

Pront-Larron Parke (9), John Soethout (9), Maurice Culliver (9), Benford Hill (9), Guy Smith (9), Dwayne Tucker (9), Brandon Nazeck (9), Kenneth Sunata (9), Timothy Barting (9), John McPherson (9), Second Row-Samuel Watson (9), Demetrin Pierce (9), Michael Blair (9), Matthew Moffitt (9), James Spielman (9), Kenneth Gregory (9), Javar Fields (9), Nicolas Romano (9), Matthew Fisher (9), Christopher Crocker (9) Third Row-Joseph Sharp (9), Zachary Hare(9), Jerrod Combs (9), William Dillon (9), Michael Wilson (9), coach Joshua Montzingo, coach Robert Lessley, Jarred Bigelow (9), Mannitro Jamerson (9), Nolan Keebler (9) Fourth row-James Rubio (9), Alex Frantz (9), Justin Nichols (9), Patrick Olson (9), Nathaniel Kick (9), Benjamin Salzinger (9), Nicholas Pellman (9), Daniel Labenz (9), Joshua Krehoff (9) Fifth row-James Hubbard (9), Benjamin Zimmer (9), Alvin Samuels (9), Daniel Susman (9), Keelend Smith (9), Darian Samuel (9), Jamie Peck (9), Antwain Foster (9), Keenan Page (9) Sixth row- Rashad Pettis (9), Dalon Rucker (9), Allen Beckman (9), Craig Ecabert (9), Garrett Bradford (9), Terrence Moss (9), Cyle Jackman (9), Jeffrey Hunter (9), Kevin Kuzelka (9) Back-Thomas Daffer (9), Benjamin Olbertz (9), David Jones (9), Nicholas Pierce-Cramer (9), Kyle Blohn (9), Billy Johnson (9), Derrick Russell (9), Gransen Falkner (9), Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Vorsity Men's Tennis

Front-Jonathan Albright (11), Yasin Patterson (11), Eric Zumm (11), Ben jamin Bilyeu (9), Christopher Danford (11), David Hernandez (12) Back-Cameron Knowles (10), Cody Killion (11), head coach Matthew Shafer, Robert Garvin (11), Eric Shradar (11), Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Junior Vorsity Tennis

Front-Kyle Samuelson (9), Andrew Monbouquette (9), Antonio Lopez (9), Matthew McGuire (10), James Powell (9), Nicholas Stuberg (10) Back-Thomas Heafey (10), James Hubbard (9), coach Jurgen Shawver, Nicholas Samuelson (10), Tucker George (9), Patrick Anderl (10), Photocourtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Women's Gdf

Front- Brandi Smith (10). Deborah Rennard (9). Sara Zendejas (10). Yun Lin (12) Back-Ashley Krijan (12). Eleanor Ashford (11). coach Wendy Brownson, Emily Lebens (12). Naomi Rennard (10). Jordan Zendejas (12). Photocourtesy of Photographic Enterprises



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Vorsity Volleyboll

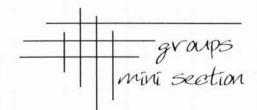
Front-Jessica Carl (9), Devon Rumbaugh (11), Christina Craig (11) Middle-Tovah Mandernach (11), Holly Lehmer (11), Rebecca Mayhew (11), Carolyn Schaeffer (12) Back-Ashley Woolridge (11), Cherylle Leffall (9), head coach Jodi Dierks, Robyn Sorensen (12), Elizabeth Sharpe (11), Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Turior Vorsity Volleyboll Front-Nicole Ketelsen (10), Natalie Bachtell (10), Devon Rumbaugh (11) Middle-Shay Hampton

(10), Sara Ficke (10), Anna Wiksell (9), Brianne Tapley (9) Back-Christina Craig (11), Kyla Falkner (10), coach Erica Meyer, Andrea Holcombe (9), Kerry Storm (10), Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Reserve Volleybod Front-Kerry Storm (10), Jessica Horn (10), Courtney Garza (10), Emily Sjogren (10) Back-Ashley Naikelis (10), Brittany Arvin (10), coach Ryan Wise, Jessica Womack (10), Amelia



Freshman Volleyboll

Front-Kelsey Kroeger (9), Rebekah Decker (9), Jenny Rosas (9), Meredith Beaver (9), Kaitlyn O'Banion (9) **Middle**-Katie Fischer (9), Shazale Ramsey (9), Rachel Glissman (9), Cara Horn (9) **Back**-Carla Schneider (9), Autumn Drickey (9), coach Christie Pfeifer, Jocelin Ford (9), Talaya James (9). Photo coursesy of Photographic Enterprises



Women's Cross Country

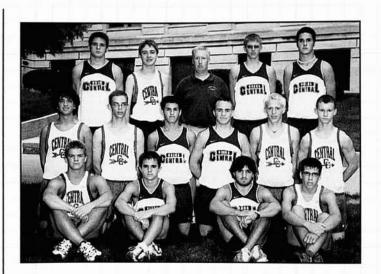
Front- Nicki Thomas (10), Allison Gorga (9), Catherine Bigsby (10), Vicki Thomas (10) Middle-Meredith Grunke (12), Maceal Jespersen (9), Allison Hartnett (9), Kaitlin Hartnett (11), Maegan McKee (12), Caitlin Monaghan (10), Rachel Danford (11) Back- Evelyn Mayberger (10), Elizabeth Schulze (12), head coach Trent Lodge, Clare McGuire (11), Alexandria Meador (9), Photographic Enterprises.



Men's Cross Country

Front-Adam Rachwalik (12), Jacob Mixan (11), Christopher Gorga (12), Robert Stoffel

(9). Middle- Alex Jochim (12), Gregory Merrill (12), Alexander Bloom (11), Brandon
Skocz (12), Norman Welch (11), Matt Soethout (11) Back-Ryan Shaw (12), Clayton
Lomneth (9), head coach Trent Lodge, Clayton Lidgett (12), James Boatright (12),
Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.



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Junior Vorsity Softball

Front- Jacqueline Glassman (10), Allison Denton (9), McKayla Clark (9), Jordan Peterson (9), Kelsey Ratigan (10), Jacquelin Darrow (9) Back- Maria Negrete (11), Anne-Marie Lind (10), coach Scott Wilson, Erica Daly (10), coach Cindi Semrad, Laraine Getty (11), Jamie Hoffman (11).

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Pon Squad

Front-Whitney Quinlan (11), Jessica Richart (12) Second-Sara McDonald (11), Lynne Clure (12), Lauren Freeman (12), Jamie Moats (11) Third-Sarah Hinchik (11), Meagan Page (12), Kylie Zacharia (11), Nora Prazzn (12), Jennifer Yin (11) Fourth-Amanda Carney (12), Jessica Franksen (12), Emily McTate (11), Emily Lebens (12) Back-Sara Ficke (10), Danielle Welty (11), Jireh Knott (10), Abigail Fitzgerald (11), Fhotocourtesy of Bezy Photography

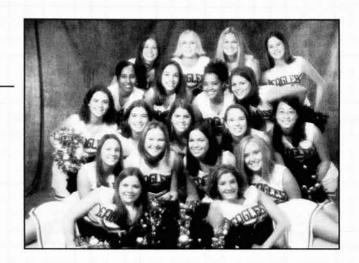
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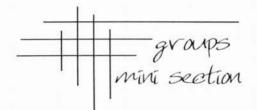
Front- Normesha Reynolds (12), Emily Muskin (11), Julia Darrow (11), Elizabeth Davis (12), Darcy Rutherford (10) Middle- Katie Muldoon (12), Allison Rutherford (10), Kelsey Ratigan (11), Maria Negrete (11), Allison Hess (10), Ashley Wilds (11) Back- coach Cindi Semrad, Jamie Hoffman (11), head coach Kerri Murtaugh, Jennifer Miller (12), coach Scott Wilson, McKayla Clark (10), coach Mindy Shing, Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.



Reserve Softball

Front- Allison Denton (9), Lindsey Anderson (9), Bridget Meade (9), Kathleen McCormick (10) Middle- Kathryn Runnels (9), Lara Harbert (9), Hannah Andahl (9), Barbara Livermore (9) Ashley Lidgett (9) Back- Stacy Wilkerson (9), Susan Sailors (9), coach Jodi Reeder, Teresa Stubbs (9), Lacey Oltrogge (9), Photo coursesy of Photographic Enterprises





Vorsity Cheerleading

Front- Daun Bush (12), Shauntel Vaughn (11), Jennifer Hodges (12), Jenna Pearson (12) Middle- Pascha Fountain (11), Kristy Swirzinski (11), Katherine Lydiatt (11), Alexandra Huston (11) Back- Sydney Shead (11), Jaclyn Rahaman (12), Auriel Blake(11), Photocourtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Reserve Cheerleading

Back-Shannon Prince (10) Middle-Caitlin Teare (10), Kathryn Fitch (10), Sade
White (10), Michelle Inzauro (10) Front- Erika Roetzel (10), Kristen Legino (10),
Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises





Junior Vorsity Cheerleading

Front- Jessica Thomas (11), Julie Casady (11), Kimberly Woods (10), Kathryn Meade (11) Second Row- Kimberly Chunn (10), Cassondra Barba (10), Naomi Rennard (10) Back-Kimberly Gavin (10), Kathryn Johnson (11), Shelby Cherek (10). Photocouriesy of Photographic Emerprises



Freshman Cheerleading

Front-Jenny Rosas, Cydney Coppock, Rachel Odom Middle-Ashley Petti, Chaeli McDonald, Dejanee Blanks, Jessica Cederblom Back-Aja Anderson, Ashley Greenwood, Marica Holland, Natalie McClellan, Jalesa Moore. Photocourtesy of Bezy Photography groups ______ mini section |



Men's Vorsity Bosketball

Cortney Grixby (11), Derrick Russell (9), Davon White (11) Timothy Kanger (9), Duaine Johnson (11), Brandon Gunn (11), Darryl Robinson (11), Ricardo Washington (11), Karl White (11), Zachary Kruse (12), Adam Olsen (12), Nathaniel Prater (10), Coaches Eric Behrens, Herb Welling, Chad Burns, Charles Williams, Jason Jackson, Ryan Hunter. Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises

Men's Junior Vorsity Bosketball

Avery Tyler (9), Robert Wesley (10), Bryant Cotton (9), Willie McCarthy (10), Duaine Johnson (11), Derrick Russell (9), Timothy Kanger (9), Darryl Robinson (11), Drew Meier (9), Andre McIntyre (9), John Skanes Jr. (10), Nathaniel Prater (10), Coach Jason Jackson, Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises





Men's Reserve Bosketball

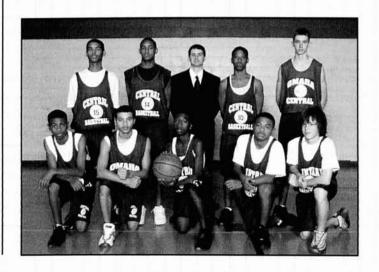
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Men's Freshman A Basketball

William Dillon (9), Rashad Hill (9), Jerred Bigelow (9), Andrew Buffkins (9), Kevin Brown (9), Kyle Samuelson (9), Darian Samuel (9), Mark Will (9), Kyle Blohn (9), Gransen Falkner (9), Coach Chad Burns. Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



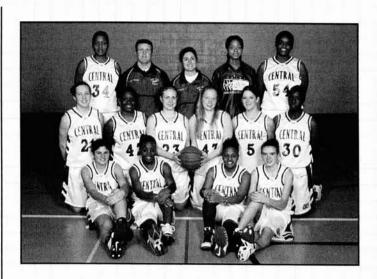
Men's Freshman B Basketball

Benjamin Salzinger (9), Marquevis Finley (9), Michael Wilson (9), Justin Wilson (9), Davy Coleman (9), Frederick Perry (9), Angelo Clemmons (9), Lloyd Mosley (9), Coach Robert Lessley, Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Women's Vorsity Bosketball

Nikita Warren (12), Allison Rutherford (10), Catherine Bigsby (10), Keonna Williams (11), Emily Muskin (11), Leah Weis (10), Rebecca Paulia (12), Mary Michalak (12), Stephanie Williams (11), Crystal Howard (11), Cherylle Leffall (9), Anadrian Booker (10), Stephanie Schwinck (12), Morgan Chatmon (12), Coaches Michele Roberts, Keith Bigsby, Jessica Jackson, Chad Townsend, Mandy Bassinger, Dan Trerice, Jodi Reeder, Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



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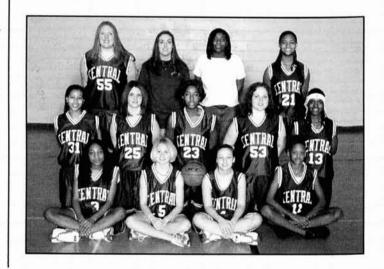
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Women's Reserve Bosketball

Jessica Horn (10), Stephanie Boone (10), Brianne Tapley (9), Andrea Terrell (10), Cynthia Brunious (9), Kyla Falkner (10), Alexandria Dickey (10), Ashlynn Lewis (10), Kaylisha Taylor (10), Madalyn Johnson (10), Jessica Sheridan (10), Courtney Ziesel (10), Coach Mandy Bassinger.

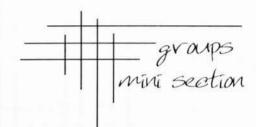
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Freshman Women's Basketball

AllyssaCaldwell (9), Lindsey Goding (9), Francesca Cook (9), Tamara Adams (9), Cara Horn (9), Marica Holland (9), Shyla Ford (9), Jenny Rosas (9), Audrey Hatch (9), Briana Buffkins (9), Allison Hartnett (9), Talaya James (9), Elizabeth Kendrick (9), Coaches Dan Trerice and Jodi Reeder. Photo courtesy of Photographic Enterprises



Swimming

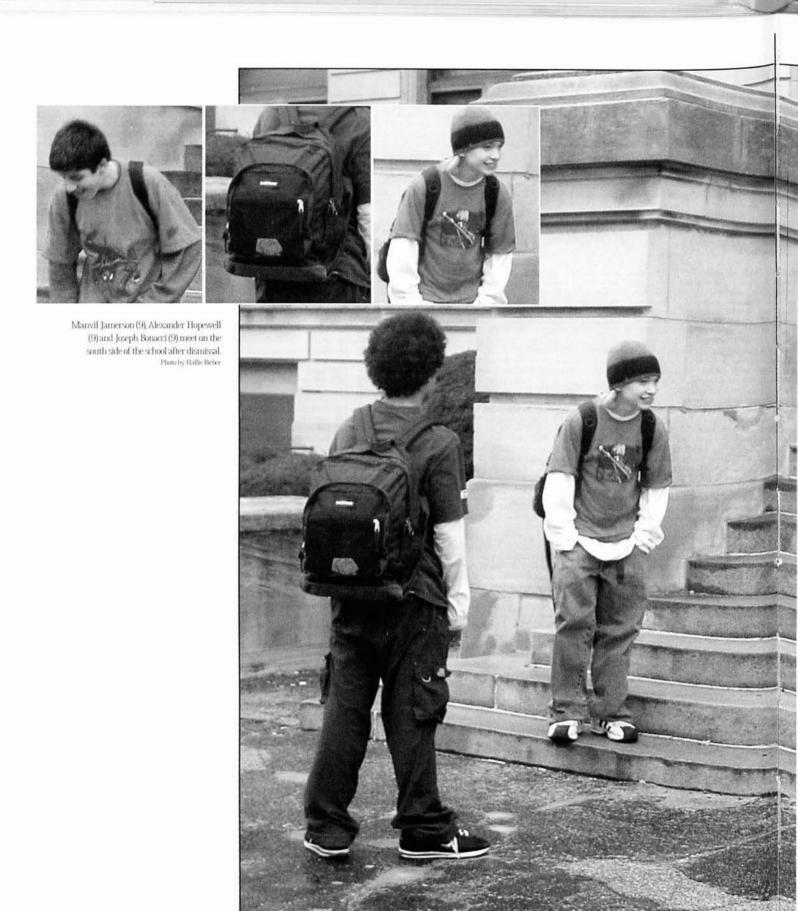
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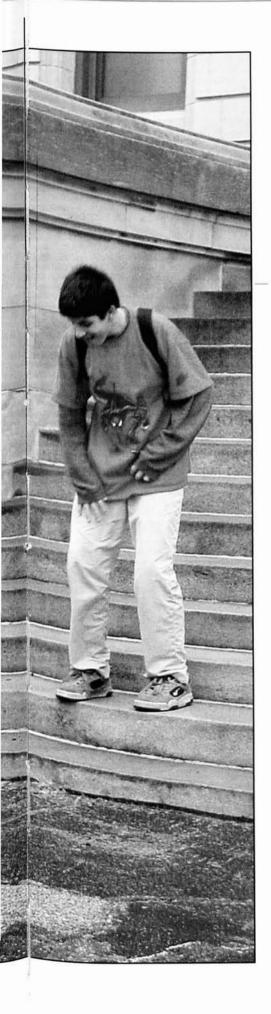




Westling

Zackary Breazzale (9), Steven Jackson (9), Nathaniel Kick (9), Terrence Moss (9), Charles Mulligan (9),
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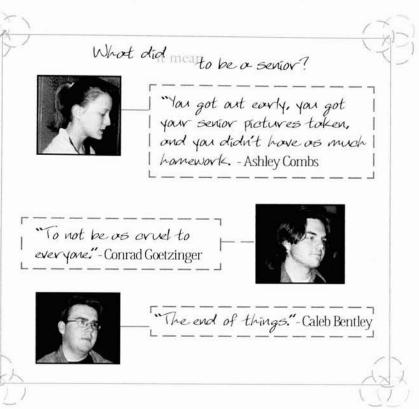
From the first time you walk through Central's big doors to the time you walk out, it is what you do while you are here that counts. The clubs, the sports, the academics, none of it would mean anything without the people. Friendships will be made, hearts will be broken, but the world will keep on spinning. These are the good old days though some of them may not always be so good. Many of us spend more time in this single building than we do in our own homes. We are the foundation of the school. We are the reason it all comes together. We have made Central what it is, what it was and what it will be. We have set the standard. We are Central.

Blueprints

What are the characteristics of a senior?

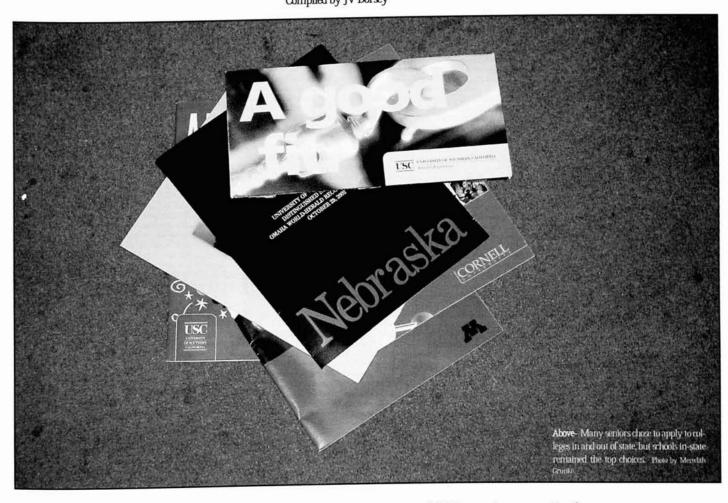
Being a senior was not as easy as it may have seemed. Seniors had to deal with college and scholarship applications, AP classes, homework, friends, family and the rising cost of being a student. On the verge of adulthood, they walked through the halls setting examples for the underclassmen. They made time to volunteer, worked long hours, completed the infamous Central homework and bonded with friends during what was their last year of being a care-free teenager. Senior year was the year they had to find a way to mold the child they had been for so long into the adult they all had the potential to be. The class of 2003 was true to their blueprint. They made it a great year and because of all of their experiences, and they left with the tools they needed to make it in the real world.





Homesweet home, poll s

Seniors want a good education close to home, poll showed



Seniors' top three choice universities (100 students polled)

1. University of Nebrocka at Omaha

Population: 11,500 undergraduates Requirements: English-4 units, Mathematics-3 units, Social Sciences-3 units, Natural Sciences-3 units, Foreign Language-2 units, Additional Requirement-1 unit.

Fees Resident of Nebraska: \$92.75 per credit hour

Fast fact: UNO is in the process of developing a water polo club.

2. University of Nebraeka at Lincoln

Population: 18,118 under graduates **Requirements:** English-4 units, Mathematics-4 units, Social Sciences-3 units, Natural Science-3 units, Foreign Language-2 units

Fees: \$9,042.00 per year (Does not include books & supplies, transportation, or miscellaneous expenses)

Fast fact Nebraska is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research Intensive university.

3. Creighton University

Population: 6,000 students

Requirements English-4 Units, Mathematics-4 Units, Science-3 Units, Social Sciences-4 Units ,Foreign Language-3 Units, Electives: 3 Units

Fees \$ 25,320

Fastfact Creightonisoneofonly 28 Jesuit universities in the United States.

Jacob Adams Andrea Aguilar Richard Albertson Jennifer Allen





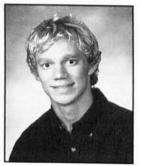




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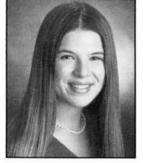






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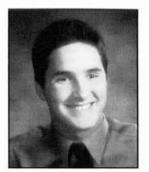








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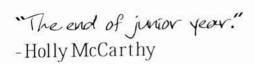


At what moment feel like a Senior?

Whether it happened in the first week or the first month, you will always remember the moment you first felt like a senior



"When I got lazy and started slacking."
-Shaila Bruckner







" I felt like a senior the day the class of 2002 was booted aut."-Aron Cobbs

" I still don't gute feel like a serior."
-Douglas Hageman



Class unifies at all-senior party

By JV Dorsey

H ow do you get the senior class to party together?

Well, you could promise money and jewels or you could offer music, food and fun. That's just what the senior class officers did.

On Sept. 20, the senior class officers held a "seniors only" tailgate party before the home game against Bellevue East.

The officers met over the summer and came up with the idea of a tailgate.

"We brainstormed and came up with a lot of stuff. When the tailgate was brought up we all liked the idea," senior class president Alex Jochim said.

The officers wanted to find a way to unify the class and the tailgate helped them get an early start. They notified the students about the event by making special morning announcements and putting up posters.

Setting up a party sound easy, but the officers put in a lot of work, Jochim said.

"First we had to get Mr. Pennington's permission. Then we got a permit from Norris, designed and sold tickets, bought all the supplies, set up at the field and ran the grill. It was a lot of work, but the tailgate was a success so it was worth it," Jochim said.

All in all the tailgate was attended by over 50 seniors. Most who didn't go said it was due to lack of

"I just didn't think it would be that much fun,"

Michael Morrison (12) said. "I mean, eating hotdogs and listening to top 40 radio at 5:30 in the afternoon is something I could do at home."

Most of those who went enjoyed the party and thought it was a success.

" I had a lot of fun hanging out with everyone before the game. The tail gate was nice, but it would have been better had more people went. There would have $been \, more of a sense of unity, but even \, without everyone$ it was cool," Regina Christensen (12) said.

Below- Daniel Cavanagh (12), Alex Jochim (12) and James Boatright (12) eat watermelon and talk about the happenings of the week at the tailgate. The tailgate was one of the many activities the class officers organized to strengthen class unity. Photo by Lynne Clur



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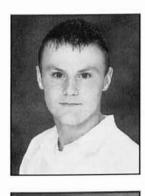










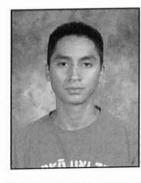






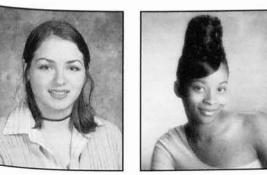
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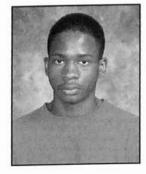






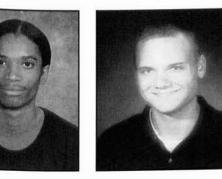
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Kristen Carroll Daniel Cavanagh Jason Cawthon Morgan Chatmon

Where will you be ten years from todow!

Will you be a lawyer? or maybe an artist? What will you be doing in 2013?



"Writing for the New York Times and living with my cabana boy husband."-Kaitlin Jessing-Butz





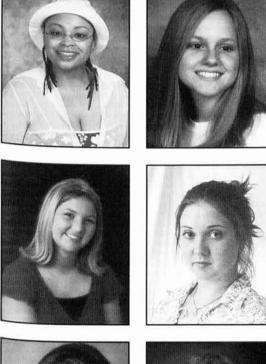


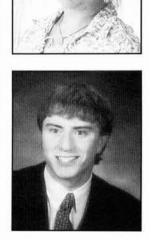
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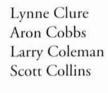








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Student takes a whirlwind trip around Europe

By JV Dorsey

Below- Mara Martinez (12) and a friend look down from Juliet's balcony. Though the play Romeo and Juliet is fiction, the balcony exsist in present day Italy. rtesy of Mara Martine

he Eiffel Tower, the Venusde Milo, Juliet's balcony and wax people. Mara Martinez (12) saw these attractions and more when she spent two weeks in

Europe over the summer.

She toured with the Cultural Heritage Alliance which took small groups from all over the country and formed one large tour.

"The tour was called the European Heartland and my mom wasour group sponsor."she said, "It was nice because a lot of times this is the only chance some students get to go over seas and that tour makes the most of it. The only bad thing is you don't get much time to know a city. You are only there a night or two."

The first and longest stop was London, England. Martinez said England was rainy and due to the Queen's Jubilee, it was crowded.

"For meit was a total culture shock. They drove on the wrong side of the

street, the food was weird and I didn't get most of what they were saying, but it was still a really cool city. We saw all the main tourist attractions, Big Ben, Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, etc. The best place we visited was Madame Tussaud's Wax museum. The figures looked so life like and it has so much history... it was a blastf

From London, Martinez traveled to Amsterdam which she said is not as big a party town as it is rumored to be. From Amsterdam she went to Volendam, then to Hidelburg, Rothemburg, Munich, Innsbrock, Venice, Verona, Geneva and finally Paris.

"WorldCupfever wasdefinitely felt in Paris. France was out of the competition, but Senegal was doing well and there were riots (positive ones though) in the streets. The coolest place we visited in Paris was the Louvre. It used to be a castle, but now it is a museum and it has some of the world's most famous and beautiful art. Paris was best at night... it was such a great place to end the trip.

Martinez said all in all it was an excellent experience and French class was a life saver.

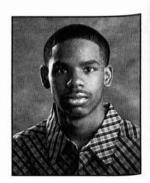
"I had a great time. It was so nice to actually understand what they were saying on French speaking cities, even if it was bits and pieces. Our tour guide was helpful and made us feel at home in a very foreign place. Looking back now I can't wait to visit Europe again, but next time I just want to focus on one place at a time. The whirlwind was a little much for me."

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So now that you're a senior you're an expert at it, right? Here are some pointers from the seniors to the underclassmen about making the best of their last year.

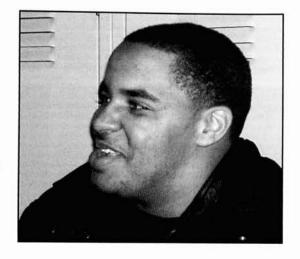
"Don't worry about your future because it will come in spite of what you change."-Cleophas Stevenson





"Make every day, every weekend and every party count and try to remember it."-Kimberly Elliott

"Sove up your money."-Sean Lewis





"Enjoy senior year because it is the last go around." - E.J. Falkner









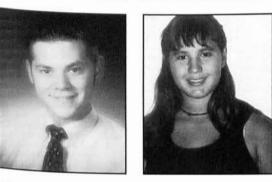
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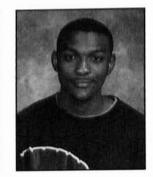






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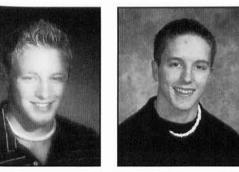
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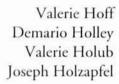
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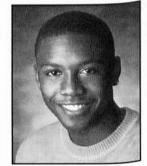


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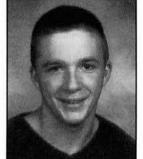






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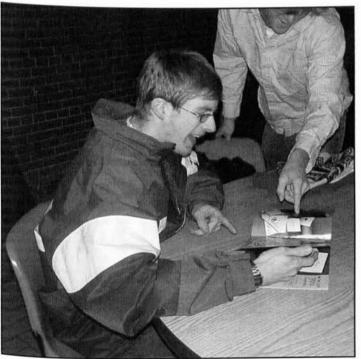






It should the Students adjust to monetary responsibility

Below- Clayton Lidgett (12) examines the graduation announcement order form booklet before school in the courtyard. Paying for senior photos, college applications, cap and gown and other senior necessities can add up to cost a fortune. Photoby Meredith Grunke



Senior year was hectic and stressful for many students. While school remained their top priority, some had to work to pay for the many expenses they were required to cover throughout the course of their last year.

Some costs of being a senior included senior pictures, homecoming, prom, car, college applications, SATs, ACTs, graduation announcements, cap and gown orders, class rings, letter jackets, class T-shirts and graduation parties.

