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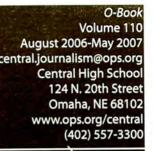
Focusing the Blur 2007 O-Book

In order to focus our attention about where we will be heading, we must first take a look back on where we have come from. Everything must be taken into perspective and made clearer by adjusting the lens through which we see things. With constant changes in Central from administration to new classes to new organizations, we can only appreciate the changes that were already made to help make Central the flagship school of Nebraska. With the largest student population in Nebraska and an effort toward diversity, excellence in all aspects helped define the goals and mission of the school and let us turn our eyes to the horizon to grasp the future.









Above. Stephen Morrow (12) and Jay Taylor (12) wait in anticipation for the start of the Homecoming Game against South High. On Friday, students dressed in purple and white to show their school spirit. Top (from left). Michael Cold (12) combs his hair on Flashback Day. Cold and a group of his friends dressed up as the "T-Birds" from the motion picture "Grease." Katherine Shuster (12) gets her face painted during the Senior Tailgate party before the football game against the Millard South High Patriots. Huong Vu (11) watches a golf ball in mid-air moments after hitting it. *Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm and Patrick O'Malley*.

freshmen: 952 sophomores: 605 juniors: 462

seniors: 416 students: 2435

teachers: 155 support staff: 81

Opening

The freshman who was the voice of an animated cartoon. The sophomore who participated in Pow Wows. The junior who acts with her mom. The senior who witnessed war first hand. The teacher who devotes her time to special needs students. The week of spirit. The first fire drill for freshman. The political elections. Every single moment, every single person made this year what it is. It is not just today that we must focus on, but also our past. From the first graduating class of Central to this year's graduating class, the people and moments in between have come to define this school and to bring recognition to this school. These facts from the past help us focus on who we were, who we are and who we want to be. We must focus on more than just the overall picture. We turn our eyes to the specifics. The random and specific events come together to make our past, our history. The continuation of this tradition of excellence helps us focus on our strengths. As high school passes by, it will blur together in our memories. We will focus on dressing the part. We will remember studying the books. We will relive playing the game. We will recall knowing the faces. We will be thankful for supporting the effort.

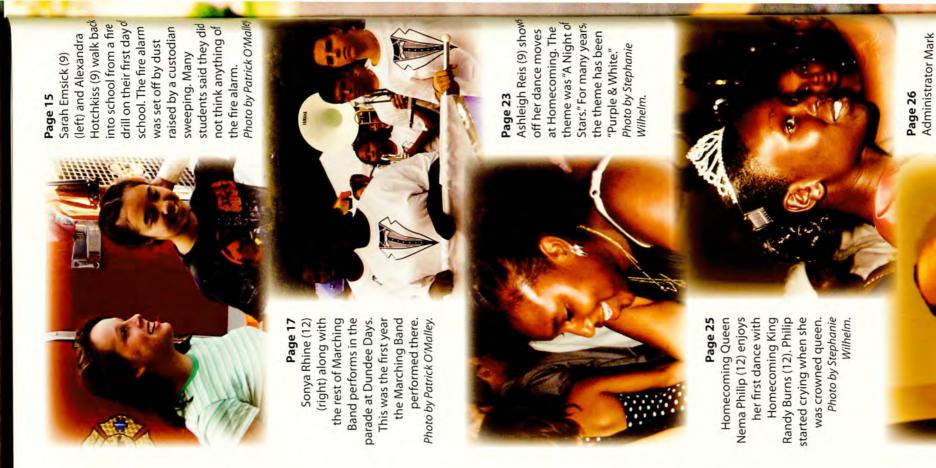
Student Life Focus

Central High School has many traditions from dances to academics to games. Central's traditions have changed throughout time. While we no longer have an all-girls party, we have a senior dance. What we like and remember today will change in the years to come, but we will always recall the unique times.



Joyce Jensen was honored in 1952 as Miss Central XVIII at the Domino Ball, the annual all-girls party, sponsored by Student Council. The senior girls counselor Miss Ruth Helene Pilling crowned Jensen. -0-Book 1952.

The Cotillion Ball began with a masquerade ball and was highlighted by a skit presented by the nine princesses. -*0-Book* 1953



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From picking the right outfit for the first day of high school to dressing uniformly for a band performance. From buying the right dress and shoes for a dance to dressing down to decorate the school to presenting a professional image. Everyday, each event required a new focus. Students expressed themselves in many different ways from spiky, colorful hair to bling. We remember dressing up for different themes for football games. We recall buying school memorabilia from the book store. We call to mind the strange and unique outfits for Spirit Week. What we wore expressed who we are, who we wanted to be seen as. We expressed our emotions through our clothing. We called attention to ourselves by our outfits.



he Speakers' Bureau elected as a mascot a large clam that was from the biology department. -*0-Book* 1926.

24 Hours

Everyone focused on different activities and interests. While no day was a typical day, there were a multitude of events that occurred every day.

1. 7:21 a.m. Nicholas Saitta (9) punches in his student number in order to receive breakfast. Breakfast was served for free every day from 6:55 a.m. to 7:25 am.

2. Elizabeth Rockwell (11) at 7:23 a.m. listens to Latin Club president Chloe Greguska (11) speak about upcoming events. Many activities took place before school, including zero hour classes.

3. After arriving at school, Ashleigh Barfield (9) at 7:26 a.m. places her books and belongings in her locker. She said after putting everything away she would walk around school.

4. 7:37 a.m. JROTC member James Palmer (11) (left) raises the flag. This morning there were some technical difficulties. Elvis Servellon (11) said they were able to temporary fix the problem by using string for the missing screw.

5. 8:30 a.m. Principal Greg Emmel gives the daily announcements over the intercom. He announced that Social Skills Day had been moved to the following week. He also warned about loading unsanctioned software into the school's computer system. Zakiya King (12) gave an announcement about the senior dance.

6. 8:32 a.m. Ashanté Ball (9) recites the Pledge of Allegiance in her homeroom. JROTC officer Mark Wilder (12) led the student body in the pledge over the intercom. Students were allowed to remain seated if they remained quiet during the pledge.

7.9:14 a.m. Kylan Ross (11) lifts weights in weight training class. A variety of students took this class, from athletes to nonathletes. Some students were able to increase their lifts by 200 pounds within eight weeks.

8. 9:30 a.m. Career counselor Rick Richards completes some paperwork. Every day a different response counselor was available for students to see without an appointment.

9. 9:35 a.m. Security aides Roy Johnson and Mike McWhorter watch the three side by the "C." There were some temporary and new security aides this year because security aide Russel Lane suffered a heart attack and could not return to work for several months. He returned in February.

10. Jasmyn Flowers (10) at 9:45 a.m. performs pull-ups in her gym class. Students had to take two years of gym class, four years of marching band or two years of JROTC in order to graduate.

11. 10:24 a.m. Eva Ledesma, seceratary, enters in students' attendance information into Student Administrator System of Information (SASI). Teachers took attendance on computers and if there was a substitute teacher, a printout was sent to the attendance office.

12.12:15 p.m. Security aide Joe Venditte watches the courtyard during lunch. He also patrolled hallways, watched security cameras and guarded the front desk.

13. 12:28 p.m. Nurse Jennifer Conahan verifies a student's medical reason for leaving. Students were required to have a pass to enter the nurse's office unless it was an emergency.

14.12:43 p.m. Kristina Uhland (11) (left) and Andrea Scarpello (11) decide what they want to eat for lunch. Students had the option of eating in the courtyard or the cafeteria. The cafeteria had more options and the courtyard tended to lean more toward cold food.

15. 12:47 p.m. Julie Willey, paraprofessional, asks a student what they wish to buy. The store sold everything from sweatshirts to theme paper.

16. 2:22 p.m. Amber Bless-Mixan (9) completes a biology assignment.

17. 2:27 p.m. Brian Barnett (12) who had early release works on homework. He was waiting for school to end so he could find one of his teachers.

18. 2:55 p.m. Andrew Shirley (10) (left) helps fold the flag. This was a daily ritual for JROTC members.

19. 3:05 p.m. Crystal Ramirez (12) (left) and Samantha Chesters (12) knit scarves for charity during Knitting/Crocheting Club. Experienced knitters helped teach their classmates who had never knitted before

20. 4:35 p.m. Custodian Ernie Redding vacuums a classroom. After school ended, custodians cleaned the school from top to bottom in preparation for the next day.

Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm, Patrick O'Malley, Jomarcell Nguyen, Karis Perry, Patrick Breen and Astrika Wilhelm.





STANDING OUT

Trends by nature go in and out of style. Many of today's trends were fashionable during the '70s and '80s. Students like to reflect on where these things came from and what they used to mean.

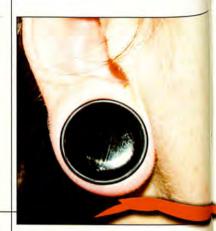
vintage shirts

These shirts have a retro theme. Popular ones come from concerts of bands like the Rolling Stones. Some shirts originally were \$10 and now sell for \$10,000.



gauging

Piercings have been around since ancient times. They've been a symbol of sociopolitical power and physical might. During the 1970s, ear piercings became common in America. Gauges range from small to very extreme sizes.



emo

Emo, short for "emotional," is a generalized musical term for some people. This movement is still around today due in part to the popularity of Saddle Creek artist Conor Oberst.



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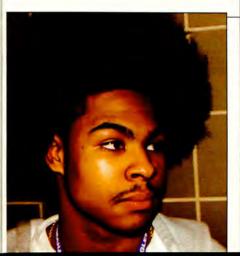


chucks

Chucks, a converse
basketball shoe, first came
out in 1917 and were made
popular by Charles "Chuck"
H. Taylor, a basketball player
for the Akron Firestones.
The originals were called
Converse All Star
"Chuck Taylors."



scarves



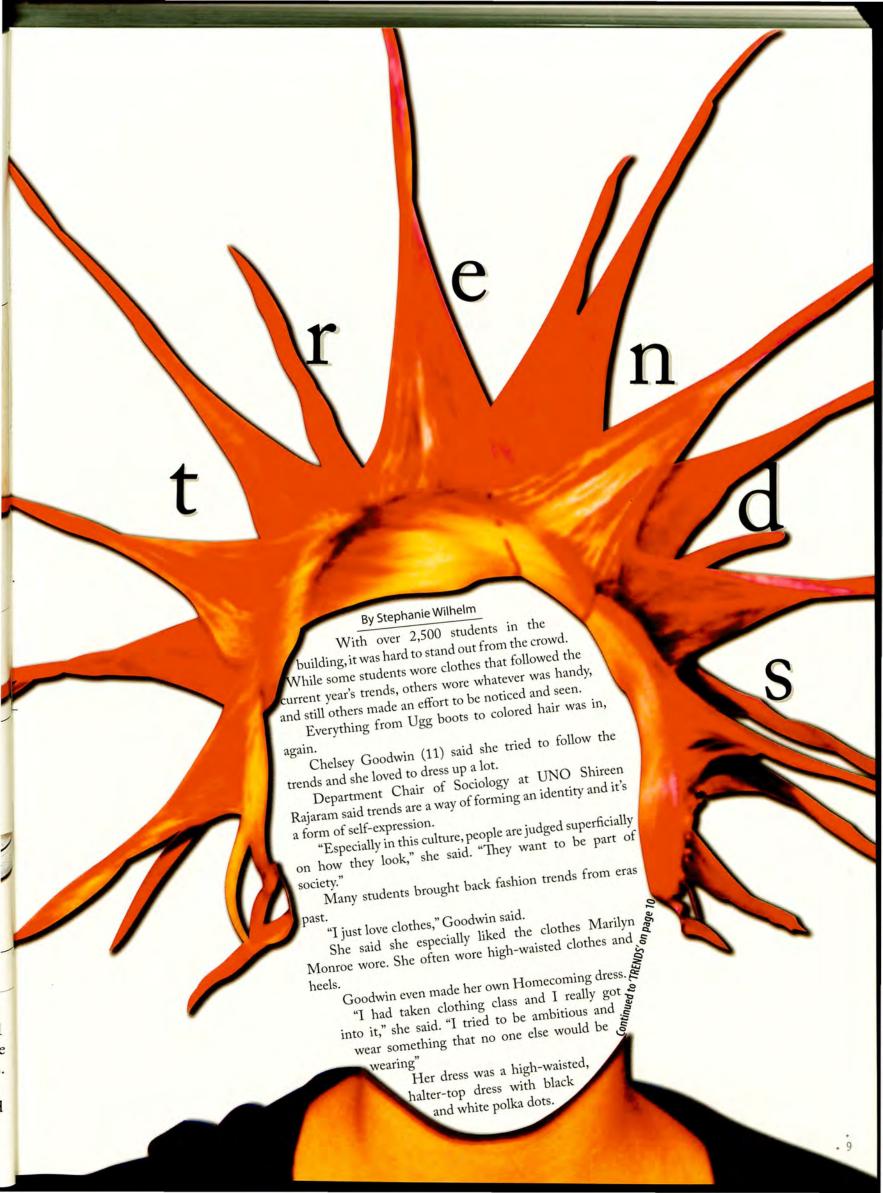
afros

Afros were popular in the '70s because they symbolized a shift away from a conservative peace movement of civil rights era to a more aggressive militant expression of Black power.



flats

Flats replaced high heels because they went with full skirts that were back in style and were more comfortable. Bold embellishments and vibrant colors distinguished different styles with flat kitten-heels.





dress with black and white polka dots. It was cool to be cheap. Many students shopped at thrift stores and waited for sales. Rajaram said different socioeconomic groups shop at thrift stores for different reasons. One reason wealthy students shop there she said could be because they wish to rebel against

"They want to stick it to them," Rajaram said. "The poor do it to emulate the "cool" rich kids." Other items that were in style included belted collar shirts and leggings.

"Almost all of my clothes is women's clothing except for a few pieces," Winslow Dumaine (10) said. "My makeup is burnt red, but I stopped wearing lipstick after I got facial hair."

Some students made an effort to be noticed.

"It makes jocks feel threatened because I appear gay. It makes gays feel insecure about themselves," Dumaine said. "It's mental intimidation."

Rajaram said clothing is a way of ascertaining independence and saying, "Here I am. This is who I am." She said peer pressure is a main reason students follow trends

"They want to differentiate themselves. Members of cliques feel compelled and try to fit it," she said. "The definition of trends is to come and go. Once they're in and everyone's wearing them, teens need a new way to differentiate themselves.

Trends weren't inclusive to fashion. Many students spent a lot of money to be up-to-date on technological trends. Students spent hours texting their friends before, during and after school. Some paid extra to have unlimited texting abilities, while others had a 10,000 message limit. Whatever the limit, students developed this skill to perfection in order to be called the Thumb Generation.

The T-Mobile 3 Sidekick is specifically designed for texting. It has a built in QWERTY keypad

""" The Discretion 3 (PS3)

and also included AIM (AOL Instant Messaging). Another new "toy" was the PlayStation 3 (PS3). It required students to stand in a line in order to be one of the few who could own one. Another trend in technology was the Nintendo Wii, a video game console that has a wireless controller.

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Technology trends were the newest and most expensive items on the market. Everything was about wireless and multiple uses. The Internet played a major role in connecting individuals through networking sites.

Canon

Canon PowerShot SD 600 is a light 6.0 megapixel camera with a 2.5 in. LCD screen. The small size made this product very portable and easy to use.



PSP

The PlayStation Portable is a handheld game console. It allows users to play video games, watch videos, listen to music and browse the Internet.



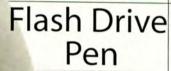
Stereo System

High-end audio installations include multiple-CD changers, amplifiers, crossovers, audio processors and mobile video.



YouTube

The site allows free video sharing. Users can upload, view, share and rate videos. Uploaded items are part of the public domain and therefore aren't copyrighted unless removed from the site.



This is a device used to store personal digital information. Many teens said they liked the flash drive that was also a pen.



RAZR

Motorola RAZR V3 is 13.99 mm thin, 53 mm wide (width of credit card) and 98 mm long. It utilizes Bluetooth technology, which is a wireless connection.



BlackBerry

This wireless handheld device sends e-mails, text messages and internet faxes. It also serves as a mobile telephone and has web browsing.



Wii

It is produced by Nintendo. It has a wireless controller that is a handheld point device that detects motion and rotation in 3D motion. It competed with the PS3.





Above. Aaron Smith-Shull (12), as Henry Higgins, sits down on the sofa in disgust after talking with Eliza. Higgins was a sexist womanizer and thought Eliza was despicable because of social class. Smith-Shull said he does not plan on pursuing acting as a career, but has enjoyed the theater department at Central. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Right. Smith-Shull sings "Hymn to Him" towards the end of Act 2. Another lead in the musical was performed by Sarah Potts (11) who had only been acting in plays and musicals for two years. "She has natural abilities and fit the part well," John Gibson, director, said. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.















Junior shows wide range in "My Fair Lady"

By Theresa Vacha

"Acting has always been something that I love to watch," Sarah Potts (11) said. "Ever since I was little, I would be drawn to the lights of the stage. I just never thought I could be on it."

Although Potts has always had a fondness for theater and music, she said she had no acting experience before entering as a chorus member on Central's stage last year.

"That had been the first time I had ever sang or acted in a play," she said. "It felt really awesome. I knew I had found something that was practically made for my style and hobbies."

It did not take long for that natural talent to shine through.

This year, she landed the role as Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady"

"When I saw my name on the list as Eliza," she said, "I absolutely freaked! I couldn't believe that I was the lead my junior year. It all happened so soon."

Fellow cast member Aaron Smith-Shull (12) said he was happy to be working opposite Potts.

"I didn't really want my role as Henry, but Sarah made it fun to act opposite her," he said. "She really brought the light of the play out for everyone to see and to make it easier for people to appreciate her role."

Potts said she had never dreamed of going into acting as a career, but after opening night, when she said she felt the full strength of the theater in her, she started to consider it.

"I don't expect to be famous or anything," Potts said. "But being on stage and acting as another person is incredibly rewarding."

Smith-Shull said he thinks there is more to life than just acting.

"I know that I would never do it," he said. "I used to think it would be all right until I realized that it doesn't give you everything you need."

One way or another, however, Potts was one of the key assets in the success of "My Fair Lady."

"I think they performed a very thorough adaptation to the play," Charles Hinkle, social studies department chair, said. "It is my personal favorite musical and I enjoyed watching it."

Other audience members shared the same feeling of accomplishment.

"I just tip my hat to anyone who can perform in front of people," Britney Macdonald (12) said. "I know I could never do that in a million years."

Potts said she received many compliments on her role after the play.

"I had people I didn't even know telling me good job," she said. "It felt like I was a celebrity or something."

Acting and singing were not the only efforts and rehearsals taking place daily in the auditorium.

"Sound was a bother for the audience, but we did everything we could to make sure it (the problems) stayed little," Janice Baker (12), the sound manager, said. "People don't realize how hard it is to do the sound. They take it for granted."

Baker said in many ways sound is what can make or break a performance.

"If it wasn't for Potts' loud voice," Baker said. "We would have been in big time trouble."

Opposite page (from left). During Act 2 second scene from the last, Henry's mom, Crystal Ramirez (12), and Eliza, Sarah Potts (11), talk about Eliza leaving Henry. Eliza needed a place to stay. Potts sings "Wouldn't it be lovely." Kendall Taylor (12) speaks with Eliza. Joseph Albright (12), a peasant, speaks to a group of flower girls and other peasants on the street. A peasant, along with others, surrounds Eliza when she's singing about her troubles. A servant of Higgins, Bonnie Cobb (10), along with other servants, rests on a couch in the very early morning after the ball ended. During the middle of Act 2, Matthew Waszak (12) sings "Get me to the Church on Time." Samuel Agree (12), meets Higgins for the first time. He sings "Why can't the English learn to speak." The servants sing together. Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm and Alexandria Hodge.



alay on first day

Freshmen adjust to high school on their own day

By Patrick O'Malley

One day before the student body started the school year, freshmen entered the building with fear and anxiety about their first day.

The year started off well for most of them, including Kye Adkisson.

"I was a little nervous and I thought I might get lost going to class," he said.

Adkisson attended Westside Middle School after spending his elementary school days at various Omaha Public Schools.

He said he was also a little nervous because he was returning to a school district where he didn't know many people.

Adkisson said some of his relatives who graduated from Central told him that it was a great school and he should consider attending. He then decided to give it a shot and liked what he saw.

"I like the diversity here," Adkisson said.

He said he liked how everyone was so unique and had different attitudes.

"After I started seeing people I knew and had friends in some of my classes," Adkisson said. "I started to not feel as nervous."

Director of Student Support Services Nita Merrigan-Potthoff said she and some other faculty members had a meeting prior to the start of school to determine how they wanted the day to unfold.

"We were trying to focus on making them feel like they were a part of the school," Merrigan-Potthoff said.

Two days prior to the first day for freshmen, an orientation was held for the new students and their families to prepare the students and let them have a feel for the school.

Samuel Philip (9) said during the orientation he kept on getting lost.

"I thought it (Central) was really big," he said.

Adkisson said he went with his mother to the orientation and she explained to him how everything worked.

"Afterwards, I looked at the schedule and I went to my classes," he said. "So I would know what an average school day would be like."

Philip said he was used to the public school atmosphere, but

was still intimidated to go to such a big high school.

"My sisters were telling me how many people were going to be there," he said. "Then I started to get nervous."

He said getting there and starting was the main concern.

After the first day, he would be able to adjust and find his way around.

"Before I came," Adrian Jerry (9) said. "I wasn't sure what would happen, but you get used to it."

Adkisson said although he was nervous at first, once he got to Central it just felt like school again.

"I just felt like I belonged there," he said.

Throughout the day, the teachers were around the halls directing the students to their classes.

"I kept asking the teachers for help," Philip said.

Adkisson said he felt all of the teachers were really nice about showing the students around.

Aside from the vast number of students, some students were also scared of their classes.

Philip said he was enrolled in five honors classes.

He said his family encouraged him to take as many honors courses as possible.

"It is scary to think of all the homework I'm going to have," he said.

Along with the honors classes, he said he was going to try out for cross country and basketball.

Adkisson said he was going to play on a hockey team with some other Central students.

During the middle of the day, a custodian swept some dust into the air and set off a fire alarm.

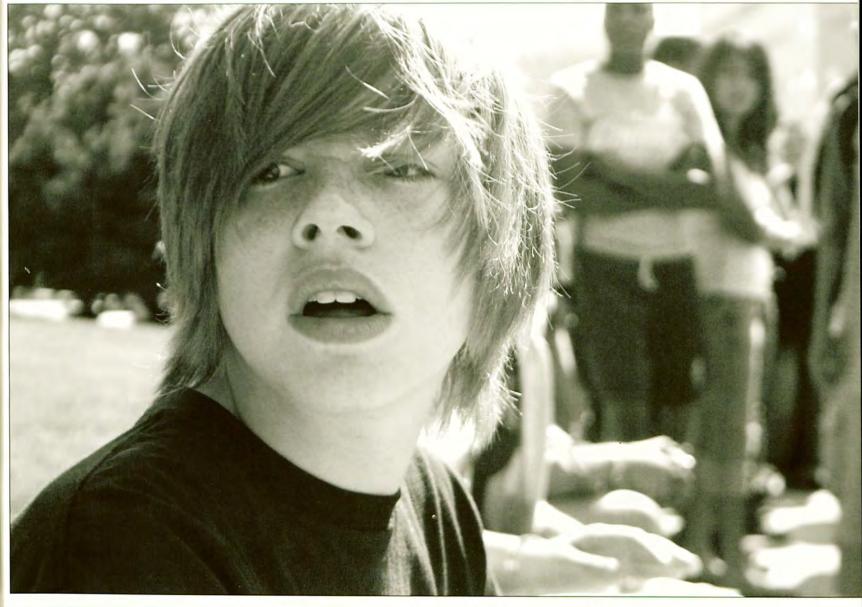
Philip said he didn't think anything of it once he heard what happened.

Adkisson said he thought it might have been real because he didn't think there would be a drill on the first day.

Philip said Central was not his first choice of schools. He said he wanted to go to Burke, but his family convinced him otherwise.

He said he was happy he did come here and planned on staying.







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Left. Rio Longoria (9), Sarah Emsick (9) and Alexandra Hotchkiss (9) walk back into the building after a fire drill on their first day of school. During the middle of the day, a custodian swept some dust into the air and set off a fire alarm. The freshmen started the year one day before the rest of the student body to introduce them to high school. Two days prior to their first day, an orientation was held for the new students and their families to prepare them and get a feel for the school. "We were trying to focus on making them feel like they were a part of the school," Director of Student Support Services Nita Merrigan-Potthoff said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Above. Kye Adkisson (9) sits outside of the front of the building during a fire drill on his first day of school. "I was a little nervous," Adkisson said. "And I thought I might get lost going to class." He said he made it through the day because he knew his way around the building from the orientation. "Afterwards, I looked at the schedule and I went to my classes so I would know what an average school day would be like," he said. He was also a little nervous because he was returning to a school district where he didn't know many people. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

marching to melodies

Band performs for first time at Dundee Days

By Patrick O'Malley

Many students and their families walked down Underwood Avenue during Dundee Days, an annual festival for people who live in the midtown Dundee area, every year to do a little shopping, eat pancakes, go on various rides, watch a parade or just see familiar faces.

The people who attended Dundee Days not only did all of that, but they were able to see a Central Alumni Association booth and the Marching Band perform the Central High School fight song for the first time at the festival.

Last year, Roy Katskee, who is a member of the Alumni Association, decided it would be a good idea to promote the school at Dundee Days.

Katskee said the Alumni Association had been talking of doing more public things and this was a great opportunity.

He said it was an easy process. He contacted the Dundee Merchants Association and requested space to set up a booth and they loved the idea because a few of them were alumni as well.

Katskee said after he got permission all that was left to do was pick out the clothing with Principal Greg Emmel, buy a tent and make a banner.

"It boils down to public relations," Katskee said. "We wanted it for the young families of the area."

Katskee said a unanimous decision was made to have the Marching Band perform during the parade.

"To have them come and have them march helps promote the school," Katskee said.

Music Department Head Pete Wilger said he was thrilled when he was asked.

"When he asked me" Wilger said. "I informed my band parents and they were very excited because some of them live in the area."

He said the band members were excited about it as well.

"I thought that it was a good idea because I live in this area and come up here every year," Martin Kaplan (12) said. "It gives the band something new and it is also something new for the people who come to Dundee Days."

Kaplan said he attended and watched the parade every year and he dreamed of being a part of it.

Wilger said they decided to perform the Central fight song because there was no better way to promote the school than the theme song.

"It shows our spirit as Central students," Kaplan said.

Clara Kincaid (9) said she lives a block away from where the festival took place so she attends every year.

"Usually, I meet up with friends and we listen to the music, hang out and shop," Kincaid said.

Matthew Cronin (12) said he had attended Dundee Days the past three years, but this time he went to help promote a politician.

"It was something to do and something worth doing," Cronin said.

He said after he was done marching, he sat on a bench to enjoy the weather and read a book.