Ashley Thomas (12) said she spent a total of \$1,080 on her senior pictures from Arnold Clark.

For homecoming, Ashanti Weaver (12) spent a total of \$120. She spent \$30 on her dress, \$60 on her shoes and the rest on other homecoming expenses.

"For prom I went all out. I spent at least a \$100 on my dress," Thomas said. "Thad my hair, nails and makeup done."

Thomas shared the responsibility of paying her car expenses with her parents.

She payed half of the \$100 every three months while her parents provided the other half.

Weaver and her mother tried to balance the costs o being a senior.

Weaver worked in the main office as a secretary assistant for Assistant Principal Paul Semrad. She planned on applying for as many scholarships as possible to function post-high school education.

"My mom went on the Internet and signed me up. Weaver said.

College applications, which cost anywhere from \$40 to \$75 per application, added up if a senior applied to multiple schools.

ACTs and SATs also had application fees and became expensive if a student had to take the tests repeatedly to get the score they needed to get into their college of choices.

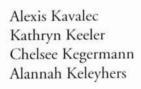
"At some schools, they offer free wavers if you're or free or reduced lunch for one session," Richard Servis college counselor said. "The ACT is \$25 and the SAT i \$26."



















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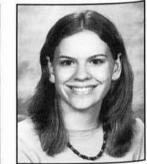


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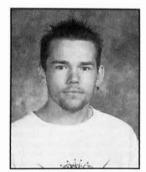






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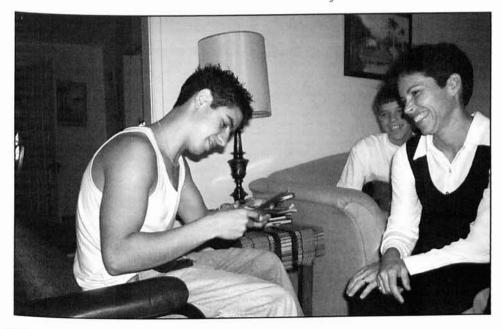




Trading

Ecuadorian participates in exchange program

By Katie Anderl



Left-Pablo Joaquin Lopez-Abad (12) looks at photos with his host mother. He traveled from Ecuador to participate in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program. Photo by Kaitlin Jessing, Butz

or some students, the drive to school from their homes in West Omaha seems like a long trip. For Pablo Joaquin Lopez-Abad, such a trip was of no comparison to the 3,000-some miles he traveled from his hometown of Cuenca, Ecuador, South America.

As an exchange student with the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, Lopez stayed a full year at Central and lived with a host family during that time. The Witchgers, his host family, have a son who also participated in an exchange program and spent his junior year in Ecuador while Lopez stayed with them.

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program is a regular exchange program that gives you the chance to learn a language and the culture of the country you go to," Lopez said.

Lopez said that he en joys Central, and that school in Cuenca is very different. "In Cuenca, you stay in one classroom the whole time and the teachers move from class to class. I like that better because you get to know your classmates very well," he said.

He also said that in Cuenca, students have to pick a subject to focus on and study more closely in their junior and senior years.

Lopez said that hedid not intend to come to America, and that he originally requested to study English somewhere in Australia.

 $\hbox{``Idid not even know where Omaha was until they} \\ told \hbox{ me I was coming here,''} he said. \hbox{``I had to look it upon}$

a map and view pictures on the Internet."

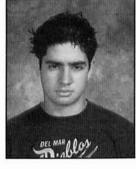
When asked what he missed the most about Ecuador, Lopez said he missed his friends and their parties.

"The parties in Ecuador and the parties in Omaha are very different," he said. "People do not dance very much at the parties here, but my friends and I do in Cuenca."

Lopez said that he and his friends en joy dancing to hip-hop and techno, but also en joy dances such as salsa and meringue. When asked what American music he liked, Lopez named bands such as Incubus, Cake, Twisted Sister, The Presidents of the United States, and Cold Play.

"I like all kinds of music," Lopez said. "I don't only listen to one type, I like them all."









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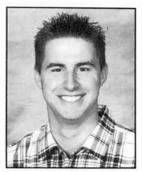




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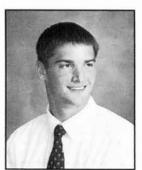


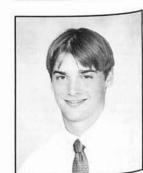


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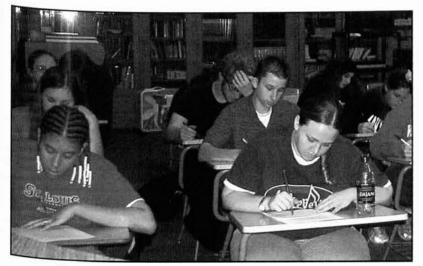




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Students challenge themeselves with college-level classes

By April Gayer



Left- Seniors take a test during third hour AP English Of all the AP classes, AP English had the highest enrollment. Photo by Teshi Teaner



Left- Vanessa Brutsche (12) takes notes during AP Biology. Underclassmen were able to take advanced placement science classes with seniors through the accelerated science path. Photo by Tahreem AZIZ

ome of the classes that Central had to offer required students to complete homework during the summer. Some teachers who assigned the homework said they felt that it would benefit the students during the school year. Was there a true advantage or disadvantage for students doing their work?

Advanced Placement History, Advanced Placement English, Advanced Placement Physics and Advanced Placement American History were a few of the classes that required extra studying during the summer.

Science teacher Joe White chose, for the first time in his six years of teaching, to assign summer homework to those students who would take AP Physics. White said he had two main reasons for having his seniors do homework during the summer break: he wanted to be sure the students had the review they needed if they had not taken Honors Physics, and he wanted the students to be able to view Physics differently.

"I want to be sure that they come in with their heads up for the class," White said.

Lucas Maty ja (12) had to answer many review questions dealing with past Physics classes.

"Summer homework for APPhysics is something

that I will never forget," he said.

Maty ja said he felt that throughout the summer he did not have much of a desire to get his work done, until he looked at the calendar and thought that he needed to start working harder to get finished in time for school. Rumors of having a quiz on the first day of school did not intimidate Timothy Shew (12). Shew had AP European History homework to complete over the summer. The work included reading various parts of a school book and studying a map of Europe.

"Tknew enough about the class that I was going be all right," Shew said.

History teacher Vicki Deniston-Reed said she assigned summer homework for AP Euro so she would not have to waste time reviewing Western Civilization topics during the first two weeks of school.

"It was up to them to save some time," Deniston-Reed said.

An AP English 7-8 summer assignment was to read two books and one play chosen from a list given out before summer vacation began.

After taking two tests in the beginning weeks of school, English teacher and department head Jodi

Martinez said she could tell whether or not students did their summer homework.

"They could have easily just skimmed the books, but some chose not to even crack the cover nor even get the books," she said.

Martinez said she felt that by having summer homework students were able to keep their heads in school mode all year and ready to go once school began again.

Jennifer Hodges (12) said that her self-disciplined attitude helped her to stay on track during the summer so that she was able to finish her reading before school began. Hodges said that the reading was easy and that the difficult part was knowing what she was reading.

"It was summer and I felt like doing other things," Hodges said.

After having a test over her summer reading, Hodges knew how important that it was to have finished the homework. She said that she wrote a theme confidently and passed the test easily.

In the end, summer homework proved to increase students' confidence and prepared them for their college-level courses.

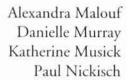
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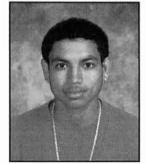




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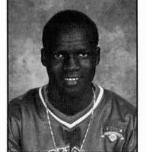






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High school is supposed to be the time of your life. What will you look back on and smile about?



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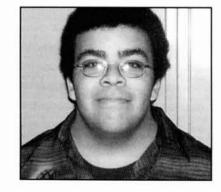
"Winning my first vace at a swim meet junior year."-Michael Morrison





"One ofternoon sophomore year, when we deemed out my boyfriend's locker, curious as to whether or not it was actually possible to lock someone into one, Aron Colobs dimbed in willing as ever, shut the door and started singing the Pepsi jingle. We left for a few minutes and we returned to find a security guard standing there, staring at the singing locker. The lock on his face was dossic."- Nicole Chen

"My fondest memory is the first day of school, senior year when I left at 12:30 pm." - Nolan Windom



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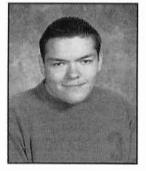








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Bottom-Matthew Stelzer (12) gets ready for ^a Sprint race. Stelzer said caring for the car was the hardest part of racing. ^btotocourtesy of Matthew Stelzer

Below-Stelzer adjusts the tachometer on his sprint car. Photo by Kevin Jones



Sprinting to the first line

Senior becomes a fourth generation racer

By Kevin Jones



have been racing for five years now," Matthew Stelzer (12) said. He started racing when he was 13.

"I started because of my great grandpa, my grandpa and my dad," he said. "I guess I'm a fourth generation racer."

Stelzer drives sprint cars during the racing season, which runs from the first week in May to late September.

Sprint car racing is different from Nascar.

Sprint car racing is run on dirt, consists of a series of shorter races and is not "follow the leader" like Nascar.

The engine is a lot smaller than a stock car's engine. Sprint cars have a wing on top of them and the right rear tire is bigger than the left rear tire for ease of turning.

The biggest difference between stock car

and sprint car racing is how the races start. The sprint car has to be rolling to start the engine. There is typically no ignition on sprint cars, unlike a stock car.

A person can race up to five times a night, and a driver's main goal is to win his feature.

The feature is the driver's main race of the night. A racer gets the most points and usually a trophy if he wins the feature.

"Driving is the easy part," Stelzer said.

Lots of time goes into caring for the cars.

After the race he has to clean the car and the engine, check bolts in the engine, changes park plugs, check fuel and most of the other fluids.

Almost every weekend in the late summer and early fall, Stelzer raced at Wavelink Raceway Park in Waverly, Neb. Stelzer has owned two cars in the past five









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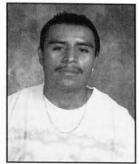






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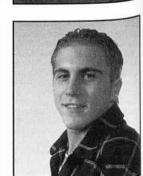


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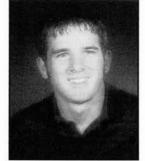






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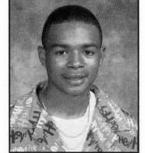






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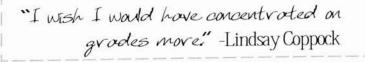
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-Daniel Tipton





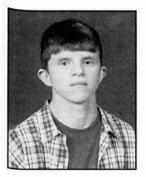
"I wish I would have played football this year."-Alex Alexander







"I regret not continuing with vorsity sports."
-Amanda Stuberg









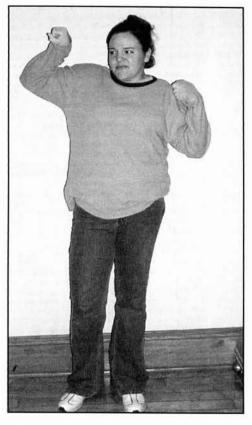
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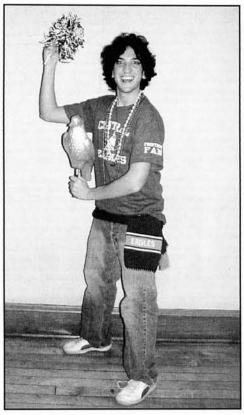


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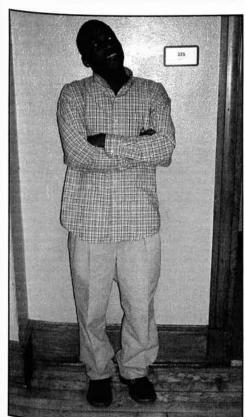
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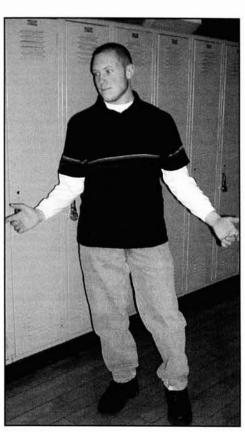
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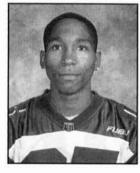


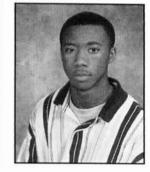






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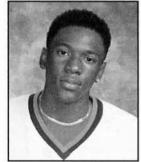




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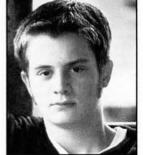






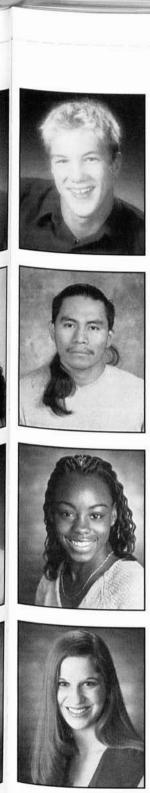
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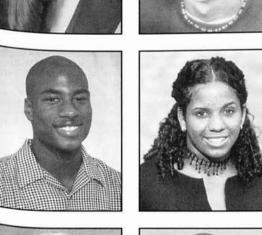




































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Freshman year was the beginning of the long journey known as high school. It was the year students met friends who would be their closest throughout the next four years. It was also the year students became acquainted with the various diversities around them. It took many students a while to adjust to their new environment, but eventually they adapted and made it their own. They began the first day with only themselves, and continued onto the next a little more comfortable than they began. In some cases, freshmen enjoyed the last of their childhood, breezing through easy classes and waiting for the summer to look for a job. In other cases, freshmen got their first taste of reality, adding on a little more responsibility. It was a year of firsts, marking the path they were to continue on until graduation.

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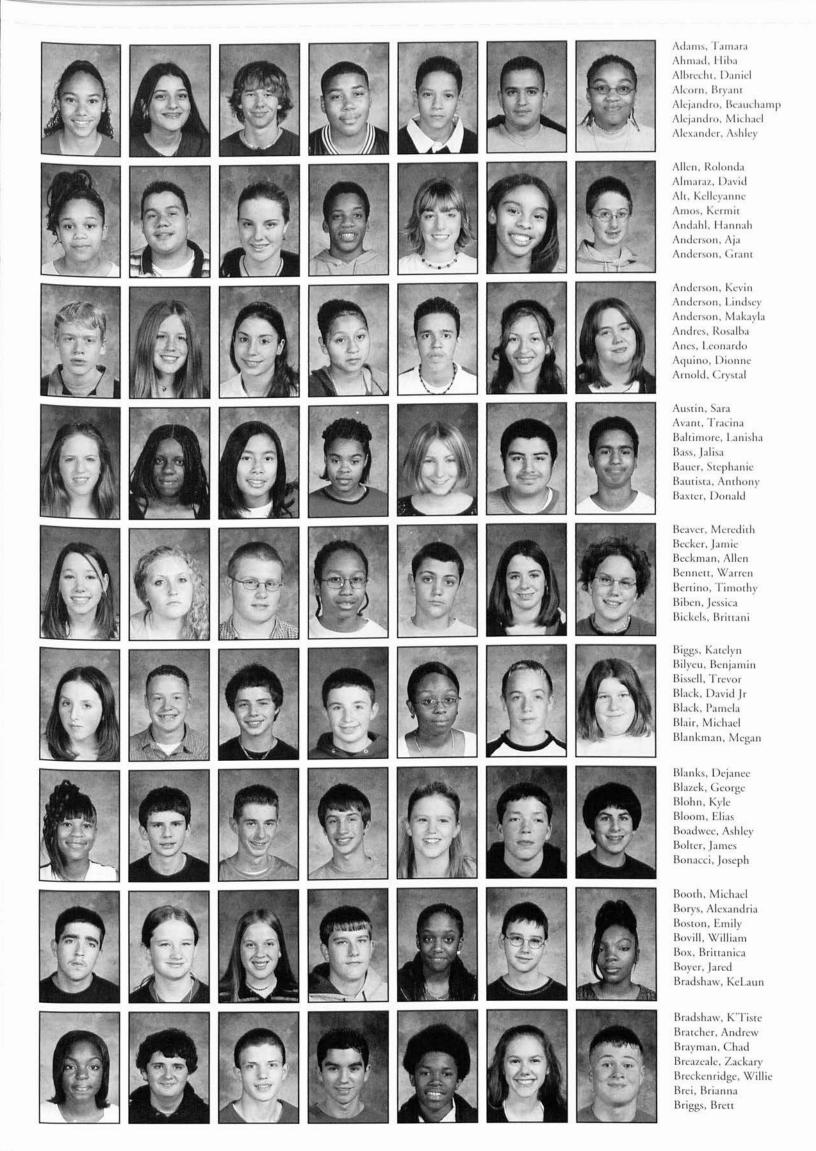
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"You get picked on more because you've younger than everyone else." - Kirsty Frizzell (9)

"You're younger and yaire the new group." - Alexander Hopewell (9)





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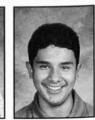






































































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Students begin classes without upperclassmen

By Kaitlin Hartnett



Annaturi Maher (9) fills out a student enrollment card, Photo by Kaitlin Harmett

A nnaturi Maher (9) said that her initial reaction would have been different if the upperclassmen had been there. Their absence made the hallways less crowded, which helped the freshmen find classes easier, and created a more relaxed atmosphere.

"Actually, I was never really all that scared," she said.
"Even though it's a pretty big school, I wasn't really worried about getting lost either."

For a freshman, the first day of high school is sometimes overwhelming, but Maher knew what she was doing and exactly where she had to go.

"My older brother went here," she said. "I'd been

around before."

When she received her schedule, she liked what she saw. She noticed that first period was Honors Biology.

"I really like science," she said.

Maher said she was really excited about taking an upper-level art class.

"I really like to draw, mostly with pastels and I like to use animals as my subjects," she said.

Even though she was excited about art, she wasn't prepared to see a bat hanging from the room's ceiling.

"I was really surprised to see a bat in there," she said, "but it didn't bother me as long as it didn't come near me."

By Jamie Minœy

A cool breeze blew outside the building as students stood waiting to start their first day of high school.

They entered the building and a banner greeted them saying, "Welcome Class of 2006."

"I was kind of nervous," Brittney Hollins (9) said as she walked up the stairs by the main entrance. Hollins came from MacMillan Junior High.

This was the second year that freshmen had the opportunity to be in school a day earlier to go through their schedules without the upperclassmen.

"I liked it at Central. There were too many stairs, though," Hollins said. "Central needs escalators."

She said she thought the hallways were crowded even without the upperclassmen present.

Even though she had a difficult time finding her

first class, Hollins had a great time meeting her new teachers throughout the rest of the day. She said she especially looked forward totaking John Gibson's drama class

"I enjoyed acting and plan to do whatever it takes to accomplish my goals to continue with my acting," Hollins said.

At the end of the day, Hollins said her experience meeting other freshmen made her feel more at ease about coming back the next day.

"I think the first day for ninth graders was very helpful in many ways because if everybody was put together in one whole group," Hollins said. "I think that would be very frustrating and confusing to not only the ninth graders, but to everyone."



Brittney Hollins (9) works on her computer during her required Pathways 21 class. Photo by Jamie Mincey

By April Gayer



Kenneth Sunata (9) works on a math assignment. Photo by April Gayer

his shouldn't be hard with just us freshmen," Kenneth Sunata (9) said.

Since 1998, Central has made a required class for all freshmen called Pathways 21. Each class has around 50 freshmen, all of whom have different levels of computer skills. These students switched back and forth between two classrooms, one with computers and one without. Because of the large number of freshmen, not all Pathways classes could work on computers every day.

"That's just weird. Everyday a different room? We didn't do that," said Sunata, reflecting on his previous schooling at Westside.

Sunata attended the Westside Middle School and had planned on going to Westside High until his parents decided they wanted him to attend Central.

"It wasn't much of my decision," he said. "My parents went here and my mom was just like, 'Oh, you're going'."

All freshmen were then escorted to the "huge" auditorium, as Sunata referred to it, for a short orientation and welcoming from the staff. Principal Jerry Bexten introduced his staff, the security and the counselors. The Senior Class Officers also welcomed the freshmen graduating class of 2006.

Bexten went over some of the items in the handbook. He also discussed his expectations regarding the behavior of students. He said he hoped they would be hard workers throughout the year.

After Bexten finished speaking, Sunata said, "My best guess after looking around is that not everyone will be a hard worker."

the corner

Freshmen girl sings, acts, despite shy personality

By Tahreem Aziz

enniferCastello(9)workedher way up from not knowing how to sing to having a beautiful voice.

Castello said she started singing when she was 11 years old, and that she had a terrible voice when she was younger. One day she sang at her grandmother's house and her grandmother said her voice was really good.

After that, Castello decided to take vocal lessons. She said her vocal teacher really helped her and attributes her talent to that teacher.

Castello is also a talented actress. She became involved in acting when her parents saw an ad for acting lessons at Amy Gifford, an acting school. She said her teacher helped her a lot.

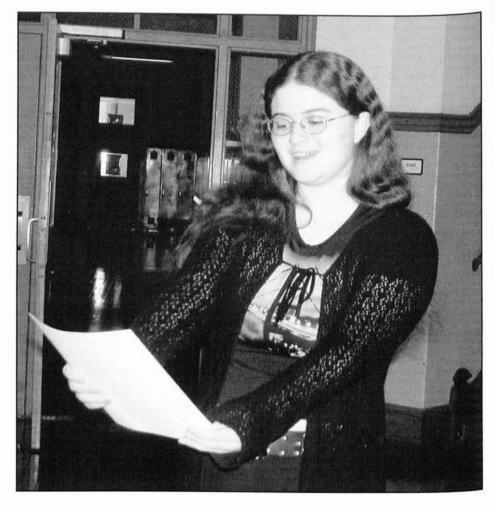
"When others didn't have faith in me, my acting teacher guided me through," Castello said.

Castello said she likes acting because, "You can experience things you can't experience in real life."

In real life, she said, she is a very shy person. Acting and singing gave her a chance to show people that she was not just the girl in the corner.

She does performances mostly at The Rose, but she has also done Kid's Caravan for the Omaha Community Playhouse.

Castello also played the role of Katisha in "The Mikado." She said she really en joyed it because it helped her meet new people.



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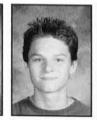








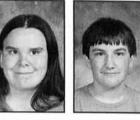




















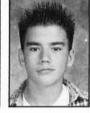












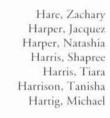




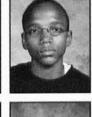








































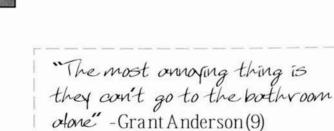
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We can't live with them, but we can't live without them.

Central students share what they love and hate the most about members of the opposite sex.



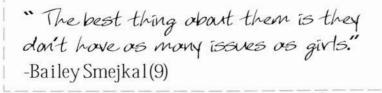
"The most annoying thing is how they change personalities when around their friends! The best thing is how sweet they can be." - Kathryn Runnels (9)







"The best thing about them is they are fun to joke around with."-Kaitlin Waterman (9)





Leoving chiléhoodehind

Students celebrate fifteen candles with special tradition

By Jamie Mincey

In the Hispanic culture, when a young woman turns 15 her family throws her a party called a Quinceanera. This party represents the passage of the girl from childhood into womanhood. Even though it is a common tradtion, not all Hispanic females celebrate their 15th birthday this way.

To prepare for the celebration, the family rents out a church in which they will perform the ceremony and hold a party.

The young woman gets a dress, similar to a wedding gown, and chooses a guy to walk her down the aisle. If not, shealso has the option of going down the aisle alone.

In addition, the young woman has to make gifts for her guests in attendance and hand-pick 15 boys and girls to be in the celebration with her.

Indira Gallardo (11) said she had to meet with her pastor so he could arrange her a service before her quinceanera. She was able to present herself to God at that time.

Gallardo said the girl's parents buy a doll for her that is supposed to represent her last doll before entering adulthood. When the ceremony is done, the girl is supposed to throw the doll into the crowd to represent her leaving her childhood.

For Gallardo's Quinceanera she received a Chris-

tian bible from her godfather that she is suppose to keep with her for the rest of her life.

During the ceremony, a pastor speaks to the young woman about the obstacles of becoming a woman, respecting herself and thanking her mother for all that she has done.

"When you go to the front of the church, there are 15 candles and you have to light them," Gallardo said.

Each candle represents one year in her life. After she lights the candles, the ceremony is performed and after it is over, she puts each candle out.

When Alejandra Najera (9) had her quinceanera she said it was the best moment in her life because she was with the people who loved and cared for her.

Najera also said she has participated in at least 10 Quinceaneras and loves them.

After the ceremony, the group usually takes pictures together and continues on to the after party.

The food at the after party ranges from homemade salads to tamales and enchiladas. The young woman's family usually hires a DJ or a local group to play music. After the party is over, the girl gets to open up all her presents. Gifts can be anything from money to clothes or jewelry.

"The real value of a Quinceanera is not what you get for presents, it's the spiritual feeling," Najera said.

Below- Indira Gallardo (11) prays with her pastor during her Quinceanera ceremony.



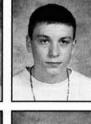
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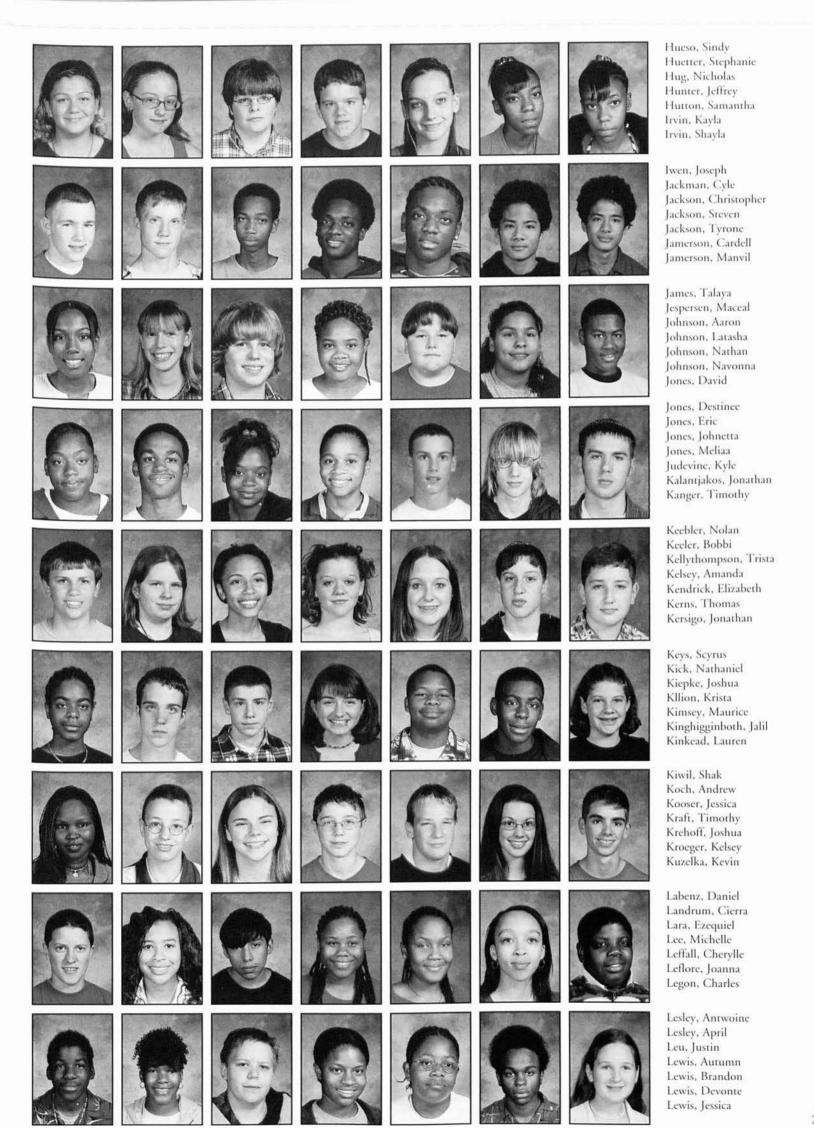








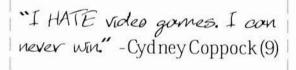




A favorite pastime of many Central students is playing video games. These freshmen share which one is their favorite.



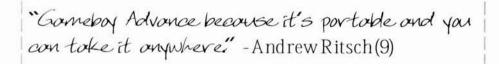
"PS2 (Play Station 2)... it speaks to me."
- Kyle Samuelson (9)







"PS2 because it has the best graphics and it's the cheapest."-Rachel Gast (9)





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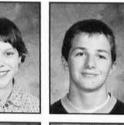












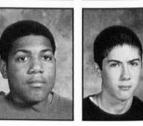














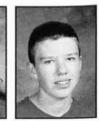














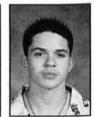












































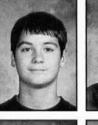






















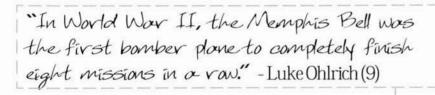


What's the dest fact you?

Who says freshmen don't know anything? These four wise freshmen share pieces of useful (or useless) information.



"If you bong your head on the wall for on hour, you burn 150 colories." -Audrey Madison (9)







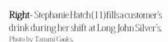
"In 1947, American Airlines saved 540,000 by eliminationg one dive from every salad in first dass."-Kyle Blohn (9)

"If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, adds ove that at least one molecule of air in every breath you take passed through Socrates' lungs." - Lindsey Goding (9)



Teens of harry wage Students discover the world of work

By Katie Mapes



Below- Michael Smith (10) teaches water aerobics at Christ Child Center. Photo by Paula



ike many other students, Samuel Stanfield (11) applied for his first job during his sophomore year.

He worked at a floor-covering company over the last couple of summers.

Stanfield said his job was to lay and rip up carpeting, linoleum, tile and trim. Then he would carry the old materials to the trash to be thrown away.

Depending on the kind of work done, he would earn \$90 to \$100 a day, or \$18 an hour.

"The job was fun because it [the boss] was my dad's friend so he was really lenient about it and the environment was great," Stanfield said.

Cydney Coppock (9) said that she also had a good experience with her job at Josie's Mexican Grille in Council Bluffs.

"Hoved working there," Coppock said. "The restaurant was my aunt's so I was always there with my

family. It was a lot of fun." Coppock started bussing tables and washing dishes for a minimum of about \$5.25 an hour. Later she waited on tables and made more with tips.

Coppock said most of the time she would work on the weekends and one or two nights during the week.

"I loved my job and was good at it," she said. "Getting paid to hang out with my family and have fun with my customers didn't seem right, but I wasn't complaining."

Not all students were as lucky as Stanfield and Coppock though; many didn't enjoy their first job.

Shannon Kyler (11) worked at Panera Bread Co.in the Westroads. Kyler made \$6.50an hour at starting on May 31, when it opened, until when she left Panera on Oct. 5.

"Working was okay, but sometimes I dreaded the thought of even walking into the Westroads," Kyler said.

Kyler said she had a problem dealing with the clientelle, not the job itself.

"It was the customers that drove me crazy," Kyler said. "A lot of people lost common courtesy and respect for the people that were working to help them. At Panera people expected high-quality food and restaurant service in fast food time! It was madness."

Kyler's job was mostly at the restaurant register. She also prepared drinks and cleaned the dining area.

When Kyler looked back on her previous job she said she had many mixed feelings.

"Ifelt relieved, but I also missed the people I worked with," she said.

All of these students said they gained respect for people who work directly with customers.

"You don't really learn to appreciate salespeople, cashiers and busboys until you've had to do it yourself," Kyler said.





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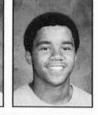
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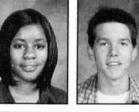






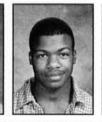






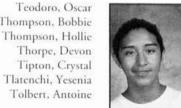
















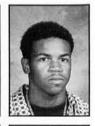














Hondling the stress

Teens deal with the added responsibilities of school, work, home

By Tammi Cooks





Far left- Lianne Lau (11) and Rachel Danford (11) copy down information during their A.P. American History class. Photo by Tannui Cooks.

Left—Megan Prosterman (11) gets ready for her shift at Maggie Moo's Photo by Tammi Cooks

Below-Emily Greenberg (11) leaves the OEA parking lot after school. Photo by Tammi Cooks



I seems with the advent of high school, teenagers are thrust into a world that requires them to work harder, take things more seriously and to just "grow up."

Many incoming freshmen discovered classes were more demanding.

Sophomores counted down the days until they could acquire their prized license. Juniors juggled a full load of classes, not to mention the addition of a job for the school year and beginning to start the search for colleges. Seniors prepared to make some final choices for their post-high school career.

In the midst of it all, are teenagers today carrying a heavier load of responsibility?

One major milestone that occurs in a teenager's life is when she gets a driver's license. Some people chose to take a driver's education class.

"I took driver's ed. for the lower insurance and I thought I would learn more and be a better driver," Laraine Getty (11) said.

Instead of dishing out the money for a driver's ed. class, others chose to log 50 hours.

"Driver's ed. seemed like a lot of money to me," Clare McGuire (11) said about her family's decision to not take the class. "My parents thought I'd get more experience driving with them."

Regardless of how a teen acquired his or her ticket to driving freedom, the privilege remained underestimated by some.

"Having a license is a big responsibility. When you're driving your friends around, you are responsible for their lives," Stephanie Hatch (11) said. "I think some people do realize that, but a lot don't."

School, a place students easily spend more time at than at home during the academic year, is an obvious source of added pressure to many teenagers.

"I felt pressure from myself to get certain grades. My parents just want me to do my best," Kira O'Bradovich (11) said.

Grades, homework and teachers collectively add to the stress equation. Many underclassmen discovered their teachers' policies were different than in middle school.

"Teachers don't cut you too much slack like they used to," Brandi Clanton (10) said.

Thoughts about the future often affect the choices teenagers make when it comes to classes or other activities.

"I've been thinking about college since I'm getting things in the mail," Carrie Dixson (11) said. "That's why I took honors classes."

A job can interfere with homework and grades, which is why some teens decided to leave working for the weekends.

"Tmonly going to work on the weekends during the school year because I don't want it to interfere with school," Getty said.

As an older sibling, setting a good example and being a good role model can be added pressure.

"I think I'm sort of a role model. They follow my footsteps. As the oldest I set the standards," McGuire said about setting examples for her younger brothers. "I don't usually try to be an example, but if they are doing something wrong, I'll talk to them."

Teens, at some point, have faced peer pressure. It is often used as an excuse for someone's actions.

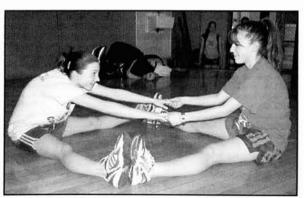
"I want people to realize you can't let peer pressure make the decision for you," Getty said.

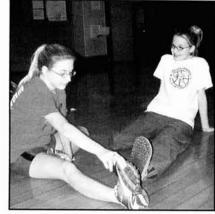
As far as peer's influence on each other, Getty said, "It depends on how much you value your principles. It shouldn't matter what everyone else is doing."

Teenagers have sometimes been defined as being lazy, uncaring and irresponsible. Regardless, society continues to hand over a heavy load of responsibilities for teens to deal with, therefore leaving the teenager to decide if he will live up to these unfair stereotypes.

Double

These twins discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having someone exactly like them walking around the halls of their high school







Name: Katherine and Allison Gorga

Birthdate: Feb. 4, 1988 Grade: 9

Katherine on Allison:

"I don't really like having a twin. People get us mixed up even though I think we don't look alike."

Allison on Katherine:

"I like having a twin because we can talk to each other, but I don't like it because sometimes it feels like a competition."

Name: Nicki and Vicki Thomas Birthdate: Jan. 27, 1987

Grade: 10

Nicki on Vicki:
"I enjoy having a twin. We know how to talk to each other and get along. I'm quieter and more active."

Vicki on Nicki:

"I have a different attitude than she does and a different personality. I'm nice to everybody and Nicki sticks to her group of friends."

Name: Christopher and Rachel

Danford

Birthdate: Feb. 5, 1986

Grade: 11

Christopher on Rachel:

"We work on homework and study together. She goes everywhere with me. We share a cor. Sometimes it's like a ball and chain."

Rachel on Christopher:

"Chvis does a good job as a brother. I con't remember the last time we've faught."

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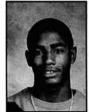












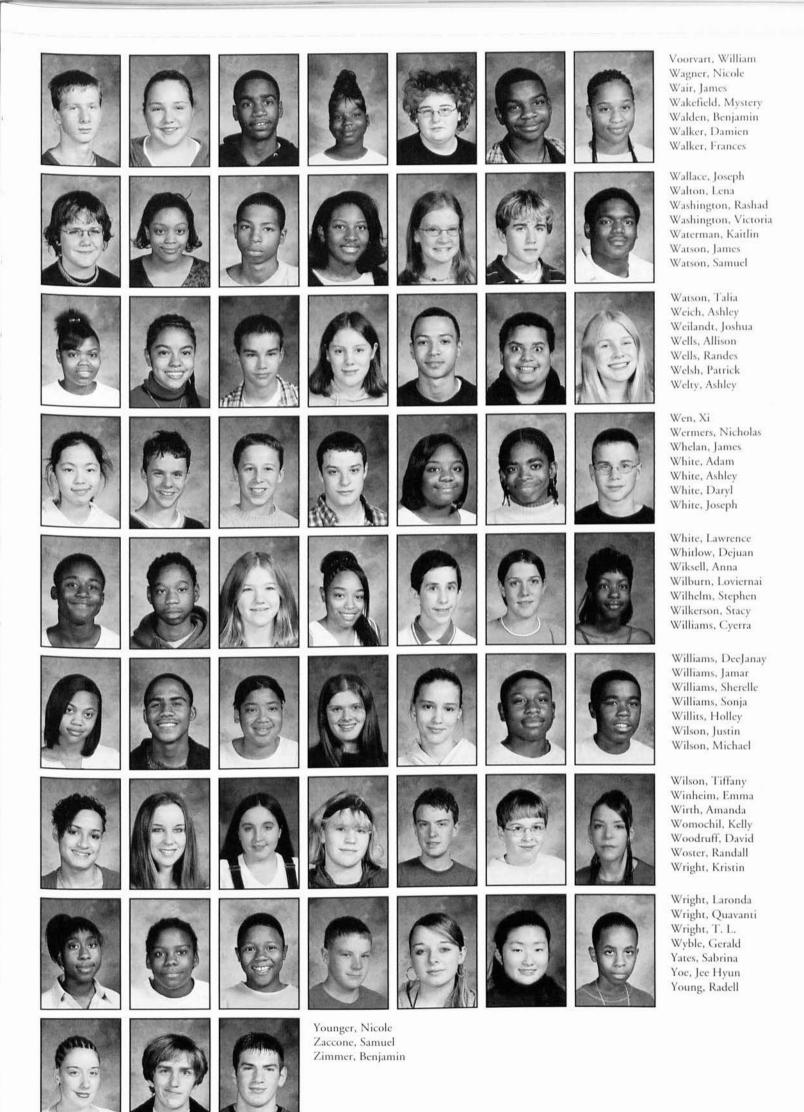












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Sophomore year was a transitional year set in between child-hood and adulthood. Students at this stage in life gained responsibility and typically became more concerned with their grades. Academics were taken to a higher level and many students were forced to pick up the pace. Another characteristic of sophomore year was the added involvement in school activities. Sophomores showed stronger efforts in getting involved with clubs, sports and other extracurricular activities. They felt more comfortable at the school and were finally accustomed to calling it their own. At the same time, sophomores were yet a year away from becoming upperclassmen. They were not old enough to fend for themselves, relying on parents and older siblings for transportation. Sophomore year was the halfway point in a high school career that often moved faster than expected.

What does it mean to be a homove?



"Move homework compoved to freshman year." -Stephanie Hall (10)

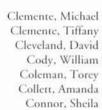
"Yaive kind of in the middle." - Emily Sjogren (10)





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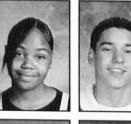


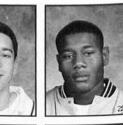




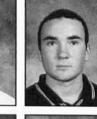






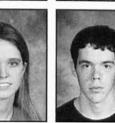








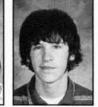










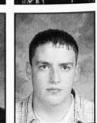














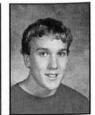


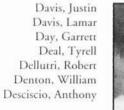




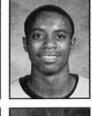




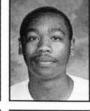














































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Sophomores share words of wisdom



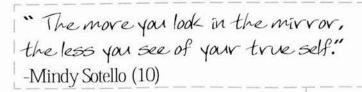
"Don't criticize people unless you've walked a mile in their shoes because then you'll have their shoes and you'll be a mile away." - Brenda Reed (10)







"If all ar wishes were granted, many of ar dreams would be destroyed."
-Tarryn Keller (10)





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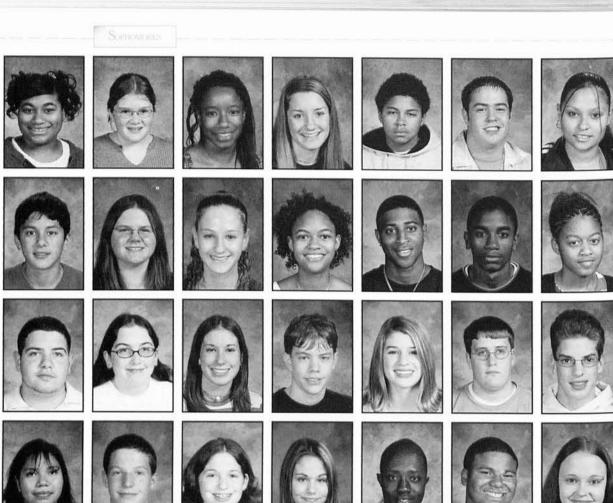
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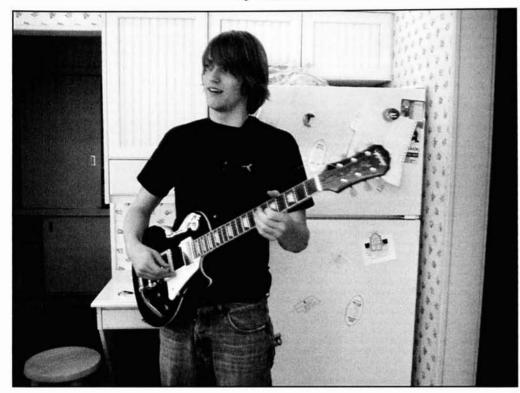




Student lives for the sic

Sophomore's love affair with music shapes life

By Katie Anderl



Left- Robert Piskac (10) practices the guitar. At 15, Piskac has been in five bands. Photo by Katie Ander!

ven though Robert Piskac (10) is only 15, he has already been in five bands and produced two cds. Music has been Piskac's main hobby since the end of fifth grade.

This love affair began when a bored Piskac picked ${}^{\rm Up}$ a guitar and began to play music because he didn't have anything else to do.

"Idon't really write any lyrics because I'm bad at it and when I do they don't make sense," Piskac said.

An example of this is in his song entitled "Blanket." This song includes lyrics such as, "I'm not/ fully convinced/ I can tell by the way you clenched your fist/ at the sound of her voice spoken so sincere/ yesterday my dad hit a deer."

Former bands Piskac has played in include Jose and Friends, Implisti and Bill's Couch.

"Bill's Couch isn't really a former band, it's sort of a side project," Piskac said.

Bill's Couch included Piskac, Thomas Heafey (10)

and Brian Hickman (10). Heafey played guitar and
Hickman played the drums.

Jose and Friends was a solo project of Piskac's.

"Its just me playing a couple of songs with a plethora of instruments," Piskacsaid, "Sometimes Gavin (Jensen) (12) plays with me too, when he's bored."

His current band, Gnome Slaughterhouse 2002 Omega consists of Piskac, Daniel Crane (10), Eric Shew (10) and Daniel Klaczynsky (10).

"Tve been in five bands, many of which I've liked a lot, but this one is by far the best," Piskac said. "Shew screams, Klaczynsky plays the bass, I play the guitar, and Crane plays the drums. Ericonly sometimes plays with us though because he kind of gets embarrassed."

Gnome Slaughterhouse met in Crane's basement every Thursday night.

"Weall love Cursive, and we have a similar sound as them," Piskac said.

Its first song, entitled, "Eric Shew's Eye Has a Disease" was, in fact, inspired by Shew's eye.

"Eric had an allergic reaction in his eye, and we thought it was funny so we started singing about it. We like playing, but we're not that serious about it. If you heard us, you would laugh. We like to say scary things like "We'll eat your babies' but we have no intention of being hardcore," Piskac said. "We do it because it's funnier than crap."

Gnome Slaughterhouse's first album is a three song EP entitled "Kill Me in the Face." EP stands for "extended play" and is essentially a mini-album.

"Everyone's going to hate it," Piskac said.

Piskac records all his music on his equipment that he keepsat Crane's house. He has a guitar, bass, keyboard and a digital mixer.

Piskac said the digital mixer helps him to record different instruments at different times and then combine the sound to play together.

"Dan (Crane) has been very generous and has helped pay for all of it," Piskac said. "He's been a big influence and if I wouldn't have met him I would be a different person."

Piskac said he intends to continue making music into college and may possibly pursue a career related to music.















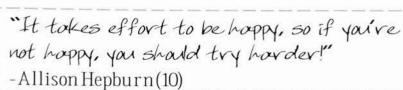
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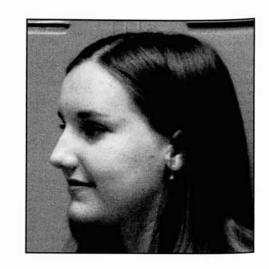
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Sophomores disclose the best advice they've ever received



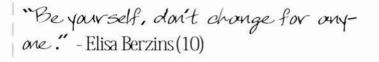
"Do it right the first time so you won't have to do it again." - Candice Tillery (10)







"Don't worry about what other people think of you"- Jirch Knott (10)





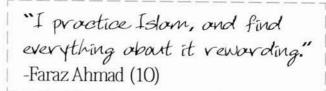


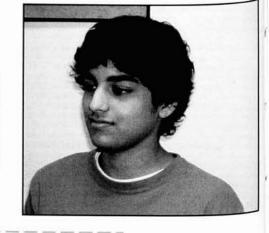
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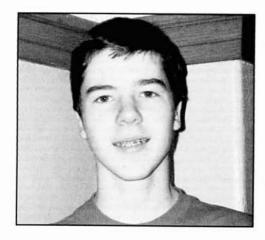
After the Sept. 11 attacks, many students rediscovered their religious roots. These sophomores share their beliefs and what they find most rewarding about their religion.



"I'm Lutheron. It's rewarding to have solvation from sin and a community, my church, that upholds the same beliefs I do." - Nicholas Stuberg (10)







"I'm Cothdic. I enjoy the fellowship I have with other Cothdics. Also, we have some great holidays."-Christopher Kielion (10)

"I'm Cotholic and I prefer not to work on Sundays and I don't like to eat meat on Fridays."

- Mark McDermott (10)





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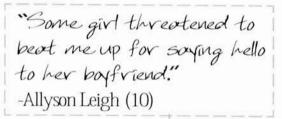
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Many memories are made throughout high school.

These sophomores reminisce about their most memorable experience with an upperclassmen.



"When I was a freshman, I tripped on the doorstops and all the upperdass men laughed at me." -Daniel Crane (10)





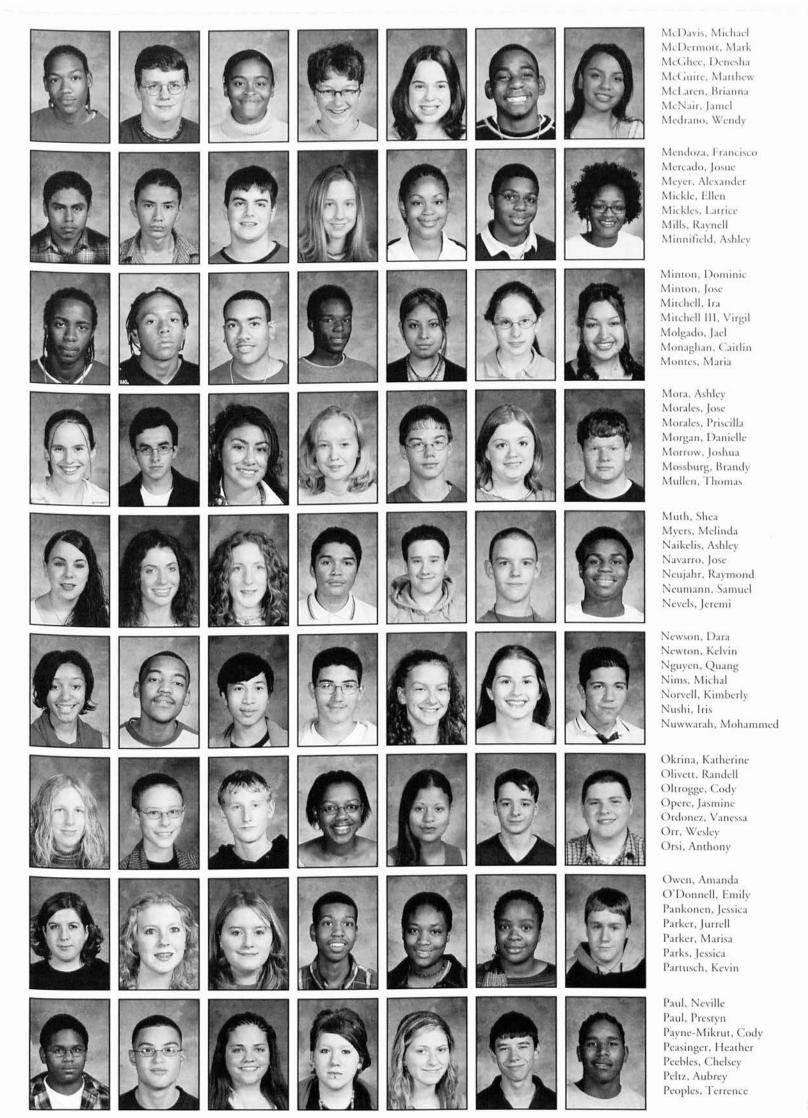


"Playing a benefit show at Farnam Street with other hardcore bands."-Anthony Desciscio (10)

"When we were at the football game, in the center of the front raw, a stupid upperdossman kicked us act. I faight hard, but him and got really mad, but we still had to move."

-Teresa Larson (10)





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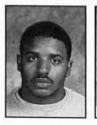


























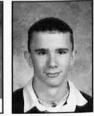






























































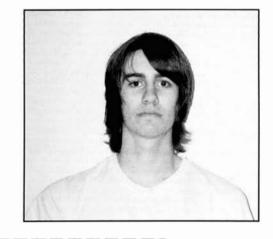
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Central's diversity comes as a blatant shock to some new students, while others go through their classes without even noticing it. These students react to the diversity surrounding them everyday.



"I'm Kovean. I don't veally cove about the diversity because I've been a minority all my life. I'm used to it." - Leah Seymour-Karpf (10)

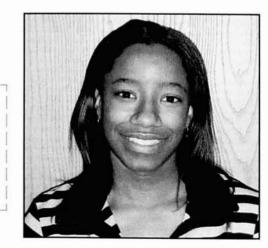
"There are a lot of people and you can always fit in, no matter what." -Daniel Klaczynsky (10)





"I like it (the diversity at Central). It's really accepting. I see all the diversity, and I think it's amazing." -Angela Friedman(10)

"I'm African-American. I enjoy Central's diversity because I am exposed to many different cultures and get to learn many new things about their lifestyles." - Ashley Easter (10)



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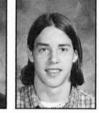
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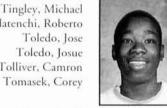
















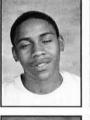






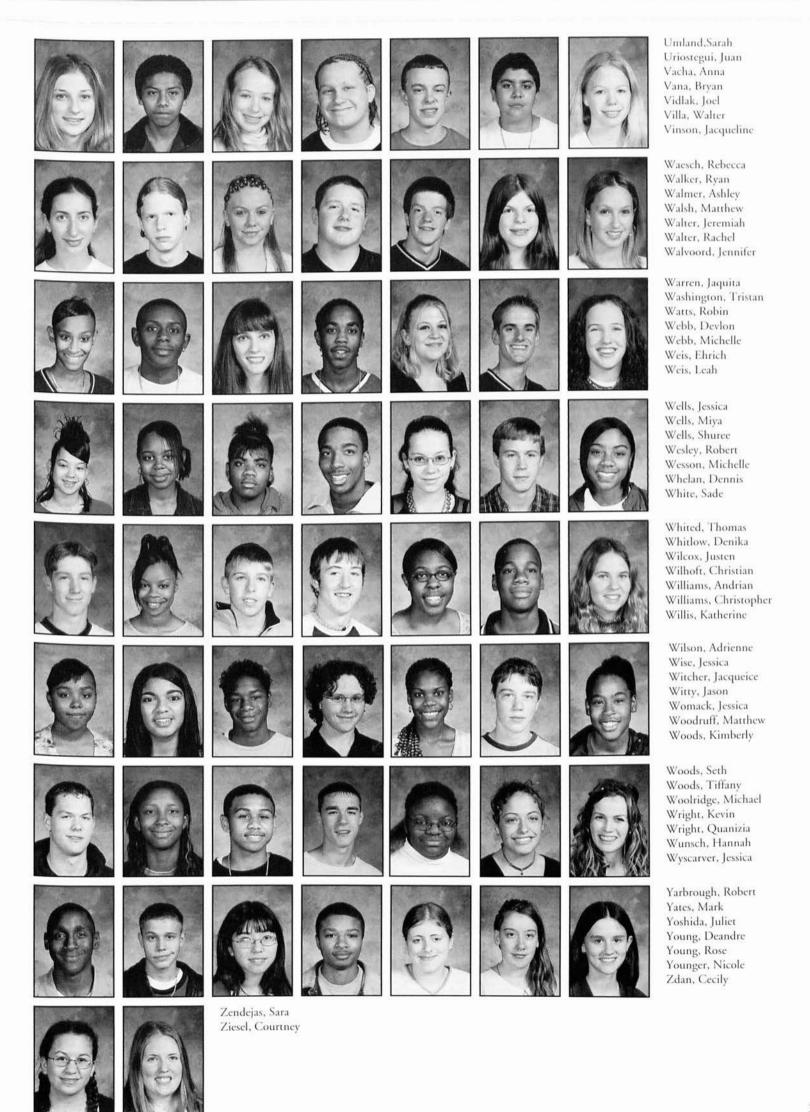












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Junior year marked the unofficial switch to upperclassman status. It was the year students became leaders within the school. Independence was gained from acquiring a driver's license, and many students took on a rigorous course load. Juniors had finally learned to be self-sufficient, their success in high school depended on it. Only a year before, these same students were underclassmen. Suddenly, graduation loomed only a year away. Juniors prepared for their future through the classes they took, the activities they participated in and how they dealt with the day-to-day trials of being students. They were faced with the daunting task of electing their senior class officers-to-be, and registering for the classes they would be taking last year of their high school career. They were in the home stretch of high school, only two years away from graduation.