Kincaid said she was happy to see Central as a part of Dundee Days and would like to see the school participate in the festival in the future.

"It was a smash success," he said.

Katskee said the Alumni Association would continue promoting the school at Dundee Days as long as there is an interest.

He said overall it went really well.

The association sold roughly half of the T-shirts it brought. Katskee also said he felt the band played well.

Wilger said he would like to play at the festival in the future.

"At this point," Wilger said. "We're playing because it was a positive experience."





Above. The Marching Band marches down 51st Street and Underwood Avenue. Many students were thrilled to play in the festival. "I thought that it was a good idea because I live in this area and come up here every year," Martin Kaplan (12) said. "It gives the band something new and it is also something new for the people who come to Dundee Days." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

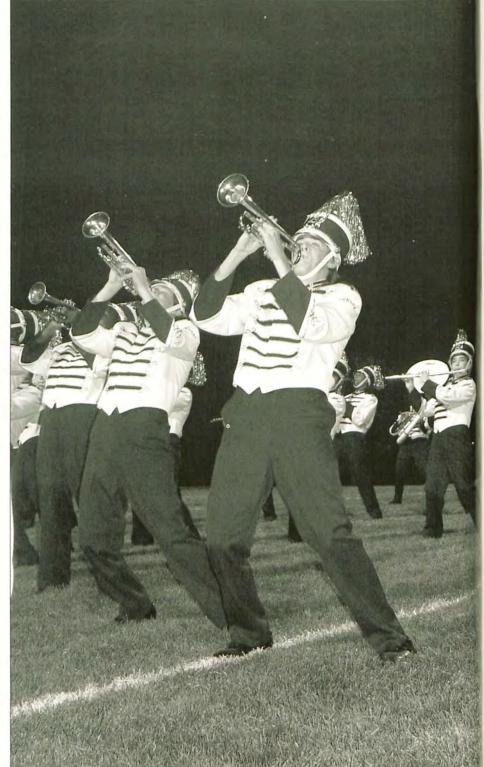
Left. Maury Pepper, member of the Alumni Association from the class of 1960, sells memorabilia to promote the school to families in the area. Pepper and Roy Katskee from the class of 1960 said having the band and Alumni Association there was a big success. He said they would continue to be a part of Dundee Days as long as there is an interest. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Kevin Mitchell (11) plays the trumpet with the rest of the marching band during its performance in the Omaha Marching Exhibition. The band played the "007" theme. This was in preparation for the Omaha Marching Invitation, which was held two weeks later. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Bottom. Jordan Lee (9) despite a leg injury plays the saxophone from a seat in front of the band. Practice started during the summer. It was also held during zero hour and every Tuesday night. "All the details make a difference," band director Pete Wilger said. "You have to work at it to become better." Photo by Patrick Breen.

Below. Benjamin Brich (11) plays the drums during the performance. Wilger said preparations for the competition began early in the year. The goal was to earn a Division One rating. *Photo by Patrick Breen*.







Music department head Noyes N. Bartholomew graduated from the American Conservatory of Music. -*O-Book* 1

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Marching band sparkles on the field of battle

By Patrick Breen

With a flourish, the majestic fanfare of trumpets filled the stadium. Like a well-oiled machine, the tight ranks of the band split and formed precise visuals in time with the music, instruments held high towards the audience.

Each person in the crowd already had his favorite band chosen. Parents awaited the start of the music and anticipated when their child would march onto that humongous football field.

The Omaha Marching Exhibition (OME) was held on Oct. 3 at Northwest's football stadium. The exhibition was the first chance the bands received to watch others perform. It was an opportunity for preparation before the competition, which would come less than two weeks afterwards.

Though bands were not graded at OME, they met with clinicians or judges after their performances to get advice on how to improve their shows and make last-minute adjustments. This advice would come in handy when implemented at the next marching event.

Band director Pete Wilger said preparations for the competitions and exhibitions began in early spring. He said that was when band members and teachers first saw the talent the relatively inexperienced group had.

"It's only our second year of marching since the renovations," Wilger said.

The band competed in non-marching competitions during renovations, but had to give up marching band. The four-year gap left the group with no returning students with any marching experience.

The band overcame that obstacle last year, however, when Seemann Stadium opened. The band got its field back and with it the chance to truly learn what it means to be a marching band, from the fast-paced music to difficult steps and visuals such as horn flashes.

The band entered its second year, hoping to build with every rehearsal.

"We're starting off well," Wilger said.

He said playing in the marching band is similar to playing sports, if not harder.

"In some ways, it's more difficult than a sport," he said. "There are no timeouts. It's a continuous environment and very much a momentary art. You can't ask to play a section over."

Central performed first at OME last year, but performed last this year. As the Eagles' performance concluded, they were met with thunderous applause and shrieking cheers for the show, which was filled with tunes from James Bond films, including the Bond theme song and "Goldfinger."

The crowd's enthusiastic reaction to Central rivaled the earlier applause for Omaha Burke's band, which played music from the film "Footloose."

The band practiced hard during the following two weeks before

competition in the Omaha Marching Invitational (OMI) at one of the strongest band schools in the district, Burke.

OMI, like OME, showcased schools from OPS, Bellevue and District 66. All schools came with hopes of earning a coveted Division One rating.

After a strong showing from all, the band directors and drum majors were called down to the sidelines and presented with their ratings. Central, like many of the other schools, was awarded a Two

Saxophonist Alexandra Greene (10) said the ranking was good, but the band could have done better. She said the band practiced a lot for the competitions, which were difficult.

"They're pretty tough," she said, "but still real fun. The hardest part is just trying to keep the count during the song."

Drummer Benjamin Brich (11) said the band practiced hard, always striving to be the best it could be. Band camp was held at Central over the summer so new students could learn and upperclassmen could get used to marching and playing in formation again. Once school began, zero hour rehearsals were held most days of the week and the band practiced together every Tuesday night for around three hours.

"It takes a lot of practice," Greene said.

Brich said the band did well, but could always improve. He also said he didn't like being beaten by other schools.

"It always feels better to beat everyone else," he said.

To become the best, Wilger said it is necessary to focus on smaller aspects of marching or playing which can often be the most important. Practicing marching in unison, accuracy of notes and overall sound quality are important as well, but small things like smiles and uniforms can make or break a band.

"All the details make a difference," Wilger said. "You have to work at it to become better."

At every home game, the pep band played during timeouts and at the end of quarters. Then at halftime, the band marched to the middle of the field and entertained the crowd with its show, which evolved throughout the season.

The extra experience received from playing in front of an audience on a full-sized field helped the band prepare for competition.

Brich said the choreography, all of which was designed specifically for Central, also helped keep the students involved and interested in the music, just as it kept the audiences at games and competitions entertained.

Greene said OMI was the last marching event of the year for Central, but the band will continue to improve its marching and playing, always getting ready for next year.

"We can definitely improve," she said.

The band will also play in non-marching competitions, with eyes all the time on a Division One rating for 2007-2008.

The first annual Purple and White Week was sponsored in 1920 by the Hi-Y Club and the Girls Student Club.-Annual 1920 • 🔀

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Cheerleader Allison Koehler (10)
helps decorate the sophomore
section of the courtyard for Spirit
Week. Each side of the courtyard
had a different personality and
accessories. Cheerleaders were also
responsible for setting up the gym
for the Homecoming Dance.
Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.



Jaime Gustafson (12) shows her Chicago Bears team spirit on Sports Team Day. This was the first day of Spirit Week which lasted only four days. The cheerleaders and their sponsor Jane Luethge chose the themes for Spirit Week. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

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Kevin Rooney (12) carries around the Ten Commandments with him to accessorize his Moses costume. He said he chose this outfit because it was about as far back in history that he could flash back to. Other students dressed in Roman togas, while some dressed in more modern outfits.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





Edward Pierce (10) displays his pimp outfit for Hollywood Day. "I wanted to dress up like Money Mike," Pierce said. "He is funny and I like to joke around and be funny." Hollywood Day reflected the theme of the Homecoming Dance which was "A Night of Stars." Photo by Karis Perry.

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Kevin Wells (9) sits in the courtyard during lunch on Purple and White Day, the last day of Spirit Week. Students painted their faces and bodies purple and white, wore glitter and purple sunglasses along with other accessories. Photo by Patrick Breen.





Varsity cheerleader Rashele Sharkey (12) decides how to hang the streamers in the entry to the Homecoming Dance. The cheerleaders' moms also helped out with decorating. Head Varsity Cheerleader Brittney Ruffin (12) said the cheerleaders went through design books for ideas. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Though
there were only four
days of dressing up like your
favorite sports athlete, Hollywood star,
or dressing up in your parents' old clothes
from the 1960s, many students were able to use
their creativity.

"I went as far as to get my hair cut for Flashback Day," Senior Class President Mark Arehart said.

He said Flashback Day was the one day of the week he was looking forward to the most and he found interesting clothes along the way.

He said one day over the course of summer vacation last year he was at a thrift shop and found a letter sweater from Omaha High School for \$20.

He said he found one of his dad's old suits and decided

"I just wore a suit and wanted to look fly, and I wanted to show school spirit in a different way," Arehart said.

He said he also told everyone who asked what he was, that he was a salesman from the '50s.

"It's a little uncomfortable," he said. "I enjoyed it."

Dustin Ziesel (12) said he enjoyed Flashback Day because he and some of his friends dressed up as characters from the motion picture "Grease."

He said he was thrilled when one of his friends brought up the idea.

"I went home and got my dad's leather jacket," Ziesel said.

He said he and his buddies went to his house the night before to watch the movie and get into character.

He said staying in character the whole day was hard to do.

"I had to really flash it back to the '70s and '80s," Ziesel said.

Brittney Ruffin (12), captain of varsity cheerleading, said she was in charge of organizing Spirit Week and did not run into many problems.

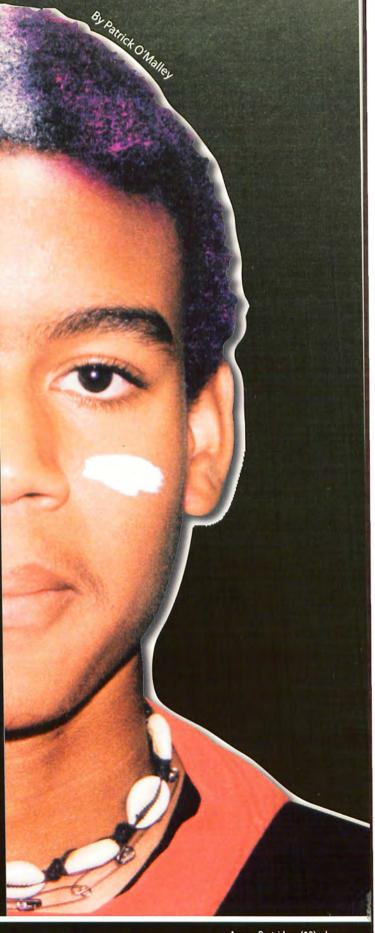
She said Spirit Week was something that the cheerleading squad put on during the school week prior to Homecoming.

"It lets everyone go out of their own character and be somebody else," she said.

Ruffin said she had to sit down with Jane Luethge, head coach of varsity cheerleading and Pom Squad, and decide what they were going to plan for the week.

"We came up with those four: Sports Team Day, Flashback Day, Hollywood Day and Purple and White Day," Ruffin said.

She said they wanted to do something different from previous years so they inserted Hollywood Day.



WEEK

Aaron Partridge (10) shows off his school spirit during Purple and White Day. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.



Homecoming changes aim to involve more students

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"A Night of Stars" had three changes. Administrators enforced a no-heels rule, there was a new theme and the running for Homecoming Court was opened up to students in any school-sponsored activity.

Captain of Varsity Cheerleading Brittney Ruffin (12) said the theme of Homecoming in the past had always been Purple & White

She said there were five senior cheerleaders this year and they wanted to make it special, so they decided to choose a different theme.

"A Night of Stars" was the theme the cheerleaders decided on.

For decorations, Ruffin said they went through books for ideas and Jane Luethge, cheerleading sponsor, bought the materials for it.

The cheerleaders set up the decorations for Homecoming on Saturday morning.

"The nominees represented who Central is," Assistant Principal Dionne Kirksey said. "You always hear about the diversity at Central and just looking at the court on the stage, you could see it from what they were involved in."

Kirksey said the administrators had been talking last year and they did not want to limit which students could run. She said they opened it up to get more students involved.

She said the nominees represented a great cross-section of Central. She said once she saw who was on court, she knew whoever won would be a surprise.

Jane Hartig (12) said she had no idea who would win for king,

but she thought Harland Gunn (12) had a good chance.

"It was like a Miss America contest," Kirksey said. "The voting this year was a hard decision for the students."

She said she was pleased with the people who ran.

The couples for Homecoming Court were: Dominique Barfiel (12) and Randy Burns (12), Alexandra Herskind (12) and Alexande Freed (12), Bridgette Hines (12) and Harland Gunn (12), Elisabet Garvin (12) and Jared Dittman (12), Nema Philip (12) and Trevo Moore (12), Brittney Ruffin (12) and Peter Rafferty (12), Rashel Sharkey (12) and Justin Valentine (12).

Kirksey said she didn't hear any complaints from the student this year about the choices.

Homecoming Queen Nema Philip (12) said there were man deserving people on court and she would've been happy for them they won.

She said she ran because she thought it would be a good experience and "really cool."

Hartig said she hoped Philip would win because she deserved if She said she was happy when Philip did win because a lot of senior liked her and she was a well-rounded person.

"I hoped people would realize it is not a popularity contest," Hartlesaid. "When I heard everyone cheering for her at the Homecomin Game, I knew she could win."

Philip said she was in good company and it was a close race.

"I was really excited and shocked and I just cried. I just couldn

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Left. Ashleigh Reis (9) (right) shows off her dance moves. Students requested their favorite songs from the DJ. Girls had to take off her heels, so they wouldn't damage the floor. Jane Hartig (12) said she understood why the administration did that, but she did not agree with it after her toes had been stepped on several times. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Opposite page bottom (from left). Cheerleader Alexandra Herskind (12) decorates the courtyard for Spirit Week. Mark Arehart (12) shows off his 1950s car salesman outfit on Flashback Day. Also on the same day, Kenneth Fischer (12) pretends to be a cowboy. Christopher Miller (12) attends classes as a Viking. Jennifer Baratta (11) models her Hollywood diva outfit during Hollywood Day. Matthew Cronin (12) studies in his class as a Power Ranger. Brenton Donaldson (12) shows off his team spirit for the Huskers on Sports Team Day. Stephen Morrow (12) and Rachel Newberry (12) show off their 1950s high school outfit to their English class. Gary Fowler (9) completes his homework as a troll during Flashback Day. Katie Johnson (11) steps off a ladder after hanging up signs on the junior side of the courtyard for Spirit Week.

Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm, Patrick O'Malley and Karis Perry.



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believe it," Philip said.

She said the night was amazing.

"I was excited. I didn't think I was going to win," Homecoming King Randy Burns (12) said. "I thought Harland would because he's more popular."

Both Philip and Burns said they felt it was the best homecoming of them all.

"It was one of the best nights of my life," Philip said. "I couldn't ask for a better night."

She said she understood the no-heels rule because the gym floor was new floor. She said it wasn't a big deal for her.

Kirksey said the administration had a no-heels rule because the heels could damage the floor.

She said she talked to the administrators at South High School about their homecoming procedures.

At South, the students can't wear their heels on the floor either and they used paper bags there.

Each person or group had their own paper bag to put their shoes in.

The bags were numbered and this number was written on the student's hand.

Kirksey said she had announced it enough so she didn't have any complaints.

Hartig said she was all for no heels until at the dance boys with shoes stepped on her toes.

"They tell the girls no shoes. It should be no shoes for everyone," Hartig said. "My feet were stepped on so much and the floor was wet and dirty."

Kirksey said there were no problems and only one pair of shoes wasn't picked up.

"It worked sweet. Compared to last year, it was flawless," Kirksey said. "There was a shoe fiasco last year."

Ruffin said it was kind of a pain not to wear the shoes she bought to go with her dress, but most girls took off theirs shoes anyways.

Kirksey said the girls usually wear heels and hurt their feet, so most of them took off their shoes anyways.

She said her system with the gate and numbering went well.

Only shoes were checked in, Kirksey said, because she didn't want to be responsible for purses, sweaters, etc.

Hartig said it was smart of the administration only to check shoes in.

She said she only brought in her keys and camera.

She left her shoes in her car because she didn't want the problems associated with bringing in other items to check.

Overall, Kirksey said the night went really well.

She said students looked like they had a good time. There were no problems or drama.

She said she had more tables set up to check people in. Each year it goes better and better.

Hartig said she had a lot of fun and it was more organized than before.

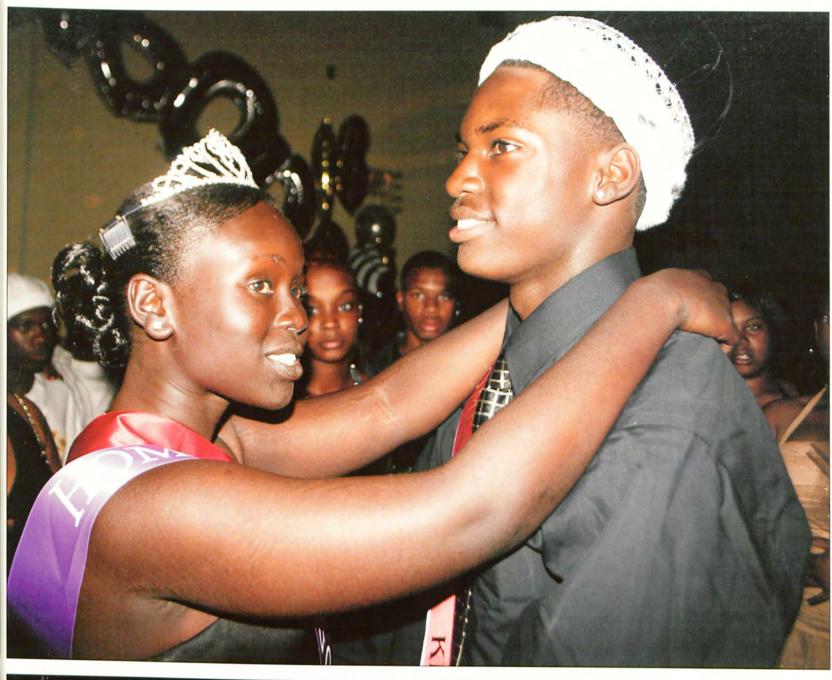


Above. Cheerleader Michelle Negrete (11) rallies the crowd during the Homecoming Game. Some favorite cheers with the crowd included "Do It," "Let's Fired Up" and "Clap Your Hands and Stomp Your Feet." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Left (from top). John Johnson (11) cheers at the Homecoming Game checkered in purple and white. Aja Anderson and D.J. Jones, 2006 alumni, walk do the auditorium aisle with the crowns for this year's Homecoming King and Queen. Noelle Fisher (9) (right) and her friend Maryshia Brown (9) from Papili High School make facial expressions over a remark. Many students chose to go in groups with friends instead of with a date. Alexandra Herskind (12) (le congratulates Homecoming King Randy Burns (12). *Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm*.









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Left. Cheryl Allen (9) (left) searches with a friend through the DJ's song collection to make a request. Many of the songs played were fastpaced which energized the students. One of the crowd favorites was "Chain Hang Low" by Jibbs. The administration tried to involve more students by allowing seniors involved in any school activity or organization to run for Homecoming Court. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Above. Homecoming Queen Nema Philip (12) and Homecoming King Randy Burns (12) share their first dance together after the crowning. Both Philip and Burns said they felt this was the best homecoming ever. "It was one of the best nights of my life," Philip said. "I couldn't ask for a better night." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Positive outlook on IDs introduced

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"I can turn my ID into a choker," Corey McDaniel (9) said.

Dean of Students Mark Smith said his biggest hope was to have a larger percentage of students wearing the IDs regularly.

"The basis is safety and security," Smith said. "And that only works if people wear them."

He said the administration learned if they attached IDs to privileges like hall passes and the lunch line rather than consequences, it made more people want to wear them.

"We also learned that it would take some time to have everyone used to them, especially seniors and juniors. More people seem willing to wear them," Smith said. "It'll take some time for people to realize it's just what we're going to do."

Jenelle Smithberg (9) said she was surprised when she heard she would have to wear an ID.

Smith said he didn't pay attention at the beginning to which classes were and weren't wearing them.

Overall, Smith said he believed more people were wearing them, although he wasn't sure if more seniors were wearing them this year.

Smith said the administration wanted IDs to be visible while students were in the building.

He said if the ID was in the student's pocket and the student asked for a pass, the teacher might not give that student a pass.

It all came back to privileges.

"They're a hassle and distraction," Smithberg said. "I play with them in class and don't pay attention."

Smith said the administration encouraged teachers to help out.

The teachers were told at staff meetings and an email was sent to all teachers about privileges and what they could take away.

He said if a student refused to wear the ID over and over again after the administration tried working with that student, then there would be consequences the same as if he had refused to do something else.

"There are probably a few teachers who won't think about it or forget about it," Smith said. "Then the kids who aren't wearing the IDs will get a pass any ways."

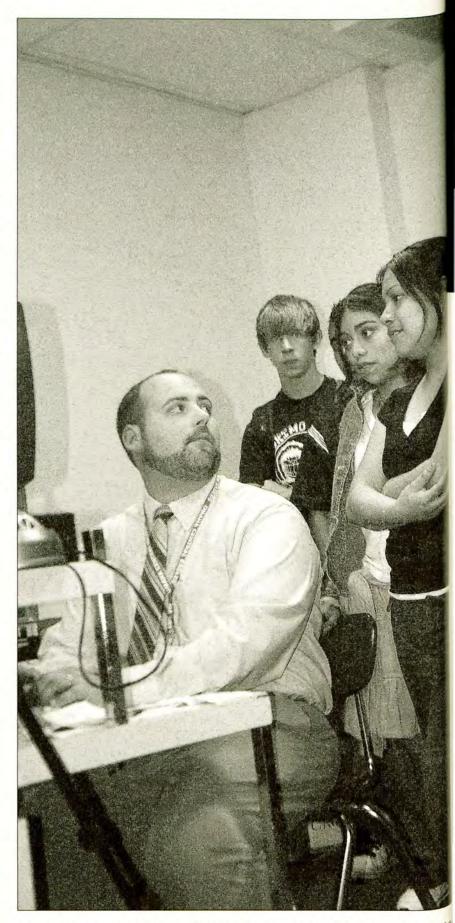
He said the biggest problem was trying to get the IDs out as quickly as possible.

Last year, it took over a month. This year most people had their IDs within three weeks.

"We debated over the summer whether to use the same photo as last year," Smith said. "We decided to use the pictures from last year because we wanted the IDs out as fast as possible. It was for efficiency."

He said there was an announcement in the newsletter that there were three days in the summer students could have their photo retaken.

"The asterisk on some of the cards is just a typo," Smith said. "We put an asterisk by the names of pictures we had already taken and we didn't catch some of them. There aren't too many out with it though."



Dean of Students Mark Smith asks a student her student ID number and name. Smith said some freshmen place were taken during Freshmen Orientation. Others came in during the summer and the rest were taken during first weeks of the school year. Freshmen came to the conference room to have their ID picture taken. Smith there was an announcement in the circular about the dates students could have their pictures taken before and school. Students were told to go on a specific day based on their last name. He said for those who didn't come administrators sent passes to their study halls or even classes to get them. *Photo by Bob Al-Greene*.

Clubs & Academics Focus

Central High School has many organizations from JROTC to Breakdancing Club to National Honor Society. Central's organizations and classes have changed throughout time. While we no longer have a Lininger Red Cross Society, we have a Bridge Club. What we enjoy doing and studying today will change in the years to come, but we will always recall the one-of-a-kind moments.

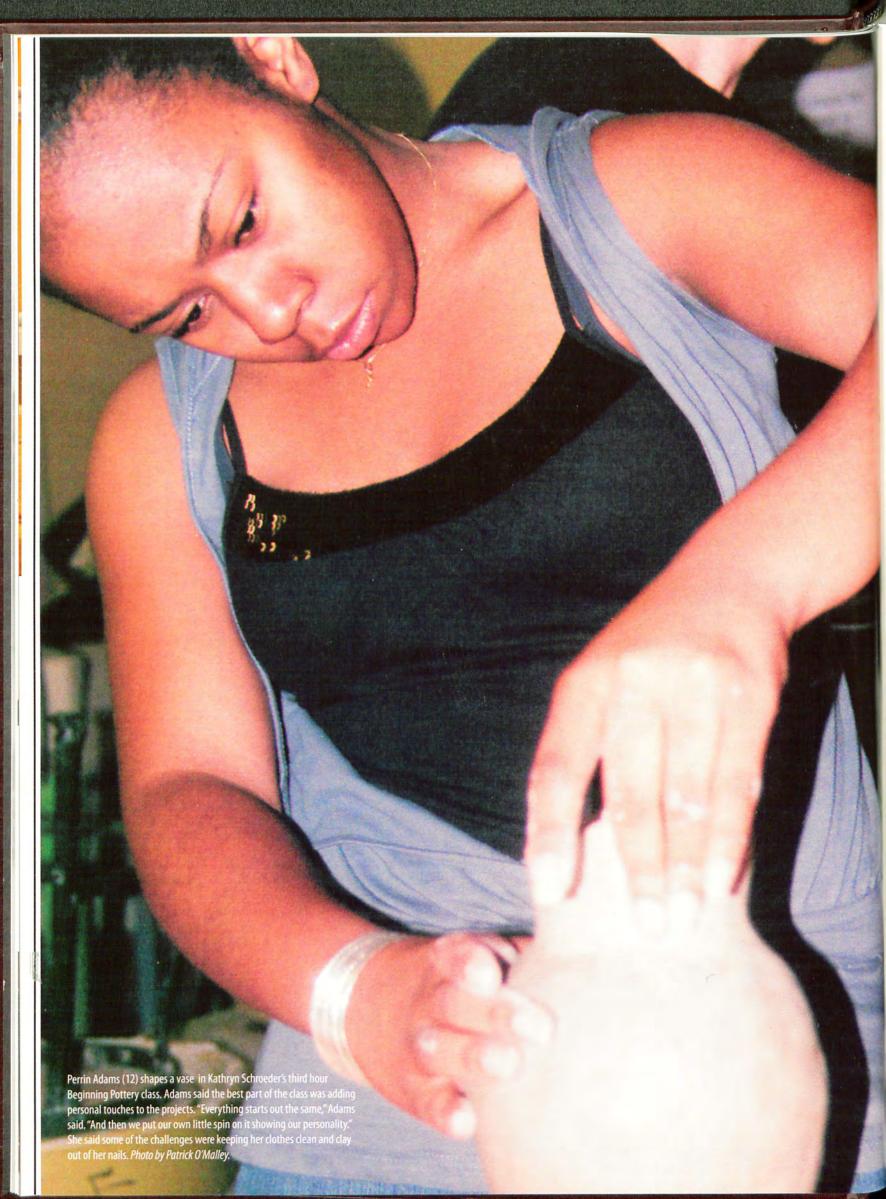


Harrison Peddie (right) was promoted at the annual military ball to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. His chosen lady was Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Cris Mastos (left). The ball was held in the Peony Park ballroom.