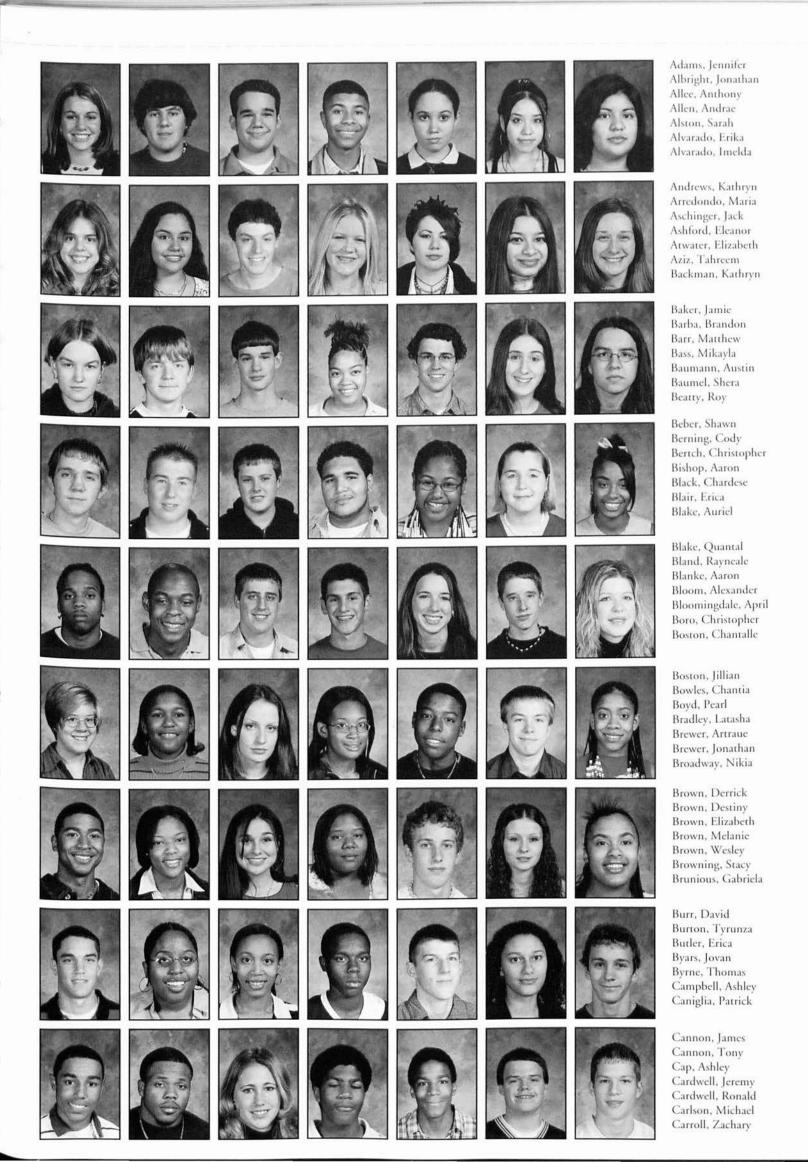
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"One year left." -Jered Kotschwar (11)

"The third year in high school." -Christopher Boro (11)





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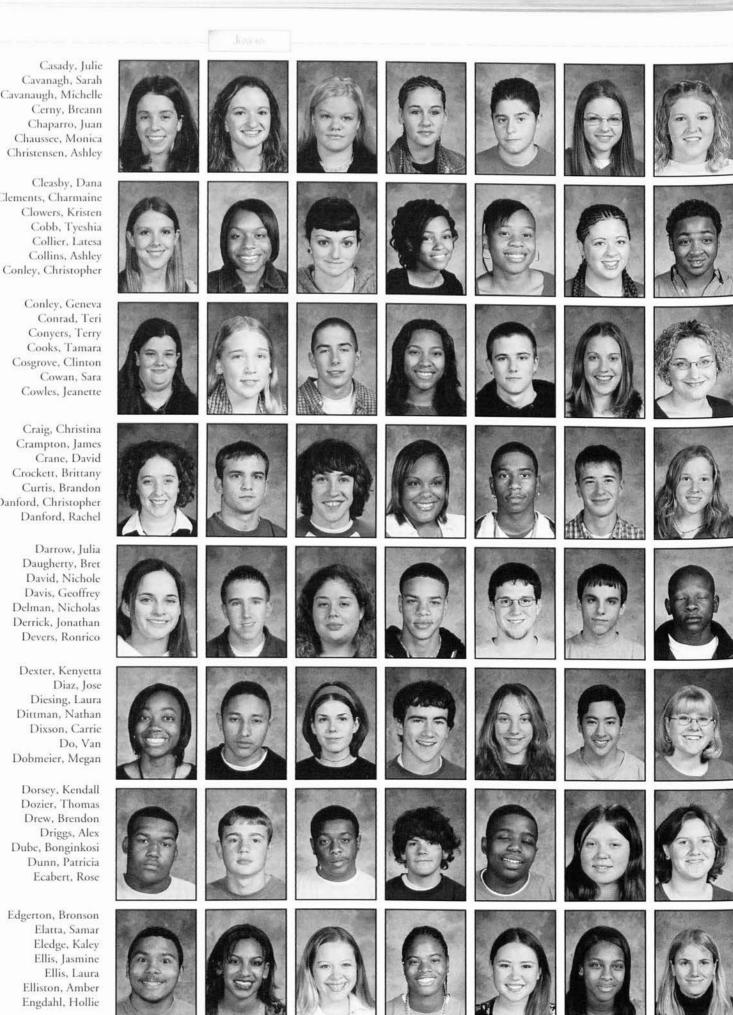
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Sofety

Junior lifeguard dedicates summer, helps the community

By Kaytee Meade



Left- Nicholas Goding (11) watches the pool at Brookhill during a ten-minute rest break, Photo by Kathryn Meade

Below- Kathryn Johnson (11) scans the boby pool at the Brookhill Country Club. Lifeguards at Brookhill usually worked five-hour shifts and split up their time between the main pool and the baby pool. Photo by Kathryn Mesde



his summer, while some teens set off for the pool to go swimming, others, such as Kathryn Johnson (11), went to sit in the lifeguard chair.

"Sitting up in the chair the first few times was very nerve-wracking, and it sometimes still is." Johnson said. "You always had to be prepared because you never knew when someone could have needed your help. Even if you looked away for a second, something could have happened. So far, last summer, I did not have to rescue anyone, but I had some near cases and some of those are a bit scary."

Johnson worked at Brookhill Country Club for her first year as a lifeguard.

"At the beginning, it seemed like there was so much going on, and so much you needed to be aware of in your surroundings, that it's kind of overwhelming, but I got into the swing of things within the first couple weeks," she said.

Inorder toget the certifications necessary. Johnson, along with many other aspiring lifeguards, was obli-

gated to attend a Red Cross lifeguard training course. After completing the course, the students were required to pass a test.

"For the test in the water, we had to perform all the different types of saves we learned about for different victims, and perform back-boarding techniques to save spinal cord injury victims," Johnson said. "Then we had to take and pass a written test about everything we learned during the week, safety procedures, C.P.R., illnesses, etc."

In addition to performing saves in the water test, the students had to take and pass a written test.

"I didn't think the test was too hard, although it was pretty long and detailed," Johnson said. "The water rescue test was more difficult; some of the saves were hard to master. But in the end, I learned so much about lifeguarding. I think that all the information will be useful the rest of my life, and not just in my line of work. It definitely paid to get certified. I haven't had to rescue anyone yet, but when the time comes, I'll be ready."

Kristi Mitchell, a manager at Brookhill, said that the country clubaverages about four saves per year. She said that each average differs from pool to pool.

After completing the test, the aspiring lifeguards had to fill out an application and go through an interview process to select what pool they would work at. Not all lifeguards obtained a job at their first choice pool.

"At first, I wanted to work at Elmwood, which is a public pool, but the city didn't put me at Elmwood, so I decided my best option would be to work at a country club." Johnson said. "I filled out applications for a few, namely Happy Hollowand Brookhill, which was where I got the job."

She said that her first choice was a public pool because they usually pay more than private pools.

"The job of a lifeguard is really important because we're there to make sure everyone stays safe in the water, and incase of an emergency, to save lives," Johnson said. "I like it because it is a job that actually makes a difference in the community."

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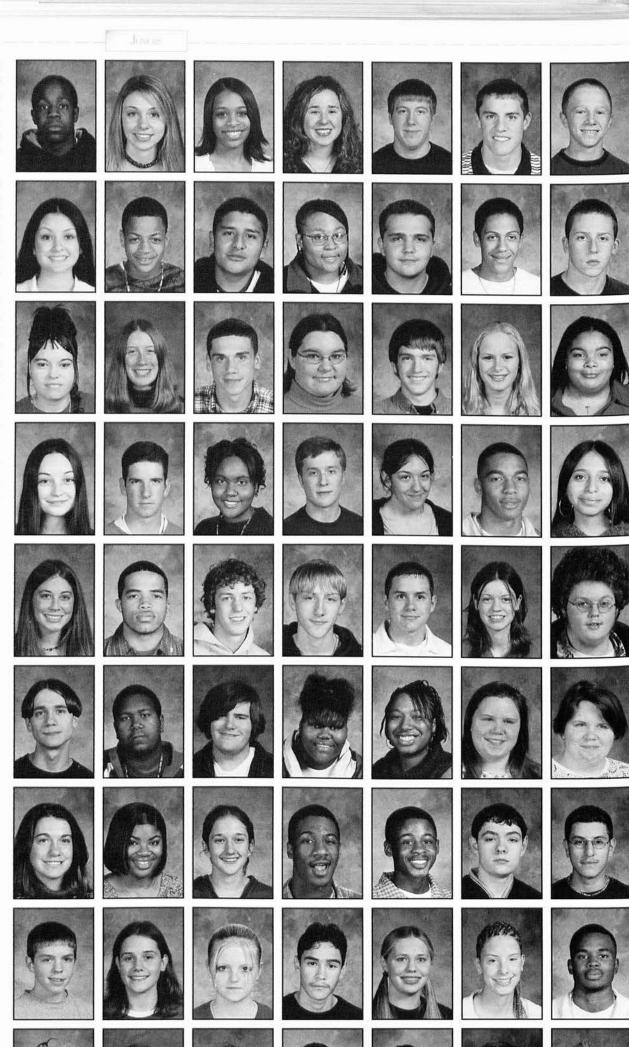
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To loved bred

Are high school relationships really worth all the trouble? These juniors discuss their views on the topic.



"You shouldn't take it too seriously becouse it want last and you'll just get hurt." - Sarah Newman (11)

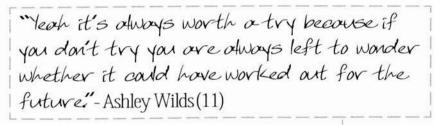


"No, because a lot of boys are all about playin games." - Chardese Black (11)





"Yes, because then you always have someone to talk to." -Evan MacDonald (11)





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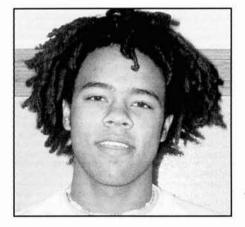
Athletes are not the only ones who get ready before big games. These Central High fans have their pre-game routines, too.



"We get ready together, write on the cors with spirit foam and listen to our game mix while we eat Taco Johns." -Erica Yates (11)

"To get pumped up for the games, we listen to really land music." -Delilia Haywood (11)

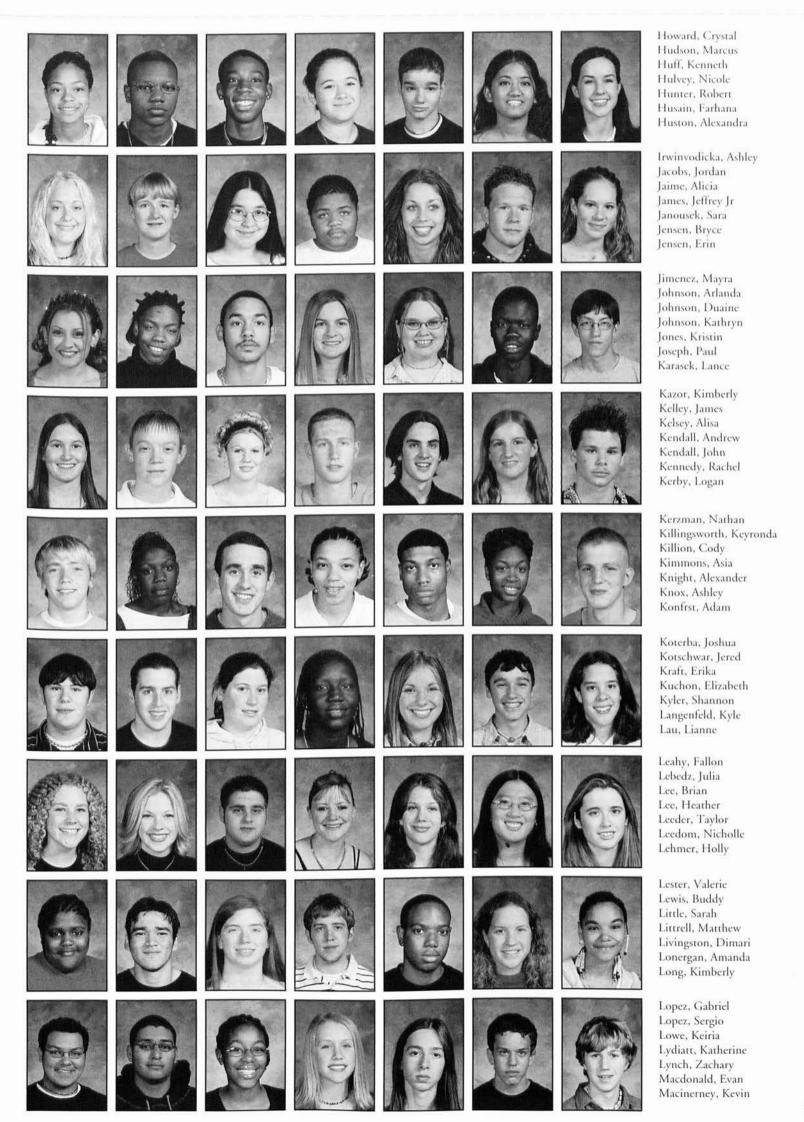


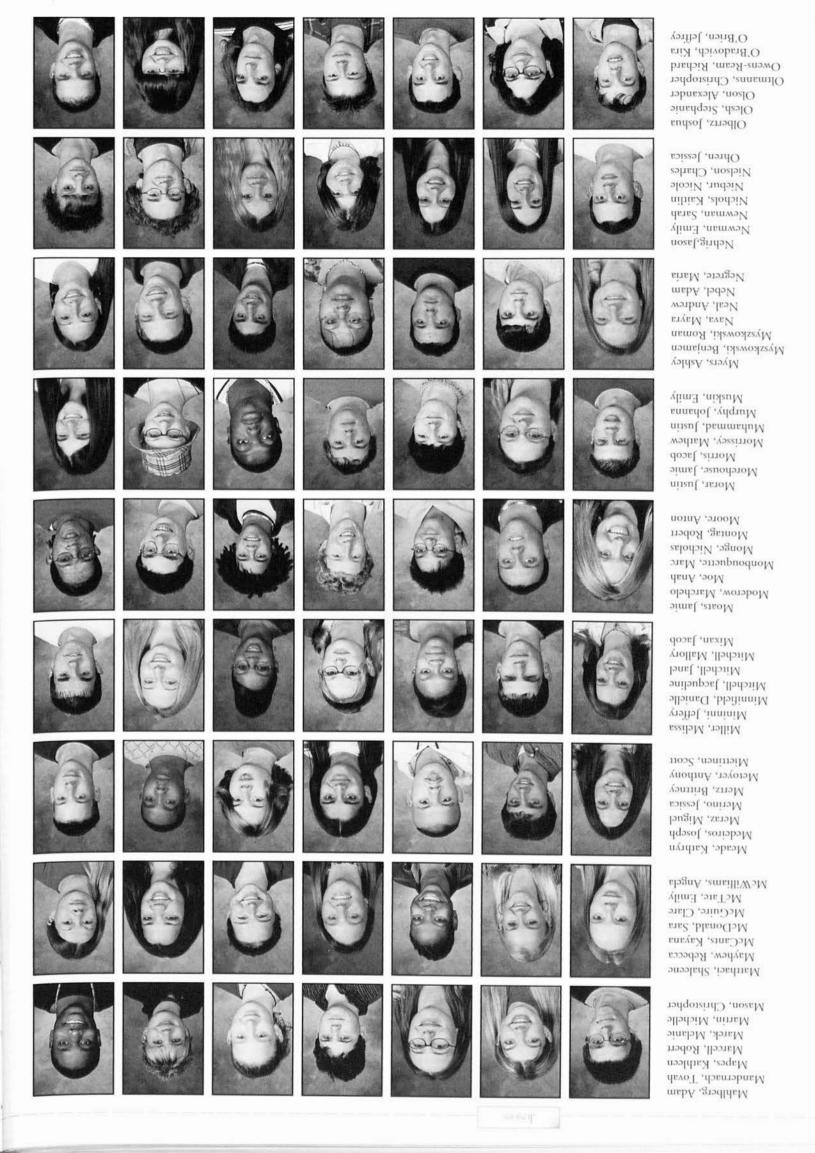


"Get all decked out in Central attive, which includes shirt, neddoce, headbond."
- Nicholas Monge (11)

"My friends and I sometimes get ready at each other's houses. We make sure we are sporting team colors and are ready to show our team spirit. Face point is a must."
-Brianne Melquist (11)

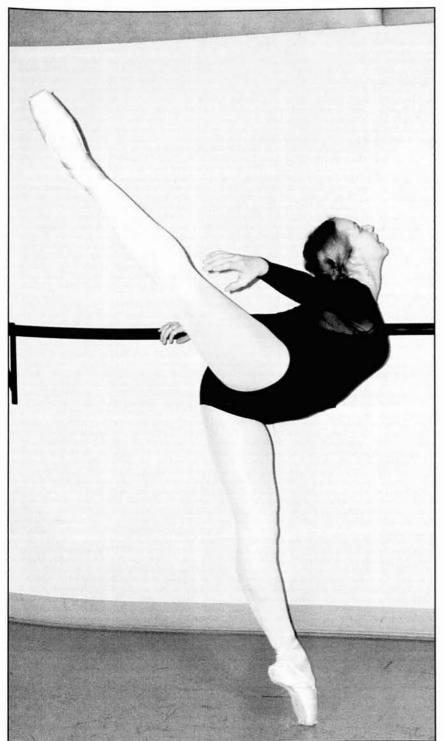






Sooving to the sound of whice

An aspiring dancer performs in "The Nutcracker"



By Teddi Teamer

A nna Vacha (10), who transferred from Marian, danced in the production of "The Nutcracker" at the Orpheum Theater.

"At Marian, the days were long and with no action," Vacha said. "Here at Central there's more action, diversity, and it's two blocks away from my dance class, which I take five times a week."

Vacha, a peer professional, has been dancing for four years. A peer professional is someone who is not a professional yet. She's been dancing at the Omaha Theater Ballet School of Dance. Her first year of dance, she tried out for "The Nutcracker" and didn't make it. Tryouts this year took place on Sept.14.

"In my tryout, there were 30 to 35 people in the studio," Vacha said. "We all had to wear a number. Tryouts were 3 1/2 hours and they placed you where they wanted you."

Vacha got a letter from the theater later than others because her family moved. She won the parts of the pirate mouse, snow beauty, arabian knight and the understudy of a snowflake. The show lasted from Dec. 5 through Dec 8. There were two shows on Thursday, three shows on Friday, two shows on Saturday and one show on Sunday. Tickets for "The Nutcracker" ranged from \$20 to \$50. Rehearsals started Sept. 21 up until opening Dec 5. Rehearsals were on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays at the Omaha Theater Ballet School of Dance. Rehearsals were held at the Orpheum Theater a week before opening night.

"Watching professionals taught me just by watching," Vacha said. "They're role models of dance. It's really exciting to watch them master their parts they had trouble with during the rehearsals. When you see them master a part you breathe with them because you're in this together."

Left.- Anna Vacha (10) warms up before her dance class at the Omaha Theater Company Ballet School of Dance Vachadances five days a week. Photo by Meredith Grunke















O'Day, Kyle O'Malley, Brighid Pal, Chuol Palmer, Christine Patlan, Matthew Patterson, Yasin Peare, Michelle

Oops! did it again

From the staircases to the doorstops, embarassing things happen to Central students every day. These juniors bravely share moments they would like to forget.



"In freshman year, I had a study hall with Mrs. Ploth, I was asleep and attempted to get up and leave when the bell rang. My entire left leg was asleep and I collapsed into a filing cabinet then anto a computer. I just got up and played it off like nothing happened." -Samuel Stanfield (11)

"Freshmen year at Mr. Central I fell flot on my face in the frant raw of the auditorium in frant of everyone." -Sydney Shead (11)



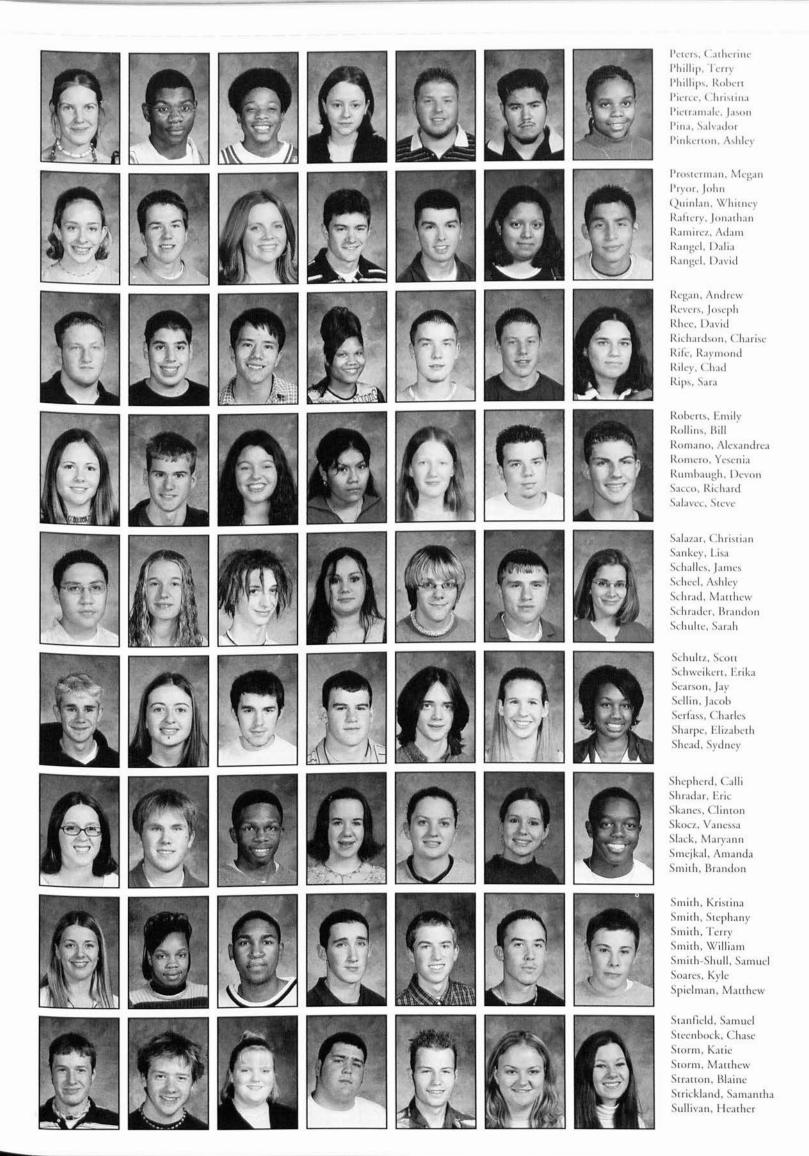


"I was walking on a line of chairs in the band room and one of them folded in on me. I fell flot on my face. My friends told me it looked graceful.
- Eleanor Hoeger (11)

"One time Olivia, my sister, was coming out of Pathways and I tried grabbing her. Instead I got cought and fell half way down a set of stairs. My backpack rolled, and when I turned around everyone was looking at me."

-Gabriel Lopez (11)





Swirzinski, Kristy Swotek, Bryan Tapia, Andres Taylor, Halley Teamer, Shannon Teamer, Teddi Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Thaddeus Thompson, Dannaka Thompson, Destini Tolbert, Anthony Tolston, Kelvin Traylor, Arion Tyler, Paris Tyrey, Nichole Vaughn, Shauntel Velasquez, Joel Vencalek, David Venditte, Patrick Villegas, Lucia Wallace, Enjolie



Welty, Danielle Wence, Charles White, Davon White, India White, Karl Wigger, Alex Wilder, Annette

Wilds, Ashley Wilkerson, Zachary Williams, Keonna Williams, Kevin Williams, Leron Williams, Stephanie Williams, Tamara

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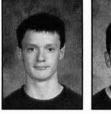












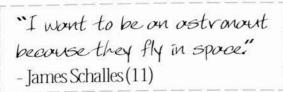
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Getting a head start on the future

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" This commonly asked question becomes a reality as juniors prepare for the future.



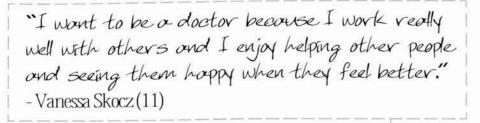
"I would like to be a high school counselor. Ms. Civulis helped me to make that decision. I love the idea that I could help kids, like me, through rough times some day." - Julia Lebedz (11)







"Psychiatrist- I like to study the way people think and feel and try to understand why they do what they do."-Cari Belt (11)

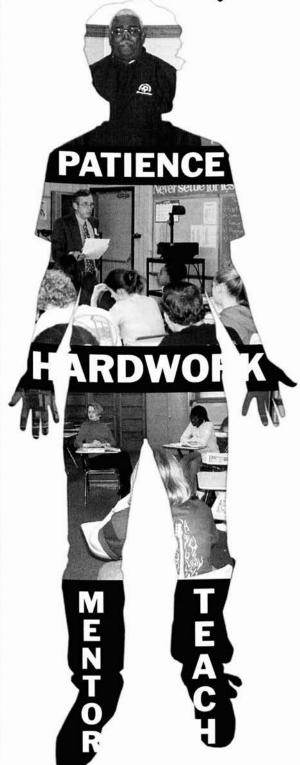




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Chamberlain, Levetta- Business Chavez, Kristine- Physical Education

Blueprints facility member



No matter what their duties entailed, all faculty members contributed the solid foundation students would build upon to create a successful future. They provided meals, coached sports teams, sponsored clubs, kept the school clean, listened to students' problems and filled students' minds with endless volumes of knowledge. The time they dedicated to the students was not limited to classroom periods, however. Many faculty members became just as involved in school activities as their students. Others stayed late into the night to make sure the building would be ready for the next day. Whether their presence was seen or unseen, all touched the lives of students and affected who they would become. Their dedication was unmatched, and their impact immeasurable.

Department Heads

Av-t Larry Andrews

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Barbara Malhiwsky

FRY

Linda Ganzel

Family Consumer Science

Linda Milliken

International Language

Beverly Fellman

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Jean Whitten

Student Support Services

Nita Merrigan-Potthoff

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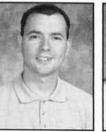
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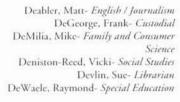
























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Dierks, Jodi- Special Education
Donahoc, Lisa- Social Studies
Drumm, Susan- Math
Duncan, Annie- Custodial
Enger, Jean- Secretarial













Fellman, Beverly- International Language
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Fitch, Lloyd- Math
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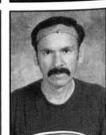


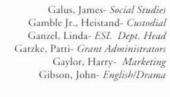














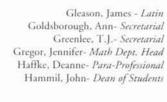


















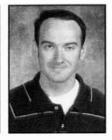






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Annlikely aportion

One of two female head engineers in OPS resides at Central

Deb Taylor waits for the elevator so she can go upstairs to check the third floor. Photo by Dana Cleesby

By Dana Cleasby

In a typically male dominated profession, head engineer Deb Taylor defied stereotypes. When one pictured the head engineer of Central's

When one pictured the head engineer of Central's custodial employees, what did one think of:a male or a female? Normally male, but at Central, the head engineer was a female, Deb Taylor.

She said she thought it was a male-dominated job, but the custodians did not treat her differently because she was not a man.

She said they respected and treated her as they treated anyone else.

Taylor has been working here for almost two years and she was one out of the two female head engineers in Omaha Public Schools (OPS).

Taylor said she had been in the cleaning business before working for OPS.

She said she wanted to become an engineer because she was the single supporter of her house and the money was better in engineering.

She took a 10-week class provided by OPS and took a test togetan engineering license. Taylor said she had one of the highest scores in the class.

Taylor's responsibilities varied from day today. She was in charge of 17 other custodians, each assigned to his section

"Keeping track of all 17 of my custodians and to make sure they were doing their job and trying to do mineat the same time was the hardest part about my job," Taylor said.

During the summer vacation, the responsibilities changed from picking upand cleaning upafter students to extensive cleaning. This included washing walls, floors, carpets, etc.

"Yeah, it wasn't the same everyday," Taylor said. "Some days were more stressful than others were, but I liked it a lot."

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LaRue, Marlene- Science LeBlanc, Meredith- Science Lenners, Colleen-Business Leslie, Derek- Business Lines, Richard- Custodial Lodge, Trent- CAD

Longacre, Kristin-French Lund, Vicki- Secretarial Mahoney, Marcella- English Malhiwsky, Barbara- Business/ Marketing Dept. Head Martin, David- English Martin, Lisa- Science

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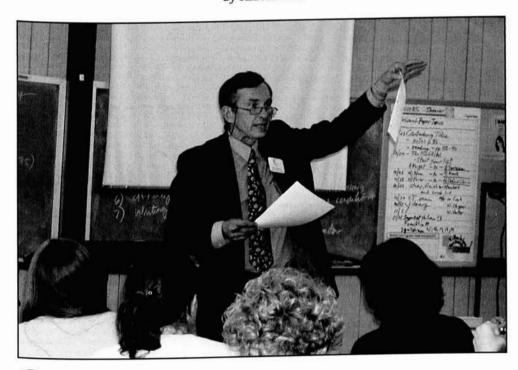




Teacher prepared students

Shawver makes students ready for the future

By Tahreem Aziz



Left and below- Dr. Shawver teaches his class about the symbolism in <u>Moby Dick</u>. Photo by Hallie Bieber



r. Jurgen Shawver has taught English at Central for the last 15 years.

He said he likes the wide variety of people at Central.

"You can meet everyone and everything here," he said.

Shawver received his doctorate in American Literature at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

His classes deal with American Literature from Hemingway to Poe. Shawver chose English as his major because English is involved in so many different subjects.

He decided to go into teaching to share his insights and joys of reading.

This year Shawver's classes were in a portable. He said that hearing has always been a challenge because he can only hear out of one ear, but this year it was a little more difficult because the acoustics in portables were bad.

He said the most frustrating thing about teaching was when the students did not live up to their potential

Teaching also became frustrating when students had an "I don't care" attitude, he said, or they just did

not show up to class.

"Class isn't designed around what pleases all students," Shawver said.

He said he understood that students had a lot going on and that most are spread thinly. Class, however, needed to be taken seriously.

Shawver's classes were based on gaining reading and writing skills. It was important not only to read, but also to comprehend and relate what one read, Shawver said

The hope of most teachers was to equip their students with the knowledge they needed for college and the future in general, he said.

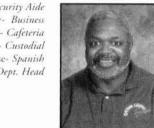
"The world isn't a four-by-four square," Shawver said. "Students needed to be prepared for what was in the future."

He said he believed a teacher's purpose was to prepare students for what was to come.

He wanted his students to learn how to give speeches before they went to college because hedid not want them to be nervous in front of an audience.

Even though Shawver said he was thinking about retiring in two years, he was still excited to see what awaited him during his remaining time teaching.

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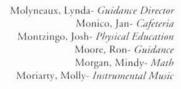
























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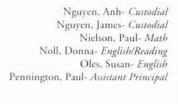
























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Pfeifer, Christie- Math
Plath, Ellen- English
Pleiss, Michelle- Social Studies
Plummer, Joy- Office Manager
Poore, Michael- Special Education













Priebe, Kelli- Family and Consumer Science Quinn, Margaret- Art Rackliffe, Jodi- Business Randall, Jess- Resource Officer Redding, Ernie- Custodial Reeder, Jodi- Physical Education







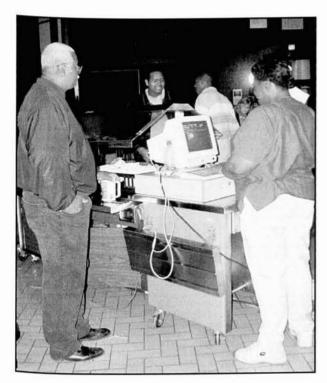






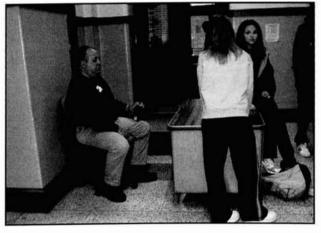
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Security guards help students, protect the school



By Dana Cleasby

Left-Security guard Charles Williams regulates the breakfast line. Photo by Meredith Grunke



Left- Security guard Joe Venditte talks to the students while he watches over the "C" in before the start of the school day. Photo by Meredith Grunie

ithout fail, day to day, the security guards maintained the peace in an otherwise chaotic environment.

"It was different every day," Security guard Dale Wuster said when he spoke of the student life at the school.

This was Wuster's third year as a security guard. Before he started at Central, he worked for the Air Force for 18 years as an intelligence officer. After the Air Force, he worked at the State Historical Society as the chief security guard.

"I was looking for something different," Wuster said. "I've worked with youth my whole life through various organizations, and it seemed like a natural thing to do."

He said he saw students go through growing pains and therefore they tended to act on their emotions.

"I guess the hardest part was to have seen some of the students have so much anger and constantly be confrontational, but the biggest concern was outsiders coming in and out of the building during the day," said Russ Lane, another security guard.

Lane said he decided to take the job at Central because at the time, he had a cabin and it thought it

was nice to have the summers off to work on his cabin.

Lane also had nine children of his own and 22 grandchildren.

During Lane's seventh year at Central, he was considered the "unofficial greeter" because he sat at the front desk near the main entrance of the building.

Both security guards said that the behavior of the students has stayed the same over the years.

Most of the security guards were known for being on good terms with the students, but Lane and Wuster said that there was a fine line between serious matters and joking around with the students. Most of the time, they just picked up students who were disruptive in class and took them to their administrators.

Lane said his favorite thing to do with the students was to joke around with them.

Wuster's favorite thing was to listen to the opinions of the students. He also en joyed seeing them on a daily hasis

"Some of the neatest things to see were the students' school careers, to have seen the changes in students from freshman year to senior year, and mostly to have seen troublemakers become well- achieved students," Lane said.

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Shafer, Matt- Business Shawver, Jurgen- English Shipman, Tim- Social Studies Siembieda, Deb- Cafeteria Sill, Jeffrey- French Silva, Celio- Spanish











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Standifer, Stan- Physical Education
Stansberry, Doug- Guidance
Staroski, Jeanne- Family and Consumer
Science
Stastny, Jennifer- English
Storm, Judy- Special Education Department
Head
Studer, Lisa- Physical Education













Styles, Mary- Para-Professional
Sutter, Dwaine- JROTC
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Taylor, Deb- Head Engineer
Templeton, Sara- Para-Professional
Thompson, Kathy- Secretarial







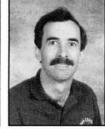






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Townsend, Chad- Physical Education
Tucker, Bob- Social Studies
Vannoy, Jodi - Social Studies
Vaughan, Delores- Custodial













Teaching three periods a day

New art teacher divides time between career and hobby



Above- Rebecca Bloom looks over some artwork from one of her classes. She arrived at school at around 11 a.m. and taught three class periods of Art 1-2. Previously. She taught at Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs. Photo by Meredith Grunke

hen at school, it was hard to think of teachers having a hobby or a past time. Believe it or not they do.

Rebecca Bloom came to Central from Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs to teach part time in the Art Department. She has had her art degree for 20 years. When she saw the job for a part time art teacher posted she thought it would work well.

"I come at 11 and am usually here a lot longer than three, but it has been fun," Bloom said.

Bloom teaches three Art 1-2 classes during the day. She said she enjoyed the half day hours and the Art Department in general.

During the fall, Bloom's weekends are spent farming her approximately ten acres called Bloomsorganic near Crescent, Iowa. She has owned the organic business for three years.

"I grow herbs, flowers and mostly vegetables," she said.

Bloom is a member of Community Supported Agriculture, an organization for people who want to grow or buy organic products. "About 30 families pay up front for what they want, and I grow it," Bloom said. "The food is delivered and it lasts about 20 weeks."

She said she is not a certified organic grower because of the cost. But she said she farms without using herbicides

"City folks really like organic grown stuff, it is a lot fresher," she said.

To Bloom, the mood of teaching was very different than farming.

"It's [farming] very relaxing, dirty outdoor work," she said.

Being raised on a farm she was always around fruits and vegetables since childhood. Her first season of growing was in the spring of 2000 and she has been a member of Community Supported Agriculture for 36 months.

Bloom divided her time between farming, teaching and her two sons. Spring was when things geared up for her organic business.

"We begin propigating seeds in early March," she

She said she had fun at Central and hoped to continue teaching art to students for the same time frame.

Buffet Award Winners

Award given to outstanding OPS teachers annually

English

Matt Deabler, Nita Merrigan-Potthoff

Family Consumer Science

Betty Schuler-Weingarten

International Language

Vickie Anderson, Rita Ryan, Beverly Fellman

Morketing/Technology Cheri Barg, Harry Gaylor, Vicki Wiles

(Names listed are current Central teachers)

Mothemotics

Susan Drumm, Christie Pfeifer

Music

Lyn Bouma

Science

Jean Whitten

Social Studies

Carol Hipp, Vicki Deniston-Reed

Venditte, Joe- Security Aide Viselli, Chris- Cafeteria Wallington, Pat- Business Webb, Geraldine- Guidance Weber, Shannon- Art Weiss, Jeance- Family and Consumer Science













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Wilger, Pete- Music Dept. Head Williams- Hayes, Martha- ESL Williams, Charles- Security Aide Williams, Marcy- English Wilson, Scott- Social Studies Wise, Ryan- Social Studies



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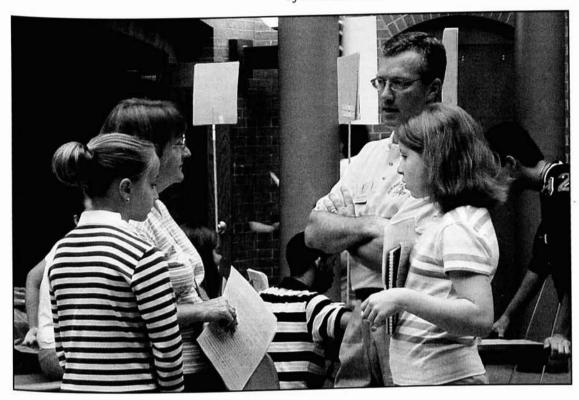




Leaving of the

New principal settles into Central

By Meredith Grunke



Left- Principal Jerry Bexten talks to a student and her mother during the August Freshman Orientation Day. Photoby Meredith Grunke

hile his challenges during his first year at Central were as complicated as they were numerous, Principal Jerry Bexten's goals were simple.

"One: learn the job, two: get to know the people, and then my longer term goal is-well Central High is a great school and lots of great things have happened here and I want to continue that," he said. "It's exciting to come into a great school with such a great reputation and that's not an opportunity that most people have."

Despite the sounds of construction outside his window and over 2,500 students roaming the hallways. Bexten was able to remain positive about his transition from Lewis and Clark Middle School to Central.

He said he was drawn to Central because of its "tremendous reputation" as well as the enthusiasm he saw in his many Lewis and Clark students who had made Central their high school of choice.

"This is my top career goal," he said. "I don't plan to continue to go on to anything after this."

While he stressed that his former Lewis and Clark students would not necessarily receive any special treatment, he said he saw the opportunity to lead them again as an advantageous one.

"It's fun being the principal of previous students and that makes the transition somewhat easier," he said.

However, not all of Bexten's former students were pleased to find out he was moving to Central.

"I was kind of disappointed because he was really boring [at Lewis and Clark]." Audrey Hatch (9) said.

Other students said they thought Bexten would make the administration more strict.

"I didn't like it [finding out Bexten would become principal] too much because we wouldn't beable to wear hoodies too much because he's kind of strict on that," former Lewis and Clark student James Roxburgh (10) said.

Despite speculation about changes in dress code, Roxburgh said he thought the district made a good decision when they chose Bexten.

"He was a pretty good principal because of what he talked about and how you were supposed to respect others." he said.

Bexten said he did not foresee any rule or policy changes during his first year because he wanted to "learn the lay of the land."

"It's not right or fair for me to come in and start changing things," he said.

Because he had never worked with former principal Dr. Gary Thompson, Bexten said he was not certain how his style of leadership would differ from that of Thompson.

"Ithink Dr. Thompson was a more detail-oriented person than I am," he said. "I tend to delegate more responsibility."

Olajide Cooperatkins (10) said she thought that there would be definite differences in the way Bexten ran the school as compared to Thompson.

"Ithink they [OPS] made a good choice because last year's principal didn't seem like he had control of the school and the situation that was going on and maybe if we get a stricter principal the school might be more organized," she said.

Bexten said he thought OPS considered him for the position because he applied for the position Gary Thompson was selected for when it was last open, seven years ago.

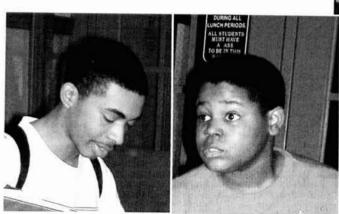
"In '95 I applied, so this time around I was probably chosen as a candidate around that," he said.

Bexten said that after he found out he had been chosen to replace Thompson, he began numerous preparations.

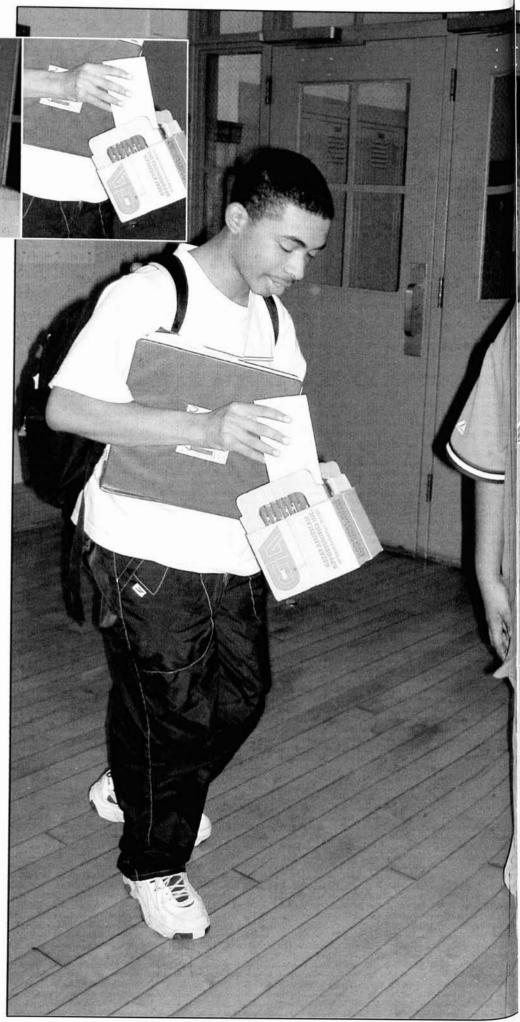
"Early on, Dr. Thompson sent me lots of things to read: the student handbook, faculty handbook, information about the alumni association and I was invited to a number of different meetings," he said.

Both Thompson and OPS Superintendent John Mackiel said they were confident OPS had chosen the most qualified candidate for the position.

"Jerry Bexten has a high degree of humility and intense professional will that made him the perfect candidate," Mackiel said.



Aron Cobbs (12) sells chocolate bars for an Academic Decathlon fundraiser. Photo by Hallie Bieber





ADS

Ads told the stories of the past, present and future. Embarrassing photos filled the pages as parents said their final wishes and goodbyes before graduation. Friends memorialized their years together with bittersweet messages. Businesses wished the class of 2003 good luck while supporting the Central community. Ads were the voice of goodbyes and best wishes. Ten years from now, graduates will look back on their high school experience and remember those specific moments in time which made it all worthwhile. Even though the time spent at Central may be short, the memories will last a lifetime. Ads were the ending of years well spent here in these hallways.

"Before falling asleep, think about the things you did right during the day and the things you are going to do better in the days to come."

-BRIAN TRACY



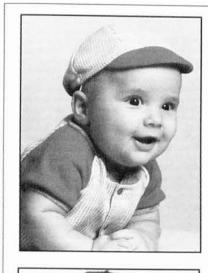


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Congratulations!
We're very proud of you.
Love,
Momand Dad





Catherine Boone

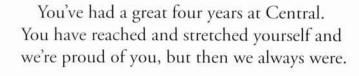


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R. Frost



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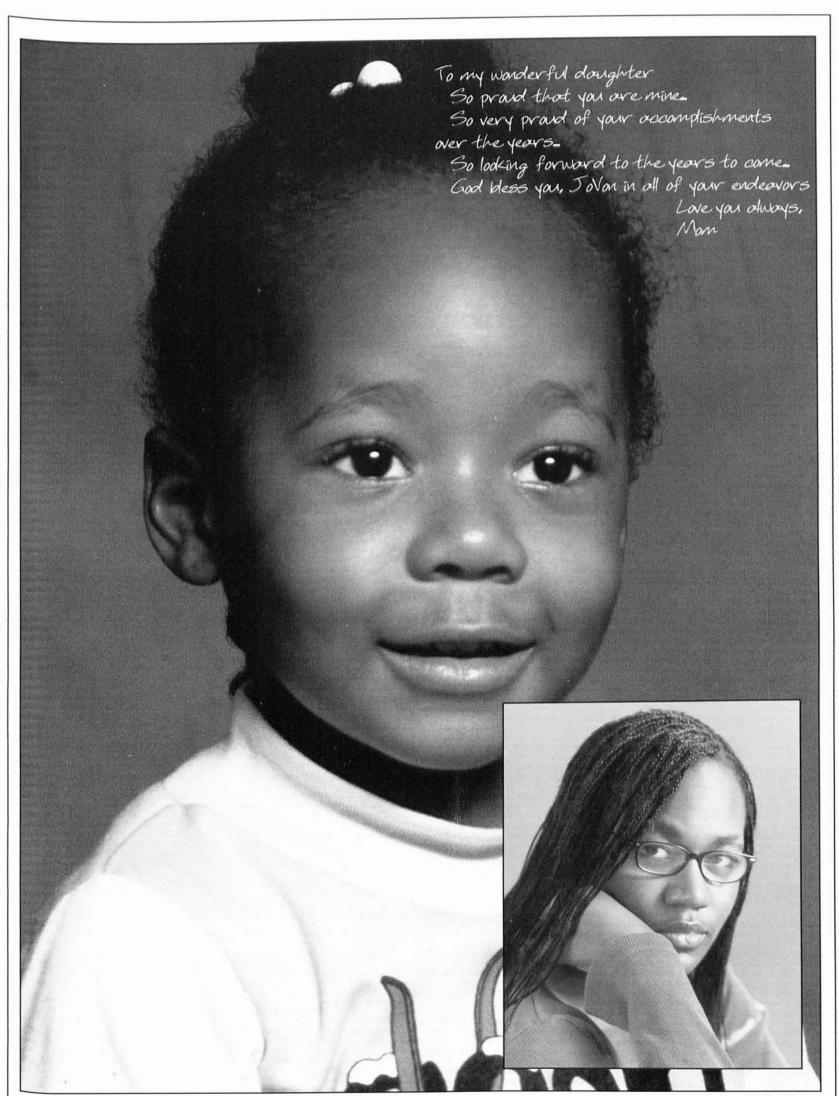


Love,

Mom and Dad, Colin, Jenny, Pascal and Ethan







Alli,



We are so proud of you and the choices that you made along the way to becoming the special young woman that you are today. We consider your time with us as a gift that we will cherish forever, along with lots of great memories watching you grow and change. We hope that you will continue to embrace life with all of the passion that we have come to know and love!

We Love You, Mom and Dad



Allison Legino

Lauren Claire



The Creator's spirit is strong in you - Your vision boundless, passion evident in all you do.

Use your gifts wisely,
The future is yours!
We love you, Bear Cub

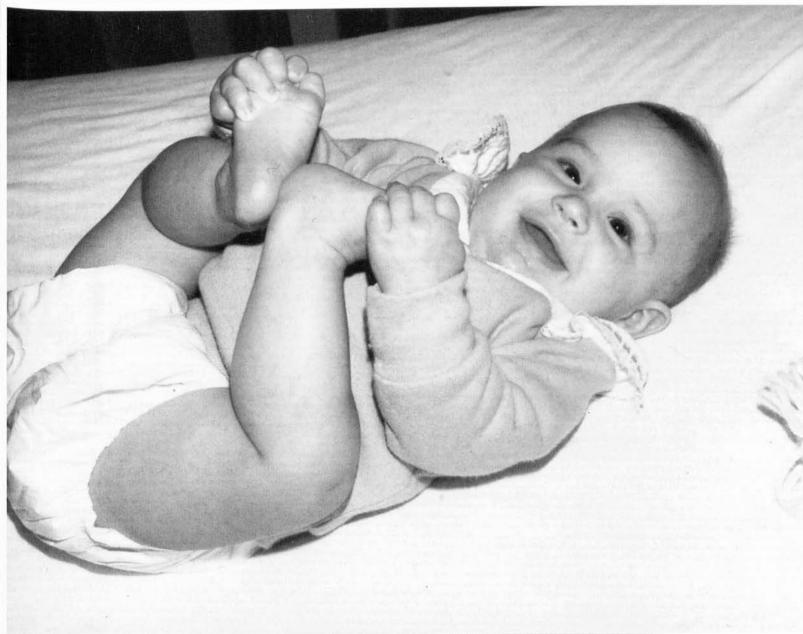
Paul



You're still our hero

Love, Ann and Deborah, Dad and Betsy

Paul Hildebrandt















Meredith.

We've had very interesting and exciting lives during the past 17 years. Conventional wisdom says that pavents teach their sans and daughters during the graving years. But you've tought us as much about life as we've tought you. Naw you are moving on withyour life. You've traveling forward. We know you will achieve whatever goods you want to reach, and we've very excited to be along for the ride.

We love you, Mom and Dad



Meredith Grunke



Dear Jake It has been a joy to be your parents. Our prayer is that you will hold true to your Faith and the values we have tried to instill in you. We are proud of you. God bless you. We Love You

Mom and Dad

Jacob Lee

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE!



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Congratulations Megan!

You have made us so proud just being who you are... kind, caring, and insightful. On top of that, your dancing, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, camping, rock climbing, Tae Kwan Do, academics, singing, musicals, mission trips, and leadership roles have been so much fun to watch! You have already made a positive impact on the world. Hold on to your beliefs, your charm and your dreams.... the best is yet to be! All our love, ~ Mom, Dad, and Audrey



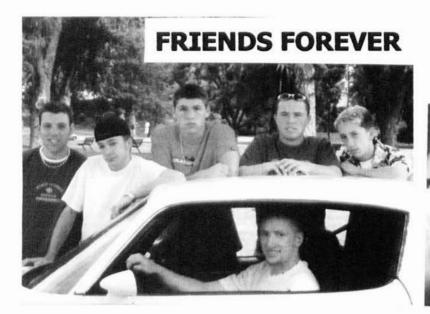








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FROM **BEALS to CENTRAL**



RYAN, KEVIN, JOE, STEVE, BLAKE & TYLER

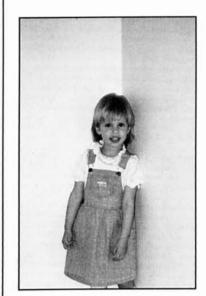




Nora,
We wish you
happiness in all
your journeys to
come. Remember
that the journey is
the reward.
Mom, Dad and
Philip



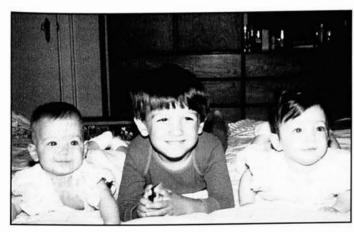
Nora Prazan





Jamie, we're so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and T.J. Prov. 4:23

Jamie Hills

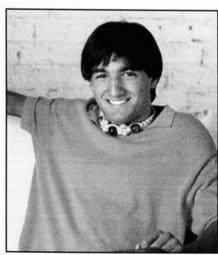






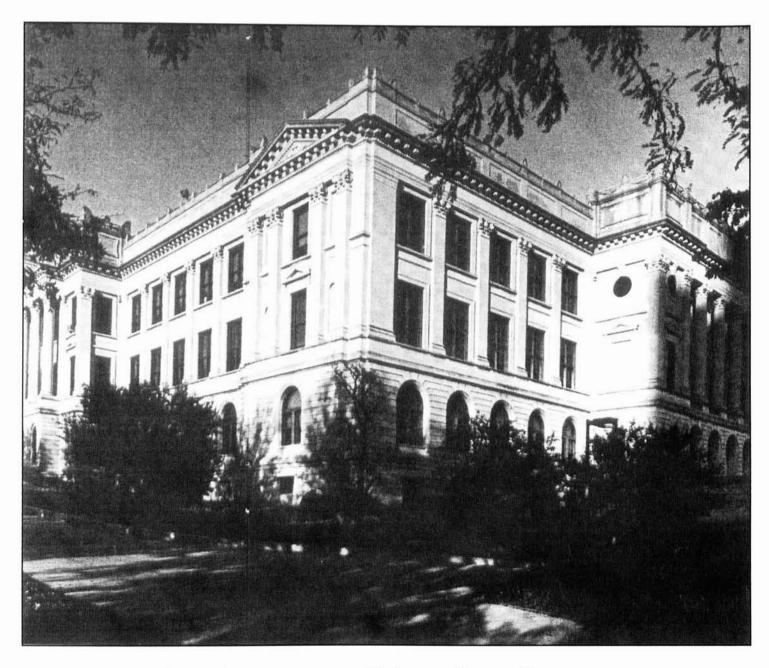
Chris - over the years, you've changed quite a bit, but you've always had that great smile and positive outlook. We are so proud of you and know you will have a wonderful life.

Love, Mom and Dad



Christopher Gorga 269

Congratulations Class of 2003!



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Best wishes for the future from

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Andy
We love you!
Congratulations!
Dad, Mom, Jeff
Jenny, Krisi and Sarah





Andrew Berg



Jamie,
We ove very praid of
you. We knew you could
do it. Sometimes you
probably thought we were
always hard on you, but
it was only to see that
you stayed out of
trade, and to accomplish what you have.
Keep up the good work.
Love always,
Man, Dad, NJ and
Jessie





Jamie Mincey









Lynne,
Always remember, the wonder is in the moment.
Thank you for bringing us more than 10 million of them!
Love, Mom and Cara



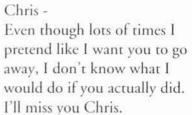
RYAN,
CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL YOU HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED! WE ARE SO VERY
PROUD OF YOU!!





Love, Dad, Mom, Andrew and Alex

Ryan Haskins



Love, Katie (I'll always be right around the corner.)



Kathleen Anderl and Christopher Gorga







Jessica,
Yar have brought so much joy to are lives.
Always keep your kind heart and beautiful smile.
Good luck in whatever road life takes you. May God watch over you

Love you always, Man, Dad and Dustin

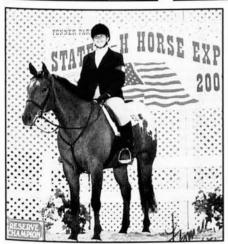
Jessica Moyer



Jennifer Lambrecht, Corey Gustafson, Shelby Beck, Hallie Bieber, Sarah Hosford, Natalie Andreasen







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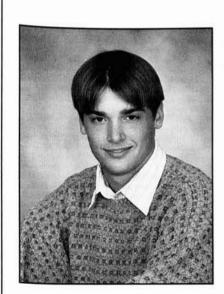


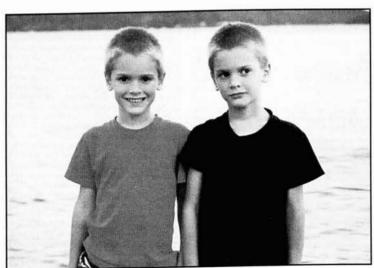
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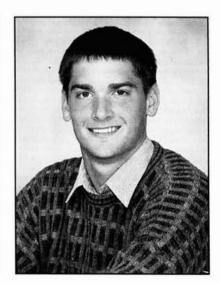
From an adorable little girl to a winning young lady, may all your hopes and dreams come true and may your life always be filled with creatures.

Love, Mom, Dad, Shaun and Andy

Melissa Arnolo







Lanor and Daug.

You came into the world together.

But we knew right away that you were originals.

We are praid of your accomplishments, creativity, intelligence and focus.

Thanks for adding The Register, Art and Hockey to air lives.

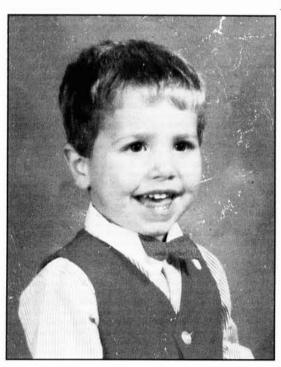
Love you to the Sun and the Moon and the Stars!

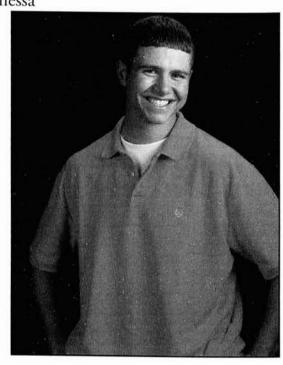
Monn, Dad, Brandon (96) and Kit (99)

Congratulations Zach!

We are very proud of you and are excited for you to begin your next adventure. Be bold, don't be afraid of the unknown, live life to the fullest and meet each new experience with joy and anticipation.

> Love, Dad, Mom and Vanessa





Zachary Kruse



Relishes travel
Artistic
Caring
Has creative talents
Excellent musician
Left-handed

Congratulations from Mom, Dad and Andrew



A good friend is hard to find and even harder to lose! Love you guys! Angela, Echo, Ashly '03



Go Laura
Play Hard, Work Hard, Pursue Happiness!
Mom, Dad and Tyler



Laura Barry



Watching Katie grow up has been fun.
Even alone, she's a party of one!
An indominable spirit;
Any hurdle, she'l l clear it.
She's on her way world, look out,
Here she comes!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christine and Pat

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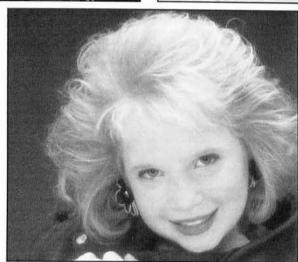






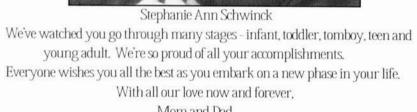












Mom and Dad Your Family and Friends











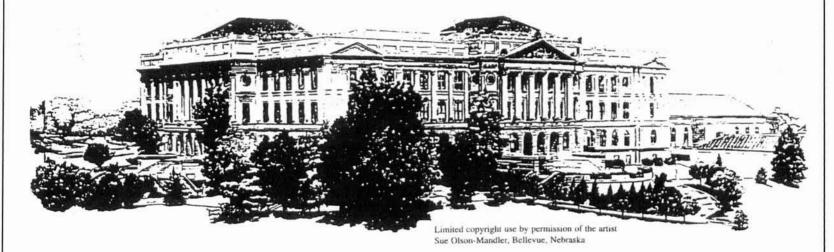






Stephanie Schwinck

Congratulations, Seniors!