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The Central Cadet Regiment was organized in 1893 and was composed of a battalion of four companies. -*0-Book* 1953

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Mandarin Chinese
teacher Shu-Fen Chien
spends time reviewing
students' grades. Chien
said she came to the
United States because
she wanted to study
here. This was Chien's
first year in Nebraska.
Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

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Kathryn Humphreys
(11) plays "Dance Dance
Revolution." The
members of the
club brought in their
personal DDR mats for
meetings. They played
by using a TV and a PS2.
Photo by Karis Perry.







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Nicole Roberts (12)
shows her art to a
representative from
a design school in
New York. Not many
students were able to
travel to this school so
many said this was a
great opportunity to
learn about it.
Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



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E-Science Student
Danniel Ciembor (11)
drills a hole in his
group's slingshot for
the class. E-Science
had several handson projects that
required time to work
on them. Students
had to compete in a
competition for a grade.
Photo by Jomarcell
Nyguen.

PSAT to ACT to AP exams. We recall buying expensive equipment for our hobbies, including video gaming. We call to mind the laughs in our classroom from the dumb question to a strange idea like the String Theory. What we studied, expressed who we were and who we to become. We expressed our desires through our classes and activities.

developing art technique for the future to mastering manual work in a hands-on class. Everyday, each task required a new skill. Students decided their future by studying and developing the skills they needed to achieve what they wanted. We remember studying hard for the

From learning a new language to following instructions on a TV screen for entertainment. From reading musical notes for a game to

International Languages

Department Head Beverly Fellman Other Teachers

Jane Boeka Shu-Fen Chien Enrique Garcia Melissa Kuskie Kristin Lawton Alfonso Lopez Erica Meyer Rita Ryan Marta Serrano Jeffrey Sill Jim Tripp

Courses Offered

Mandarin Chinese

Students became aware of the personal and economic opportunities Chinese may bring to them.

German 1-AP

Students learned basic skills, writing and even had conversations in AP classes.

French 1-AP

Students read from French literature and authentic material.

Latin 1-8

Students translated Latin stories and learned about Roman and Greek history.

Spanish 1-AP

Students taking Spanish learned about the culture and emphasis was placed on oral proficiency skills. In higher classes, students enhanced their oral proficiency.

Conversational Spanish

This course stressed interactive oral proficiency in order to develop survival skills in Spanish.

Spanish Speakers

Students taking this class developed language skills that will serve as a career asset when entering the work force.

Word Study

This college preparatory class examined Latin and Greek roots of words.

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Mandarin Chinese class offered for first time

By Patrick O'Malley

Mandarin Chinese was the only class in which students were able to draw the language as opposed to writing out the words.

"There is a huge demand nationwide for Chinese and we wanted to meet that demand," Beverly Fellman, International Language department head, said.

Fellman said Central was the second school in Nebraska to offer the course. Lincoln High School already offers it to its students.

She said there was an Advanced Placement exam for students to receive college credit for Chinese that went into effect in 2007.

"There are more than three languages in China," Chinese teacher Shu-Fen Chien said. "But because it is a united nation, it picks one

language, which is Mandarin Chinese."

Fellman said there were many reasons she felt the class would be important for students to take.

"I signed up because I feel the Chinese language is going to be extremely necessary in the future," Zachary Pope (12) said.

He said he was intimidated at first and thought it was going to be tough, but he was up for the challenge.

"I think kids need a challenge," Pope said.

He said he thought it was going to be crucial to know the language because China was a very influential country and the United States does vast amounts of business with China.

"In the future, the mastery of the Chinese language will be very important for political and economical reasons," Fellman said.

She said department members had been planning on adding the course once they started to see China rise as an economic power.

"This is a new program, so I think that is a challenge," Chien said.

She said she wanted to challenge her students and she didn't think it would be a problem despite the difficulty of the language.

"It is a highly disciplined language to learn becauthey learn characters not letters," Fellman said.

She said she was not expecting the students to as well as they did.

"Their pronunciation is better than what thought and they practice outside of the classroom Chien said.

She said she focused heavily on the cultural asport of China.

"I'll teach them Chinese holidays and the relationship between Taiwan and China and the lives," Chien said.

She said she planned on developing her student reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

One way she wanted to improve their skills was by having the student contact someone from China out the Internet.

"I wanted the students to hat a pen pal in China to share the cultures," Chien said.

She said because it was the fit year, she only had two introductor classes. She said she would like build up the program and eventually had more teachers for more classes.

Chien said she decided come to America because sh wanted to experience a different culture. She said she attended Cloud Minnesota State Universit

because she had never seen sno before.

Chien said she always wanted to be teacher and she loved working with kids all ages.

During her interviewing process, she said ⁵⁰ heard Central's standardized test scores and that what made her want to teach here.

"We feel very fortunate we have a highly experienced teacher," Fellman said.

Pope said he was happy he was learning about the culture from a person who had experienced it.

"I'm really enthused that the teacher is from China," Pope said.

Pope said he was sad he could only take the clast one year.

"It's my senior year and I can't advance," Pop said. "I can only be introduced."



This is the Chinese character that represents "father." When writing characters, the typical form is to write from top to bottom.





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Above. Hearah Ballenger (9) goes over her missing assignments with Shu-Fen Chien, teacher of the new Mandarin Chinese course. "I wanted to learn a second language that no one really understands," Ballenger said. "And it's becoming popular." International Languages Department Head Beverly Fellman said there is an Advanced Placement exam for students to receive college credit for Mandarin Chinese. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Left. Chien writes examples of different tones in Mandarin out on the chalkboard. She said since it was only the first year, she only had two introductory classes. She said she would like to build up the program and eventually have more teachers for more classes. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Making Music

Is it harder to play music at a concert or memorize the steps and music for marching? Why?



"The steps because it's complex. We are outside; it's cold. You're not thinking straight."

-Erika Koenig (10)



"Memorizing steps. Usually when we're doing it, we're under a lot of pressure and a game is coming up. It's hot outside. We're tired. I'm in Flags. A lot of people are counting on you, but it's worth it.

-Janice Baker (12)



"The marching is harder because it's hard to keep everyone together."

-Scarlett Blake (11)



"I think putting them both together is where it gets hard."

-Devan Hardy (11)



Lewis and Clark band member Abby Mandell (8) plays the clarinet in Seemann Stadium at the middle school band night during halftime of the value football game against Omaha South. This annual event allowed area eighth graders to see what it would be like to play in the band at a high solution. Music department head Pete Wilger said the main goal of the event was to encourage eighth graders to continue music in high school. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

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Students get a taste of Eagle territory

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Eighth grade band members had a chance to perform at Central's Homecoming game during halftime.

"It sounded like fun. I wanted to see what it would be like to be in a marching band," Lewis and Clark band member Abby Mandell

Lonzale Ramsey (12) said the night went well and everything came together in a good

He said the marching band basically showed the eighth graders how to perform at the high school level. The night was designed to make them feel welcomed.

Pete Wilger, music department head, said the event was mainly to encourage eighth graders to consider music in high school.

He said there is a considerable amount of middle school band members who don't continue in high school.

A secondary goal Wilger said was to make the students interested in Central's music department.

He said he didn't ask if they're going to another school. He said if they happened to be coming to Central, then they could get a feel for it.

Ramsey said the eighth graders had never practiced with the band before.

The eighth graders watched the opening and the first half of the game in the bleachers in the band section.

Sonya Rhine (12) said the eighth graders were extremely excited while they were waiting in the bleachers.

"They were hyper and talking to all of their friends," Rhine said.

Then they came down to the field during halftime. They waited on the sidelines until they played their piece.

"They were pretty happy to be there and really liked it," Ramsey said.

Rhine said the marching band received positive feedback about the night.

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chool.

Wilger said the night went very well and there was a nice turnout. There were about 25 eighth grade band members.

Mandell said she expected to have fun and have a great experience.

"I was a tad bit nervous, but I got over it," Mandell said. "It felt new. We weren't used to it."

Lewis and Clark band member Jack Folsom said he thought the night would be

He said he had never been to Central before and wanted to see what it was like.

Folsom also said he wanted to play at a football game.

Ramsey said the eighth graders seemed very involved and interested.

Mandell said her band teacher told her about the night and all she had to do was get a permission slip signed.

She said many of her friends from Lewis and Clark came to the event and there were a couple of students from Norris Middle School who played for the event.

The eighth graders performed "El Gato" with the Marching Band.

"It's a fun and an upbeat piece," Mandell said. "We've been practicing it for about two months."

Ramsey said the piece was a fun and easy one for the eighth graders to play.

She said the best part was playing in front of such a large crowd.

The worst part Mandell said was she was used to playing in a small room.

"We couldn't hear ourselves outside. It was a bit awkward," she said. "In the end, we played louder and it worked out."

Wilger said Central invited students from its main feeder schools, Norris and Lewis and Clark Middle Schools. He said some students were from Beveridge and some private middle schools because they had an older sibling in the marching band.

Department Head Pete Wilger

Other Teachers

Lyn Bouma Colin Brown Tom Cosby Molly Moriarty

Courses Offered

Concert Band

Students performed in marching band, concert and pep band.

Orchestra

It was open to 10th through 12th grade string, winds, bass and percussion players who had mastered their skills and needed to perform in an oriented group.

Intermediate Strings

9th grade string students prepared for full orchestra musical styles.

Chamber Strings Ensemble

Emphasis on performance with specific attention to chamber literature and techniques.

Jazz Band

Played at various functions including concerts, contests and Road Show.

Instrumental Lessons

Allowed students a time to improve their instrumentals. Prior playing experience is required to enroll.

Concert Choir

Historical group with an emphasis on performance of various types of choral literature.

Chamber Ensemble

Highly selective mixed chamber. There is an emphasis on performance.

Treble Ensemble

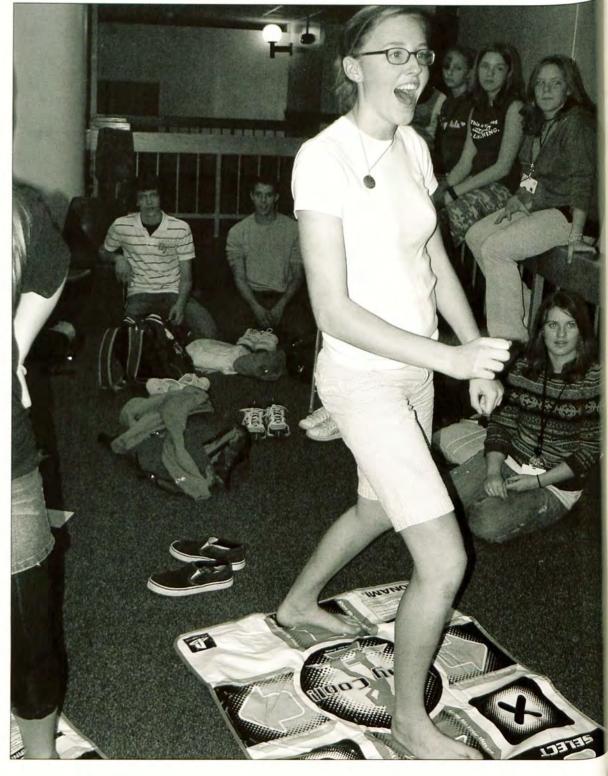
Highly selective girls chamber.

Junior Chorus

Training choir for freshmen girls and underclass boys.

Right. Stacie VanCleave (10) asks the players what song they want to dance to. VanCleave founded the new club Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) Club this year. She brought in her DDR equipment every Friday. Other members of the club also brought other DDR games to the meeting. Brittani Avery (11) said she enjoyed going to the club every Friday because it gave her a chance to relax. She, along with other members, spent one and a half hours dancing to random songs. Avery said VanCleave was really good at the game. She said VanCleave could dance to the hardest level and still dance perfectly. Photo by Astrika Wilhelm.





Right. Kathryn Humphreys (11)
plays Dance Dance Revolution. "I
haven't done DDR for a long time,"
Humphreys said. "My favorite part
is the dancing." Members said they
enjoyed not only dancing, but also
watching other people dance to the
music. Most of the members in DDR
were underclassmen.
Photo by Karis Perry.



Organization offers Dance Dance Revolution

By Karis Perry

"We are addicted," Stacie VanCleave (10) said. "I love to do. have been a player for about three years."

She's not alone.

She said she along with several other students formed a Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) Club sponsored by drama teacher John Gibson.

"We are drama kids," VanCleave said thinking about Gibson.

Shelby Roman (10) said she was not a drama student, but she enjoyed DDR very much.

"He (Gibson) is our favorite," Kristin Wipfler (10) said.

Roman said it was very hard to start a club.

"We both kind of thought of it then we told Shelby," Wipfler and VanCleave said.

VanCleave said it took a long time to get all the forms approved and it required a lot of work.

"I am so proud of all of us for actually doing it," VanCleave said. "It was just a joke at first."

She said she was definitely happy everything turned out just as planned.

The club only played at Central in the beginning.

"I despise playing it at places like Family Fun Center," VanCleave said.

She said it costs about \$1 each time and other people stomp too hard so the game doesn't work as well.

The club charged an initial fee of \$8 and then a monthly fee of \$3 for each member.

"We want to save up so we can rent a machine at the end of the year at Family Fun Center," VanCleave said.

Wipfler said the club considered going out to Family Fun Center or somewhere else once a month, but members did not know if that was going to happen.

She said towards the end of the year, though, the club is going to rent a DDR machine and members are all going to go out and dance.

Roman said if all goes well, the club will continue.

"When we're seniors," Roman said. "We will have to pass it on to someone who has been in the club and has the responsibility to keep it going."

Wipfler said DDR was something all three of them

She said they had a pretty good turn out for the first meeting and she was really excited about it.

Wipfler said she thought about 50 people showed up to the meetings since the first one.

VanCleave said she had played Dance Dance Revolution since it came out.

She said she owns a big arcade one like the one at Family Fun Center and a smaller one that she got when she bought the game.

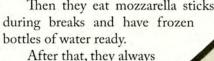
The game costs anywhere between \$20 to \$60 and the pads cost between \$100 to \$900.

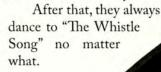
Wipfler said she owns four of the smaller games.

She said she had been playing for about two years.

"I usually have these DDR parties with just a few people once and a while," VanCleave said.

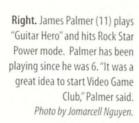
She said there's a tradition at her house. First, every round they switch mats so no one gets jealous of the big metal one. Then they eat mozzarella sticks



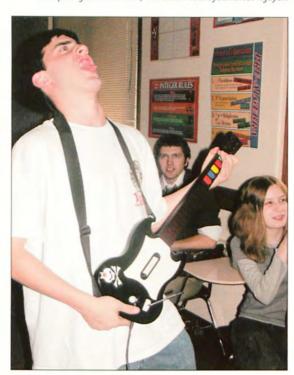


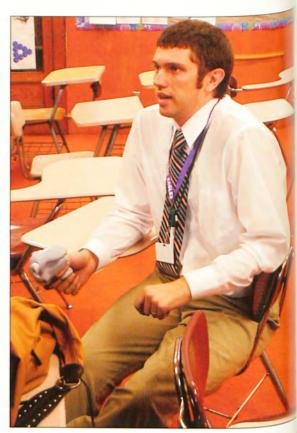


Right. Video Game Club Sponsor Nathan Hill anxiously waits for the result of the game. "It was a moment of quiet jubilation before anticipating the final score," Hill said. *Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen*.



Below. Andrew Pirruccello (10)
(far left), John Handlos (11),
Elvis Servellon (11) and Video
Game Club sponsor Kelly Murphy
compete in "Mario Super Smash
Brothers." Handlos said video
games were just another reason
for a social event.
Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.







Students, teachers compete against each other after school

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"As class began (on the first day), Mr. Murphy announced he loves his Gamecube and was the champion of 'Super Mario Smash Brothers," James Palmer (11) said. "We chuckled at thought of him talking about being a champion."

During the second week of school, Palmer said he and John Handlos (11) decided they should have a Video Game

"We asked him (Murphy) to set up a tournament and see who the real champion is of all time would be," Palmer

Video Game Club sponsor Kelly Murphy was also an opponent for the students to play against.

"I never came across a teacher with interest for video games like Mr. Murphy," Palmer said.

Murphy also said the club was reserved only for juniors and seniors in his classes and in mathematics teacher Mindy Murphy's math classes.

"The reason we only have juniors and seniors was because we don't want too many kids showing up," he said.

Murphy said the club was a place for the kids to hang out at after school.

He also said the club was designed for students to just play, have fun and relieve some of the stress of school.

"All games were E-rated and I brought a GameCube to the club meeting," he said.

Handlos and Palmer challenged Murphy to see who the true champion was.

"This was a friendly, social atmosphere where upperclassmen could get to know eachother," Handlos said.

Handlos and Palmer said they had a lot of experience playing video games.

"The only negative side effect was having too many people," Palmer said. "That was why we had a limit restriction."

Tournaments were also held this year.

In some games, everyone played against each other. Other games like King of the Hill required players to "partner up" with someone and learn to cooperate and beat the other team or not cooperate and lose.

Palmer also brought the game "Rampage Total Destruction." This latest installment of the classic arcade series offers a wide array of playable monsters that have the ability to perform unique combination attacks and individual super moves.

"We have kids who don't know how to communicate

with people face-to-face because they've spent the last three years talking to somebody in Korea through a computer,' Keith Bakker director of Amsterdam-based Smith & Jones Addiction Consultants said. "Their social network has completely disappeared."

Video Game Club member Megan Bogatz (12) said she believed people who did not like Video Game Club were inconsiderate to other people's interest and did not have an open mind.

"I think people who say Video Game Club is stupid cannot deal with the fact that you can be social after school and that you do not have to be amazing at academics,' Handlos said.

Handlos and Palmer said they could also see the other point of view.

"If you don't abuse it, video games can be a great benefit to your life," Palmer said.

Some people said video games were a way to relieve the

"My favorite games at Video Game Club were 'Tekken' and 'Guitar Hero," Zachary Cutler (11) said.

"Guitar Hero" is where the player is a guitarist and the controller is actually shaped like a guitar.

When the player "plays" a chord, songs like "Iron Man," "Sharp Dressed Man," "Smoke on the Water," "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Purple Haze" can be heard.

"I was disappointed, but overall for a game it's pretty good," Handlos said.

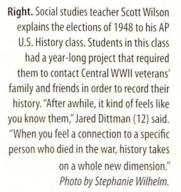
"Tekken" is fighting game where the player has a bunch of different characters that test his dexterity, how well he can play and

how he can come up with new strategies.

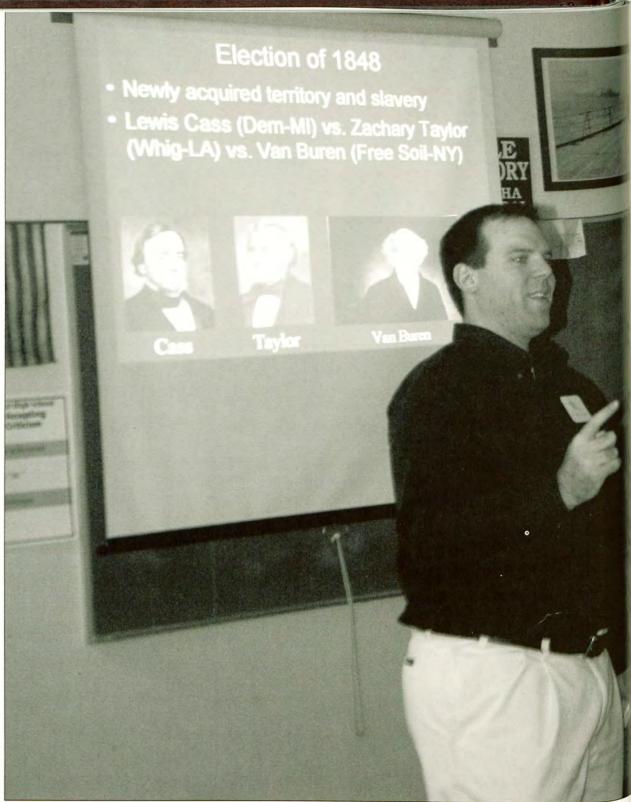
"It's allowed me to see how people played and see what games I need to practice to get better," Cutler said.

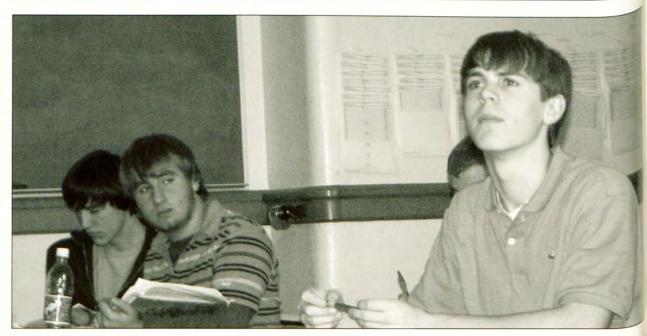
Video Game Club existed because it catered to the new growing world of video games.

"The goals of Video Game Club were to make new friends and test your skills against someone that you didn't know," Palmer said.



Right. Matthew Cronin (12) (far left), Seth Rich (12) and Dough Knickehm (11) listen to Wilson during their AP U.S. History class. Each student started the year-long research project with nothing but a Central High veteran's name. They used various sources such as old yearbooks and military records to piece together their veteran's story. Wilson also took part in the project and then compiled the results. Wilson's class focused on WWII veterans because first-person connections to these men will not be around 10 years from now. "Each student, including me, is assigned a different name at the beginning of the year," Wilson said. "By May, you have to have accumulated information about that man's life to write a paper and give a presentation." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.





researching

AP students record WWII veterans' history

By Theresa Vacha

They walked down the same halls, played in the same sports and studied in the same classrooms as every Central High student today.

Each one died in WWII.

More than 60 years later, their stories for some are not much more than names inscribed on a WWII plaque.

One class looked to change that.

"You learn about wars in history, but it's all text book stuff," Mikayla Stark (12) said. "This project connected you to history; it made you attached to it."

For the second year, Scott Wilson's AP U.S. History class participated in a project that combined the knowledge and research of both the United States history and the history of Central High alumni.

"It is such a great project in the aspect that it connects everything," Wilson said. "We are talking about Central students who died in WWII."

The project began with every student receiving a small piece of paper with nothing but a name scribbled on it. For each student, that name would slowly become much more than a homework assignment, it would take on the face of a real person with a real history and real connections. Throughout the year, each student participated in this authentic research project, as unique to him or her as the name they received.

They dug into history and followed leads, as actual historians do. The end result was a memoir that reawakened the stories of Central High's heroes.

"After awhile, it kind of feels like you know them," Jared Dittman (12) said. "It really makes you sad that they died and when you feel an emotion like that, a connection to a specific person who died in a war, history takes on a whole new dimension."

Maya Doghman (11) said the project really influenced her.

"At first, I wasn't really excited," she said. "But after doing a little bit of research, it hit me that this is a real person. I'm piecing together the puzzle pieces of his life."

Hundreds of United States veterans were once Central students.

Wilson's class focused on WWII veterans because, as Wilson said, first-person connections to these men will not be around 10 years from now.

He said they only researched Central veterans who died during the war because there was no one else to tell their story.

"Each student, including me, is assigned a different name at the beginning of the year," Wilson said. "By May, you have to have accumulated information about that man's life to write a paper and give a presentation."

Wilson said there are various sources one could tap into to pursue information.

"We tracked them through their family members, colleges, government websites, old yearbooks and their memorial letters," Stark said.

The students could also use the Central High Foundation and national archives.

Wilson said many of the contact numbers they received from the Central High Foundation led to family and friends who were willing to tell what they new about the veteran.

"It hasn't happened where a family doesn't want to bring it up again," Wilson said. "All of the families were helpful and grateful that someone is remembering."

Doghman said she looked forward to any piece of information she received.

"Whenever I got a letter, I would anxiously rip it open," she said. "It's exciting to learn. You were always waiting for that letter that would set everything else apart."

Stark said she has always liked history and was happy she was able to bring back their memory because probably no one except their close family and friends have thought about them for many years.

"The project was a really fun way to learn about history and what life was like back then," Doghman said. "It makes me wonder what people will say about me."

Social Studies

Department Head Charles Hinkle Other Teachers Jodi Anselmo Jay Ball Eric Behrens Rick Behrens Patricia Brizendine Vicki Denniston-Reed Lisa Donahoe Jimmie Foster Jim Galus DeLayne Havlovik Carol Krejci Jay Landstorm Derek Leslie Rod Mullen Peter Pham Michelle Pleiss Tim Shipman Shannon Stenger

Scott Wilson Courses Offered

Bob Tucker

US/American History
This course covered the
development of the nation.

Geography/Economics
Students studied natural,
environmental and physical
geography. They also learned
about the economy.

World History
Students studied the cultures
of people worldwide.

US/Comparative Government

This course covered the foundation for our government.

Psychology/Sociology Students studied human behavior.

Law and Justice
Students learned knowledge
and skills for survival
in society.

African-American History Students learned about African-American history.

Latin-American History
This was an overview of
Latin America.

Academic Decathlon Students prepped for competitions.

Right. Ashley Marion (11) weighs Sarah Maxey (12) in Health Occupations. Maxey said she took the class because she wanted to go into the medical field as a career. She also said she planned to pay for part of her college tuition by becoming a Certified Nurses's Assistant. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Below. Marion listens to Maxey's heart through a stethoscope. A stethoscope is used to listen and measure the activity and blood flow in the heart. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





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Class allows students to get nurse training

By Jennifer Brown

Heather Powell (12) took a class at the OPS Career Center that enabled her to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

The Career Center offers classes that some students want to take, but cannot because their school does not offer them.

Powell took Health Occupations.

She said she had to take the course offered at

the Career Center, take a written test that was 50 questions and then test out of skills and procedures.

While taking the class, she learned how to chart residents, change occupied and unoccupied beds, do a bed bath and much more.

She worked at Victoria Gardens, where she worked with patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

She said she became interested in nursing because of her grandpa. She said he had Alzheimer's so she had some knowledge of the disease.

"My favorite part is going in and seeing the residents," Powell said. "They are always smiling."

She has been working as a CNA since she took the class.

She said her least favorite part of working with the Alzheimer's patients was dealing with death.

She said patients usually didn't get out of hand.

"A couple of them remember me," Powell said. "I would go into work and they would greet me by my name.'

After high school, she said she planned on attending Iowa Western and the University of Nebraska Medical Center to continue her nursing education.

She said her parents really hadn't helped her and she has done it all on her own.

She said her grandpa inspired her the most to

become a nurse because she wanted to help people like him.

Maxey (12) also took Health Sarah Occupations.

She said she wanted to take the class because she wanted to enter the medical field ever since she was a little kid.

She wanted to become a CNA to pay her way

through college.