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- Awarding scholarships

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- Providing extracurricular activities

- Sponsoring awards events

- Providing teacher grants and funding for technology, equipment and other learning enhancements for various departments
- Identifying needs and developing strategic projects to improve Central

- Raising funds for Central's needs, whatever they may be

- Supporting groups under our umbrella (Alumni Association, PEP, JSPA, V.O.I.C.E., Band Parents, Athletic Booster Club)

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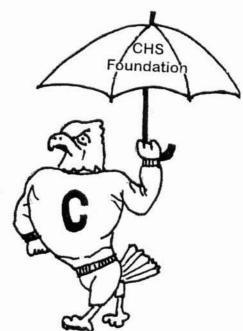
- Supporting class reunions

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To My Lizzi

"The simple things in life should be the most treasured"

Driving in the Old Market, peanut butter M&Ms, talking on the sidewalk, driving each other's cars, salad bar solo, phone calls, Maya Maya Maya_laughing, dancing in the car and so much more!

You mean the world to me and I will always be there for you no matter what!

Jessica Moyer and Elizabeth Sharpe



Gregory.
Once again, it is time to let go of the hands and let you take your first steps on your own. You have a wonderful future ahead, but know that I will always be here for you. I'm very proud of you! Love always,



Gregory Merrill



Proud of you THEN

Proud of you NOW

Congratulations Kapooch
We love you!
Mom and Dad, Nick, Gretchen
Jackie and Melanie
Marty

Varharina Musick



We are so proud of you! Good luck on all of your future endeavors.





Love, Mom and Dad, Jen and Kalani, Ryan and Melissa, Tanya, Keith, Nicole and Cammie

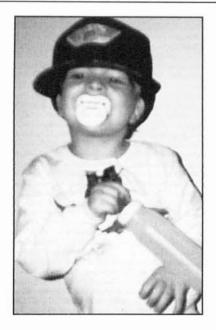


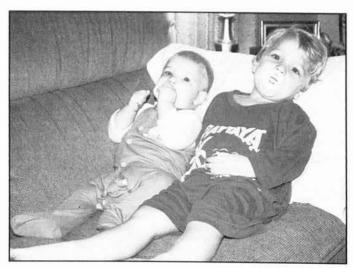
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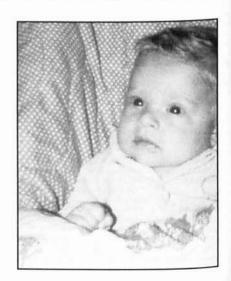
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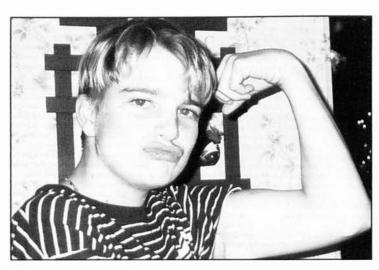
The warmth of your hand in mine, Takes me back in time.

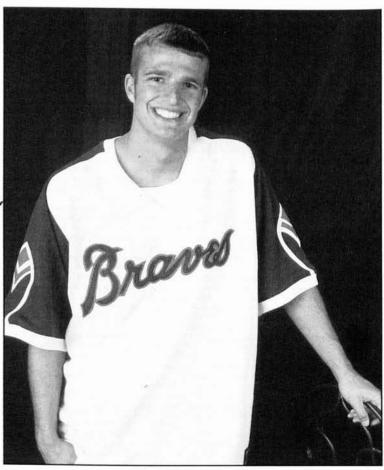
To simple days of being near, Of auddle ups and so few tears.

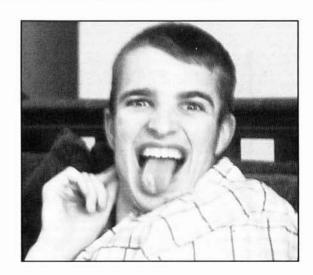
Your silly smile, your contagious lough, The way you wore your baseball cap.

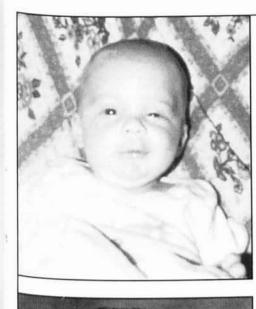
The simple days of growing up, The tender years, they've possed us up.

Congratulations, Ben! Love always, Mom



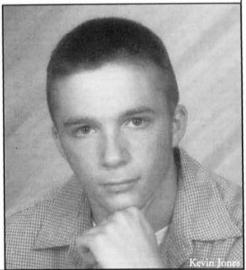






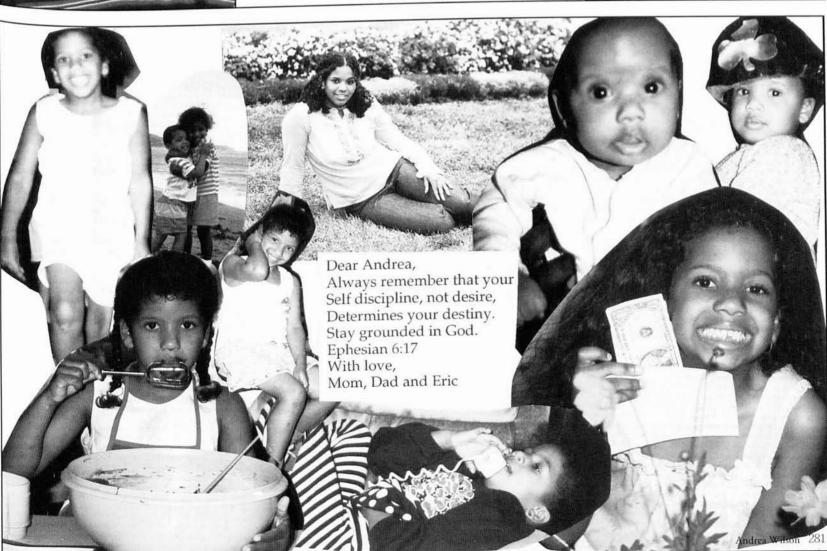
KevinThroughout the years, you have grown into a fine young man. We have always been very proud of you Keep up the good work.







Love, Morn and Dad













"Remember the moments, not the days"
Friends Forever
RACHAEL JESSICA LARA MEGAN







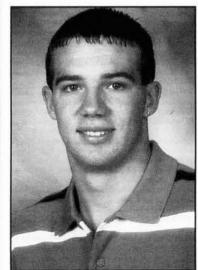


Rachael Ferber, Jessica Moyer, Lara Watzke, Megan Rutherford

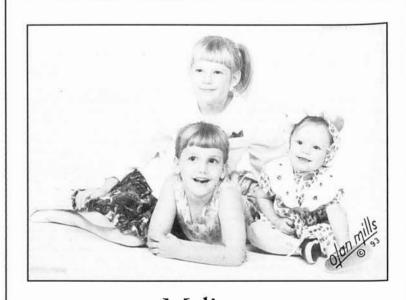


Congratulations, Richiel
We are so proud of you.
You're the first one of our
family to complete all 12
years.
Love Mom, Dad and Zach

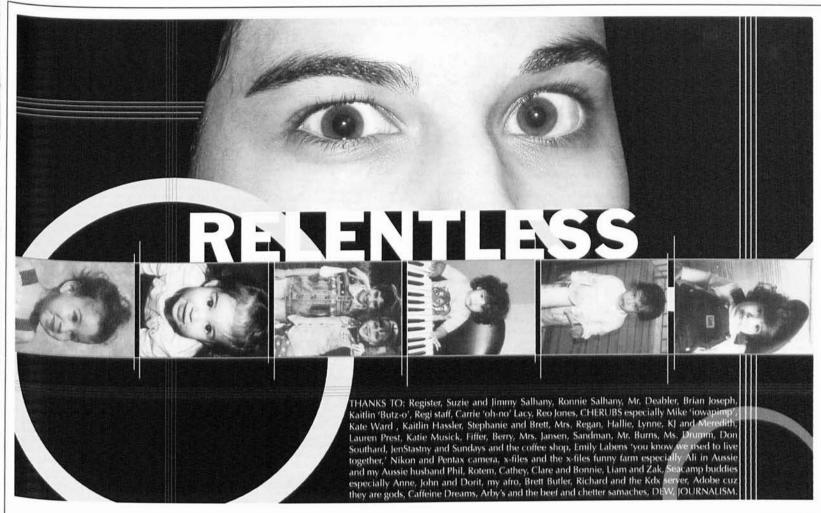




Richard Albertson

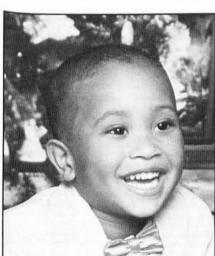


Melissa
Congratulations! Thanks
for being a great big sister.
Have fun in college!
Love,
Allison

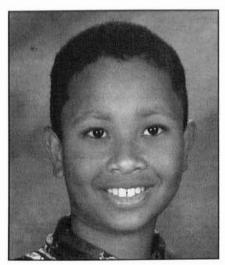


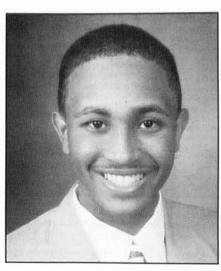
Paula Salhany





My Son Larry, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuter many 6:5 "Let no one look down on your youth, but be on example of the believers in speech, in life, in love, in forth and in purity." I Timothy 4:12 "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn from evil." Proverbs 3:6,7 "Leep God's word day and night and then your way will be prosperaus and you will have good success." Joshua 1:8 I have no greater joy than to know that my son walks in truth in Jesus Christ. You have made our whole family so happy and grateful to God for you Congratu lations! We love you very much! Mom





Larry Coleman 283



















Makida, We know

From all of US

We know you will do well in life because you are destined to do great things. Find your strength in God and family, and everything else will fall in place. Best wishes for a great future,









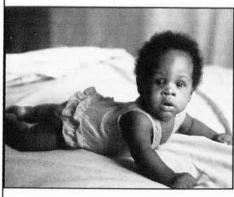




KIDA,

I am very proud to have you as a big sister. You have been a positive role model and have set great examples for me to follow in life. Thanks for over looking all the typical little sister stuff I do. Life would be so boring without me (smile)! I will reallly miss having you around when you leave for college.

Love, Christa











My Eldest, My Beginning, My First Born... A Ray of Sunlight, My life's Adorn So Very Tiny, a Feather as Light...

With a Smile that Fills Your Day With Such Delight Christine's Sidekick, With Whom Much Time You Would Spend...

What Did She Call you, Oh Yes...Girlfriend A Love for Reading, from Your Books You Would Never Part... Brilliant, so Very Brilliant, Right from the Start

The Warmest Sense of Caring, Like No Other...

I'm Proud, Truly Proud to be Your Mother A Star, Most Radiant Star in the Making...

The Universe is Yours, All Yours for the Taking A Certainty of True Greatness the Future Will Bring...

That's MY Daughter, With Much Pride I Will Sing

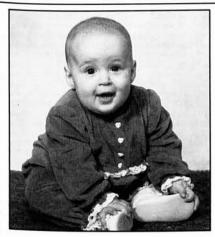
My Beautiful, so Beautiful African Queen You're My Life, My Love...My Everything

----Mom

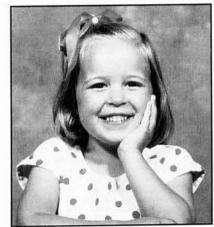




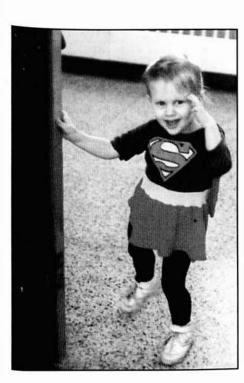








Dana
We are so proud of you!
We can't wait to watch you dancing
into your future
Love,
Mom and Dad



Kostlin There were early signs
of brightness.
Congratulations,
Wonderwaman!
We are so praid of you
With love from,
Man, Dad and Allison



Dana Carlson

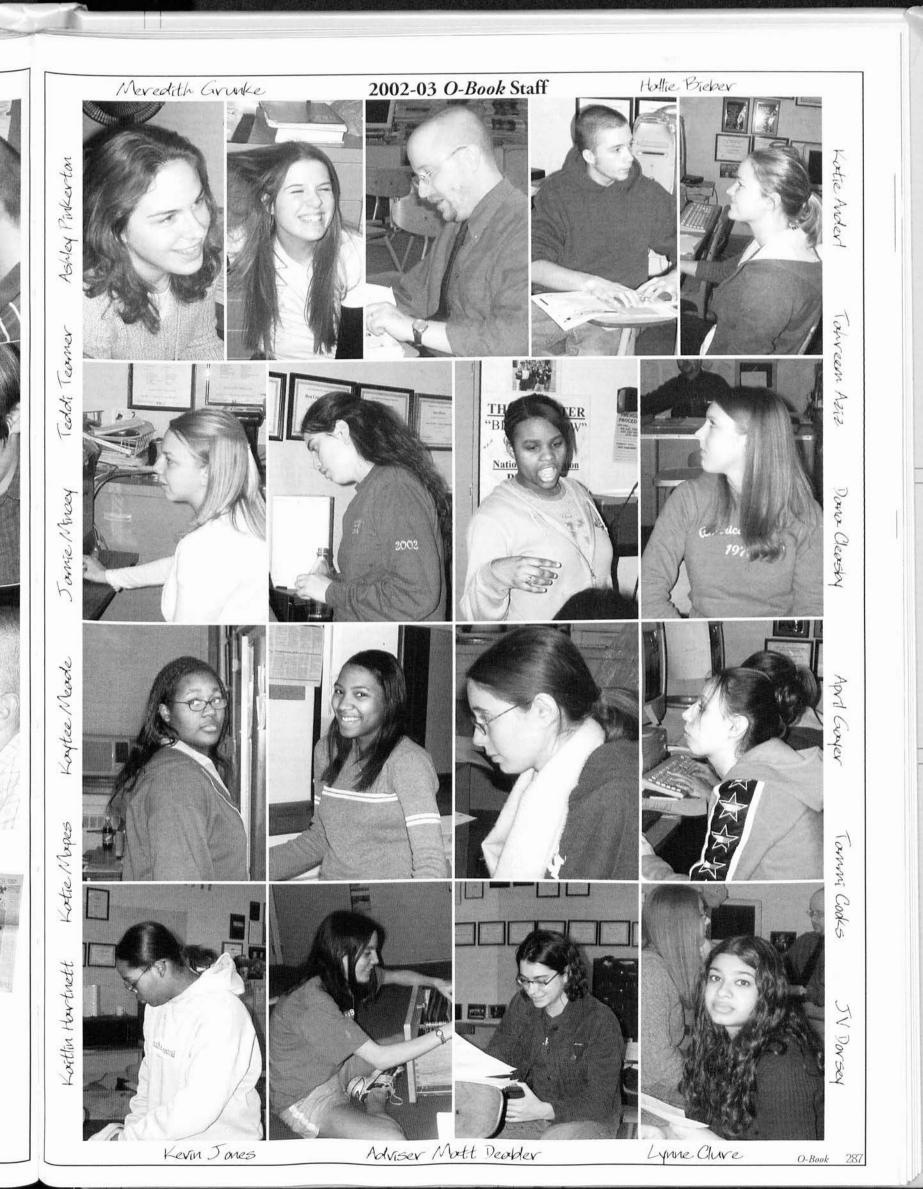




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Paula Salhany-Kaitlin Jessing-Butz-Doug Meigs-Charlie Wence-Nichole Tyrey-Katie Backman-Laura Diesing-John Owens-Ream-Connor Meigs-Jillian Risavi-Rob Hunter-Danielle Welty-Bryan Swotek-Sara Rips-Devon O'Connell-Steve Packard-Aaron Maurice-Andrew Neal-Adviser Matt Deabler







2002 Varsity Volleyball



Congratulations Netch!!!



Love, Morn, Dad and Wesley





Shequita,

Back when "baby skaters" made us "hot" and "Titanic" made us cry, I adored you. I still do.

And I consider the times I've spent with you to be the best times of my life. Thank you for being my friend. I will always remember your blonde head bobbing up Western Street those summer days. Any time you need a rock out partner to Fiona or Cat, I'll always be over the hill and down the street. I love you, girlie!

Halameda Beda Zeda





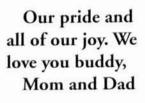
Shelby Beck and Hallie Bieber

Congratulations Mary Kate!











"I hope you dance!"











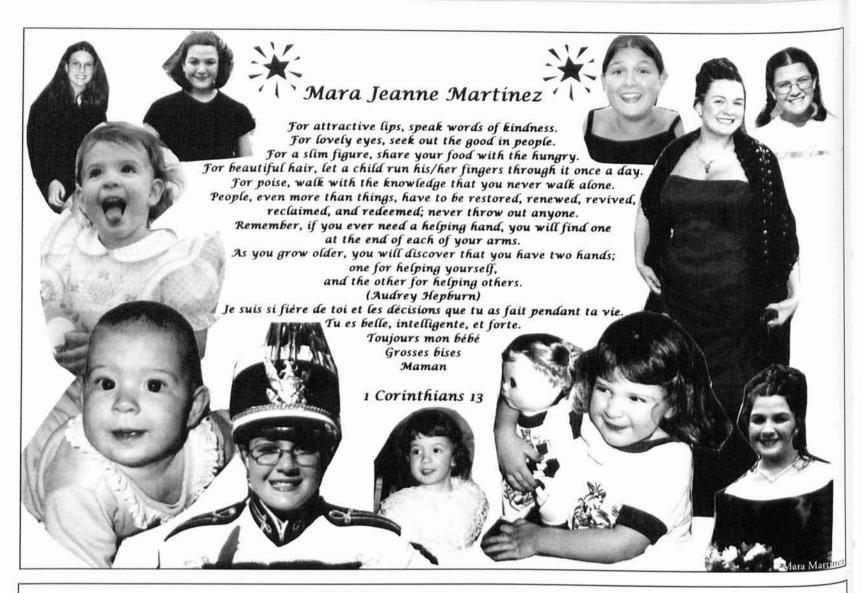








Mary Michalak



Gabby.

La amistad es un sentimiento único

Que llega al fondo del corazón

Que enseña, Que muestra apoyo

Que es sincero, Que se muestran que se qui

Que donde quiera que estemos, nos encontremas la una para la otra.

Es un sentimiento único que se comparte de igual manera

Un sentimiento de hermanas.

El saber que siempre puedes contar con alguien, para platicar, para compartir esos momentos lindos

El tener a alguien que te escuche, alguien que te conoce myor que a ti misma.

Eso eres tu para nosotras.

Tus hermanas y amigas que están muy orgullosas de ti y que te quieren mucho, Vio and Chiti









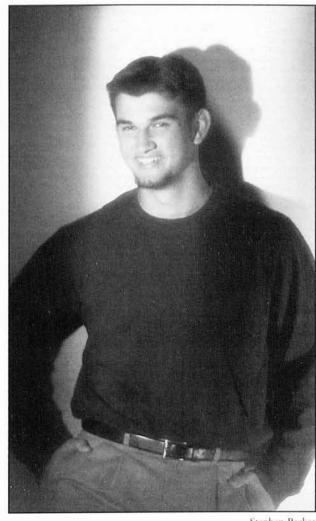




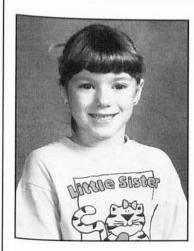
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.

And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go. - Dr. Seuss

Steve, we love you! Mom, Dad and Beth



Stephen Packard



Jocelyn,
You are one of two stars in
our night sky that have
made our lives so bright.
You did it and we knew
you could. Nothing can
stop you now. We are so
proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jessi

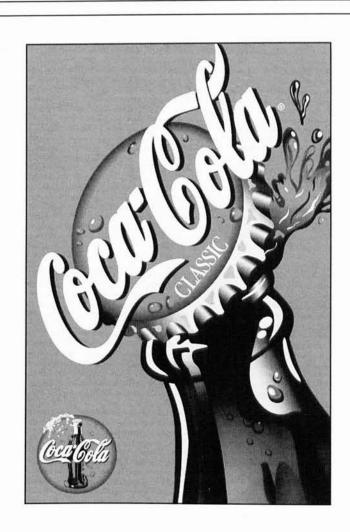
Jocelyn Gofta



"I'll lean on you and you lean on me, and we'll be dray."

BFFaeae

Kathryn Johnson and Kathryn Meade





Ash,

There are so many things we want for you, so many wishes in our hearts as we watch you grow into your own life and leave your childhood behind. We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence. We wish you a world full of adventure and wonderful experiences, and also the serenity that comes from listening to your own voice as the world rushes around you. Our greatest wish is that you will remember how much you are loved... For you are a special, beautiful person that we are proud to call our daughter and sister. Congratulations on your high school career and graduation!

Love, Dad, Mom and Britt









Ashley Krijan

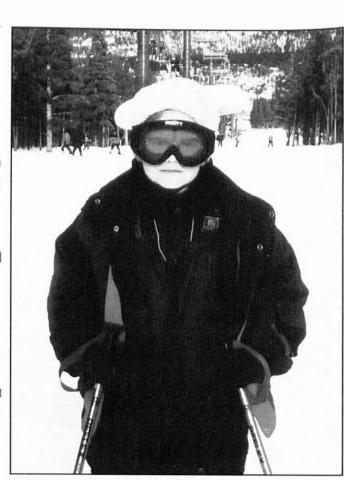




Congratulations! You are done with high school and over halfway to your undergraduate degree in Computer Science at Peter Kiewit Institute. You are only 16 years old. Next year you will look at grad schools. You have never ceased to amaze me since the day you were born! Everyday has been a delight with you! You bring sunshine into the lives of everyone you meet. During the darkest time in our lives, you brought joy and gave us something to focus on. Willie, Chloe and I love you very much!! We have all enjoyed raising you, and you raising us somewhat. Words that describe you: responsible, honest, trustworthy, happy, mechanical, logical, genius, brother, son. friend, dean's list at UNO, motivated, loving, caretaker, dependable, charisma, common sense, Hank. You have always seemed like an adult in all your thought patterns. Your enormous ability to focus and concentrate always serves you well. Your smile rarely leaves your face, only true tragedy has ever made it disappear, but then, only briefly. You once said, "What do I have to be unhappy about?" You seem to know the world and know that the world is what you yourself make it! You will be the master of your own destiny. It would not surprise me at all if you did something that changed the lives of many people, because that seems to be your goal. Your Grandpa Oliver and Grandma Roselle would be very proud of you. I smile every day knowing you are my baby boy and I love you forever! Love, Mom







"Good People"

"Man walks into a bar, and I'm thinking...that's gotta hurt!"

Just when we thought things couldn't get any worse....

"She's a good egg... a little cracked."

"WHOOP, WHOOP!"

It's time for the yoga pose of the day!



"Your mom!"

"That's what she said." "Whatcha gonna do?"









'Que-est que tu fait?" "STONE COLD DISS_ZING!" "Tummy no good." Senior Journalism Girls



Introducing... Kaitlin Jessing-Boots *Paulo *GrunkCola *Biebette Lynne of Clure *Jamie Iverson *Anderle` *J-Dog *Dorsey... Good People!

'Uh oh...Get em'!"

"Meredith, let's go get our breakfast on."



rijan

Varsity Cheerleaders

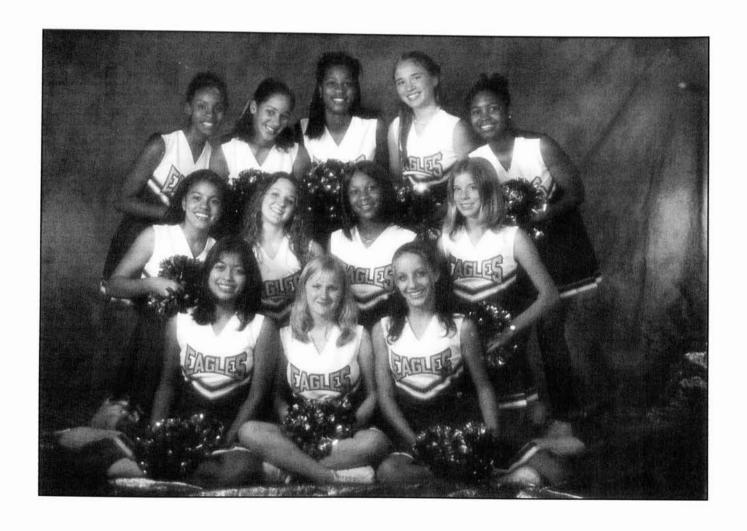


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CO-CAPTAIN

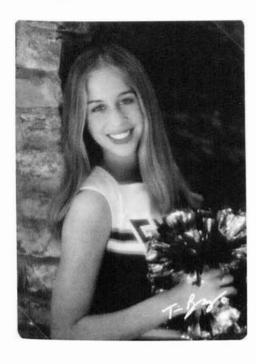


Freshman Cheerleading Squad '02-'03

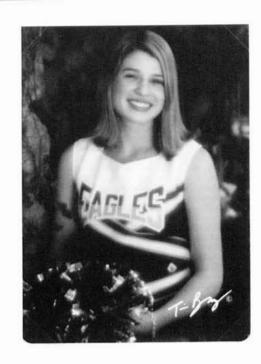


Bottom: (L-R) Jenny Rosas, Cydney Coppock, Rachel Odom. Second row: (L-R) Ashley Weich-Petti, Chaeli McDonald, Dejanee Blanks, Jessica Cederblom. Third row: (L-R) Aja Anderson, Ashley Greenwood, Marcia Hollins, Natalie McClellan, Jalesa Moore.





Caitlin



Katie



Shannon

2002

Reserve

Cheerleading

2003

Erika

Katie



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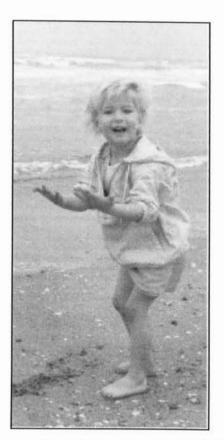


Kristen





Look who grew up!
"Jennababe"





In some ways, you haven't changed a bit!

Have we told you: We're proud of you.

Have we told you: We love you.

Have we told you: You are beautiful

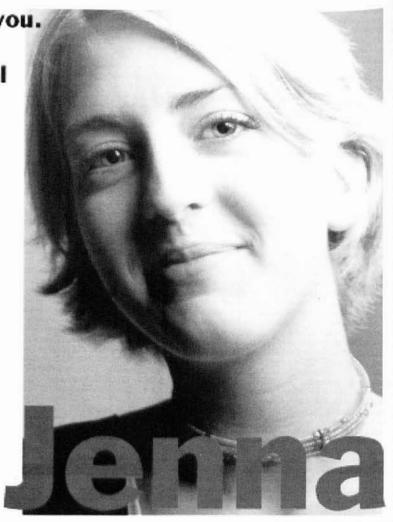
& lovely.

Have we told you:

You can succeed.

Remember: what is good,
and what is required:
to do what is right,
to love mercy,
and to walk
humbly with your God.

Love, Dad, Mom, Laura & Kara



Jennifer Lambrecht



Jessica Congratulations on
being so balanced
on the teetertotter of life.
We're so proud.
Mom and Dad

Jessica Richart

Yun (DianDian)
We love you. We are very
PROUD OF YOU.
REMEMBER: PROVERBS 3: 5-6
Mom and Dad
Aunt and Uncle



Yun Lin

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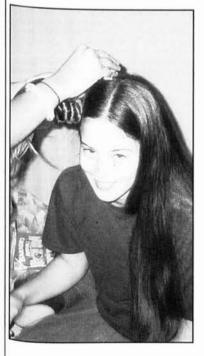


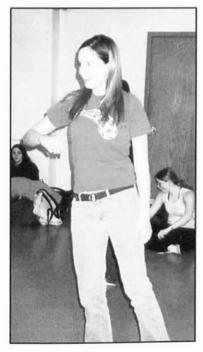


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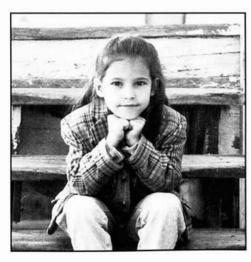
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE:

- 1. Everyone you meet knows something you don't know, but need to know; learn from them.
- 2. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- 3. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- 4. Respect yourself, respect others and take responsibility for all your actions.
- 5. Open arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
- 6. Share your knowledge; it's a way to achieve immortality.
- 7. Be gentle with the Earth.
- 8. Dance everyday.
- 9. Cherish the moonlight and enjoy every sunset.
- 10. If you don't have dreams, they can never come true.
- 11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you are older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
- 12. Smile at strangers.
- 13. Like our four-legged friends... enjoy the great outdoors with reckless abandon.
- 14. Make lists.
- 15. Call your mother everyday because she loves you very much.

Jessica.

I am so proud of you everyday. I cannot wait to see where your talents will take you...

Mom.



Colin,

I will be at your side no matter what heaven and/or hell you go through. You are a beautiful person. Thank you for all you have done for me. Our friendship means the world to me.

"One good thing about music, is when it hits you feel no pain."- Bob Marley

Change "music" to Colin and it all makes sense.

(I stole that from you!)

Love always your friend,

Gee-Money (Hallie)

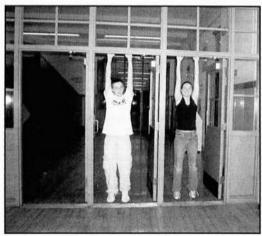


"Run with hope in your heart and wings on your heels!" Love, Daddy

Nicki and Vicki Thomas

Colin Rinaker and Hallie Bieber









KJ and Lynne of Clure

"We're not worthless!!"