Maxey said she planned on attending Methodist for college.

She said she liked to help people.

"I like taking the class. It's free, and usually you have to pay to take your CNA test," Maxey said. "The class also gets you college credit towards Metro."

said She she different medical terminology, CNA procedures like

taking blood pressure and putting patients in bed and also how to complete paperwork.

Ashley Marion (11) said the hardest thing about the class was the hours a person had to be in the lab.

She said students needed a certain amount of hours to pass. She also said by just attending the class a student could get the hours she needed.

"My favorite part was the lab," she said. "You get a hands-on experience and a better understanding."

She also said another thing she enjoyed was the classroom and the dummies they used.

She said the rooms and the dummies looked extremely realistic.

Marion said her expectations for the class was to learn the basics.

She said she learned the expectations and the correct attitude for going into the medical field.

Career Center

Teachers

Laura Beavers Andy Berthold Maybell Galusha Diana Holloway Ryan Hunter Jennifer Keller Lynn King Jean Lempke Michelle Merrill Andrew Naikelis Bobbye Overman David Pippert Jay Rebensdorf Mickey Reilly Erin Rinaker Cathy Scurlock Doug Smith Jack Taff Pat Tisdel Carol Tschampl-Diesing Doug Walker Lanny Walker Charlie Watt Stacia Weaver Robbie Haman

Courses Offered

Construction Academy

Automotive Technology 1-4

Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing 1-4

Broadcasting 1-4

Commercial Design 1-4

Culinary Skills 3-6

eBuisness 1-2

ESL

Graphic Arts/Printing 1-4

Health Occupations 1-2

Photography 1-4

Zoo Partnership 1-2

Summer Internship and Externship



was finishing all of her lab hours. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

English

Department Head

Jodie Martinez

Other Teachers

Diane Allen Kami Boje

Matthew Deabler

Donna Dechant

Christy Flaherty-Colling

John Gibson

Cristina Hiddleston

Katie Hoskinson

Jennifer Jacobsen

Deron Larson

Jane Luethge

Marcella Mahoney

Ben Mihovk

Jamie Miller

Susan Oles

Ellen Plath

Ginger Riffel

Melissa Smith

Jeanette Spees

Jennifer Stastny

Courses Offered

English 1-8

Students needed to complete eight semesters of English in order to graduate. Honors and AP classes were available.

Speech/Debate

Students competed in tournaments.

Journalism I

Students were introduced to the entire field of journalism, including newspaper, public relations and electronic media.

Reading 1-4

Students taking this class improved word patterns, reading fluency and more.

Performing Arts/Drama Students learned makeup.

Students learned makeup, stage-crew skills and more.

O-Book

Students produced this yearbook. They learned InDesign and Photoshop skills.

Register

This advanced class produces the national award-winning publication.

Creative Writing

Students developed writing techniques.



Students participate in national testing

By Theresa Vacha

"It gives students the experience of confronting a piece of challenging literature and practicing skills of analysis and critical thinking," Jodie Martinez, English department head, said.

She was referring to the WordMasters competition, which was adopted for the first time this year.

The math department had been participating in a similar competition for years, purchasing questions from a national company.

"It is a good way to compare and measure students," Martinez said. "The materials cut across differences because they are not trying to bias or tailor it for certain schools."

WordMasters is an independent business organization that sends out various comprehension and vocabulary questions to test students'knowledge in English.

Students were given a few weeks to prepare for the test.

They were also given time to research specialized terminology and vocabulary words.

"It forces us to review literature terminology," Martinez said. "After it's done, they provide you with materials so you can follow up on what you learned."

Martinez said she had heard about the program a few years before and decided to take a chance with it.

"I liked the results within the first couple of months," she said.

The competition took place in junior and senior

honor and AP English courses.

Out of the 55,000 students who participated across the nation, three Central students won places in the top 175.

"It was fun to see how we stacked up against the competition," Ellen Plath, an English teacher, said. "Even if it did not benefit students educationally, it was fun to see if you could win."

Martinez added that the exercises themselves were designed to provide a challenge for students who hope to excel.

Virginia Horrell (12) said she appreciated the department's efforts to aid in individual student outcomes.

"Even though I really did not learn very much," Horrell said, "I liked them and if they were supposed to help, you might as well give them a try."

Adell Zdan (12) said her views on the program were overall indifferent.

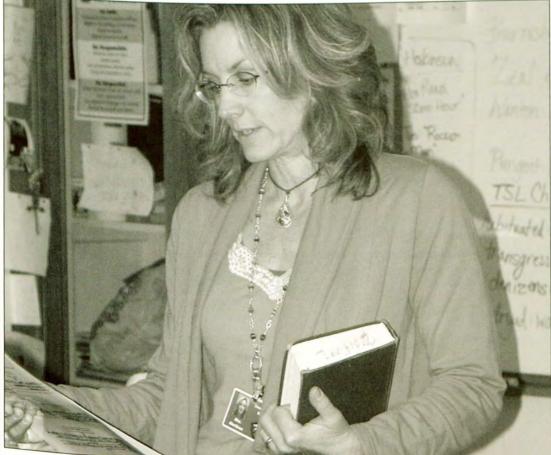
"I don't know why we had to learn all of the vocabulary," she said. "Because the actual test questions tended to be more about literary components."

Martinez said it would probably take a couple of years before the results could be seen.

She said that the department was unable to make conclusions about its benefits so early in the process, but she was impressed with it so far.

"It was a fun competition," Plath said. "Plus the test itself helped with preparation for standardized tests. It made students aware of deficiencies in their vocabulary."





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Above. Jacqueline Prososki (12) follows along in a book during a discussion in her AP English class. Along with Honors English 5-6, AP English students participated in a national competition that was aimed at improving ACT and SAT scores. "It is a good way to compare and measure students," Jodie Martinez, English department head, said. "The materials cut across differences because they are not trying to bias or tailor it for certain schools." Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Left. Martinez explains a part of "Pride and Prejudice" during an AP English class. The course covered various pieces of literature from "The Iliad" to "Canterbury Tales." The WordMasters competition enhanced the class's rubric by adding English terminology. Students were given a list of words to know and understand for the competition. The second meet focused on poetry. Photo by Theresa Vacha.

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Art

Department Head Margaret Quinn Other Teachers Tanya Simmons Kathryn Schroeder

Courses Offered

Jane Taucreti

Art 1-2

Students focused on beginning drawing and design. Students studied the elements of art, especially line and form. It included a unit on print making.

Art 3-4

This class focused on advanced drawing and beginning painting. Tempera, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media were used.

Art 5-6

Students learned advanced two-dimensional design and sculpture. An honors option was offered. The requirements were a research paper, written abstracts and formal critiques.

Art 7-8

This class introduced students to silk screening and advanced painting. An honors option was also offered and included attendance at exhibitions, research papers and formal displays of art work.

Honors Studio 1-AP
Students had to apply and be selected by the art faculty for this class. These classes gave students an individualized studio experience.

Beginning Pottery
Students worked with
the basic techniques of
handcrafting functional and
creative pottery. The potter's

Advanced Pottery
The lessons extended previous
pottery experience and were
individualized.

wheel was introduced.

Applied Design
This course was crafts oriented and involved the application of design.

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Admission director critiques students' art

By Patrick O'Malley

Matthew Gallagher traveled all the way from the heart of New York to promote a popular design school to college-bound art students.

Gallagher is the assistant director for admissions at Parsons, The New School For Design.

"We got a call from Matthew Gallagher," Margaret Quinn, art department head, said. "He said he called to come here because he knew the area."

Although he showed up 30 minutes late, he was still able to give a promotional presentation for prospective art students.

Quinn said all of the art teachers had the opportunity to invite students from all of their classes.

She said there were about 25 students from different levels who were able to attend his second scheduled appearance.

The students who made it to the 9th hour session were not able to see his presentation.

Gallagher said he was on his way to Boulder, Colo. for a National Portfolio Day so he wanted to stop at some Omaha schools because he had lived here for three to four months when he was a teenager.

He said he chose Central because when he had moved to Omaha a realtor told him Central had a strong visual arts department.

Quinn said the department usually had three or four representatives who came to speak to classes every year. She said she was excited about Gallagher's appearance because not many students had the opportunity to travel as far as New York to visit colleges.

"When I do this presentation," Gallagher said. "I expose them to other programs they are not familiar with."

He said there were many different art departments at Parsons and the curriculum was pretty tough so he wanted to find dedicated students.

He said every year a representative travels

all over the world to represent the school.

Since he had to present at three other schools in Omaha, he showed up late, so some students weren't able to see his presentation.

"That ticked me off. I'm not going to lie," Nicole Roberts (12) said.

Roberts said she enjoyed the help she received despite her minor frustrations.

"I thought it was really informative," she said. "It seemed that he had some credibility."

After his presentation was over, Roberts was able to have him critique some of her projects.

"I was really nervous to talk to him about my art," Roberts said.

She said she felt it was reassuring to have him point out the areas she needed to work on.

Quinn said she enjoyed it because he brought up some things that supported her teaching methods.

"He was very calm, factual and he really didn't give any negative direction," Quinn said. "He gave us a fair count of what to expect from Parsons."

Roberts said she had done some research on the school before he came to speak. She said she had a friend who had gone to visit the school and was very enthused when she checked it out.

"It seems like a really competitive atmosphere," Roberts said.

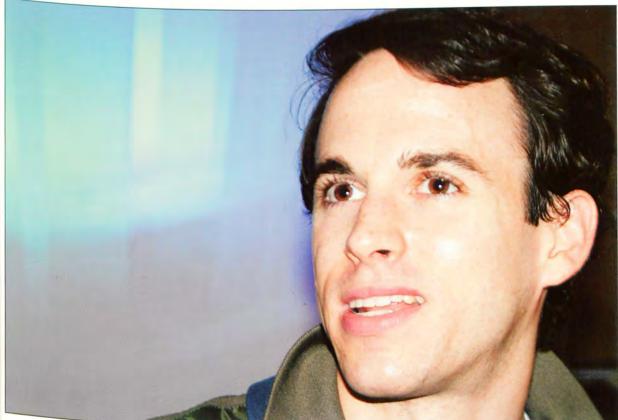
She said she thought it would be a great school to attend, but the programs didn't really fit her style.

"Parson's reputation is mostly in fashion design," Gallagher said.

Roberts said she is more into fine arts and drawing so she didn't feel like she fit in a digital field.

Gallagher said he enjoyed speaking to students and he also taught an eight-week program to teenagers during the summer.





Above. Matthew Gallagher, the assistant director for admissions at Parsons, The New School for Design, critiques Nicole Roberts' (12) portfolio. He traveled all the way from New York to promote Parsons to college-bound art students. "I was really nervous to talk to him about my art," Roberts said. She said she had done some research on the school before he came to speak. Roberts said she had a friend who had gone to visit the school and she was very enthused and impressed even though she didn't plan on going there. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

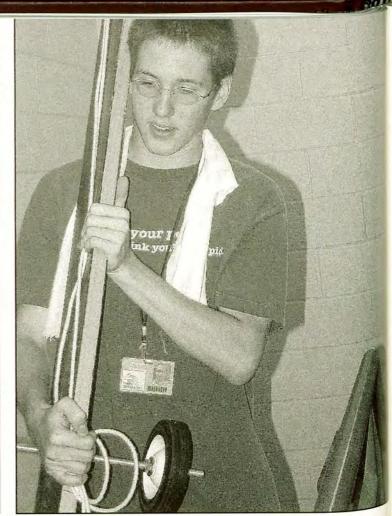
Left. Gallagher gives a presentation on the variety of courses offered at Parsons. "He was very calm, factual and he really didn't give any negative direction," Margaret Quinn, art department head, said. "He gave us a fair count of what to expect from Parsons." Gallagher said he traveled to some select schools around the metro area on his way to a National Portfolio Day in Denver, Colo. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

Right. Everett Kladstrup (12) carries the throwing arm that needs to be drilled. For each project, students were required to switch members. The class usually spent about one to three weeks on each project. *Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.*

Right. Honors Science Seminar teacher Jeff Fredrickson explains the best way to support the platform for a person to stand on. The class also prepped for Science Olympiad events. "We use the knowledge we had of building," Amrit Kandel (11) said. "And then looked at why the designs were a success and why some failed." Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.

Below. Benjamin Polk (10) adjusts the bar for the trebuchet to set the weights on. Polk's group decided to have a floating arm trebuchet. It is designed to fire an object from long distance. The class spent several weeks in the loading dock building the trebuchet. The members of the group also spent some time after school in order to comlete the project due to the size of the trebuchet. Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.







Science class challenges students with fun

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"It was about 8 or 9 p.m. We were on our way back from Doane College Robot Competition," Amrit Kandel (11) said. "We all complained that we were unprepared. We would have done better if we had a class to prepare us for the competition."

The Honors Science Seminar class was created that night and two weeks later the class was approved.

"I was very much in favor of the class because it deals with creativity and problem solving," Jean Whitten, science department head, said.

In the car that night, talking about the class was Daniel Holst (11) and Kandel along with Honors Seminar teacher Jeff Fredrickson.

"We had just finished the competition, but we thought about how we could have done better," Kandel said. "Then Mr. Fredrickson talked about a class called E-Science,"

The group decided that a class that prepared students for competition and working hands on would have been great.

"Mr. Busse and I have talked in the past about E-Science because we needed a class for students to prepare for competition," Fredrickson said.

These students started a class that Fredrickson and chemistry teacher Jesse Busse had talked about.

"Our hope was to have this class approved by the principal and ready for this year," Kandel said.

This class prepared students for competition. "I hoped students learned how to function scientifically in the class. It was built to suit those who have an interest in science," Fredrickson said. "Funding was limited for projects like for the robots we bought. We didn't know that we had to buy the

program, too." Fredrickson said students were very eager for the class.

Kandel said Fredrickson helped students who wanted the class. He had little experience with this type of a class, but he had a lot of experience with Science Olympiad and competitions.

"The class was very interesting and promising," Everett Kladstrup (12) said. "I heard about Honors Science Seminar when someone mentioned it in class."

The class challenged the students.

"I think that Mr. Fredrickson is perfect for it," Whitten said. "And before the class was even started, Mr. Fredrickson had already planned out his class."

Honors Science Seminar was a very structured class. They did a lot of hands-on projects.

"I started the class where all we did was prepare for science competitions like E-Math," Kandel said.

The first competition of the year was Doane Crime Scene Investigation (CSI), which Doane College puts on for high school students to do an investigation just like a real CSI crew would do.

"I would have liked to do at least three to four competitions this year," Kladstrup said. "Mr. Fredrickson only required you to do one competition this year, but you could do more if you wanted to."

Competitions ranged from hands-on activities to science-related questions.

Fredrickson said he started the class because he had a lot of projects he couldn't do in a regular class. He prepared a list of the projects he wished to complete this year.

Some students in the class were also in Science Olympiad.

"I took this class mostly for more experience everyday instead of every week," Benjamin Polk (10)

Kladstrup said he would probably join Science Olympiad.

The class was supposed to be very challenging and students could express their creativity with this

"It's challenging and I feel that I can apply the skills I learned here in real life," Kandel said. "The first time the class met, we jumped into a project immediately. We were given a platform that we had to make stand with 16 slips of paper."

Students used what knowledge they had of building. Afterward, they discussed why the designs worked or didn't work and what could be changed.

"It was very challenging to the student because most have never done it before," Fredrickson said. "Most students expected to come in and do projects like the guys of MythBusters do which was to see if the myth could have been possible or impossible."

He also said he was always open for suggestions on projects.

Department Head Jean Whitten Other Teachers Matt Aguilar Erik Albertine Richard Bode Linda Brock Jesse Busse Jane Colling Jeff Fredrickson Matt Hamill Amanda Karpf Ashutosh Kumar Marlene LaRue Doug Martin Jackie Morales Jennifer Preissler Amy Sanford David Volk Bryson Wiser

Courses Offered

Biology Levels ranged from Fundamentals to Advanced Placement. Students taking the course learned about the living world and studied cells.

Chemistry

Levels ranged from Fundamentals to Advanced Placement. Students taking the course learned about elements, compounds and their properties.

Physics

Levels ranged from Fundamentals to Advanced Placement. Students taking the course could learn about principles of the world.

Honors Anatomy and Physiology

Student taking the course learned about the human body and medical problems that impact the body.

Earth Science

Students taking the course were able to study the relationship between the Earth and humans and learn about geology and astronomy.

Honors Science Seminar Students taking the course were allowed to explore science by doing projects that were hands-on.

National Honor Society

This list focuses on some of the activities members volunteered at.

Group Activities

9/21 S. Omaha Boys & Girls Club Health Fair 9/23 Missouri River Relief 9/30 Habitat for Humanity 10/7 Autumn Ambience at the Botanical Gardens 10/31 Trick or Treat for Cans 11/4 Community Bike Shop 11/5 Honey Sunday 11/18 Botanical Gardens Clean-Up 12/6 Knitting/crocheting 12/9 Blanket Making at Immanuel Medical Center 1/13 8th Grade Recruitment Open House 1/23 Make-a-Wish Scrapbook Making 1/26 CHS Debate Tournament 2/16 Teacher's Night Out

Individual Activities

3/25 NHS Induction

Ceremony

*South Omaha Social **Settlement Tutoring** *Just Friends Mentoring **OPS Gifted and Talented** mentoring program *Walking for Talking *NSTA Science Teachers Convention *Football Tutoring *Salvation Army Bell Ringing
*Cookies for Ronald McDonald House *Habitat for Humanity ReStore *Special Olympics Make-a-Wish Foundation *Nathan Hale Jr. NHS **Induction Ceremony** *Volunteering at hospital *Reading aide *Teacher's aide *Volunteering in middle

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NHS members rebuild bike shop

By Patrick O'Malley

"We're doing it to fill a gap in a lot of people's lives in this area," Emerick Huber, the owner of the Community Bike Shop, said.

Huber and many volunteers spent their time working to serve the community by inserting a community bicycle shop on 33rd and California.

"Promoting bicycle enthusiasm at large is a goal," Huber said.

He said he felt it would be a positive for the community because it would keep people active and help kids stay out of trouble, as well as learning simple mechanics and the importance of recycling.

"When I was a kid, I rode my bike with freedom," Huber said.

Jill Westfall, who is on the Board of Directors of the bike shop, said she fell in love with the neighborhood and wanted to get people excited about more resourceful methods of transportation.

Anna Adams (12) said she lived in the area and when she heard that National Honor Society was going to help fix up the shop she decided to help.

Jennifer Statsny, National Honor Society sponsor, said she was presented with the idea by Tyler Magnuson (12) to set out two days to work.

She said she was very proud of the way Magnuson took the initiative to get involved and spread the word.

Huber said he knew Magnuson because he lived at the house where he prepared the food for Food not Bombs on Sunday mornings.

"Tyler has been here since the first day I walked in here," Huber said.

Stastny said there was still work to be done so they decided to keep helping.

"As long as they want help, I'll help," Statsny said.

She said the students were very compassionate about helping.

"They were so earnest and altruistic," she said.

Bailey Jensen (12) said there was an average of five students who showed up each time. She said they continued to work as long as the weather was cooperative.

"It's a good thing to do even though Omaha does not have a good bike scene," Jensen said.

Adams said she was not prepared for the cold weather in the building.

"I wish I would have worn socks," Adams said.

Jensen said most of the students were expecting to be working with bicycles, not fixing the building.

"I know nothing about bikes," Westfall said.

She said she spent her time doing paper work and planning for the opening of the shop.

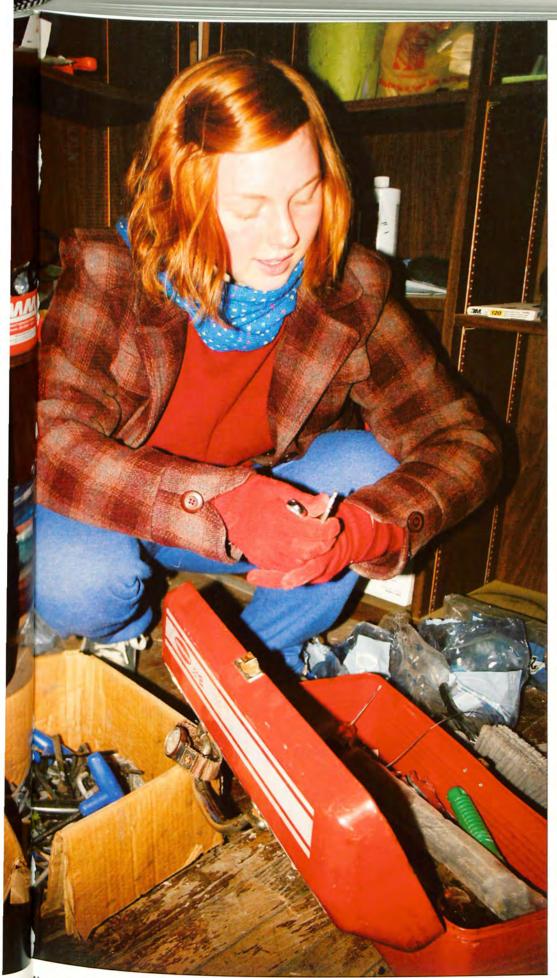
She said the whole project started in August 2005 when Huber heard about it from one of the owners of the building.

Huber said he got the idea from two different shops he visited when he lived in Austin, Texas prior to coming to Omaha to study nursing at Creighton University.

He then said he met the owners of the building and they all decided it would make a great addition to the community.

"It's 100 percent non-profit," Huber said. "Nothing is bought and sold."

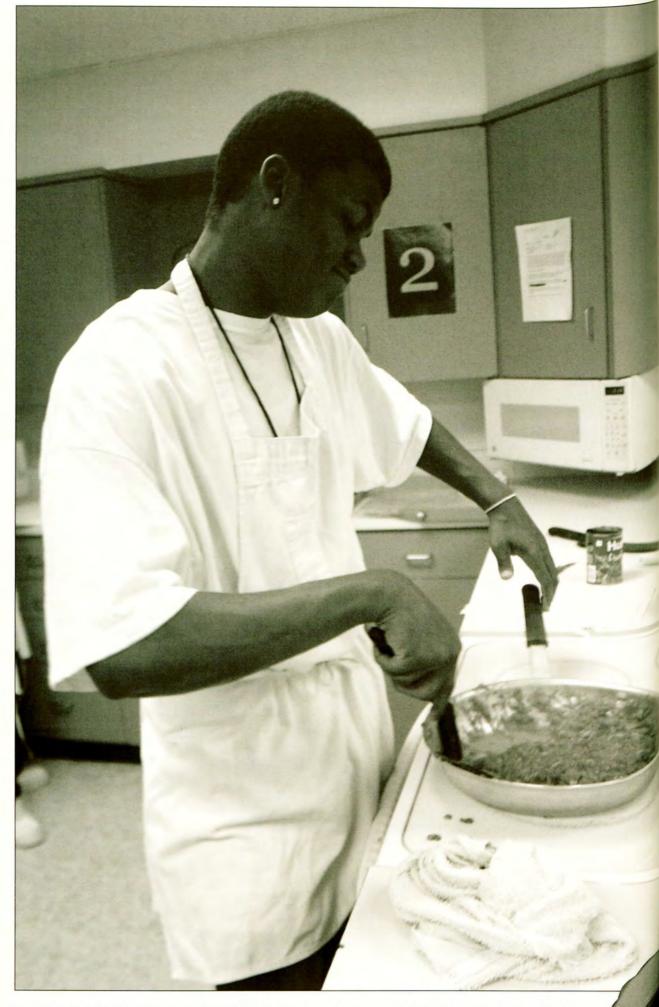
Huber said he received all of the bikes through donations from a variety of people throughout town.







Above. Bailey Jensen (12) cleans off a set of wrenches for the Community Bike Shop in a run-down building at 33rd street and California. Emerick Huber, the owner of the shop, said he was rebuilding the non-profit bicycle store to promote bicycle enthusiasm and provide another healthy activity to keep the neighborhood kids out of trouble. Right (top). Huber is helping students clean a room in the basement of the building. Right (bottom). Ann Widdershoven (12) helps remove excess nails out of the walls in the basement. Photos by Patrick O'Malley.



Above. Chazman Brown (11) prepares marinara sauce with beef and fresh herbs. This was one of the five basic red "mother" sauces students cooked. The dish required sauteing garlics in olive oil, adding chopped tomatoes with basil and adding fresh herbs, ground beef and seasoning for the spaghetti sauce. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.*

Opposite page. The bowls contain diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes and tomato paste used for the marinara sauce. Jeanne Staroski, culinary skills teacher, said the class tried to use the freshest ingredients. However, sometimes students had to take shortcuts because of time limitations.

Class offers opportunity to cook, learn

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"Kids think it's just food," Jeanne Staroski, culinary skills teacher, said, "but it's so much more."

She said students took the class for different reasons ranging from personal knowledge to a career goal.

Kristalee Caldwell (12) said she signed up for the class because she wanted to learn more about cooking skills.

"I wanted it for the experience," she said. "I also took it to eat because I don't have a lunch."

The class is geared toward food services and students who want to enter the industry.

Melissa Weatherford (12) said she took the class because she wants to become a pastry chef.

"I've wanted to ever since I was a little girl," she said. "I used to bake with my grandmother."

The class has slowly received money for new equipment.

"I used my background to revamp the curriculum," Staroski said. "It's work and hospitality oriented. There are so many jobs and it's a hot career."

She said she stressed students having internships and working underneath chefs.

The class is very similar to Foods Fundamentals at Metropolitan Community College.

"It's really similar," Staroski said, "so it's challenging academically."

Caldwell said the book work took a lot of time because it was so long.

Staroski said the hardest part for most students was math computation.

The students had to convert recipes in order to serve large quantities, convert metric into customary units and "cost out" food.

Students had to learn the fundamentals of food science before they could actually cook.

"Even I can't know it all," Staroski said. "There's so much to learn."

This class just scratched the surface.

Weatherford said the class helped her realize she has talent and to showcase it.

The most important skill students learned, Staroski said, was using knives because there is a lot of cutting and chopping, especially with French knives.

Safety was a major concern in the class.

"The first thing students learn is safety and (being) sanitary," Staroski said. "It's the most important thing in the industry."

Everything from high temperatures to sharp knives was discussed in the classroom.

Students cooked dishes from stir fry to homemade sauces to basil chicken over angle hair pasta.

Caldwell said her favorite dish she made was the basil chicken because she liked how the chicken was seasoned.

"It was perfect," she said.

She also learned the difference between an herb and a spice. She said before this class she didn't think there was a difference.

The class also baked and had a pie unit.

The students participated in a chili cook off where they had to learn the different methods of cooking chili.

Weatherford said she likes to bake cakes the best.

"Mrs. Staroski helped me get an apprenticeship at Delice for this summer," she said. "I'm excited to be able to work with people with the same interest as me."

Staroski also has been cooking since she was a young girl.

"I've always had a passion for food," she said. "I just love food."

Staroski said she worked her way through college at a restaurant learning from a chef that had attended the Culinary Institute of America.

"She taught me everything she knew," Staroski said.