"I'm real tight.

- Not really..."

Taking laps at 10 p.m...

Trips to the vending machine...

"Did you guys just kiss?!

- Ewwww...no!"

"Thanks, excuse me while I go cry now."

"So, this weekend, me and the crew...

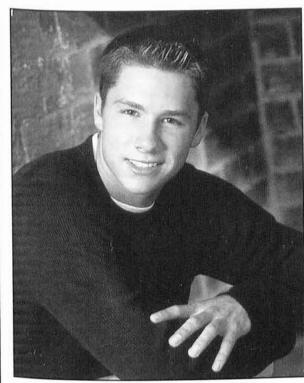
- Not another one of your stories!"

"The crew's real tight."

"We're good people."

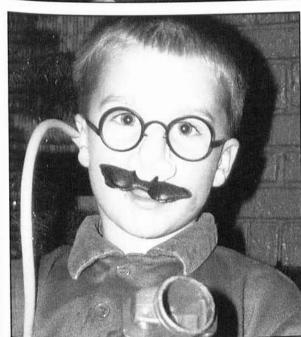
Walks out to my car...

Getting stuck in elevators...

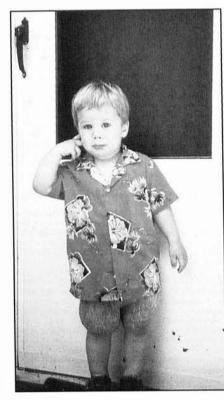


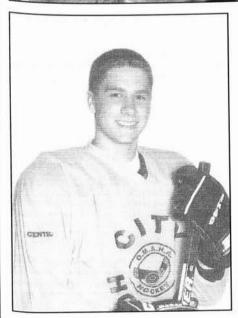


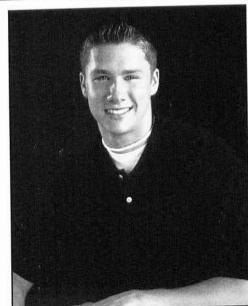
The world is yours...
We're so proud of you...
Congratulations, Neal!
Love, Mom, Dad and
Kyle

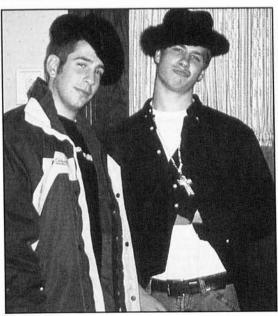












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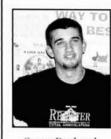
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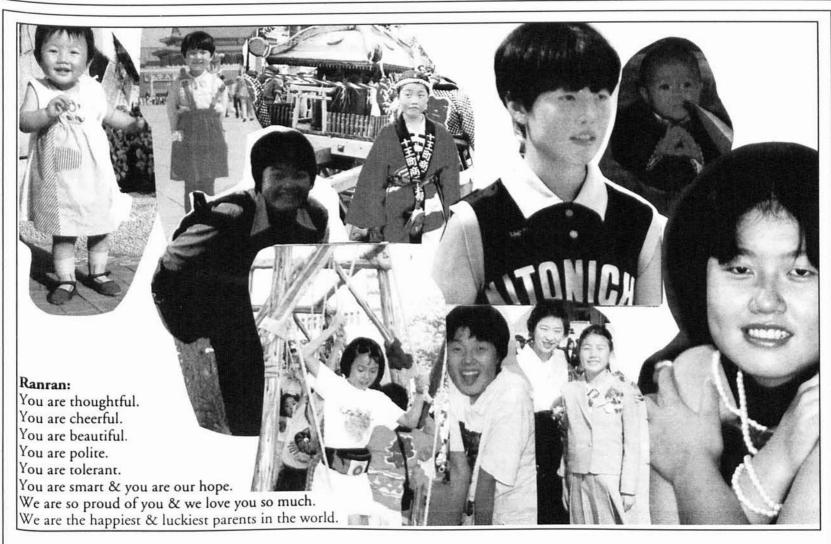


Andrew Neal Sports

Mr. Deabler, Brenda, Maddie, Sammy, and any future offspring - Elena O'Connell, Jason Furmanski, Jason's father in MO Valley - Teri Tuttle, Talia Maurice - The Schaffers and all who stay at the house (we apologize) - Spike - Tony Driscoll - Jake Pratt, the ultimate homeboy - Neal, (the one from Omaha and Counciltuky) - Gladiators Hockey, Northside Hockey - Trig - Jack Topchik - Steve Rue and the crew (KJ in da' house) - Brian Joseph, Matt Wynn, Joe Meyer, Troy Schulte, Quentin Long-last-name, Chris Aponick - Most other Register staffers, Butzor, Salhano - The current Register staff and O-Book (Hallie Bieber and Meredith Grunke) - Art, art-camp and Fred (is dead) - Nick Syslo - Village Inn coffee and free pie - Denny's - Random people's houses - Louis' - Chris, from K-State, his shoes, and the floor - Kansas girls, Jersey girls - Free apartment chocolate - That guy who hangs out with Jessi Riess - Anyone in alternative education, especially Colin McGrane - Ice fishing, piles of dead fish and scared cows - David Horne -Daniel Nicol and memories - Bonfires, gasoline, flaming water, and flaming rednecks - Mr. Busse - Nebraska D.M.V. - Anyone from Council Bluffs - Awards, money, and fame - Josh Mullen and his friends with the house - The Creighton guys and their houses - Adrian Headen and his friends' house - Pigs, bacon, and running shoes - Mrs. Smith - Danny Smith - Baker's supply runs - Aaron Buss, Jeff Mininie and the like - Alannah Keleyhers, Sarah Orsi and foccacia -Trezure and Mitch Swee-True love and protection - Jay & Silent Bob -Donut stop, fouled bathrooms, duck tape, and cheap donuts - Wohlners, Wohlners, and more Wohlners - Deli attendants (not the old lady with only seven meatballs) - Dinner plates, enchiladas, kobe beef, mashed potatoes, turkey, and the sort - Brandon Teamer - Mountain Dew - New haircuts, horns, tri hawks, mini hawks and mullet hawks - Dottie - Elevator maintenance, mall security and big bouncy rubber balls - Furniture in pools - Subway, free food, empty ice cream cones and flashing lights - Alvarodo's - Gerda's and hotel rooms - Mary Michalak at Jillian's - Kate Muldoon at Devon's - Hank Karpf at Norris - Street racing - Parking garages, the escape route - Video games, Super Smash Bros. Melee, Halo - "Casino," "Boondock Saints," "Trainspotting," "Super Troopers" and "Cool Hand Luke" - Ms. Ryan (may the force be with you and other yoda-look-alikes) - Toga Man - Hidden erasers and stolen glasses - Failure - NHS, the binder and Yun for being such a good person - Families, aunt Shannon, Tess, Laska - Shaila Bruckner - Tim Greco - Taylor - People who blink a lot - People who are goofy - People who do their work - Walter - The ninja turtles, ghost busters - That toothless guy at the Siena Francis House - Stereo West employees - 2002 Lady Eagle softball team- Poor judgement in general - Nostalgia inspired by Central - Going off to college - Wealthy juniors - Folsen's - Sir Isaac Newton- The English language -Shawn O'Banion - Don Southard, catheters, comas and the flying "V" - Senorita Bishara - Ashlee Dupree - Caps and gowns - George Davis - The Antiquarium and sarcasm - New Year's eve and freshmen - Josh Bruckner - Michael "P" Mohr - Corey - Dan Crane - Natalie - Joe Meyer's parents - Joe Meyer's little brothers, Joe Meyer's basement - toy saxophones and D.A.R.E Doll hair and a sudden urge to stretch - Megan Minturn - Ben Bahr - Inventive ways to open cans and dental bills - Ian Atwood and Forrest Gump -Andrew Maxey - McMenamin and Muuurtaauughhh - secret compartments - Field Club parking lot, the resevoir and nearby allies - David Pavondra, Dan Hilgendorf and Zach Kruze - O.L.L. - Desha and class participation - Kelcey -Slushie stains - Cooperstown - Performance mufflers - Expensive cell phones - Yuppies, the park, prippies - Air Force Ones - Going the Distance - Keyboards - A Cappella - Collar bones connected to sholders -Brain cells - Gatorade, Squirt - Lungs - Willie Bogue and t-shirts - Goodwill - Dallas, Portland - Telephone books, urine and hotel roofs - Gideon's bible - Tae Kwon Do, tight sweat pants, Kodiak bears - Spell check - Sleeping bags and military history - Little children in waiting rooms - Raymond - Prep's statues, ketchup, and babies - Canned yams - Tapeworms - Michael's girlfriend's - Josh Jirak, utility belts and rose petals - Seattle bums and knives - The future of leather - Plumping, engineering - I- back high, Purple stains - Cleans - California oranges - Matinee attendance - Jen Hodges' generosity - Rachael Ferber, her dog and dog food - Dayquil, Nyquil - Trips to Lincoln - Valerie Stutzka - Canden - Alaska-Wisconsin - Airport security - Ribs, clean bones - Mando bread- Facit - Flossin on da ice, cuz (on my hood) - Linda Puntney, her homies, the Simpsons, Patt, curfews and sprinklers - Jessica "Horse Girl" Sheridan - Knocking before you enter - Clark (Superman is awesome) - Red BVDs - The Register girls who were left out - Write-offs - Bling'in - Mary & Bill Smith - Randy Kirkpatrick - Bonnie O'Connell's haircutting skill - Rhymesaying - The Smears - Laura Diesing - Little quacking ducks - Broken technology - Expensive headphones - Summertime - Lake Manawa - Sarah The spillway - Mizzou - February 15 - Esquire, Maxim, piles of newspapers, Borders, comic books, art books and sofas - Messy cars, muddy cars, broken cars and flat tires - Fifth place - Jesus -UNL - Adobe Products - Jostens, fonts, fonts and more fonts - Digital cameras - Sports editor golf lessons - Josh's "Big Bad Blue Truck" - DEW Girls - Kaitlin's Legs -Books, whiteout, printers - Mrs. Bouma for letting me drop her class - Darkroom clothes hampers - Angela - Catholic school - The Kearney Experience - Cannabalism - The second-to-last-week of school last year -Memories - Offensive humor - substitute teachers - Arrogance - 4-wheeling on the Platte - Sarah "Unattainable" White - Nicole - Register get-togethers - Office Depot - Scholarships - Beta the Fish-Wallets, windows -Movie fines-Senior Year - Static-Shout Outs-Shout Outs Shout Outs -Pink Shirts-Turtles and Tails-Plaid boxers-Glen Cunningham Lake-Lake Candlewood-Mrs. Meyer -The 12 Apostles-R2-D2-The Blue-Sheldon, Iowa-Breaking the sound barrier -Liver transplants - Emily McTate - Devon's blueberry pancakes - Cleaning the jeep - Sting - John Gibson - Jurassic Five - Barret's Barleycorn, Monday nights, John DeMott, Brian Fahey, Ryan Lampe, Jeff Costello, and all the burger guys - Def Jux - Operation Ivy - Mr. Lips - Nextweus, Nux Vomica and the new Pat McGee band - Pumpkin Head - The new tardy policy - Ritual saturday school - Grilled stuffed beef burrittos and grande meals - Wohlners again - Dance Dance Revolution - The sports corner - Nic Wiedner - Body odor - Lost money - Late movies - Dice and ping pong - Cars, gasoline and trunks - AP classes, nap time - National Honors Society Rejects - Mr. Wilso and Mr. Wilson - Mrs. Wiles - Everyone that hates us - Big papers - Being the best - Missed chances (Homecoming and Prom) - Poetry - Lewis and Clark - King Science Center-Secret santas and dog collars - Johanns (we don't like going to school anyway) - Jamie Mincey - Dino the Dinosaur - And again, Mr. Deabler



Lauren Freeman



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STUDENT



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Cortney, Brandon, Thor, Daniel, Steve, Ali, Alex J., Joey, Tyler, Cameron, Amanda, Stephanie,



... Amy, Kristi, Caitlin, Nicki, Pat, Andrea, Jen, Judy,... Leaders of the pack.

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"Colin, or Shall I Call You Inspiration for Short?"

Wicked music that makes everyone jig.

Long, long hair, blue lights always lit.

The man can make ugly hats look good.

You're my inspiration, a good video clip.

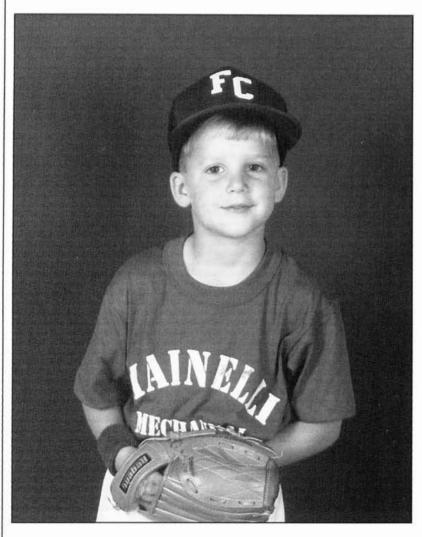
Summers at SH, you've kept me there.

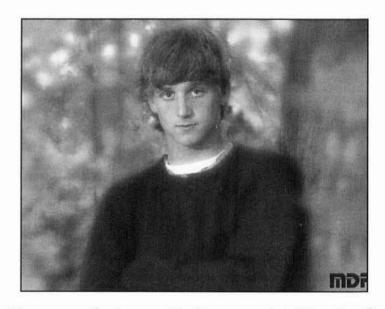
Ready for the next step? I will be here.

Colin's going to **COLLEGE!**

Don't go all the way over there!

Your little sister, who never ceases to be amazed by you and has always looked up to you. Meredith





Congratulations, Colin, our laid back, freespirited son.

The world awaits you and all of your talents. We know you will create great things.

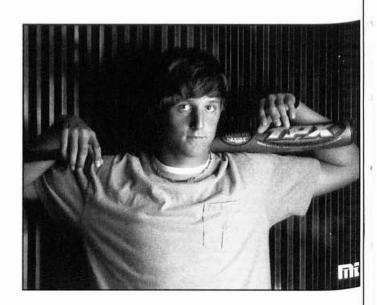
Love,

Mom and Dad



Now that you're graduating, I will have to stop thinking you are six years old. I'm proud of the fun-loving, creative and unique person you have become. I know we can expect amazing things of you in the future.

Benjamin

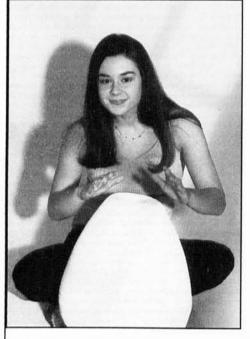


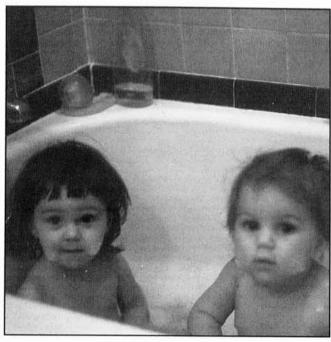


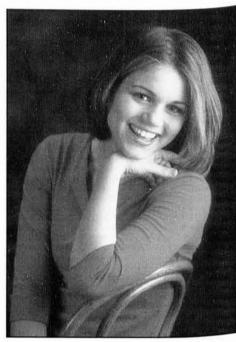
Sarah

"Little friends may prove great friends." -Aesop 550 B.C.

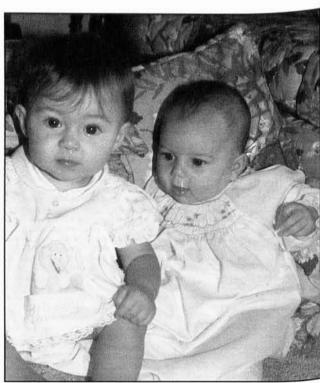
Emily











Your family is proud of you both!









To Our "Slippery Slady Jady"; You have already achieved so much! We know that you will reach your dreams and goals because you are not a quitter. We love you very much. God Bless You and Keep You.

Love Always, Mom and Dad











YOU GO GIRL! Much Love. Your Sisters, Ashlee &Alexandra







We Love You And Only Wish You the Best! Love, Grandpa & Grandma















"Surround Yourself With Only People Who Are Going To Lift You Higher."

Oprah Winfrey OUR HANDS ARE RAISED!

Love...Uncle Eric and Aunt Tracy

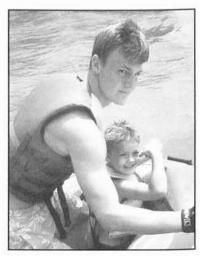






Zoom. Zoom. Zoom!

If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With 60 seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a man, our son.
We're very proud of you Matthew!
We love you, Daddy, Moma and David



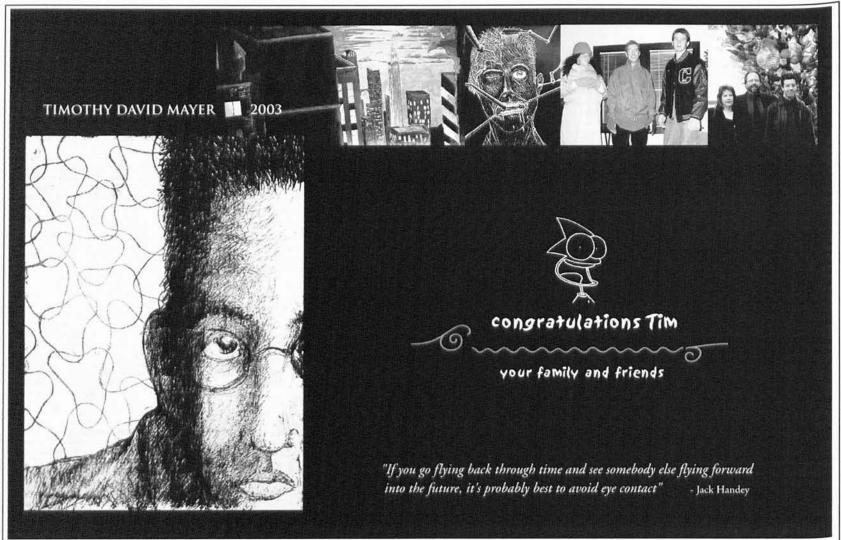








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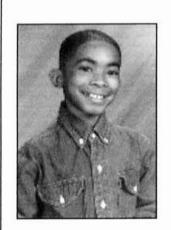
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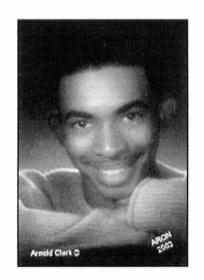
Tessian Warnad- Hey! I'd like to shout out and thank God for one and dancing butterflies, Papa Roach, sleepwalking, Hard Rock, 50 cent, bump bump bump, coffee with three creams, three sugars and a lot of caffiene, disturbed, rollercoaster, clarinet, church folks, romance novels, drama, freestyle, breaststroke, wierd foreign movies, ugly laughs, big smiles, mommy who cooks good, little brother can almost beat me up, theory of a deadman, Mr.Foster, Mrs.Allen, volleyball dancing, teachers helping me, Nebraska fields, strong old woman perfume, half cooked galaxy pizza, mom bringing lunches, weird smells in journalism room, Mr.Deabler, Jim's jokes, Everyone at Register you're all great and thanks for all the help and tips, Connor's drawings (they're really good) Kaitlin, Doug Meigs, Mike's laughs, Hallie helping with ads, friends, food all types, sushi ichaban fried ice cream, hair colors, dictionary full of words, cute waiters, Old Chicago, true colors, Brandy's big booty, cornbread and biscuits, tall basketball players, salad, Mardy's jokes, Dan Crane's tee shirts, Jessica Wyscarver, Jessica Wise, Brandi Clanton, Teddi Teamer, Nicki and Vicki, Ashley (all of them), Butler sisters, everyone in Minority Scholars, Smallvile, Real world / Road Rules battle of sexes. Ashley Braw-I'd like to thank the Register and Yearbook staff. Mountain Dew, Stage Right house coffee-black, Frank Brown, my Dad, the Independent Film Channel, Elvis Costello, Ray Liotta in Good Fellas, Robert DeNiro in Taxi Driver, Subway, little notebooks, Nide: Thance-I'd like to thank the awesome people on staff. Especially Kaitlin, Jessica, Paula, Ashely, Aaron, and of course Mike. (Mike, you made me laugh so hard, but you will never have a twin sandwich.) I would also like to thank Tracy and Anthony. Thank-you for taking care of me and in my time of need and helping me through my time with the Register, Gracie, Abby, Vicki, Miki you all brighten my day when I was so tired and didn't think I could go on. Thanks Coach Lodge for being supportive through my successful and sometimes unsuccessful seasons. You are the highlight of my sophomore seasons. Thanks Tyler, you are the one I lean on, and I care for ya. Katie, you are my best friend and your family has been so awesome. Remember the last 8 years. Thanks Mountain Dew, telephone, Track, Bee-Gee's, not chocolate, mint cookie's, shin splints, Surivor, Cross-Country, Bunny, CSI, church, and twin sandwiches. Last but not least thanks God for always being my refuge and my strength. Peace and love- the only way to go. Maked Smith: My mom who drove me back and forth and back and forth, I love you. My dad for putting up with me, Dan I love you brother, my family and friends who I left out, Paula who has inspired me and made me laugh thank you so much, Kaitlin I love you so much and I have learned it all from you and I will miss you, Doug thanks for making me scared and teaching me about ledes and the ladies, you are awesome, Hallie you are incredible and have made me laugh and I will never forget that day, I'll miss you sweetie, Meredith you are an incredible teacher and I have had so much fun with you. Thank you so much Deabler you are one of the most interesting people that I know and I have learned so much from you and I hope to learn more in the next two years, Brown I have grown to love you and I consider you one of my best friends thanks a lot girl, Bryan you are crazy and fun and you are cool, Backman you are one of the coolest girls in the world, Laura I love you, Lynn I am going to miss you and a part of me will be gone love ya, Tammi Cooks you are my sound girl, Kevin you are awesome, By Nicki & Vicki thanks for making me laugh and I hope I did the same, Josh you are the coolest person that a friend could have and have stuck by me throughout everything that I do thank you and you 311 rock on and party with the big bad blue truck, Mike you are crazy but are one cool guy, Natalie I treasure every moment with you and I love you girl, Dan, Eric, Travis, Will, Corey, Dolan and the whole bunch you guys are awesome, Ashley Dupree you have made me into a funnier and more likable person and you are so crazy, Sarah no matter what you are my unattainable girl I'll miss you dew girl, Jessica you and your horses and the dream, 1st hour chemistry with Mr. Bussman, Fruity-Pebbles, Mountain Dew, Mr. Gibson for putting up with me, Miss Bishara, Mr. Bexten, Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Bouma, Ann, Viviana for my Espanol help, ER, Real World, Shaila and Tim and little Taylor, All my friends and my family, Nikki, Jessica, everyone in the world, Ozzy and my girl Kelly, Deabler once again you rock and I love you man, everyone that I have missed you are the coolest in the world, Our Lady of Lourdes, Nicole, Register Staff and O-Book staff, all the people in the world, MAC computers, Devon, Jessica Womack, Charlie and your hat, Yams, everyone else that I missed.



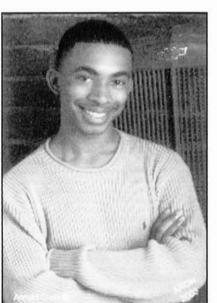


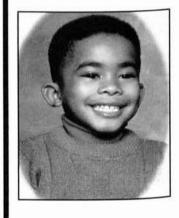




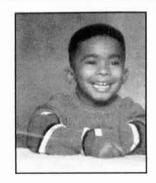


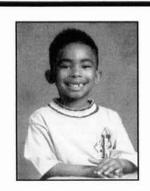


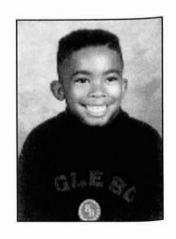




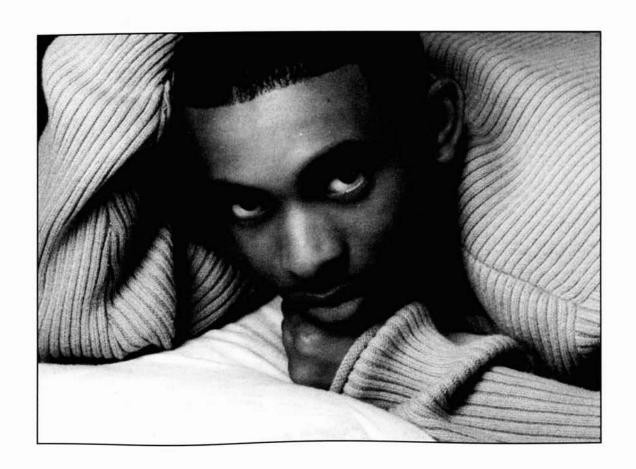








Congratulations, Aron!
You're everything we hoped you would be.
You let your dreams and goals take flight and just
look at the results. Take a good look at all you have achieved.
You should be very proud of yourself. The future holds so
many promising and successful things for someone as intelligent, kind, caring, talented, funny and handsome as you.
We will continue to support you in all of your dreams. We are
so proud of you.
Love,
Mother, Grandma and Family



THE BIGGEST TOGA-PARTY OF THE CENTURY!

"Quid agimus in vita voci respondet in perptuum"



Central High School's Latin Club (Junior Classical League) celebrated 100 years at a Centennial Banquet April 22, 2003.

The banquet included:

A Roman feast

The Lotus Dancers

A Cappella Choir performed two Latin songs

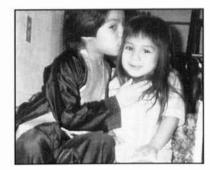
The Togaman

Well-known J.C.L.er: Proffessor Wade Heaton And over 400 alumni from all over the United States attended!

"Keep going Mouse!"















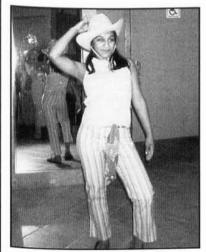


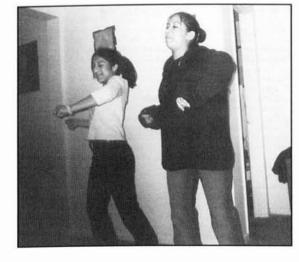














Amanda,

"Que dios te bendiga
y
te ayuda en todo lo
que quicres en tu vida."
-La familia

I LOVE YOU AND I'M
PROUD OF YOU.

-MOM

"GO SPANKY!"



I will miss all of my friends so much. Over the past fair years I have picked up and lost many friends. I've had so many wanderful experiences with you all! Stay true and kind, furny and straight up crazy like most of you are. Dan't forget me because I'll never forget any of you. God bless you in the future. Sorry I can't see you graduate, but I know in my heart that you guys will all succeed in whatever you do in the future. So ten years from now, when we see each other in some for away city, dan't act like you wan't remember me because I'll remember you!

Love always, Jessica Womada



Jessica.

No one could ever ask for someone sweeter. I've known you for six years and all those years you are the nicest and most wonderful person I've known. I hate to see you leave, but I hope life in California brings you new and wonderful opportunities. Don't forget my invitation.

You're in my heart always, Tricia Soares

Jessica,

I really wish you weren't moving to California, but let's try to remember the good times. You are such a fun person to be around, I don't think, actually I know I'll never forget you. But, hey we still have time to make more memories. So stay sweet and never forget mel

Love always, Jessica Wise

Jessica,

I'm so glad I met you this year. You are such a fun person to hang around with. Have fun in California, but never forget that once a Central Eagle always a Central Eagle!

Luv, Jenny Rosas

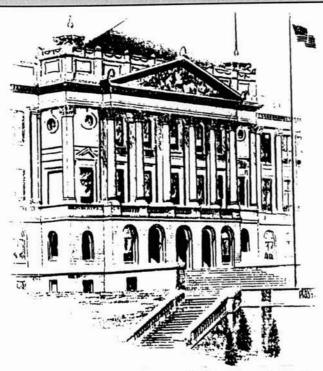


JESSICA,

oh Lord Jesus you are leaving me! Im going to cry. I am going to miss you so much! Even though we haven't known each other for a very long time, I still consider you a part of my heart. You have been nothing but loyal, sweeet, giving and intelligent and $\,I$ hope you always stay that way. Love You Girl!!