Family Consumer Science

Department Head Linda Milliken

Other Teachers

Cherie Barg Robin Hanus Candi Kadar Ann Pratt Jeanee Staroski Karen Stecker Jeanne Weiss

Courses Offered

Human Growth & Development

Students developed responsible decision-making skills related to different aspects of life.

Family Living

This course explored responsible decision making in relationships.

CAD House

This class explored houses through hands-on projects.

Child Development

Students experienced and prepared for parenting through real-life experiences.

Foods

This course explored the relationship between diet and wellness.

Clothing & Textiles

This class taught students the skills needed to make their own clothing.

CAD Fashion

Students generated both handdrawn and computer generated clothing sketches.

Culinary Skills

Students studied multicultural aspects of food in society.

Teen Parenting

Students analyzed roles of care givers.

Sports Nutrition

It prepared everyone for a lifetime of wellness through core principles.

Department of Domestic Science taught students how to bind wounds, cook and the importance of maintaining an attractive home. - Annual 1912.



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Politician speaks to government students about his campaign

By Bob Al-Greene

"It is your responsibility to participate," Rep. Lee Terry said. "The people have the power to change the Constitution."

Terry addressed the 4th hour AP Government class on Tues. Oct. 24, speaking on a number of topics before opening up to questions from the class.

Matthew Cronin (12) invited Terry and his opponent, Jim Esch, to speak to his class and helped organize the event.

"We had been talking about it for a while," Cronin said. "But no plans had been made."

He said the candidates had participated in similar discussions at Burke and Westside and Esch's campaign had been calling Central to no avail.

After discussing the possibility of having the candidates speak to their classes for months, Cronin finally called Terry's office on a Friday and scheduled the incumbent to come the following Tuesday. He then called Esch's office as well, scheduling the challenger to come on the same day. He planned to have them debate.

"I wanted to see them out of their comfort zones because I think that's a problem with politicians," Cronin said.

Unfortunately, when the Terry campaign found out Esch would be there on the same day, they refused to participate in a debate.

Seth Rich (12), another government student, said this was probably due to the nature of debates, which are not usually set up in such a short amount of time.

"When there are debates, it usually takes two or three weeks to set it up," said Rich, who would have been the mediator had a debate occured.

He said within the time frame provided,

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neither party would have been able to organize the discussion in a way that would be most mutually beneficial.

As late as the next Monday, the idea was still unsure, with Charles Hinkle, socials studies department head, ready to cancel both speakers if one was not represented fairly enough. With the help of Principal Greg Emmel, however, Esch was rescheduled to Wednesday and the plan went ahead.

"We told him the idea," Cronin said of Emmel. "He was really excited about it. He was helpful. Very helpful."

After introducing his wife, a 1985 Central graduate, and joking about his own alma mater of Northwest, Terry passed around copies of the Constitution. After explaining the first article of the Constitution and how it affects his job, Terry moved on to national and international issues that are of more of concern to voters.

The candidate explained solemnly the idea of Al Qaeda and jihadists who have declared war on Western civilization, and how in a world separate and different from the Cold War era of defense, he said he believes it is now necessary to weed out, fight, prosecute and jail enemies.

"It's just a different world today," he said.

Terry then switched to a point which has drawn heat for the administration, which is wire-tapping.

"Capturing these terrorists before they act is absolutely key," he said.

As opposed to defending the administration, he chose to explain the topic generally.

"If a call originates from overseas," he said, "the administration... can capture that phone call... and record it."

He then defended the Iraq War as part of the necessary fight against terror. He called Saddam Hussein the hub of the spokes for terrorism and said it was an important move to dismantle the regime, though things have not been as easy as expected since then.

"I don't like the current status in Iraq," he said. "It bothers me every night... just horrifies me."

Despite his own personal feelings about the problems in Iraq, he said the purpose of the government is too think above an emotional level. He said despite the current debate in Congress over whether or not to pull out, it would not be the right move.

He gave three main reasons why it in necessary to keep troops in Iraq.

Firstly, he emphasized the obligation the United States currently has to the young government in Iraq, which he said would undoubtedly crumble without support.

Secondly, he said soldiers are playing an important role by defending the citizens of Iraq, who would be subjected to even more large-scale attacks and higher death rates in the full-blown civil war that could break out if the United States was no longer there.

"It looks bad now," he said. "But it'll be far far worse (if we pull out)."

And thirdly, he said it is necessary to look at it as a matter of foreign policy and the strength of the United States to hold its ground.

"Foreign policy is based on credibility," be

He said if foreign leaders like Kim Jong II see the United States as weak, they are encouraged to attack.

Rich said he was happy with the wal questions were asked about the Iraq War. He said beforehand he had been afraid students would simply ask the candidates what they thought of the war, but they were much more specific in their questions. Terry's focus alternated between military and economic battles.

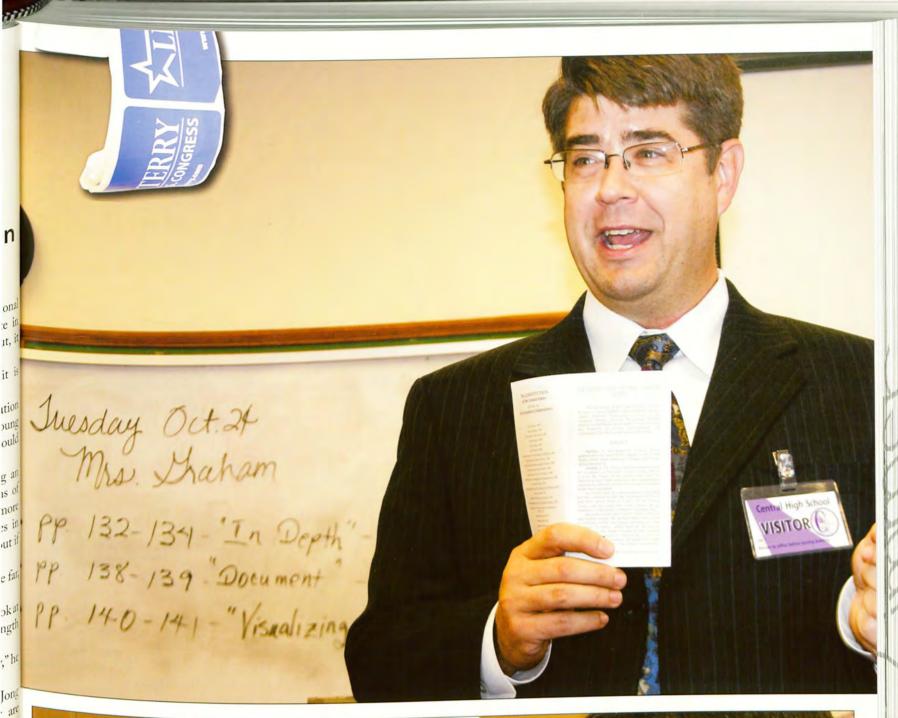
"We have to realize we are truly a global economy," he said.

He stressed the need for that global economy, the need for America to be the intellectual capital of the world and the education that is essential to meet those needs. He mentioned the different kinds of enemies the United States has.

"China is just flat stealing our intellectual property," he said.

And finally, he brought up the need to spread hi-speed Internet and broadband out to rural areas of Nebraska.

The first question he received dealt with special interest contributions to his campaign Terry dismissed it quickly.





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Above. Seth Rich (12) (left) speaks with Terry after his presentation. "I was overall pleased with the questions that were asked," Rich said. "I really liked that people had prepared questions." Top. U.S. Rep. Lee Terry holds a copy of the Constitution. He passed around copies and called it one of if not the greatest document ever written. "What I do as your representative is set forth in this document," Terry said. Matthew Cronin (12) said it was obvious Terry had everything he wanted to say planned out beforehand and managed time such that most of the time was spent as if Terry was giving a speech. He said by only opening up to questions for about 10 minutes, Terry left no room for real discussion. He said he was happy with the end result anyway, though. "Everybody got to ask what they wanted to," he said. Rich said students tend to be more liberal in their political views and said Terry was obviously aware of this. He said he wanted to test both candidates on their platforms. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley*

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Candidate explains his positions on key issues of the election

By Bob Al-Greene

Congressional candidate Jim Esch spoke to the 4th hour Government class on Wed., Oct. 25, the day after his challenger, incumbent Lee Terry.

Like Terry, Esch began by detailing his educational background.

He told the students he had lived in Omaha his entire life and as the oldest of six children in a Catholic family, had attended Creighton Prep, Creighton University and Creighton Law School. He joked about the lack of diversity in his education and told the students he had always enjoyed seeing Prep beat Central when he attended, setting the tone for the rest of the discussion, in which Esch talked about serious political issues and his own personal beliefs on topics like abortion, while always keeping a sense of humor as well.

After describing his education, Esch talked about his professional life.

He said though he had never been involved in politics before, he had seen a need for change and felt compelled to help.

He said without change in the current administration, it would be too difficult to address issues which affect the nation and the world.

"I haven't ever been content to sit on the sidelines," he said.

Esch did not directly rebut any of the comments made by his opponent the day before, but by covering the same topics he showed the other side of numerous debates, notably the Iraq War, which was the point of his first question.

Esch said it was necessary to account for the money lost in Iraq and bring the troops home.

If a time frame proved to be a problem, he said, then at least the war should be in different hands.

"I think we have the best military in the world," he said. "We've got to let them run these wars."

Esch said he had friends in the military who had just returned from Iraq and told him the situation is 10 times worse than the public realizes.

He said a civil war in Iraq was already in full swing and said the time had come to bring the Sunnis and Shiites together and let them decide if they wanted to live together.

He said after U.S. troops leave Iraq, they should go to Afghanistan.

"We haven't finished the job there," he said.

He then moved to the problem with North Korea and Kim Jong II, who he said it would be necessary to speak directly with. He said the "cowboy diplomacy" embraced by the administration over the past years had clearly failed, and would not work in a situation in which the foreign leader clearly cared so little for his people and had a standing army of one million.

The topics ranged from military to economic battles as well.

Esch mentioned the idea of a global economy which Terry had stressed, but also recognized Nebraska's own valuable resources, even beyond agriculture.

He pointed out the rare system of public utilities and the Peter Kiewit Institute, which he credited as one of the best colleges of science and technology in the world.

He also spoke about the ongoing energy crisis, which he said was largely tied to the war on terror.

He said it was unfortunate, but unavoidable that enemy nations had such control over petroleum resources.

"Lee's huge on hydrogen," he said, referring to his opponent's insistence on pursuing research and development of technology for alternate forms of energy, such as hydrogen.

Esch said hydrogen would be great, but is not a possibility, yet. He said while it is a clean energy at the end of the cycle, producing it is dirty. He said to lessen our dependency on oil, it would only be necessary for the United States to make the commitment.

He said even the promise of energy

independence coming from the United States would show the world it is possible.

He said he always has faith in America to accomplish what it sets its mind to, but as a nation we just haven't, yet.

"At this time," Esch said, "we're not making the investment. I would argue that the last energy bill was a disaster."

The discussion switched very briefly to education when the topic of No Child Left Behind was raised.

Esch tied in education with health care when it came to funding, and cited a coalition which had been formed two years ago to settle the health care issue. Though the coalition, which included three expresidents, never accomplished its goal, Esch said their ideas about proposals and health care made a lot of sense, and said it would be his policy to pick up where they left off. He jokingly said some of his best ideas were taken from elsewhere, then became serious again.

"We have to fix health care," he said. "It's pretty close to the crisis point."

He said while the situation was scary, it was also a huge opportunity. Then he moved on to school issues.

"Education," Esch said, "has to be one of our biggest investments." He said the payback from the community for providing good education was enormous, and said unpaid back taxes would go a long way towards paying for public education.

Esch also said he spent the last month before the election speaking with district superintendents about No Child Left Behind.

Esch said this move would make it appear as if most schools in the country had failed and therefore public education had as well.

He said many politicians wanted to privatize education completely, and said this was a bad idea.

"Arguably, public education is the greatest invention of our democracy," Esch said. "It needs to be more of a partnership than a dictatorship."

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U.S. Congress Representative Candidate Jim Esch entertains questions from the AP Government class. While his opponent had given a lengthy opening speech before he took questions, Esch opened up to the class right away in a much more relaxed and conversational atmosphere. Esch sat on a stool and told the class he would much rather hear what the students had on their minds. "I'm kind of tired of hearing myself speak," Esch said. Most of the questions asked by the students touched on the same topics as the discussion from the day before. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

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Department Head Linda Ganzel Other Teachers

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Courses Offered

ESL English 1-6 Students taking this class were introduced to the English language.

ESL Reading 1-6 The students taking this class worked on basic comprehension, vocabulary expansion and identification of main ideas.

ESL Writing Lab In this class, students were given specific help in areas of writing.

ESL Math 1-2

This course taught math vocabulary in English and it also introduced the four basic operations and their applications.

ESL Prep These prep courses helped prep students in science, technology and social studies.

Math Essentials 1-6

This course was offered to ESL or special education students who were not prepared to enter the regular sequence of math courses.

U.S. History for ESL

This course focused on language development, but covered the same content and standards for regular U.S. History.

Tutorial

This was offered in place of study hall and allowed students to have one-on-one assistance.

Newcomer Center

This is offered at the Career Center and was offered to students who did not know any English. It was only for level 1-2 ESL students.

Students leave home country due to war

By Theresa Vacha

He grew up in Sudan.

The phrase alone demands respect.

He grew up in Sudan until the war grew too dangerous.

He then moved to Uganda where school hardly met daily due to the random appearances of rebel forces. After that he traveled to an entirely different country and took classes in a society where he barely understood the language.

Those facts demand more than respect.

"Our country was still in war," Oryem Oringa (12) said. "We felt that if we stayed (it would be dangerous), that way we moved far from it."

He said he moved to the United States with his five siblings and parents in 2005 to receive a better education. After settling in Omaha, he and his niece were enrolled at Central High, where both took English as a Second Language

"Oryem studies very hard and has a nice sense of humour we sometimes don't recognize the first time," Polly Briles, a paraprofessional in the ESL department, said. "His English has improved a lot since he first came to Central."

Briles said students from Sudan have experienced things most people have only read about.

"Their life was really different from ours," she said.

Oringa said although he knew some English before coming, people spoke differently here.

"ESL did their best to try to teach us the hardest parts," he said. "I have learned a lot."

Oringa said he hopes to continue school in the United States and go to medical school.

"Maybe I will go back to my country to help my people there," he said.

He said although Sudan is peaceful right now, one never knows if it will break out in civil wars again.

Oringa said his school in Uganda was very overcrowded and he had to pay to be there.

Classes never had a consistent pattern because rebel troops would pass through his camp at random times.

"(You) may never know if they come, they are always moving," Oringa said. "Any day they plan to come they come."

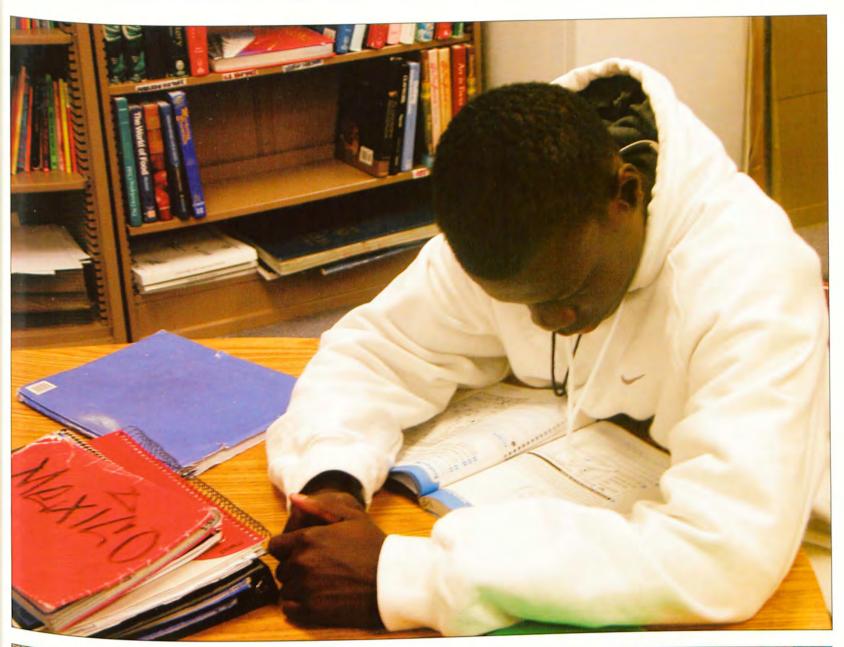
Oringa said their purpose in fighting is hard to understand.

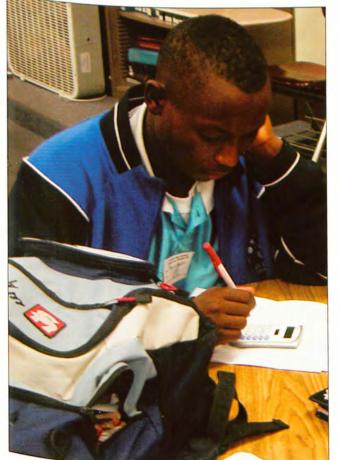
"The rebels broke out from the government," he said. "Because they want to claim their own government."

He explained when the rebels come through their camp they may be searching for food, or just simply looking for soldiers to train.

"Maybe they want to train (people who are) 18 or below," Oringa said. "If you get tired and stop walking, they won't just leave you, they will kill you."

Although Oringa said he might go back to his country to try to help, he does not know if his family members would come with him.







Top. Yannick Ouedraogo (11) studies during an ESL lesson. Sarah Paul (9) said she was happy she came to America because of the different people and culture she was able to experience. She said ESL helped her improve her English. **Above.** Samuel Anez (9) (left), Juan Ramirez (10) and Anisa Aden (9) work on homework during ESL. Polly Briles, a para-professional in the ESL department, said students from Sudan have experienced things most people have only read about. **Left.** Dieudonne Manirakiza (9) finishes his work during an ESL lesson. ESL served as a teaching and support class for many students. Students in ESL are from many different countries ranging from Sudan to Mexico. *Photos by Theresa Vacha*.

Business/Marketing/ Technology

Department Head

Kelly Means

Other Teachers

Barry Branson
Jodi Brown
Harry Gaylor
DeLayne Havlovic
Colleen Lenners
Trent Lodge
Denise Powers
Jodi Rackliffe
Brian Swanigan
Cindy Thomsen
Drew Thyden
Vickie Wiles

Courses Offered

Jeanne Zamiska

Accounting

Students taking this class learned all aspects of accounting. They also learned about preparing worksheets, financial statements and much more.

Business and Consumer Law

The students who attended this class had the opportunity to study legal principles that are the basis of business and consumer law.

Keyboarding

The students learned the basics of keyboarding and improved their skills.

Visual Basics

The students taking this class learned computer programming using visual basic language.

HTML Web Design

This course introduced students to Hyper text Markup language. They will learn how to use it.

Computer Graphics

Students learned to create and manipulate graphics using industry-standard software.

Marketing

The students studied the foundations and functions of marketing.

Pathways

This class introduced freshmen to skills and concepts required for success in high school.



Free time spent programing games

By Patrick O'Malley

Benjamin Susman (10) said he competed in programming events and took classes because he enjoyed the logicality and the thought processes it took to create a program.

"My mom is a computer programmer so she kind of made me lean towards it," he said. "I'm really into the math, too."

Benjamin Polk (10) said he loved the ingenuity of solving the math equations before being able to type in the codes to make a command for the program.

"It's almost like solving a puzzle," Drew Thyden, computer programming teacher, said.

He said many of the students who were in computer programming classes were also on the Chess Team because of the amount of thinking involved.

Polk said he attended his first two tournaments last year when he was in Visual Basics 1-2.

He said he didn't know much about what it took to create a program on the computer when he first started, but he was interested right away so he began to get more involved.

Thyden selected the top nine programmers to compete.

He said they usually competed in the same events as they did in previous years.

Thyden said past teams had won at University of South Dakota and Northwest Missouri State.

Polk said they also competed in an online competition, in which two teams were given four problems to solve and they solved one.

"There is a teacher who sends out his programs then e-mails the results," Thyden said. Polk said trying to understand the codes was like trying to learn a different language.

"I try to push them to get ready for the competitions," Thyden said.

Polk said in the various classes they did not do much math. They usually just learned about the technical aspects of building a program.

"The most successful competitors have gone through at least second year Algebra," Thyden said.

He said the requirements to be enrolled in his C++ class was a student had to have completed math courses through geometry and Algebra 1-2 for Visual Basics 1-2.

"A lot of the thinking for math goes along with how you think in computer programming so it helps to have more math," Polk said.

Susman said he was in Honors Precalculus and Trigonometry and he did not have much trouble with the mathematical aspect.

"Some of the assignments require basic math knowledge," Susman said.

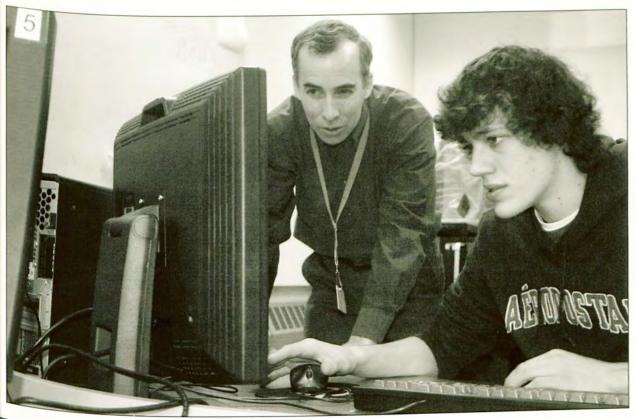
He said most of the work he did was tedious, but he didn't mind because the end results were worth it.

"Most of the programs I've created so far haven't been too complex," Susman said.

Polk said he used Microsoft Visual Office to create a program.

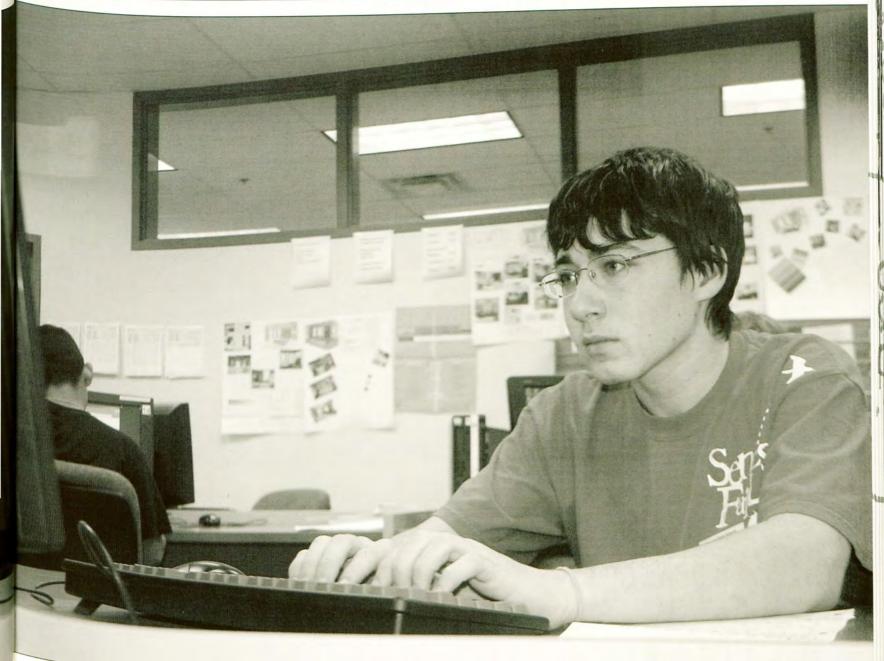
"I have made a couple games that aren't big with 3-D," he said.

He also said he had been working on a program that would organize information and make holding a chess tournament easier.



Left. Drew Thyden, computer programming teacher, assists Matthew Bower (11) with his Honors C++ assignment. Thyden said he chose students from all of his classes to compete in programming competitions. Many of the students who were in computer programming classes were also on the Chess Team because of the amount of thinking involved. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Below. Benjamin Susman (10) is working on a homework assignment in Honors C++ class. Susman said he got into computer programming because his mother had a career in the field. "I'm really into math, too," Susman said. "Some of the assignments require basic math knowledge." He said he enjoyed the thinking patterns it took to create a computer program. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



Mathematics

Department Head Jennifer Gregor

Other Teachers Mark Allner Chad Burns Susan Drumm Ebi Ekpere Nathan Hill Brent Larson Carrie Laughlin Michelle Marquis Maria Melby Kelly Murphy Mindy Murphy Paul Nielson Christie Pfeifer Mary Beth Polivka Jeff Potter Andrew Reed Greg Sand

Courses Offered

Algebra 1-6 Students taking this class covered traditional algebra topics.

Geometry

Students learned how to write proofs and about properties of shapes.

Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry

Students who took this class covered the topics necessary for the successful study of calculus.

Enrichment Math

Students taking this class have the opportunity to broaden their mathematical horizons.

AP Calculus

Two levels were offered and tudents studied derivatives and integrals.

Differential Equations

Students studied linear and nonlinear differential equations. It was offered to students who had taken calculus.

AP Statistics

This course in statistics covered the topics in the syllabus ublished by the College Board

Discrete Math

Students taking this class studied material that is a prerequisite to college-level mathematics.

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Competition aims to recruit

By Jomarcell Nguyen

Aleck Feng of West Des Moines walked into Central for the first time. He was attending the Central High Middle School Math Competition.

"We prepped on the bus ride here with worksheets and talking to friends," Feng said.

About 32 schools from Des Moines, Lincoln and around Omaha came to the competition.

The competition started at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 and ended at 6 that same day.

About 70-80 Central students helped with the event. Last year, there were 23 schools.

"In E-Math, the second hour class had to write, cut and staple the contest question," Adell Zdan (12) said. "We also had to fix the grammar."

The E-Math class and Math Club worked on the competition for about four to seven weeks.

"Principal (Greg) Emmel also gave an introduction," Virginia Horrell (12) said. "And he welcomed the middle school students to Central."

Middle school students were either given a sprint test which consisted of 30 easy question, Leapfrog which was a question that students were able to switch at halftime and Target which were eight very difficult question.

"I would like to get about 36 schools

total to participate for the event," Greg Sand, mathematics teacher, said.

Rochelle Finnigan (12), Bailey Jensen (12), Luis Lopez (12) and many others also had an opportunity to help with the math competition.

"We had door prize questions to keep them busy," Sand said. "Then they broke up individually into one to three sections."

Student had to pick in advance which competition they would be in.

"The test was a little hard," Feng said.

Private schools like Saint Margaret Mary and Saint Robert also participated in the event.

"We had Math Count and we worked on prepping for Central's competition," said Paul Davey (8) from Saint Margaret Mary. "I was excited and I figured we would do pretty well during the competition."

Westside Middle School placed first, West Des Moines placed second and Saint Margaret Mary placed third overall.

The Central Middle School Competition started in 1940. This is the 66th year of the competition.

Students also participated in an oral round that consisted of 10 questions.

"The biggest thing I think is to get kids into Central," Sand said.





Left . Anthony Evans (10) (left) and Jonathan Butler (11) stack the cans received in a canned food drive. "The reason why we had a food drive was that one of the local houses ran out of food," Evans said. Photo by Else Richards.

Bottom (left). Peter Rafferty (12) cheers on the students from Westside Middle School. Each Central student was assigned to be grader or assigned to a school during the oral round. Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.

Bottom (right). A Bryan Middle School student competes in Target. Target was eight very difficult questions. Student had an option of Sprint, Target and Leap Frog. Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.





The Department of Mathematics was first established at Central in 1895. The first department head was J. M. Wilson. -Annual 1918.

Physical Education

Department Head

Chad Townsend

Other Teachers

Dennis Baker Meredith Kinman Rob Locken John Moran Jodi Reeder Steven Russell Joseph Shimerdla Lisa Studer

Courses Offered

Weight Training/ Conditioning

Students learned proper techniques for free weights and machines. In order to take the zero hour class, students had to take Beginning Weight Training 1-2.

Aerobics

This class helped strengthen students' hearts and tone their body while working out to music. Activities included step aerobics, kick boxing, yoga and circuit training using weight machines.

Lifetime Sports

Students explored different leisure and lifetime activities such as tennis, archery, aerial darts and pickle ball. Activities were highly aerobic.

Team Sports

This course explored developing cardiovascular endurance through flag football, soccer and brisket ball.

Health Professions

Students received hands on experience and received their CPR and First Aid certification. They also learned about the human anatomy and physiology.

Lifetime Fitness

This course helped develop physical fitness. Students worked on the vertical jump, sprinting speed, strength and agility.

building in class

Curriculum emphasizes setting goals

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Each student signed up for the class for a different reason.

Christopher Griffin (11) said he took the class to get stronger for football.

"It (the goal) depends on the student," weight training teacher Joseph Shimerdla said. "I can't set a goal for them."

Corine Lambright (12) said she took the class because she wanted to tone up her arms.

Students had the option of taking it zero hour.
"I like lifting in the morning," Ishmael

Patterson (12) said. "It didn't get in the way of my classes senior year."

Shimerdla said he hoped to make the students happy and help them accomplish their goals.

"It's fun," Lambright said. "You usually don't have fun working out."

The equipment ranged from machines to dumbbells to squats and the music was constantly blaring.

"We use everything we have," Shimerdla said. "On nice days, sometimes we'll go outside and make use of the track or play some football."

He said the lower body lifts requires more technique, so it is hard for a person who has never done it before to grasp the concepts.

Shimerdla said the class utilizes an eight-week program.

"It's a pyramid," he said. "A plateau program."

One program worked on squats, cleans, bench and inclines in order to get the max up.

The program had three phases. In one phase, students did three sets of 10 and used 60 percent of the total max. The goal was aerobic lifting.

In another phase, students did four sets of eight and used 70 percent of their max.

It was a mixture of aerobic and anaerobic lifting and prepared students for the last phase, which was completely anaerobic lifting. Shimerdla said anaerobic lifting is usually for bigger guys and girls.

"We start with cardio workouts and burning calories," he said. "We work toward getting stronger."

He said the goal is to increase the amount students can lift.

"A lot of people get stronger in eight weeks," Shimerdla said.

Students gradually added more weights to the bar. The more weight the better.

He said he loves weight training because a person gets out of it what he puts in.

"It doesn't matter who you are," Shimerdla said.
"If you work hard, you're going to see results."

Lambright said adding more weights was hard.

"He tries to push you," she said. "It's good he pushes hard, but sometimes you think that it's just too much."

Shimerdla said his job isn't very hard and it's a lot of fun.

He said he did have to worry about safety with so many students lifting at one time in his classes.

"There are a lot of kids," he said, "so it's hard to watch all of them at once to make sure they're being safe and using the proper form and technique. I don't want anyone to get hurt."

He said students are graded mostly on class participation and doing stretches and workouts properly.

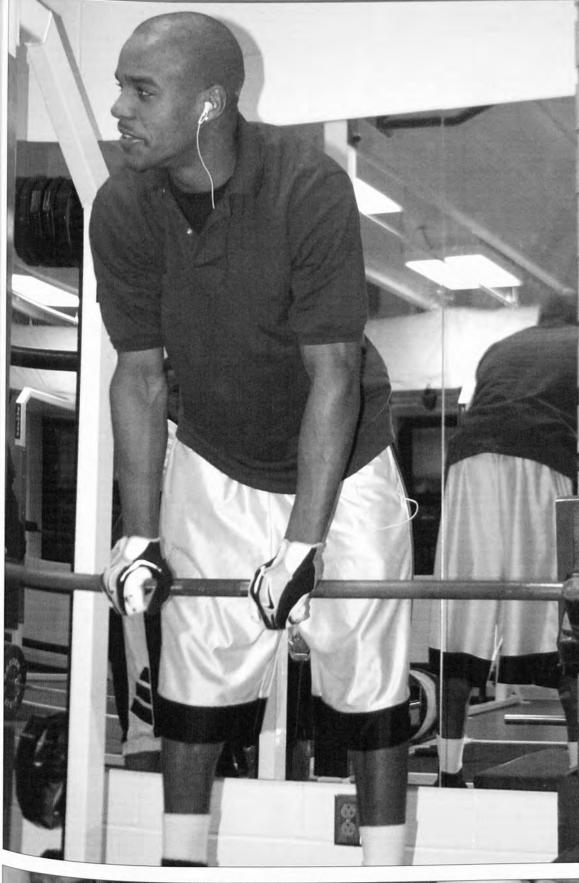
Students in his class also had to write their own workout programs, which accounted for 10 percent of their grade.

Shimerdla said there were also miscellaneous

"There's no meaningless work," he said. "No busy work. We want to keep everything simple."

Shimerdla said he played athletics both in high school and college.

"I liked the way weight training made my body look," Shimerdla said, "and the way it made me feel."



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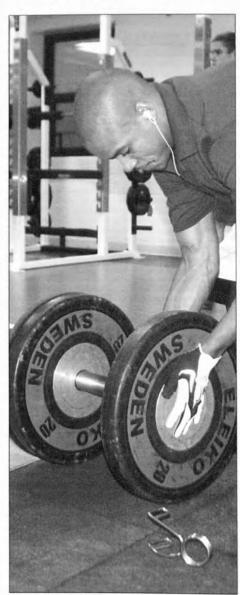
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Left. Shaun Prater (11) helps his fellow football players lift weights during zero hour weight training. The class was divided into eight-week programs that tried maximizing the amount of weight lifted. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.*

Bottom. Joseph Willms (12) works out using the bench press. It is important to be safe and follow proper technique when working out because of the possibility of injury. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Below. Prater places heavier weights on the bar. Students from athletes to non athletes took the class in order to tone up and fulfill gym requirements. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.



Military Science

Department Head Mike Melvin Other Teachers Dwaine Sutter

Courses Offered JROTC 1-2

Students taking this class were introduced to basic leadership principles and skills, foundations, diversity, communications skills, basic first aid, drug awareness and abuse prevention.

JROTC 3-4

The citizen action group process was introduced. Students learned about the three branches of government.

JROTC 5-6

Students had to complete a group Service Learning project. They also learned about financial planning including budgeting, saving and credit management. Students studied anger management and violence protection.

JROTC 7-8

This is the culmination of the JROTC program. Students focused on project management, mentoring, supervising, advanced communication and military history in WWII and the Cold War.

Marksmanship Team

This co-curricular activity taught advance methods of marksmanship in preparation for rifle competitions.

Drill Team/ Color Guard Cadets were taught advanced methods of drills for

competition. This class was for highly-motivated students willing to give their best effort and extra time.

again again

JROTC scores top star in inspection

By Astrika Wilhelm

After an inspection from the United States government Dec. 11, the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) was able to maintain its hold of ranking amongst the best JROTC programs in the country.

This award means a lot. Every year JROTC is inspected by army officials.

The goal of the Brigade Formal Inspection (BFI) is to evaluate each high school's JROTC program. The BFI has been occurring annually for years at Central.

"They make sure that you are fulfilling your curriculum," JROTC instructor Sgt. Maj. Dwaine Sutter said.

All JROTC students are inspected, regardless of

Sutter said preparations for the BFI are extensive and it takes hard work. Students have to prepare uniforms, be knowledgeable of the curriculum and show the proper respect according to rank.

"They have to call me Sergeant Major," Sutter said. "It (the title) depends on who it is. They have to say the rank because it gives respect."

The inspection occurred in the gym throughout

The students were in formation so the inspector could see any problems with uniforms.

The inspectors also asked questions.

Every three years, the inspectors give the school a new level of honor for its successes or failings. There is, in order of increasing rank, the white star, blue star and the yellow star.

"The white star means that you need a lot of

work," Sutter said. "You could lose the program within the high school."

Central has had the yellow star, honorable with distinction, for several years.

This year it received the yellow star again.

It scored 976 out of the possible 1000 points.

A school has to score at least 960 points in orda to receive the yellow star.

"There is a lot of stress when it (the inspection happens," Sutter said. "How well the cadets perform is rated."

Sutter said it takes tremendous coordination between the battalion commander and the battalion executive.

The battalion commander, Alicia Bender (12) gave a brief to the inspectors.

The top officials also reported to the inspector They had to give all of the information extremely meticulously.

"I just have to make sure my battalion is prepare and fully ready for the inspection," Bender said. need to give them a sense of urgency about the yello star."

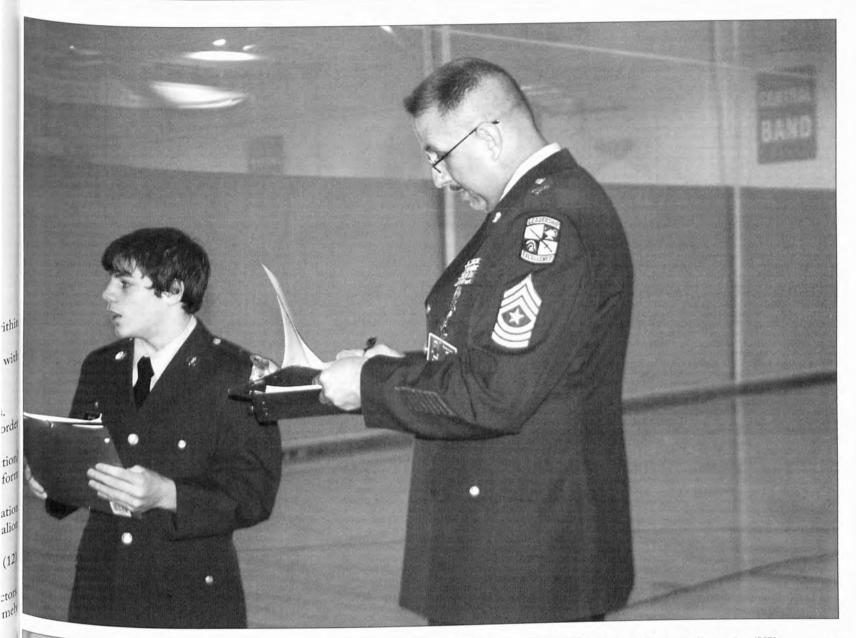
Sutter said inspection involved a lot of time an effort from many people.

"They had to go through a lot of before and afte school preparations," he said. "A lot of work was P in by the staff as shown by their ability to come before and after school to maintain the yellow star."

The staff worked on speeches as well as preparing everyone for the questions the inspectors would 35 them.









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Above. Sqt. Maj. Dwaine Sutter reviews JROTC members before the inspection began in the gym. The board had already heard briefs by the officers in the JROTC room. Renee Wilder (11) said she thought Central would get the yellow star. "I have to wear the uniform correctly, know the chain of command and the different ranks," Wilder said. "Cadets from each level have to prepare questions (for the inspectors)." *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Left. Aelea Armendariz (10), along with other Drill Team members, waits in formation for the inspectors to watch them. This was a day-long process that inspected all aspects of JROTC. Sutter said the students put in two to three hours per day, four out of the five days per week. Other JROTC students cleaned out the inventory room, organizing everything for the inspection. Elvis Servellon (11) was in charge of organizing the inventory room. He said he wanted to make sure everything was in order. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Opposite Page. The inspection board listens to briefs by the JROTC officers. Every year the inspectors are different. The inspection team came from Colorado. They are usually either active members of the army or national guards. "They all like different things," Sutter said. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Academic Decathlon

Front Row. Ben McGuire (11), Laurence Deboer (11), Philip Lomneth (11), Samuel Kincaid (11), Benjamin Thomas (11) and Delaney Kunz (11). Second Row. Luke Hawbaker (10), Chloe Greguska (11), Sarah Ferguson (11), Ellen Danford (11), Alexander Carlson (10) and Danielle Costello (10). Back Row. Felix Hembach (11), Andrew Patterson (11), Emily Harrison (12), Shuona Wang (12) and Angella Mertz (12). Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Academic Decathlon is a class that studies various topics for a new general theme each year. This year's topic was the Chinese culture. Students studied everything from its history to its art.

"It is a lot of work, but Mrs. Deniston-Reed made the information a lot of fun. And the competitions are always worthwhile." -Shuona Wang (12).



Anime Club

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Front. Victor Phifer (9), Chessna Fernald (11), Christina Coniglio (10), Michaela Bradley (12) and sponsor Kami Boje. Second Row. Bryan Hirschman (10), Tristan Bernth (10), William Jensen (9), Paola Bautista (10), Darryl Johnson (10) and Chinyere Dickson (9). Back Row. Jacob Koenig (10), Jared Soll (10), Emily Masters (9), Amanda Turner (9) and John Handlos (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: John Handlos.

Once a week, the members demonstrated their common interest in Anime art by drawing and comparing their own work.

"I like to think of myself as an artist. It takes talent to draw Anime; it's really a unique kind of drawing." -John Handlos (11).

Art Club

Front Row. Lucy Schroeder (12), Chayla Harrison (12), Michaela Bradley (12), Lindsay Schulz (12), Shuona Wang (12) and Stephanie Demoraes (9). Second Row. Sponsor Kathryn Schroeder, Rachael Larington (12), Elizabeth Wallace (11), Chessna Fernald (11), Anisa Aden (9), Laurence Deboer (11) and Alexandria Hodge (10). Third Row. Sponsor Jane Taucreti, Justin Valentine (12), Lauren Mueller (12), Briana Kosmicki (10), Gabrielle Gard (10) and Sarah Barazi (10). Back Row. Sponsor Tanya Simmons, Joseph Hanson (11), Christopher Pecha (10), Cody Tenczer (10), Fatima Flores (11), Timothy Fisher (12) and sponsor Margaret Quinn. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Shuona Wang.

Art Club members studied various artists' styles.

"I think art as a whole is important for individuals to learn more about cultures." -Lucy Schroeder (12).



Book Club

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Front Row. Olivia Griffin (11), Michaela Bradley (12), Linda Hannah (10), Brandy Holesko (9) and Kelsey Culjat (9). Back Row. Sponsor Sue Devlin, Francesca Hannah (12) and Karima Al-Absy (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Book Club was composed of individuals who read on their own outside of school and then came together to discuss different books and universal themes of literature.

"I believe reading improves language and vocabulary, which helps in school and on tests. It is also fun and entertaining." -Karima Al-Absy (12).



Breakdancing Club



Front Row. Yurianna Jacobo (11), Brianna Hare (9), Edward Pierce (10), Michael Tafe (12) and Brittany Gossett (11). Second Row. Sponsor Jane Boeka, Eric Heldenbrand (11), Clarice Dombeck (9), Israel Pommells (12) and Kevin Estell (9). Back Row. Rakeem Morrison (11), Wendy Guembes (9), Derek Nelson (12) and Prentiss Reddick (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Edward Pierce.

Breakdancing Club spent time sharing dance moves and learning new techniques.

"I think breakdancing is an important part of the African-American culture. Also, it's fun to learn new moves and watch what people can do."- Brittany Gossett (11).

Central Ultimate Team

Front Row. Andrew Larson (10), Nicholas Messick (10), Mark Arehart (12), Lucy Schroeder (12), Matthew Watson (12) and Max Delman (12). Second Row. Abby Fleek (12), Alexander Carlson (10), Edward Suprenant (10), John Martinez (12), Blake Cantrell (10), John Gasak (10) and William Monen (12). Back Row. Sponsor Derek Leslie, Kevin Rooney (12), Peter Rafferty (12), Adam Roberts (10) and Daniel Smith (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Peter Rafferty.

The club played multiple ultimate Frisbee games twice a week in "The Sunks," a field located in Dundee.

"Frisbee is an outlet, a way to hang out with friends and relieve stress. Overall, it's a great game and a way to get in touch with who I am." -Mark Arehart (12).



The Central Committee rid Central's lawn of dandelions, purchased better ink and secured a large trophy case. -0-Book 1926.

CHEETA Club

Front Row. Theresa Vacha (12), Shuona Wang (12), Lindsey Rosenbalm-Penry (9), Stephanie Palmer (10), Shauna Brayman (10) and Nadia Al-Absy (10). Back Row. Sponsor Cat Kennedy, Chinyere Dickson (9), Karima Al-Absy (12), Sheyla Olvera (9) and Lindsay Schulz (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Shuona Wang.

CHEETA Club participated in various activities to help serve the well-being of mistreated animals and to raise awareness for animal respect.

"Pets and all kinds of animals are such an important part of the world. So many people mistreat them; it is our duty to help prevent animal cruelty from happening." -Stephanie Palmer (10).



Chess Club



Front Row. Sponsor Drew Thyden, Anthony Stubbs (12), Kevin Kennedy (12), Jesse Tye (11) and sponsor Doug Martin. Back Row. Benjamin Polk (10), Benjamin Susman (10), Amrit Kandel (11) and Mark Briggs (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Kevin Kennedy.

Chess Club members played against each other and participated in tournaments against other schools. The Central Chess Team has won state multiple times.

"I like all of the different possibilities; no one game is the same. You don't have to be great to have fun at it."

-Kevin Kennedy (12).

College Bound Club

Front Row. Tassha Teamer (11), Brittany Lytle (9), Antwaun Stewart (10), Kieralynn House (10), Michaela Bradley (12) and Lindsay Schulz (12). Second Row. Darryl Johnson (10), Victory Davis (10), Shantel Straughn (12), Janisea Shields (12), Kristalee Caldwell (12) and Ti Naisha Jackson (10). Third Row. Asia Smith (11), Alfonzo Straughn (10), Jade Franklin (10), Za'nia Thomas (10), Andrea Davis (10) and Rae'Van Gamble (9). Back Row. Sponsors Erik Albertine, Jennifer Stastny, Trish Marcuzzo and Kelly Murphy. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

College Bound Club was organized for first generation students who plan to attend college.

"I am proud to go on to college. I think the club helped me get ready both mentally and with scholarship money."
-Michaela Bradley (12).



Front Row. Plamen Petkov (12), Anthony Stubbs (12), Kevin Kennedy (12), Benjamin Susman (10) and Benjamin Polk (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Kevin Kennedy.

The Computer Programming team competed in tournaments throughout the year. The members were given a task or problem they had to solve on the computer.

"I think it is important to not only practice this stuff, but to practice it at a competitive level. It really helps with school and getting a head start on a career." -Plamen Petkov (12).



Dance Dance Revolution



Front Row. Kristin Wipfler (10), Stacie VanCleave (10) and Shelby Roman (10). Second Row. Tayler Armstrong (10), Amy Wall (11), Emma Ferber (11), Devan Hardy (11) and Kaitlyn Rathman (11). Third Row. Brittani Avery (11), Aryannah Conrad (10), Hayden Fenster (9), Lydia Stern (10) and Navarr Christensen (9). Back Row. Tiffany Gonzales (10), James Nielson (12), Chanelle Archuletta (11), Bethany Sibert (10), Allen Bentley (10), Chinyere Dickson (9). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Kristin Wipfler, Stacie VanCleave.

Club members took turns playing the game, in which players had to imitate movements on a television screen on their mats.

"It was something different; a good way to lose a lot of calories. Instead of just sitting in front of the TV, you're actually physically participating." -Shelby Roman (10).

Debate

Front Row. Sponsor Donna Dechant, Lyndsey Bullis (11), Seth Rich (12), Paloma Nazar (11) and Chelsea Smith (11).

Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Seth Rich.

The Debate team participated in tournaments once a week during its season. Although it had a new coach, many students qualified for finals during those tournaments.

"Debate gives students a chance to expand their thoughts, to put their lives in perspective. It gives them a broader outlook on what is really happening in the world." -Chelsea Smith (11).

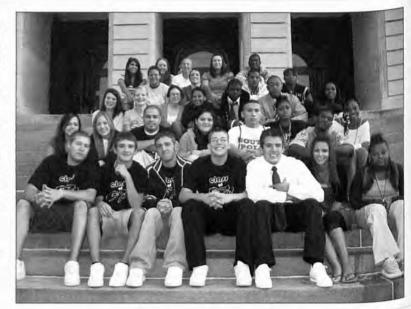


"The Titans...is a society to which none but auburn or red-haired girls are eligible to join."-O-Book 1925.

DECA #1

Front Row, Wesley Kendall (12), Trever Tomes (12), Stephen Morrow (12), Jeremy Roxburgh (12), Michael Cold (12), Chiara Vieceli (12) and Cierra Rodriquez (11). Second Row, Jordan Wagner (12), Alexandra Herskind (12), Jay Taylor (12), Crystal Ramirez (12), Shokhrukh Dadajanov (12), Terriona Adams (12), Donald Hattix (12) and Valyn Gipson (11). Third Row, Mattie George (11), Abigail Sjogren (11), Emily Rice-Baltzell (11), Fatima Flores (11), Ramel Thompson (11), Charles Thompson (12) and Ashley Marion (11). Fourth Row. Carli Culjat (11), Andrea Scarpello (11), Robert Clay (12) and Sha'Niece Woods (12). Back Row. Paloma Nazar (11), Samantha Sheridan (11), Jacquelyn Whelan (11), Caitlin Farrell (11) and Bruce McDougald (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

DECA participated in marketing competitions throughout the year. Last year, nine members qualified for Nationals.



DECA #2



First Row. Kathryn Humphreys (11), Jennifer Grant (11), Elizabeth Erikson (11), Kerry Rosenberg (11), Rachel Reno (11), Erin Schultz (11) and Grace Gillespie (11). Second Row. Emma Ferber (11), Meghan Wetterstrom (11), Antea Gatalica (11), Elizabeth Wallace (11), Claire Anderson (11) and Maya Doghman (11). Third Row. Else Richards (11), Catherine Venditte (11), Meeae Tillwick (11), Chloe Greguska (11), Huong Vu (11), Patricia Cobb (11), Sarah Burford (11), Sarah Ferguson (11) and Jomarcell Nguyen (11). Back Row. Amber Rowan (11), Alicia Durkan (12), John Johnson (11), Andrew Dickey (11), Timothy Seffron (11), John Shanahan (11) and Alexander Elliott (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"It's fun and we learn various marketing concepts plus how to write résumés, so it helps with jobs." -Scott Kielion (12).

DECA #3

Front Row. Laura Nickisch (12), Mark Arehart (12), Kara Lambrecht (12), Alyssa Eledge (12), Danielle Goodwin (12), Jaime Gustafson (12), Elisabeth Garvin (12), Sarah Kyler (12) and Carolyn Croskey (12). Second Row. Scott Kielion (12), Martina Kolobara (12), Jane Hartig (12), Amanda Logan (12), Kelsey Storm (12), Ann Widdershoven (12), December Muhammad (12), Justin Young (12) and Emily Wence (12). Third Row. Alexander Freed (12), Ciara Zimmer (12), Laney Rosenbalm-Penry (12), Arielle Donner (12), Ann Hildebrandt (12), Aaron Gregory (12), Melissa Weatherford (12) and Jamar Bass (12). Back Row. Anthony Mathews (11), Pedro Francisco (12), Anthony Wilwerding (12), Erik Mabrouk (11), Rachael Larington (12), Rochelle Finnigan (12) and Brittany McCain (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"It has exposed me to different careers and has allowed me to travel to different conventions." - Meeae Tillwick (11).



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Front Row. Sponsor Linda Ganzel, Juan Gomez (12), Jessica Ozuna (11), Carmen Ramos (9) and Nadia De Santos (12). Second Row. Yusuf Hassan (11), Besmir Gjoka (12), Ahmed Abdi (10), Sarah Paul (9) and Borana Gjoka (10). Back Row. Alan Lozano (11), Oryem Oringa (12), David Karlo (11), Octavio German (12), Maria Gonzalez-Jurado (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

ESL was created as a support group that would allow students who speak English as a second language not only time to study English, but to participate in recreational activities together as well.

"The group is like a family to me. I would not be doing as well without them." -Maria Gonzalez-Jurado (12).



Future Educators of America

Front Row. Reyna Barrales (11), Christina Ritchie (10), Simone Gould (12) and Crystal Overgaard (10). Second Row. Maria Alvarado (11), Scarlett Blake (11), Debra Ramirez (11), Maria Navarro (10) and Lindsay Schulz (12). Back Row. Jessica Hernandez (11), Ashley Meyer (11), Amanda Flemmer (11), Clarissa Lovegren (10) and sponsor Robin Hanus. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Lindsay Schulz.

FEA's purpose was to raise awareness about student appreciation and to help familiarize youth who want to go into education with possible careers and positions.

"Education is a core principle in life and should be appreciated." -Debra Ramirez (11).



Fine Lines

Front Row. Brianna Hare (9), Michaela Bradley (12) and Devante Reed (9). Second Row. Andrew Coniglio (11), Bruce McDougald (12), Brittani Avery (11) and sponsor Deron Larson. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Fine Lines was for students who enjoyed creative writing. They held activities such as journaling and listening to guest speakers.

"I think writing is a central skill you have to learn in life to do well in your future and succeed at a level you want to."
-Michaela Bradley (12).



The Bachelors Club was organized to boost Omaha High School (now called Central). It got rid of the stink-bomb nuisance and regained the privilege of open halls. -Annual 1917.

French Club

Front Row. Andrew Taylor (12), Jane Hartig (12), Seth Rich (12), Katherine Hartig (12), Tyler Magnuson (12) and Rachel Reno (11). Second Row. Elijah Skolfield (9), Emma Ferber (11), Kathryn Humphreys (11), Amy Wall (11), Leslie Stryker (12), Katherine Shuster (12), Shuona Wang (12) and Elaine Arrington (12). Third Row. Megan Taylor (9), Fatima Flores (11), Sarah Burford (11), Emily Rice-Baltzell (11) Emily Epperson (9) and Zoe May (9). Back Row. Amrit Kandel (11), Lydia Stern (10), Evelyn Taylor (10), Chloe McPherson (10) and Satera Nelson (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Aaron French, Seth Rich.

French Club was open to anyone who took a French class. The participants went to activities including a hayrack ride and dinner.



French NHS



Front Row. Jane Hartig (12), Leslie Stryker (12), Shuona Wang (12) and Elaine Arrington (12). Back Row. Fatima Flores (11), Sarah Burford (11) and Emily Rice-Baltzell (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Shuona Wang.