LOVE ALWAYS & I HOPE WE KEEP IN TOUCH!
ERICA BUTLER
CLASS OF '04

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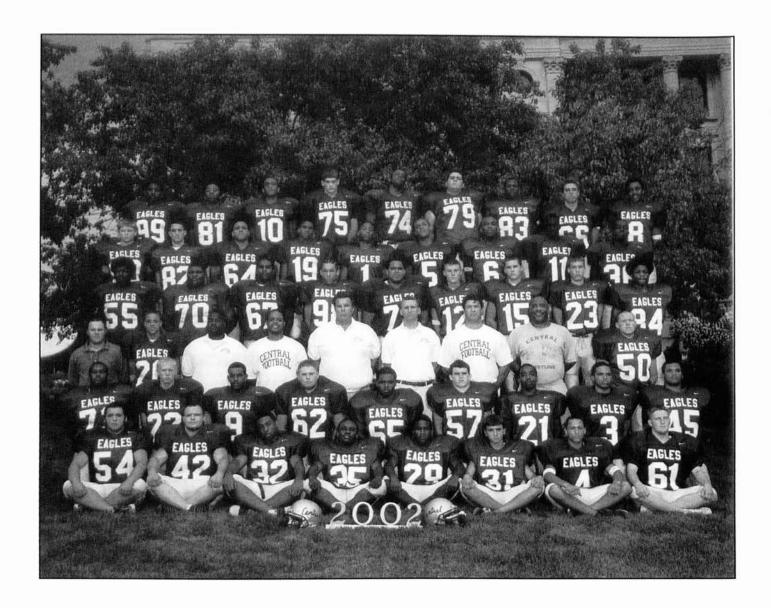
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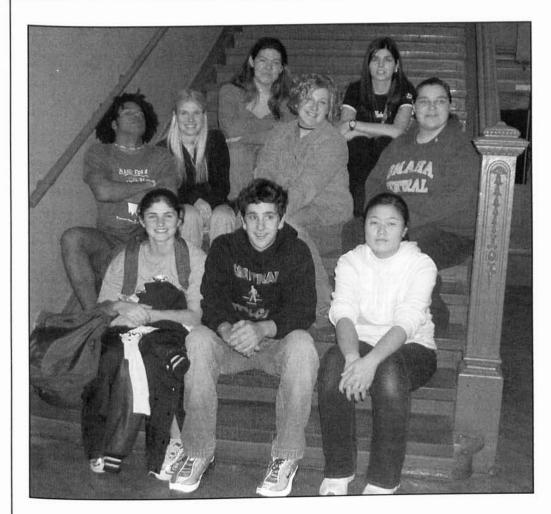
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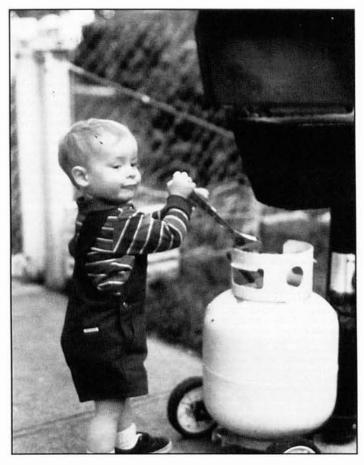
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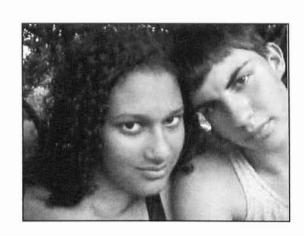
Brian,
You learned early that with hard work, you can accomplish anything.
Congratulations - Mom and Dad



Brian Fahey

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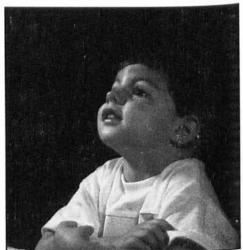


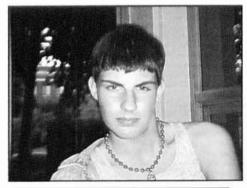




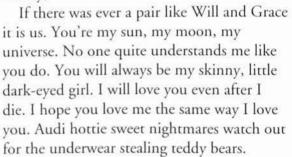




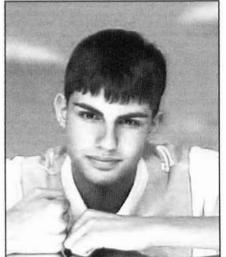












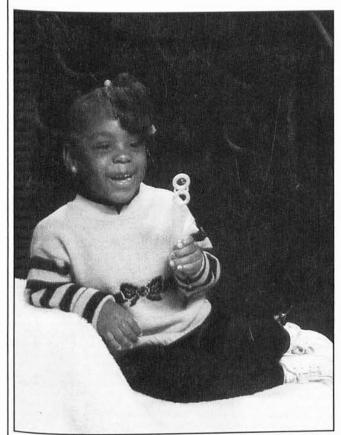


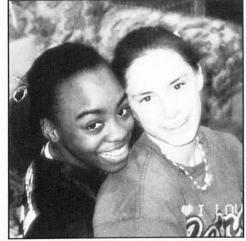
You have been there for me through times that I thought I would not make it through. You have been a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear and a person to cheer me up when I am down. Now we are about to embark on the journey of our lives: college. I want you to know I love you and that you have left footprints on my heart. Love ya hun (lol),

Ash



Congratulations to our Nikita and good luck in the future. Love Always, Mom, Dad, and Grandma Pat

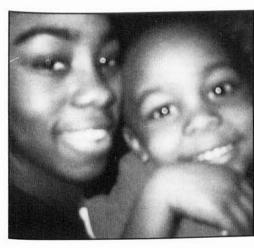


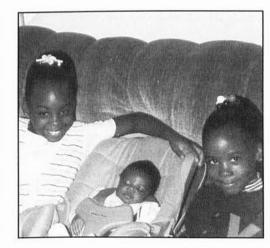


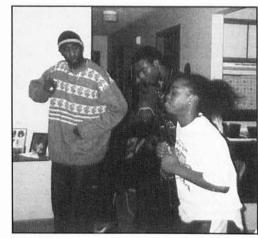








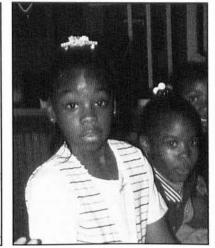






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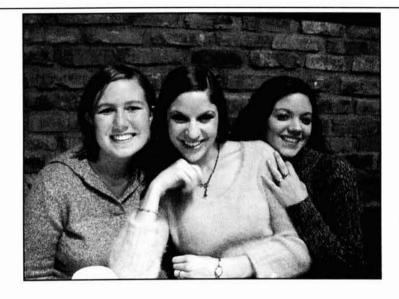












When I look back after we have gone our separate ways, what I will miss will be the memories of these days.

All of the laughs, inside jokes, hilarious schemes, and who could forget all those great times at Caffeine Dreams.

When I could call you up without question, you would always be there, when I knew without a doubt there was always someone who cared.

When I look back down the road of life, I will see you, my friend, the one who carried me through the strife.

I will remember you as the strong and ambitious person I knew at Central High, I won't constantly think of the tears that fell the day we said goodbye.

I will treasure the happy tears cried by good friends, best friends, and I will carry you with me inside my heart until I see you again.

Never Forget:
Alli Baby
U-Turn
&
The Eternal Pedestrian



A.K.A.

Allison Kollath Angela Fraley & Sarah White Class of '03



Keaundra Diann Cooks

WE LOVE YOU!

Your family is so proud of you and we wish you all the things the world has to offer. You are a very special person and we congratulate you on all of your success.

With love,

Leefredrick and Baby Lee

Keaundra Cooks



Don,

Time has flown by, it seems like just yesterday I walked you into your kindergarten room. Now you are graduating from high school, starting college in the fall and embarking on a life of your own. Sometimes life can have its ups and downs, but just know one thing for sure: Dad and I are very proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad



"A mother holds a child's hand for a while-their heart forever."





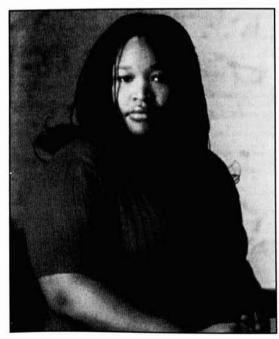
"MISS YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS" Congratulations on Your Future Success Continue to Follow Your Dreams

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ASHLEY, ERIC & AMBER





Ashley Wilson 2003

Love,

Mom, Erick, JADE Sherri, Dwain Jr., Amber, De Andre, Autumn, Asia Aunt Barbara Ann, Genese, Jayden, Joan, Perry, Irene



DEVON,

Through all the hard times,
You have always been strong.
Best wishes in the future,
We all know it will be bright.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Elena and Laska





Devon O'Connell



Echo,

You've come a long way from bull-frogs and walkers and I'm very proud of you. "Plan" on having everything you want in life, I know you will.

Love, Gabby



Echo,

Congratulations! We love you and we're VERY proud of you. WAY TO GO ACKY!
Love, Mom and Summer



Our Darling Ashlee, you have always been special since the day you were born. That day was one of grief and sorrow over the loss of your cousin Bill. But you, Ashlee, brought with you a ray of sunshine to us all that day. You have had few mentors - a Grandfather and a Great Grandmother who had given you a vast amount of knowledge on life. And you have taken all that you were given and have become the person that you are today. You will go far - you have gone far - live those dreams to the fullest. Let no one stop you. We are so proud to call you our daughter.

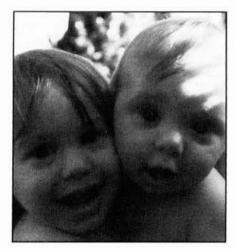
Love forever, Dad, Mom, Nikole and Tim





Ashlee Seffron



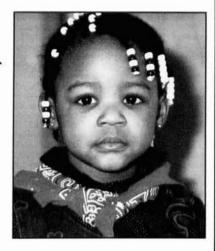


KIKI and J-MA

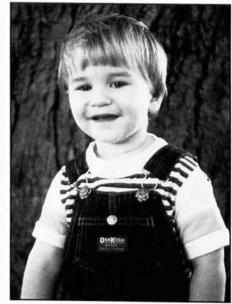
We may not always act like friends, but we will always be sisters.

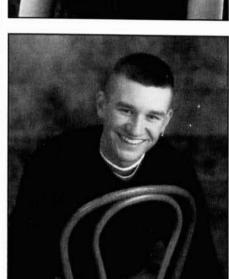
Kathleen and Jennifer Mapes

Lauren,
Always remember
with God nothing
shall be impossible.
Love you first,
Mom



Lauren Faulkner





Joey,
We are so proud
of you. For all
you have
accomplished
and the
wonderful person that you are.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad and
Danny

Joseph Klaczynsky

Good Luck to the Class of 2003 from CHS Notional Forensic Chapter of Speech and Debate

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April,

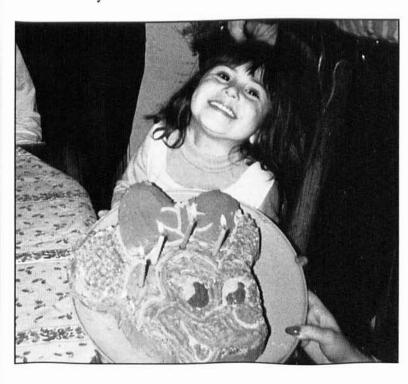
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Remember to stay close to the Lord and walk that straight and narrow path and all your dreams will come true.

April, walk tall, you're a Daughter of God.

We love You!

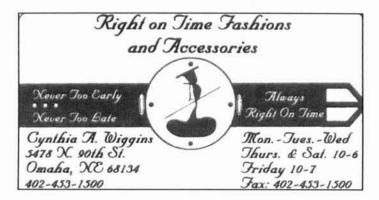
Mom and Dad,

Mandy, Blake, Andrea, Brandon, Colton, Morgan, Cameron.





Congratulations to Nikita from...





Right on Time Fashions

Congratulations

To The

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From The

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O-BOOK STAFF

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"GO RODNEYS! AND OUR SUPER COOL GIMPY PUPILS."





KT & DW:
While we're individuals in our own right, we work better when we're together.









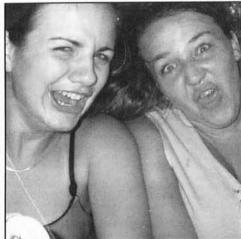


Danielle Welty and Kathleen Mapes

"I've never had their deli sandwiches before!"

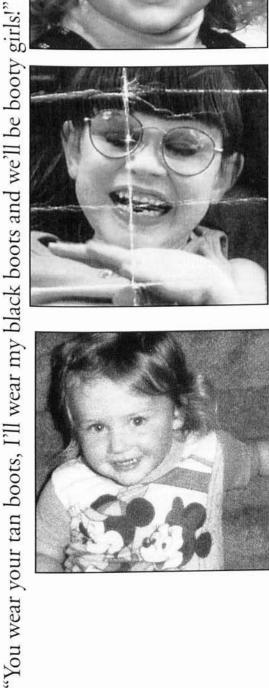
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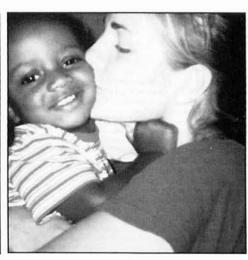


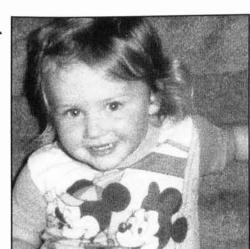




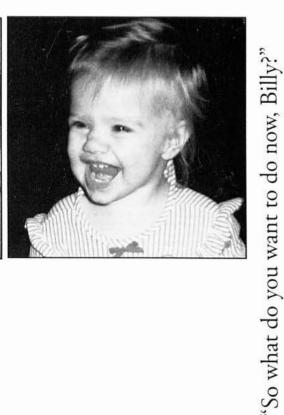










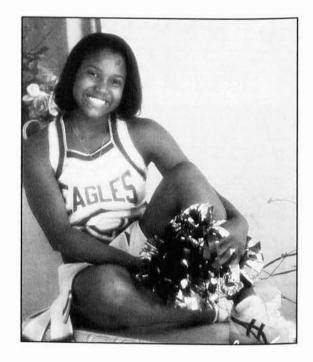


"That's a duck!"

"Fanta, Fanta, Fanta!"

"*AMOCO & BJ'S*"

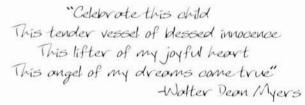




Jennifer,

You have always been a precious gem in our lives. Your kindness and consideration for others are truly gifts that you have been blessed to share. You have accomplished so much and we are glowing with joy and gratitude for all you have become. You will forever be treasured in our hearts.

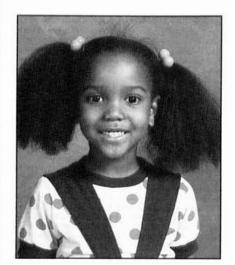




We love you, Mom, Dad, Cliff and Brian





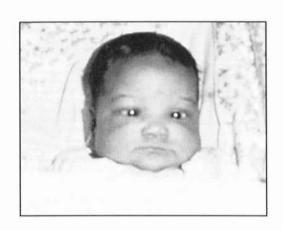


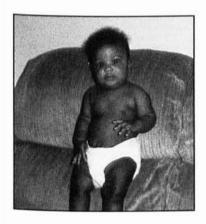


























To our Little Princess,

Hodges

It's been 18 years since you graced our life with your presence. It has truly been wonderful to have you as a daughter. You've grown up to be a beautiful, intelligent young woman. We're truly proud of your spiritual, intellectual and personal accomplishments. Remain as you are as you continue to mature and great things will continue to happen in your life. As you continue in life's journey remember: Prioritize your goals -God first, family and then work. Also, continue to choose wise companions so that you may continue to be wise and you will succeed in all you strive to do. Love, Mom, Dad and Justin

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Congratulations Chase love. Mom. Dad. Noelle



We love you. We're proud of you. Think verbs. Love, Mom, Dad, Emma and Madeline













Rachel Ferber

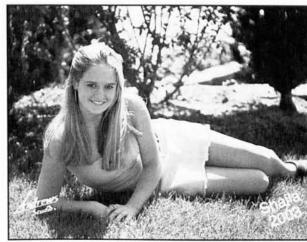


Shaila From the first time I held you, I
Knew you were special. Every day
from then on you have proven that
to be true. Never give up the
fight. It's all worth it, in the end.
Aways laving you, Mon

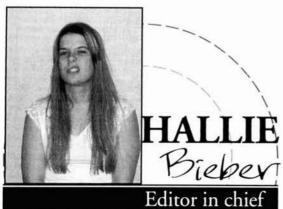








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Mr. Deabler- Your guidence has been tremendous since day one. I really appreciate the fact that you didn't give up on us this year. WE DID IT!

To my partner in crime, Meredith- Remember when Jack told us we wouldn't be speaking after three months? We should go to NY and rub this in his face. You are an incredible person and I respect you very much. It has been nothing but a pleasure to work with you on this beast. There were a couple of times I didn't think we'd make it, yet I really feel we came out on top. Thanks for the support. Go us!

KJ- You rock so much! I could not have done this book without your constant help. You did so awesome on Student Life and Sports would probably be nonexistent without you. Thanks for stepping up. To the INDESTRUCTABLE Lynne Clure-I am so proud of you. You have done incredible on this book. You worked your butt off and despite any problems you dealt with, did an awesome job. Thanks for all the support and help you gave. Ashland was, let's say, interesting!!

Dana, Tahreem and Kaytee- You three girls are so wonderful and it's made me so happy that you were on staff. It was really cool to see you develop as writers and great YB staffers in general. Thanks for being willing to do just about anything we asked. You made Faculty and Ads great! Tammi- Thank you for stepping up on Underclass!

Paula and Kaitlin- Thank you for the countless photos, support and candy you gave to us. I'm glad that you were around on all of those extrenuous late nights to make me laugh. Kaitlin, I had a BLAST on our "Thelma and Louise" road-trip. Thanks to Doug Meigs-Without you I might never know the meaning to all those words!

To my friends-I know I became almost nonexistent this year, thank you all for still calling me every once in awhile to see if I was still alive. I missed you all!

Katie-did (Katie Anderl)- Although you don't seem to always see it, you have so much potential and you are a very talented girl. Thanks for the help you gave on Underclass and otherwise.

Don't think I forgot about you Katie Mapes- I was so happy to have you on staff and get to know you this year. You're a wonderful writer with endless possibilities. You rocked Underclass! Good luck next year!

To Don-Thanks for understanding the meaning of patience when I said: "No, I can't hang out. I have Yearbook stuff to do." You are beyond great.

Mom-Thank you for understanding why I did this. I needed the support. To my brother Josh- You have been an inspiration. Thanks for always being willing to pick my car-less butt up from school.

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And to the rest of the *O-Book* staff, you all made this year worthwhile. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to find the time to teach you about all the great aspects of yearbook. But I really hope you gained something out of this year, and most of all, I hope you had fun and are proud of this book.

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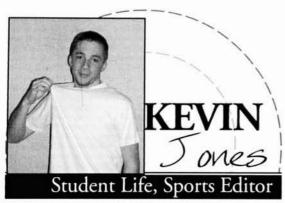
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I hope all the graduating seniors from the class of 2003 continue on the road of life with sound hearts and full minds. I will miss you all.



OH MY GOD IT IS FINALLY HERE!!!

First of all I need to thank **Deabler**. You are rizzity tizzity. I pretty much failed journalism and you saw something and let me on anyway. Without you this book would not be here right now.

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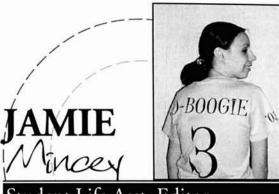


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Student Life Asst. Editor

I want to start off and thank Mr. Deabler for letting me have a shot at the yearbook. I never thought that I would make it on because last year was kind of shaky. You gave me a chance on this because you believed in me and that means a lot to me. But I hope that you are pleased with the finished product and are able to finally sit back and chill until next year comes.

To Hallie and Meredith, I am glad that I got the chance to be on staff this year. You two are the dons of the yearbook and it would not be sitting right here if it weren't for the both of you (KJ & LYNNE, TOO). Your hard work and all the time you guys put into this book is officially over. Good luck to you and congratulations. Hey Hallie, do you remember the time when you almost fell in the courtyard when we were putting up the yearbook signs?!!!

KJB, we had a fun time getting our yearbook on earlier this year. You're pretty tight and I don't think my first hour would have been the same without you and KJ. Thanks for laughing at "someone's" jokes with me even when they weren't funny!!! And never forget my boyfriend in first hour! Or the musty smell that someone always had!!

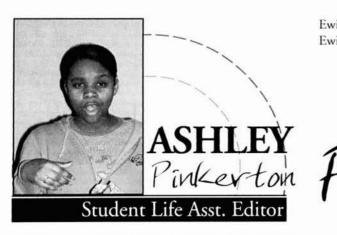
Kevin Jones (KJ), I think that without you (and Lynne) doing everyone's job, our yearbook would not be here. Plus, I have to give you mad props on being the only male on staff. You showed heart for this book and I had fun getting to know you. Even though you think that my crew isn't tight, we're still better then you and "the crew." And Iverson is not a ball hog! I just can't help it that he's the best!!

Lynne, you're a real good person and I applaud you on your contribution to this wonderful creation. Your strength and patience that you had was more then I could handle. Don't worry, I still got you on the Arby's.

To everyone else on staff, good luck. The book is great and I hope you're all proud of all the hard work that was put into it.

To my Chess Club co-presidents V-LO and P.J. (Veronica and Andrea), our friendship is so strong and we have so many memories to cherish. We have lots of "remember when's" to come. Good luck to the both of you. These past five years have been so crazy I'm glad that we still hold a strong bond. And don't worry, you'll marry Kobe someday. And Andrea, what more can I really say besides-GOT MILK ???? And shout out to our recruited members: BROSIA, DERAJ, BIG EM'Z AND T'SK.

Lastly, I want to thank my parents. Thanks for letting me be my own person and I know you're glad that I am finally getting out of the house. And thanks to my brother A.J., sister Jessie, Tulia, and Lil' Pimpin' (my nephew).



This year was off the chain or just fun. I liked learning new things and expressing myself in the *O-Book* this year. I hope that everybody enjoys what they read. I put a lot of effort into my work and I just want to share a taste with

Mommy-I would like to thank you for having me because without you I wouldn't have had the opportunity to express my love in writing with others. I have learned a lot since I've been here on Earth. I would also like to thank you for believing in me and believing that I had the potential to succeed. I love you.

Deabler-What's up, chief? I really would like to thank you because you had to believe in me or I wouldn't be on staff, which is a good thing. I also want to thank you for letting me experience my first Nationals in Dallas. Most people can't have that opportunity, but I'm glad that you let me learn something new. I'll be prepared for next year.

Meredith and Hallie- You guys are way too cool to let go. I like the way that y'all kept that staff together throughout the year. Thanks for being there at camp with me because it helped me learn more about you guys. I hope you guys do big things in college and keep up the good work.

Teddi and J-Vizzle- You guys are the homies. And the trip to Dallas brought me close to y'all. J-Vizzle, don't ever forget me and if you need a laugh you know where to find me because I got jokes for days. Teddi, you're still going to be with me next year so keep your head up because I'm not going anywhere until we graduate.

My April Gayer-Hey girl! It was fun gettin' to know you this year. I just wanted to give you a shout out to let you know that I was thinking of you. Don't ever forget

Da Crew-I'm going to miss the seniors who are leaving, but for the juniors coming back, we are going to take over. So don't be slackin' on ya mackin' and stay focused. Remember we will always be a team. Love You

Asia- You are the best friend in the whole wide world. I had to add you to my thank-you because you always bring out the best in me. I know that we've been through so much all these years that we've known each other. Remember don't let anybody get you down because you will always have me to count on. Love You, Forever!

CDP- What's up, chiefs? You know that I couldn't forget y'all, chicks. Well, all we have is one year left and then we are really going to be takin' over. I'm glad that we made it through another year together without the "off the wall" issues. Love you guys!

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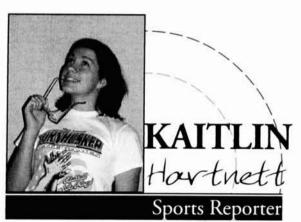
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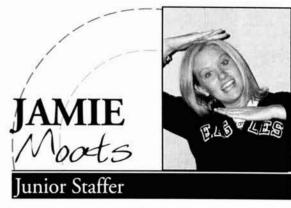
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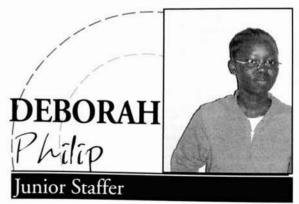
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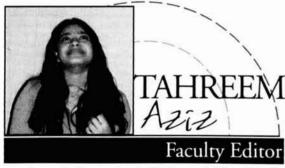


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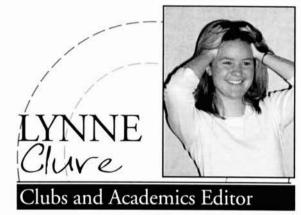
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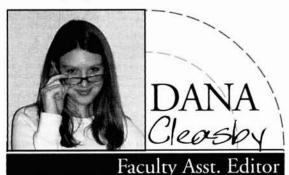
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The limits were pushed and achieved.

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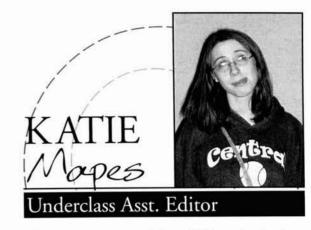
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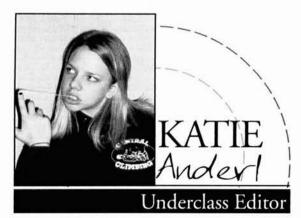
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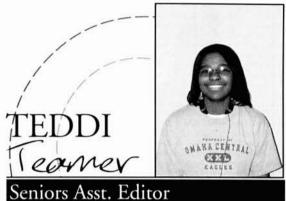
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Ashmo- What's up, Chief? I hope that you enjoyed kickin' it with me in Dallas. We actually had fun takin' pictures and travelin' downtown. You are very funny and I bet that you have jokes for days. I will be seein' you next year on staff and in the hallways. And I can't forget graduation. Thank you for the laughs, I'll see ya next year.

April- Thank you for the jokes. I wish you good luck next year. My soul sister stay strong.

I would like to thank the whole staff for working together and putting out a book we could be proud of.

Kim-Hey! Thank you for the laughs that we had in your Mom's car. Now I know that she doesn't like to drive in the dark.

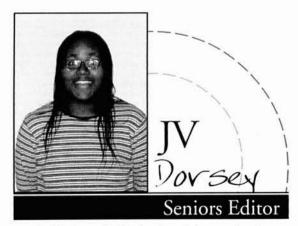
Erica- Hey! What's up? We've had some crazy times like Homecoming. That was fun! Thanks for having my back, ya know.

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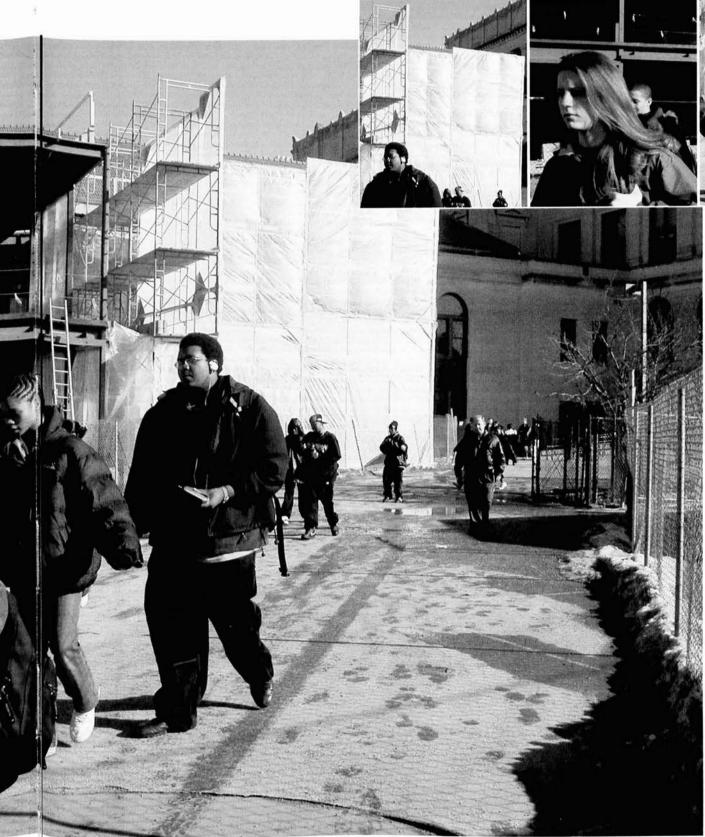


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When finally the months dwindled into days and days into hours, students slowly came to the bittersweet realization that another year had passed and they were that much closer to being released into the world on their own. As students left, construction workers prepared to move in and renovate the school. Just as the architects and contractors were restructuring the school, students were adding on to their own composition - expanding their knowledge, refining their personalities, building upon values and storing away countless memories. While no one could be certain what changes the future would bring upon them, one thing remained certain: not everything had come to an end. The blueprints of the year had been completedgrades earned, impressions made, friendships strengthened. However, the blueprints for the future remained to be drawn.







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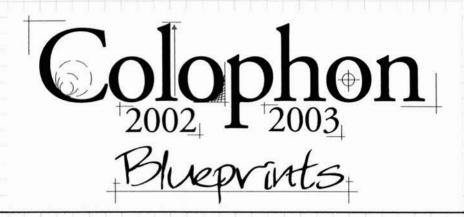
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