Students had to apply and meet the requirements before being accepted into French NHS. They participated in tutoring and various service activities.

"It is a fun way to meet people and learn more about the French culture from people who are interested in it like you."
-Elaine Arrington (12).

German Club

Front Row. Sasha Zdan (12), Jill Daugherty (12), Ann Widdershoven (12), Kara Lambrecht (12) and Bailey Jensen (12). Back Row. Philip Lomneth (11), Astrika Wilhelm (11), Stephanie Wilhelm (12) and sponsor Erica Meyer. Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Presidents: Adell Zdan, Bailey Jensen.

German Club held various recreational activities related to the German culture.

"It's an encouraging way to learn about the German culture because you have fun while participating." -Brittany Krijan (12).



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Front Row. Sasha Zdan (12), Ann Widdershoven (12), Bailey Jensen (12) and Brittany Krijan (12). Back Row. Philip Lomneth (11), Astrika Wilhelm (11), Stephanie Wilhelm (12) and sponsor Erica Meyer. Photo by Theresa Vacha.

German NHS was available to students who received an "A" for three consecutive semesters. They were more service-affiliated than German Club.

"I like to learn about German because it puts me in touch more with my heritage." -Ann Widdershoven (12).



GSA #1



Front Row. Rachel Reno (11), Claire Anderson (11), Erin Schultz (11), Adam Hankins (9) and Emma Ferber (11). Second Row. Maxwell Larson (11), James Nielson (12), Alicia Hardin (11) and Rachael Farhat (11). Back Row. Sponsor Kami Boje, Lauren Alston (11), Chanelle Archuletta (11), Chelsea Conn (11), Megan Kreigler (11), Alexandra Oltrogge (11) and sponsor Rick Richards. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Adam Hankins.

The club worked to promote tolerance and respect between diverse youths. They participated in social justice activities.

GSA #2

Front Row. Blair Emsick (9), Catherine Carne (9), Tiffani Taylor (10), Nathaniel Hall (10) and Erin Emsick (10). Second Row. Sarah Emsick (9), Alexandra Hotchkiss (9), Timesha James (9), Chloe Brich (9), Evelyn Taylor (10) and Sergio Montanez (9). Third Row. Cassandra Butt (9), Jenivieve McPeck (9), Jenelle Smithberg (9), Abriona Lueders (9) and Laura Kraft (10). Back Row. Sponsor Kami Boje, Adam Hankins (11), Erika Santiago (9), Chinyere Dickson (9), Aryannah Conrad (10) and sponsor Rick Richards. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"People seem to be afraid of people who are different and this club lets you interact and realize that we really aren't that different." -Erin Schultz (11).



The Keen Key Klickers was composed of students taking typewriting. They competed in District and State commercial contests. -0-Book 1925.

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International Thespians

Front Row. Emily Wall (12), Crystal Ramirez (12), Katherine Shuster (12) and Amanda Pintore (12). Second Row. Patrick Kilcoyne (11), Aaron Hough (11), Jeramie Colvin (11), Megan Bogatz (12), Stacie VanCleave (10), Kristin Wipfler (10) and Sonya Rhine (12). Third Row. Chanelle Archuletta (11), Rachael Farhat (11), Kaitlyn Rathman (11), Joseph Albright (12), Samantha Friesz (11) and Deleon Thompson (12). Back Row. Tiffany Gonzales (10), Dana Bottger (10), Janice Baker (12), Amy Wall (11), Anthony Evans (10) and Linda Hannah (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Amanda Pintore, Emily Wall.

The members helped with school plays.

"Thespian Club is something that you need to go to in order to realize what you're missing. We have a ton of fun and help out the school at the same time." -Sonya Rhine (12).



JROTC-Staff



Front Row. Alicia Bender (12), Elvis Servellon (11), Derek Schuler (11) and Dominique Johnson (12). Back Row. Briauna Armendariz (11), Andrew Jones (12), Carmen Ruiz (10) and Kevin Gibbs (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Commander: Alicia Bender.

JROTC staff was composed of the leaders in the various JROTC fields of interest. They helped supervise and create activities.

"JROTC teaches discipline and respect for each other and for our nation. Then we have to earn respect in return." -Alicia Bender (12).

JROTC-Orienteering Team

Front Row. Rachael Larington (12), Elvis Servellon (11), Kevin Gibbs (11), Carmen Ruiz (10) and Kenneth Dupree (10). Back Row. Derek Schuler (11), Andrew Jones (12), Anthony Gardner (10), Benjamin Hotchkiss (10) and Hugo Corado (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Commander: Elvis Servellon.

The Orienteering Team went to competitions that taught survival and navigation. Students were given a map and had to find certain points.

"It has helped me read maps and helps me so I won't get lost." -Rachael Larington (12).



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JROTC-Drill Team

Front Row. Juan Gomez (12), Elvis Servellon (11), Drew Roberts (10), Carmen Ruiz (10), Kenneth Dupree (10) and Francisco Sosnowski (10). Second Row. Aelea Armendariz (10), Andrew Jones (12), Anthony Gardner (10), Benjamin Hotchkiss (10), Hugo Corado (10) and Randy Robertson (10). Back Row. Kevin Gibbs (11), Sheyla Olvera (9), Chanelle Archuletta (11), Alex Prue (11), Alicia Bender (12), Dillan Hebert (10) and Kaitlyn Walgrave (9). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

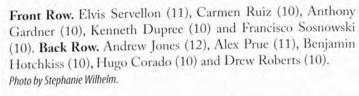
Commander: Drew Roberts.

Members of Drill Team practiced drills one would do in a battalion, but these drills were put into a competitive form.

"It helps teaches you teamwork. You have to be aligned and better organized for putting the battalion in competitive form."
-Drew Roberts (10).



JROTC-Color Guard



Color Guard participated in ceremonies that respected the flag at certain events and showed respect to the nation.

"Our nation deserves so much more respect than lots of students give it. JROTC has taught me that." -Alex Prue (11).



JROTC-Rifle Team

Front Row. Elvis Servellon (11), Carmen Ruiz (10), Briauna Armendariz (11), Kenneth Dupree (10) and Micheal Vian (9). Back Row. Alex Prue (11), Anthony Gardner (10), Aelea Armendariz (10) and Drew Roberts (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Rifle Team shot pellet guns at targets for competitions. It taught military recruits respect for guns.

"It's not the fact that we practice shooting; it's training for the army. And you learn about self respect." -Anthony Gardner (10).



JROTC-Courtesy Patrol

Front Row. Elvis Servellon (11), Carmen Ruiz (10), Briauna Armendariz (11), Kenneth Dupree (10), Randy Robertson (10) and Alicia Bender (12). Second Row. Alex Prue (11), Anthony Gardner (10), Aelea Armendariz (10), Drew Roberts (10) and Hugo Corado (10). Back Row. Kevin Gibbs (11), Dominique Johnson (12), Andrew Jones (12), Chanelle Archuletta (11), Benjamin Hotchkiss (10), Kaitlyn Walgrave (10) and Crystal Himel (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

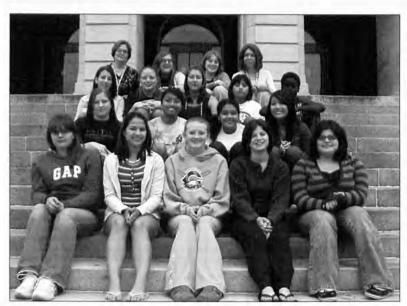
The Courtesy Patrol went to certain events such as football games, school plays and Road Show to make sure everything went smoothly. The members also handed out flyers at events.

"So much happens behind the scenes. Being the people in the background feels good sometimes to know you've helped with security." -Drew Roberts (10).



Key Club[♯]

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Front Row. Alexandria Hodge (10), Christina Ritchie (10), Crystal Overgaard (10), Laura Kraft (10) and Sarah Barazi (10). Second Row. Danielle Costello (10), Judy Rosas (10), Maria Navarro (10) and Catherine Haorei (9). Third Row. Nadia Al-Absy (10), Shauna Brayman (10), Stephanie Palmer (10), Edna Flores (9) and Samuel Philip (9). Back Row. Sponsor Polly Briles, Briana Kosmicki (10), Rebecca Harrison (9) and sponsor Marnie Best. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Nema Philip.

Key Club was involved in a wide range of volunteering, from bell ringing to helping at the Child Saving Institute and the Hope Center. The club's purpose was to serve the community and increase youth involvement in volunteer activities.

Key Club #2

Front Row. Lien Rosas (11), Nema Philip (12), Janice Baker (12) and Theresa Vacha (12). Second Row. Sonya Rhine (12), Crystal Ramirez (12), Anna Adams (12) and Fatima Flores (11). Third Row. Ana Gaspar (11), Emily Rice-Baltzell (11), Debra Ramirez (11), Else Richards (11) and Meeae Tillwick (11). Back Row. Amrit Kandel (11), Regina Antony (11), Kimberly Nguyen (10), Raja Philip (11) and Kim Buckley (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"We come together to help the community. Not only do I believe we have a duty to help, but it is also rewarding." -Nadia Al-Absy (10).



Latin Club #1

Front Row. Sponsor Rita Ryan, Alyssa Rathbun (11), Clarissa Lovegren (10), Samantha Chesters (12) and Lara Zott (12). Second Row. Joshua Dohse (9), James Kuzelka (9), Eliza Cowan (12), Erica Gardner (12), Kelsey Karnik (9) and Kaelyn Knudsen (9). Back Row. Sarah Barazi, (10) Luke Hawbaker (10), Connor Mayfield (11) and Gregory Meyer (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Ellen Danford, Carli Culjat.

The club participated in a variety of after-school events including parties held at various venues, dinner at the Greek Islands and State Kertamen.



Latin Club #2



Front Row. Kelsey Culjat (9), Catherine Larsen (9), Kyrie Lynch (9) and Kenneth Cribbs (10). Second Row. Christina Chesters (10), Alexis Page (9), Alexandra Parks (9), Sarah Medeiros (10), Macklin Emas (10) and Alexandra Hotchkiss (9). Third Row. Paul Fey (10), Derek Porter (10), Sara Bennett (10), Christina Coniglio (10) and Anthony Evans (10). Back Row. Alana Brunow (10) and Dana Bottger (10). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"Ms. Ryan is hilarious. She makes it a lot of fun. It's the biggest language club; we always have a good turn out."
-Chloe Greguska (11).

Latin Club #3

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Front Row. Ellen Danford (11), Mattie George (11), Jennifer Baratta (11), Ronnell Grixby (11), Katie Johnson (11) and Anthony Rushing (11). Second Row. Astrika Wilhelm (11), Lyndsey Bullis (11), Rachel Minier (11), Huong Vu (11), Chloe Greguska (11), Briauna Armendariz (11) and Patrick Kilcoyne (11). Back Row. Sarah Thompson (9), Anne Newman (11), Jonathan Seevers (11), Alek Erickson (11) and Alexandra Oltrogge (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"While you're having a lot of fun and making connections, you're supporting a language that can benefit so many people. I want to go into law and I know I'll definitely put the Latin language to use." -Janice Baker (12).



The Speakers Bureau, due to the Great Depression, had to push its drives strenuously to insure success for the school's campaigns and ticket sales. -0-Book 1931

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Latin Club #4

Front Row. Francesca Hannah (12), Christina Kepler (12), Janice Baker (12), Sonya Rhine (12), James Nielson (12) and Stephanie Wilhelm (12). *Photo by Theresa Vacha*.

"I think Latin is important for people who like to know the whys to not only our language but to many others, too."
-Sonya Rhine (12).



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Front Row. Francesca Hannah (12), Chloe Greguska (11), Ellen Danford (11), Jennifer Baratta (11), Ronnell Grixby (11) and Paul Fey (10). Second Row. Alek Erickson (11), Rachel Minier (11), Huong Vu (11), Dana Bottger (10) and Anthony Evans (10). Back Row. Stephanie Wilhelm (12), Astrika Wilhelm (11), Mattie George (11), Sara Bennett (10) and sponsor Rita Ryan. Photo by Theresa Vacha.

"Latin is used all over the world in every career and in every classroom." -Ellen Danford (11).

Latino Leaders #1

Front Row. Jesus Torres (11), Carlos Gonsalez (11), Monica Herrera (10), Nadia De Santos (12) and Brenda Cruz (12). Second Row. Yuriana Jacobo (9), Maria Alvarado (11), Ruben Gallegos (9), Reyna Barrales (11) and Juan Gomez (12). Back Row. David Torres (11), Octavio German (12), Perla Islas (11), Hector Velasquez (11), Jazmin Hernandez (11) and Maria Gonzalez-Jurado (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Latino Leaders participated in volunteer activities in the Latin community.



Latino Leaders #2

Front Row. Mariano Olivares (9), Denisse Torres (9), Carmen Ramos (9), Mariateresa Ortiz (9) and Claudia Olivares (9). Second Row. Lizzette Carrizosa (9), Clarissa Gonzalez (9), Emilce Ramirez (10), Andres Cardenas (9) and Alejandro Gonzales (10). Third Row. Ana Arroyo (9), Yesenia Chavez (10), Maria Castanon (9), Jessica Narvaez (9) and Erika Munoz (9). Back Row. Sponsor Enrique Garcia, Carlos Garcia (9), Jeanette Martinez (9), sponsor Giovanna Zermeno and Josue Amaya (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"We helped the elderly, picked up trash and had a lot of parties." -Jessica Narvaez (9).



The Light



Front Row. Rachel Woolard (11), Lea Pruitt (9), Lewis Culliver (12), Lindsey Pruitt (12) and Princeton O'Neal (12). Back Row. Tristan Bernth (10), sponsor Jesse Busse, Maggie Yablonski (12) and Kaitlyn Walgrave (9). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Lewis Culliver, Lindsey Pruitt.

The Light met once a week to read and discuss passages from the Bible. Members worked to spread awareness about morality and how students should act in school.

"We try to be examples and spread the good news." -Lewis Culliver (12).

Math Club #1

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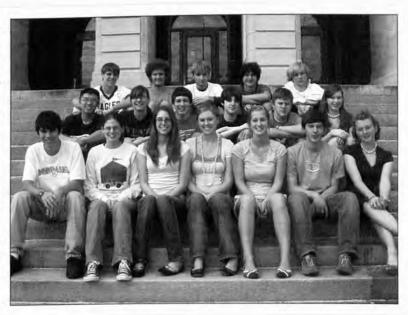
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Front Row. Plamen Petkov (12), Adell Zdan (12), Angella Mertz (12), Jessica Sieff (12), Kara Lambrecht (12), Scott Kielion (12) and Bailey Jensen (12). Second Row. Mai Zhang (12), Virginia Horrell (12), Benjamin Susman (10), Kevin Kennedy (12), Joel Kielion (10) and Leslie Stryker (12). Back Row. Douglas Knickrehm (10), Andrew Taylor (12), Philip Lomneth (11), Ben McGuire (11) and Patrick Kilcoyne (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Presidents: Plamen Petkov, Adell Zdan.

 $\begin{array}{l} M_{embers} \ participated \ in \ tournaments \ such \ as \ the \ UNL \ Math \\ D_{ay} \ competition \ and \ helped \ with \ a \ middle \ school \ math \ contest. \end{array}$

"We usually work out problems individually and then went over them as a class. It's a great club for a nerdy individual who likes math." -Bailey Jensen (12).



The CHS Singers performed on NETV for a half-hour holiday special. - O-Book 1988

Math Club #2

Front Row. Chloe Greguska (11), Abigail Sjogren (11), Patricia Cobb (11), Sarah Ferguson (11) and Elizabeth Wallace (11). Second Row. Theresa Lomneth (9), Laura Kraft (10), Sarah Cohen (11) and Philip Sjogren (9). Back Row. Shuona Wang (12), Gerson Lopez (10), Michael Guinn (11), Amrit Kandel (11) and sponsor Greg Sand. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"It was the closest I could get to being in a Mr. Sand fan club. We got to hang out and laugh, but it was still really interesting to see math problems worked out in a different way."

-Megan Hess (12).



Minority Scholars Fifth Houl

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Front Row. Randall Owens (9), Zalika King (10), Andrea Brooks (10), Franccia Moore (10), Caleb Bealer (9) and Justin Young (12). Second Row. Devante Reed (9), Michaela Bradley (12), Alexis Zendejas (9), Cindy Tuningal (10) and Briauna Armendariz (11). Back Row. Kelsey Swoopes (10), Yvette Medina (9), Rosalinda Martinez (9) and Gerson Lopez (10). Photo by Theresa Vacha.

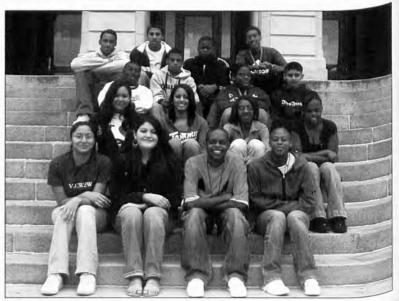
Minority Scholars was created as a support system for minorities in relation to college applications and scholarships. Although it was founded at Central, many others schools in the district have adopted it.



Minority Scholars Sixth Hour

Front Row. Lien Rosas (11), Crystal Ramirez (12), Aaron Gregory (12) and Shantel Straughn (12). Second Row. Tyler Faulkner (10), Ashley Pruitt (10), Brittani Avery (11) and Cydney Dorsey (10). Third Row. Julian Jones (10), Robert Owens (10), Olivia Griffin (11) and Herbert Merino (10). Back Row. Daryle Hawkins (10), Josiah Gauff (10), Kolbey Wallington (10) and Jourdan Kellogg (10). Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

"It's like a family and it really does help because it's a scheduled block of time where we meet like a support group."
-Crystal Ramirez (12).



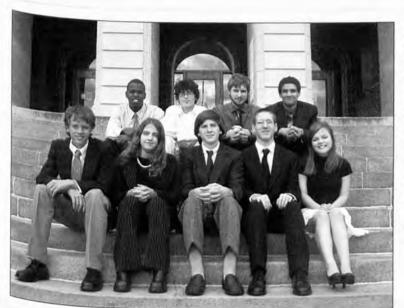
Minority Scholars Seventh Hour

Front Row. Tanisha Pierce (10), Kelsey Culjat (9), Carli Culjat (11), Lonzale Ramsey (12), Chloe McPherson (10), Satera Nelson (10) and Todd Alba (10). Second Row. Ayomide Adekunle (9), Andrea Davis (10), Aelea Armendariz (10), Donsurae Hawthorne (11), Brittany Gossett (11), Ashley Dancer (9) and Jessica Hawthorne (9). Third Row. Venice Washington (9), Jose Cardenas (10), Isabel Benjamin-Alvarado (10), Judy Rosas (10), Cesar Romero (9) and Kameron Williams (9). Back Row Adviser Diane Allen, Zachary Lyons (10), Victor Sanchez Delgado (10), Paris Turner (11), Maria Marquez (9), Sheyla Olvera (9) and adviser Jimmie Foster. Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

"Minority Scholars has allowed me to recognize the many opportunities that are offered in a world of minorities and has taught me the strategies needed to excell in life and in the near future." -Lien Rosas (11).



Mock Trial



Front Row. Benjamin Thomas (11), Lyndsey Bullis (11), Tyler Magnuson (12), Everett Kladstrup (12) and Delaney Kunz (11). Back Row. Lonzale Ramsey (12), Alek Erickson (11), Corey Iltzsch (11) and Nicholas Almazan (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Tyler Magnuson.

Mock Trial competed in tournaments against other schools. The team was composed of mimic roles which would be found in a real trial.

"It is very useful to join Mock Trial because of how real it is. I want to be a lawyer and this was a real life way to learn about how it really is." -Tyler Magnuson (12).

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Front Row. Patrick O'Malley (12), Stephanie Wilhelm (12) and adviser Matthew Deabler. Back Row. Theresa Vacha (12), Jennifer Brown (10), Darryl Johnson (10) and Jomarcell Nguyen (11). Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

The first Annual was published in 1897 by the graduating seniors and was modeled after college yearbooks. The name was later changed to O-Book. The current O-Book is the lowest price for its size and quality in the nation. In 1973, the O-Book was sold for \$5.50.



The Future Teacher Association (FTA) sold Central High Calendars for the second year in a row. -0-Book 1978.

Philosophy Club

Front Row. Patrick Kilcoyne (11), Sonya Rhine (12), Christina Kepler (12) and Andrew Taylor (12). Second Row. Anne Newman (11), Alek Erickson (11), Huong Vu (11), Derek Porter (10) and Douglas Knickrehm (10). Back Row. Lyndsey Bullis (11), Astrika Wilhelm (11), Megan Taylor (9), Alexandra Hotchkiss (9) and James Nielson (12). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Philosophy Club studied different philosophers and engaged in discussions concerning both their thoughts and those of ancient and modern philosophers.

"I think philosophy opens the mind. It is good for our culture because it enables us to learn what other countries value." -Huong Vu (11).



Register



Front Row. Else Richards (11), Astrika Wilhelm (11), Bob Al-Greene (12), Kim Buckley (11) and Patrick Breen (11). Second Row. Alexandria Hodge (10), Elizabeth Alfaro (10), Wynter Davis (10), Jasmine Fitch (10), Mason Busboom-Piercy (10) and adviser Matthew Deabler. Back Row. Kevin Gibbs (11), Frances Jamrozy (10), Maxwell Larson (11) and Aaron Quirk (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Although the first class graduated from Omaha High School in 1876, the first issue of the *Register* was not published until 1886. The first issue was a pamphlet of four pages. For the first six years, the *Register* was the property of individual senior students who ran the paper for their own personal profit. The *Register* has won 11 national Best of Shows and State six times in a row.

SADD

Front Row. Sasha Zdan (12), Jordan Wagner (12), Adell Zdan (12), Lauren Alston (11), Nicole Roberts (12) and Daniel Teitel (10). Back Row. Sponsor Ginger Riffel, Briana Kosmicki (10), Erin Crnkovich (11), Ebonie Epinger (10), Caitlyn Dunn (10), Taylor Alston (12) and Kim Buckley (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Jordan Wagner.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) was founded in response to the death of a student from a drunk driver. The club's purpose is to raise awareness and remind students to make good decisions.

"It's important to see how stupidity leads to mistakes that affect everybody around you." -Jordan Wagner (12).



Science Olympiad

Front Row. Benjamin Polk (10), Benjamin Susman (10), Vincent Lau (10), Tyler Faulkner (10) and Rachael Larington (12). Second Row. Jomarcell Nguyen (11), sponsor Matthew Aguilar and sponsor Erik Albertine. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Science Olympiad prepared for competitions by practicing for various events at tournaments. An example of an event would be constructing simple machines or robots.

"It was really educational and fun to learn about science in a new way." - Rachael Larington (12).



Spanish Club #1



Front Row. Christina Ritchie (10), Laura Kraft (10), Megan Taylor (9) and Nadia Al-Absy (10). Second Row. Maria Navarro (10), Ebonie Epinger (10), Shauna Brayman (10) and Stephanie Palmer (10). Back Row. Danielle Costello (10), Douglas Knickrehm (10) and Derek Porter (10).

Spanish Club was open to anyone who took a Spanish class. The members held recreational and informative activities about once a month.

Spanish Club #2

Front Row. Devan Hardy (11), Patricia Cobb (11), Elizabeth Wallace (11), Abigail Sjogren (11), Erin Schultz (11) and Grace Gillespie (11). Second Row. Patrick Kilcoyne (11), Sydney Waldo (11), Chelsea Smith (11), Paloma Nazar (11) and Meeae Tillwick (11). Back Row. Sponsor Marta Serrano, Ana Gaspar (11), Debra Ramirez (11) and sponsor Jane Boeka. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

"Spanish is important to learn because in the future everybody will be speaking it. The club supported that idea."

-Grace Gillespie (11)



Central Outreach Volunteer Eagles (COVE), was a new club started in 1989 in order to help students who wished to volunteer get in touch with the appropriate organizations. -O-Book 1989.

Spanish NHS

Front Row. Theresa Vacha (12), Mai Zhang (12), Chelsea Conn (11), Virginia Horrell (12), Kevin Kennedy (12) and sponsor Melissa Kuskie. Second Row. Aimee Koenig (12), Rebecca Sevela (10), Ivona Masic (11), Anna Adams (12), Caitlin Farrell (11) and Patricia Cobb (11). Back Row. Rachel Woolard (11), Danielle Costello (10), Luke Hawbaker (10), Paloma Nazar (11), Meeae Tillwick (11) and Ana Gaspar (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Mai Zhang.

Spanish NHS held activities that reinforced the ideas of service and the importance of the Spanish language. One activity it held was picking apples from an orchard to raise money.

"I really like Spanish. I felt Spanish National Honors Society helped me learn about the culture." -Elisabeth Garvin (12).



Senior Class Officers

Front Row. Kenneth Fischer, Jane Hartig, Carolyn Croskey, Mark Arehart, Martina Kolobara and Chardenay Davis. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.*

President: Mark Archart.

Senior Class officers were in charge of organizing a wide range of events for the senior class and the school as a whole. They created '07 unity and provide entertaining activities.

"It was a lot of work. Every detail needed to be prepared. Our purpose was to organize a lot of fun things to do together."
-Martina Kolobara (12).



Senior Class Representatives

Front Row. Brittney Ruffin, Zakiya King, Alyssa Eledge and Courtney Griffith. Back Row. Aaron Gregory, Ian Sweaney, Jared Dittman and Mai Zhang. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

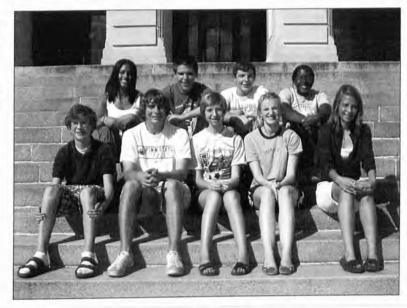
Senior class representatives helped plan senior events and got the class more involved with each other.



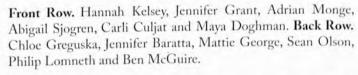
Student Council Sophomores

Front Row. Paul Fey, John Lloyd, Madisen Stoler, Hannah Niebaum and Anna French. Back Row. Ashley Pruitt, David Rubio, Gregory Meyer and Chloe McPherson.

The purpose of Student Council was to have elected students grow together as leaders and to help create ways to better the community and school through volunteering.



Student Council Juniors



"It's important because it brings students together as a team and gives them the opportunity to become more involved in their school and environment." -Jennifer Baratta (11).



Student Council Seniors

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Front Row. Jordan Wagner, Ann Widdershoven, Kelsey Storm, Deanna Whitmyre and Aaron Gregory. Second Row. Nema Philip, Courtney Griffith, Matthew Cronin, Mai Zhang and Margaret Baumann. Back Row. Kevin Rooney, Crystal Ramirez, sponsor Judy Storm, Kara Lambrecht and Sasha Zdan.

"Student Council has an important mission: to help our school. I believe as leaders of StuCo, the seniors lead well."

-Mai Zhang (12).



Student Council Officers

Front Row. Deanna Whitmyre (12), Kara Lambrecht (12), Margaret Baumann (12), Courtney Griffith (12) and Carli Culjat (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

President: Margaret Baumann.

Student Council officers organized activities for the 40 to 50 people involved in Student Council.

"Having officers gives a sense of organization. Even leaders need leaders, otherwise things would be scattered." -Carli Culjat (11).



Student Democrats

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Front Row. Matthew Cronin (12), Alexandra Oltrogge (11), Luke Hawbaker (10), Emily Harrison (12), Bailey Jensen (12) and Eliza Cowan (12). Second Row. Sponsor Tim Shipman, Alexandria Wayne (10), Emily Sevick (10), Elizabeth Rockwell (11), Anne Newman (11), Emma Phillips (11) and sponsor Rita Ryan. Third Row. William Langan (9), James Pauley (10), Patrick Breen (11) and Macklin Emas (10). Back Row. Steven Watkins (12), Matthew Ross (12), Kendall Taylor (12), Aaron Smith-Shull (12), Amy Wall (11) and Patrick Kilcoyne (11). Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Student Democrats aided in the elections and helped teens register to vote. They had guest speakers and held various activities in relation to government as a whole.

"Democracy is key for freedom and the Democratic Party is key for democracy. We just try to support student involvement." -Matthew Cronin (12).

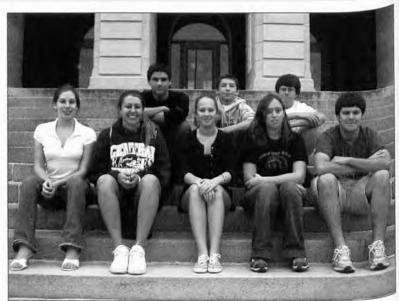
Teenage Republicans

Front Row. Stephanie Wilhelm (12), Alexa Fuhs (12), Erin Bottger (12), Dana Bottger (10) and Joseph Albright (12). Back Row. Nicholas Almazan (12), Anthony Evans (10), Joshua Albright (9). Photo by Theresa Vacha.

President: Erin Bottger.

Teenage Republicans volunteered for Republican candidates during election season and tried to recruit students. They also sold flowers for Valentine's Day.

"The Republican Party is very important to America. I think students should be a part of politics early in their lives so they can learn the importance of it." -Erin Bottger (12).



Tri-M was open to juniors and seniors from both the instrumental and vocal musical classes who worked to earn honors credit.

"It was important to understand how music affects peoples' lives." - Elizabeth Erikson (11).



Video Game Club

Front Row. Jourdan Denne (11), Elizabeth Soll (11), Megan Bogatz (12) and Chelsea Conn (11). Second Row. Sydney Waldo (11), Paloma Nazar (11), Kevin Gibbs (11) and Zachary Cutler (11). Back Row. Sponsor Nathan Hill, Jomarcell Nguyen (11), James Palmer (11), John Handlos (11) and sponsor Kelly Murphy. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Video Game Club members met once a week to play a wide variety of video games.

"It was exciting. I like video games and there are tons of choices to play with." -Paloma Nazar (11).

Chamber Orchestra

Front Row. Lewis Culliver (12), Will Robbins (11), Ben McGuire (11) and Matthew Ross (12). Back Row. Brianna Huddle (11), Virginia Horrell (12), Shelly McLaughlin (11), Brittany Krijan (12), Katherine Hartig (12), Courtney Dewitt (11), Jennifer Baratta (11), Chardenay Davis (12), Alexandra Oltrogge (11), Claire Hansen (11), Jacqueline Prososki (12), Lauren Alston (11), Leslie Stryker (12), instructor/conductor Molly Moriarty, Andrea Mauseth (10), Alexandra Hubbard (10), Madisen Stoler (10), Marcella Brown (12) and Angella Mertz (12). With permission of Marc May.

Chamber Orchestra participated in various concerts and competitions.

"Playing music is something that has always been a part of my life. I am so fortunate to play with an orchestra as amazing as Central's."- Jennifer Baratta (11).



The Ordinance protected and maintained weapons loaned to the ROTC department by the U.S. Government. They were distinguished by the red cord. -O-Book 1966

Freshman Orchestra 9th Hour

Front Row. Joshua Dewitt, Alexandra Hotchkiss, Ta'Drian Holland, Clara Kincaid, Emma Erickson and teacher's aide Leslie Stryker (12). Second Row. Caleb Koch, Kira Samson, Hallie Henderson, Helen LaRochelle, Alyssa Hangman, Brianna Rhoten, Ayomide Adekunle. Third Row. Jon Hedrick, Christine Glissmann, Teahlor Shaffer, conductor Molly Moriarty, Anna Venditte, Melanie Crisman, Amanda Smith and Alicia Jaunty. With permission of Marc May.

Freshman Orchestra was geared toward developing harmonization and improving instrumental skill.

"If you have never played an instrument, I would suggest getting involved because it really helps in a wide variety of topics."
-Molly Moriarty, conductor.



Freshman Orchestra 9th Houl

Front Row. Ayomide Adekunle, Andrew Woolard, Jonathan Rolfsen and Caleb Koch. With permission of Marc May.

"Playing music helps students academically and it brings you to a new place." -Amanda Smith (9).



Orchestra 8th Hour

Front Row. Kaitlyn Walgrave (9), Jordan Lammerts (9), Michael Schneider (12), Angella Mertz (12) and Leslie Stryker (12). Second Row. Courtney Dewitt (11), Martin Kaplan (12) and Lauren Alston (11). Back Row. Anna French (10), Francesca Hannah (12), Carl Miller (10), Carrye Mattox (10), Johann Johnson (10), Za'nia Thomas (10), sponsor Molly Moriarty, Judy Rosas (10), Jon Roberson (11), Emily Rice-Baltzell (11), Emmalee Fishburn (9), Caitlyn Tapio (10) and Morgan Rathbun (9). With permission of Marc May.

Orchestra members practiced for competitions and concerts, Individuals worked for state recognition and awards at competitions including at Wesleyan College.

"Everybody has fun with each other. I think music just puts people in a good mood." -Anna French (10).



Front Row. Lindsay Schulz, Amanda Fisher, Michaela Bradley, Jane Hartig, Lisa Shirk, Amanda Pintore, Jaime Gustafson, Elisabeth Garvin and Brittney Ruffin. Second Row. Shuona Wang, Aimee Koenig, Rashele Sharkey, Katherine Hartig, Katherine Shuster, Jill Daugherty, Bailey Jensen, Britney Macdonald and Andrew Minturn. Third Row. Anna Adams, Nema Philip, Emily Wall, Crystal Ramirez, Eliza Cowan, Aaron Gregory, Erin Bottger, Leslie Stryker, Mai Zhang, Juan Gomez. Fourth Row. Jordan Wagner, Sasha Zdan, Stephanie Wilhelm, Samantha Chesters, Kelsey Storm, Ann Widdershoven, Brittany Krijan, Robert Clay and Tyler Magnuson. Fifth Row. Jared Dittman, Peter Rafferty, Karima Al-Absy, Alyssa Eledge, Lucy Schroeder, Nicole Roberts, Sonya Rhine, Virginia Horrell, Taja Coleman, Emily Brich, Chardenay Davis and Adell Zdan. Sixth Row. Ashley Rose, Mark Archart, Arielle Donner, Ciara Zimmer, Daniel Smith, Kara Lambrecht, Joseph Wallace, Matthew Waszak and Joseph Albright. Seventh Row. Megan Hess, Emily Wall, Scott Kielion, Rochelle Finnigan, Trever Tomes, Margaret Baumann, Christopher Miller, Corey Lynch, Matthew Cronin.



Names Continued. Andrew Taylor. Back Row. Joshua Wilson, Alexa Fuhs, Martina Kolobara, John Martinez, Lonzale Ramsey, Aaron Smith-Shull, Ryan David and Aaron French. With permission of Marc May.

Bel Canto



Front Row. Sarah Barazi (10), Sara Sims (10), Grace Gibson (12), Emily Sevick (10) and Sarah Medeiros (10). Second Row. Victoria Czerwinski (10), Jennifer Knotek (10), Madisen Stoler (10), Jennifer Lacy (10), Michelle Nepinsky (10), Maria Navarro (10), Jasmine Fitch (10) and Stacie VanCleave (10). Third Row. LeAuna Helm (10), Amanda Flemmer (11), Bonnie Cobb (10), Linda Hannah (10), Sarah Vacha (10), Kailah Bailey (10), Dana Bottger (10), Savannah West (10), Kathryn Nelson (10), Ebonie Epinger (10) and Caitlyn Dunn (10). With permission of Marc May.

Bel Canto was a stepping stone for sophomore girls to enter other Central choirs. The members performed at the Road Show.

"I like the feeling of singing in a choir. It's awesome to hear all of the different sounds around you." -Sarah Vacha (10).

CHS Singers

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Front Row. Adrienne Anderson (11), Matthew Waszak (12), Emily Waldo (12), Patrick Kilcoyne (11), Erin Bottger (12), D'Antae Potter (12), Debra Ramirez (11), Mark Wilder (12) and Grace Krause (11). Second Row. Joseph Albright (12), Andrea Thompson (12), David Rubio (10), Elizabeth Erikson (11), Aaron French (12), Sarah Potts (11), Kendall Taylor (12), Emily Brich (12), Benjamin Brich (11) and Crystal Ramirez (12). With permission of Marc May.

CHS Singers were individuals selected after tryouts the year before. The group participated in concerts around Nebraska.

"When we traveled places to perform, people were always really receptive to us. We've been singing together so long that we've become very secure together." -Emily Waldo (12).



The Hussars and Lancers were cadets chosen from the ROTC department to perform in the Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation. -O-Book 1969.

Men's Chorus

Front Row. Rontai Tutt (9), John Hogan (9), Geoffrey Miles (9), Macklin Emas (10), Adam Hankins (9), Brandon Contreras (11) and Joseph Van Ornam (9). Back Row. Patrick Kilcoyne (11), sponsor Colin Brown, D'Antae Potter (12), Matthew Waszak (12), Joseph Albright (12), Kendall Taylor (12) and Darryl Johnson (10). With permission of Marc May.

Men's Chorus sang in the school and at outside venues. Songs were chosen because they entertained audiences and developed the voices of the chorus members.

"My favorite part of the chorus was traveling to perform. Singing is a lot of fun." -D'Antae Potter (12).



Concert Band: Drum Majors

Front Row. Lonzale Ramsey (12) and Erin Bottger (12). *With permission of Marc May.*

Drum majors were the selected leaders of the instrumental music groups. They not only conducted the bands, but were leadership figures during practices and performances.

"It was quite an honor to be chosen. I believe my life would be pretty unorganized without music though."
-Lonzale Ramsey (12).



Concert Band: Flags

First Row. Victoria Czerwinski (10), Katala Kimball (11) and Brianna Rhoten (9). Second Row. Crystal Overgaard (10), Janice Baker (12) and Adrienne Anderson (11). Back Row. Kylie Walgrave (11), Ana Gaspar (11), Alexandra Greene (10) and Amanda Flemmer (11). With permission of Marc May.

The Flag Corps performed along with the Marching Band during halftime shows.

"It is a lot of fun. I think people should join if they have dedication." -Janice Baker (12).





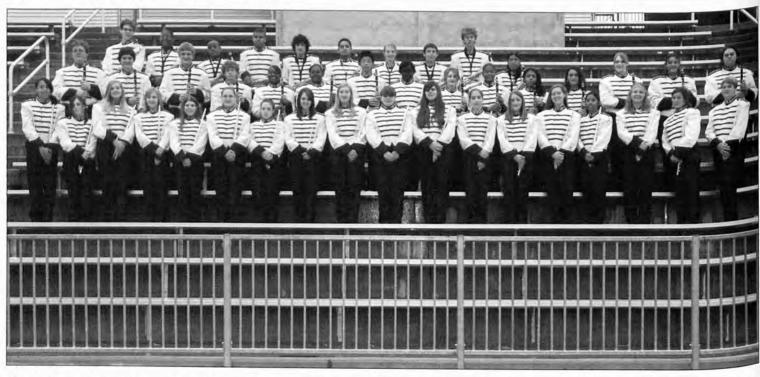
Front Row. Matthew Waszak (12), Tyler Magnuson (12), Kevin Mitchell (11), Nathan Whittle (11), Kendall Taylor (12), Joseph McCann (9), Daniel Ohren (11), Samantha Friesz (11) and Samantha Lang (9). Second Row. Mark Vondrasek (10), Jade Franklin (10), Alexander Haskins (11), Daniel Pachman (9), Justin Young (12) and Brittany Lammers (9). Third Row. Dana Bottger (10), Timothy Clough (11), Chloe McPherson (10), Ellen Danford (11), Andrew Minturn (12) and Micheal Vian (9). Fourth Row. Devan Hardy (11), Adryanne Orduna (11), Connor Bailey (11) and Peter Bock (11). Fifth Row. Marina Hardy (12), Andrew Kroeger (11), Elijah Skolfield (9), Shannon Stennis (11), Mark Winkelbauer (9) and Matthew Koehler (9). Back Row. Jessica Volker (12) and Joseph Albright (12).

Concert Band: Percussion



Front Row. Mychal Davis (12), Aaron Hough (11), Dusty Davis, (10) Rio Longoria (9), Sean Olson (11), Israel Pommells (12) and Jamar Fraction (10). Second Row. Andrew Wahl (12), Trevor Moore (12), Eldon Rowlett (12), Thomas Todd (9), Daniel Mesa (10), Aryannah Conrad (10), Benjamin Brich (11), Danniel Ciembor (11), Nicholas O'Bradovich (10) and Jonathan Seevers (11). Back Row. Joshua Albright (9), Kolbey Wallington (10), Jackson Kmiecik (9), Tyler Payne (10), Francesca Hannah (12), Sonya Rhine (12) and Chelsea Thomas (9). With permission of Marc May.

Concert Band: Woodwinds



Front Row. Celeste Robinson (9), Hannah Grossman (9), Jillian Bailey (9), Alaina Allen (9), Scarlett Blake (11), Tiffany Culton (11), Sandra Carroll (11), Kaitlyn Rathman (11), Jill Daugherty (12), Alexandria Hodge (10), Bridget Monson (9), Emily Epperson (9), Zoe May (9), Amber Bless-Mixan (9), Maria Marquez (9), Emily Waldo (12), Erika Koenig (10) and Joshua Kain (9). Second Row. Robert Al-Greene (12), Ben McGuire (11), Dylan Deden (9), Paul Fey (10), Lashae Young (10), Asia Smith (11), Qianli Wang (9), Sarah Paul (9), Shelly McLaughlin (11), Latesha Wallace (9), Jasmyn McAlister (9), Aimee Koenig (12), Kimberly Lueders (9), Linda Hannah (10) and James Nielson (12). Back Row. Aaron Smith-Shull (12), Kailah Bailey (10), Caleb Bealer (9), Jordan Lee (9), Martin Kaplan (12), Anthony Lopez (11), Olivia Bishop (9), Anthony Evans (10) and Benjamin Thomas (11). With permission of MarcMay.

A Cappella



Front Row. Nicholas O'Bradovich (10), Anthony Evans (10), Jessica Staller (11), Adrienne Anderson (11), Ilda Gasa (12), Jennifer Grant (11), Jacquelyn Pirtle (12), Debra Ramirez (11), Jerson Polanco (9), Brittney Ruffin (12), Lindsey Pruitt (12) and Mario Doolittle (10). Second Row. Elizabeth Erikson (11), Patricia Cobb (11), Abigail Sjogren (11), Margaret Baumann (12), Grace Gillespie (11), Sarah Potts (11), Nema Philip (12), Julia Nelson (12), Erin Bottger (12), Raja Philip (11), Melinda Matthies (12), Crystal Ramirez (12), Grace Gibson (12), Michael Tafe (12) and Ricoh Mountain (10). Third Row. Amanda Flemmer (11), Anna Adams (12), Andrea Thompson (12), Emily Brich (12), Adam Hankins (9), Seth Rich (12), Elaine Arrington (12), Grace Krause (11), Lien Rosas (11), Sarah Burford (11), Jordan Wagner (12), Nicole Roberts (12) and Anne Newman (11). Fourth Row. Macklin Emas (10), Nicholas Galdeano (11), John Lloyd (10), Jasmine Thompson (11), Franque Thompson (12), Ashley Meyer (11), Hannah Kelsey (11), Devan Hardy (11), Emily Waldo (12), Mark Wilder (12) and Brandon Contreras (11). Last Row. D'Antae Potter (12), Darryl Johnson (10), Joeseph Albright (12), Benjamin Brich (11), David Rubio (10), Corey Lynch (12), Aaron French (12), Aaron Smith-Shull (12), Kendall Taylor (12), Matthew Waszak (12) and Patrick Kilcoyne (11). With permission of Marc May.

Sports Focus

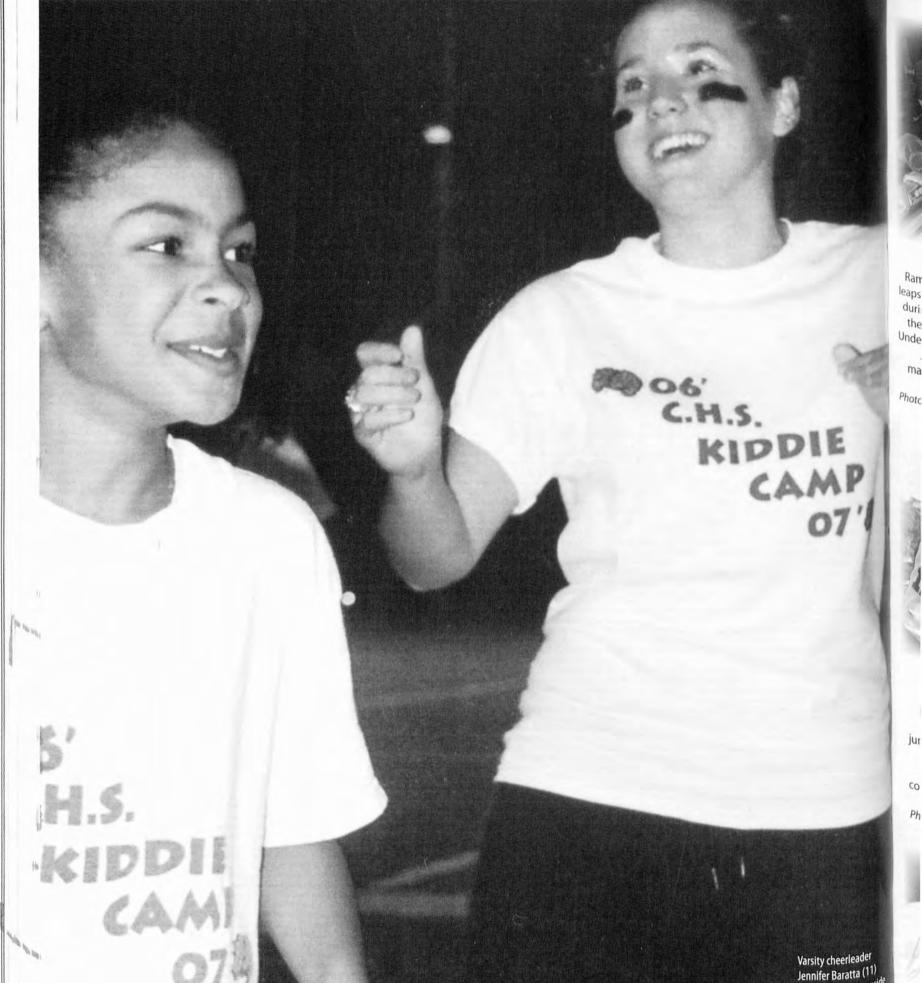
Central High has a history of wins and being an alma mater for professional athletes. While some teams have changed throughout the years, others have built on their past. How we did and how we do today will determine how we do tomorrow. The successes will lift us up and we will learn from the losses. The Eagles constantly had their eyes on the goal.



The basketball team defeated Lincoln 20 to 19. The team was defeated earlier in the season by Kansas City. The annual open-school tournament was held before the season started and the sophomores won. -O-Book 1926.



Girls athletics instructor organized girls sports classes in 1931, including golf, archery and riflery. -*0-Book* 1935



Varsity cheerleader
Jennifer Baratta (11)
(right) cheers alongside
a participant of Kiddie
Camp at a home game
against Millard South.
The girls came from
across the metro area. camp was an effort by the cheerleaders to rais money.

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Coach Jay Ball's nephew, Zane Goodrich, talks to his grandfather during a football game. He handed water bottles to the players during games. The head coach used to coach against his father, but this year they worked side by side. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

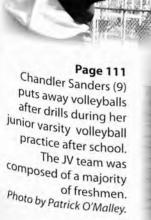
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Ramel Thompson (11) leaps into the end zone during a game against the Bryan High Bears. Under new Head Coach Jay Ball, the Eagles made it all the way to the State Playoffs. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



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Kelly Wieczorek (12) practices hitting balls to the varsity softball team during warmups before a game at Dill Field. Brittany Hamilton (9) was the only freshman on varsity. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





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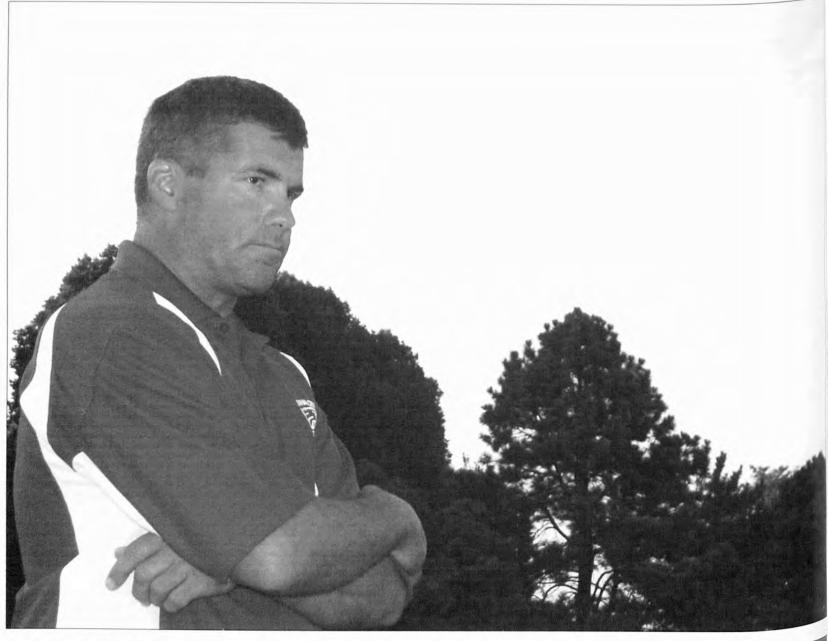
John Lloyd (10) serves a ball during a match against the Westside Warriors at Tranquility Sports Complex. This was Bob Tucker's first year as head coach of the boys varsity tennis team.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

From learning the tricks of the trade to smashing down on victory. From watching the ball to putting the ball away to focusing all concentration

on a single ball. Everyday, each game required new energy. Athletes expressed and released their emotions through their game. We remember scoring the touchdown that made the game. We recall buying tickets to a packed game. We call to mind the focus of the players. How we played, showed us our inner strengths, our motivations. We expressed ourselves by constantly practicing. We called attention to our side of the field. calling out cheers that let everyone know the Eagles are number one.

The Wrestling Auxiliary boosted spirits at wrestling competitions and members had to pass a basic test on wrestling knowledge. *O-Book* 1980.



Above. Jay Ball, the new head varsity football coach, watches players on the sideline during practice. Jay said his goal as a football coach is to win State. "It became obvious I wouldn't do it at South," he said. "To accomplish this goal, I came here."

Photo by Patrick Breen.

Right. Jerry Ball, assistant varsity football coach, speaks with his grandson Zane Goodrich during a game. Goodrich acted as the water boy during games and would run up to the players during timeouts, handing out the bottles. Jerry worked alongside his son Jay during the year. However, he used to coach against his son. Jerry Ball died later in the year due to a heart attack. Jay said he will remember his father every time he goes out onto the field. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.



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New varsity football coach remembers his dad

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Head varsity football coach Jay Ball said it was tough when he had to coach against his dad.

This year, during the football season, Jay and his father had the opportunity to work side-by-side at Central.

Jerry said the man he worked for retired, so he decided to see if his son needed any help with his new coaching job at Central.

Jay had his own reasons for coming to Central.

"I wanted to win," he said.

Jay said he enjoyed coaching at South, but his goal as a football coach is to win State.

"It became obvious I wouldn't do it at South. To accomplish this goal I came here," he said. "I'm also an alumnus, so it was an extra

Jay said another one of his goals was to help young people be successful. He said a major part of that process continued in the high

"If you're into coaching, you're probably competitive," he said. "The ultimate goal is to win."

He said Central had the numbers to win.

"Football is a numbers game," Jay said. "We have three times the men here than South and better talent. Combined we have a chance to bring home a State championship."

Jay said the team's strengths were speed, athleticism and unity.

Jerry said with a little luck and winning the right games, the Eagles could bring home the State title. There was no secret

"We're developing the program. The kids play hard all year both on and off the field. They're great leaders everywhere," Jay said. "I Want the young men to be good citizens and bounce back from adversity."

Varsity player Harland Gunn (12) said Jay placed more emphasis on conditioning.

"We work hard every day...every second," Gunn said. "The team has a new attitude. We don't want to lose it."

He said the program is well-rounded.

The weakness was depth in the inferior line.

Jerry said the season looked promising.

However, the loss on Friday, Aug. 25, which was the first game of the season against North, was devastating.

"It was a situation where either team could win. We were a yard short," Jerry said. "As an old coach said: 'We never lose a game, we just run out of time."

Gunn said it looked like the team would win more games than the previous year.

"Things are shaping up for us," he said.

Jay said he hoped to build on the positive things and correct mistakes.

"We keep on moving forward and get better every day," Jay said.

He said as a coach, he had a lot of energy and was fairly demonstrative.

"I'm just another hard-working guy," Jay said.

Jerry said from what he had observed, Jay is very organized, detail

oriented, a strong disciplinarian, knows the game and has past experience working with other coaches.

"He's willing to learn new things," Jerry said.

Jay said when his dad was younger, he was fiery.

"He (Jerry) has mellowed out," Jay said. "I'm starting to mellow (as well)."

Jay said the best part about coaching is being around kids, his staff and of course the games.

"The worst part is the time it takes away from people you care about in your life," Jay said. "Most people don't realize how many sacrifices are made."

Jay Ball, head varsity football coach, watches over a developing play. He said the team strengths were speed, athleticism and unity, while its weakness was depth in the interior line. He said the coaching staff is continuously developing the program.

Photo by Patrick Breen.

He said the coaching staff is superior and unified.

"Football requires so many coaches and we all work well together," Jay said.

He started coaching in 1986. He coached at North for eight years and 11 years at South.

"I've been on the sidelines since I was 4 years old," Jay said. "I enjoyed it."

Jerry had been a coach for 44 years.

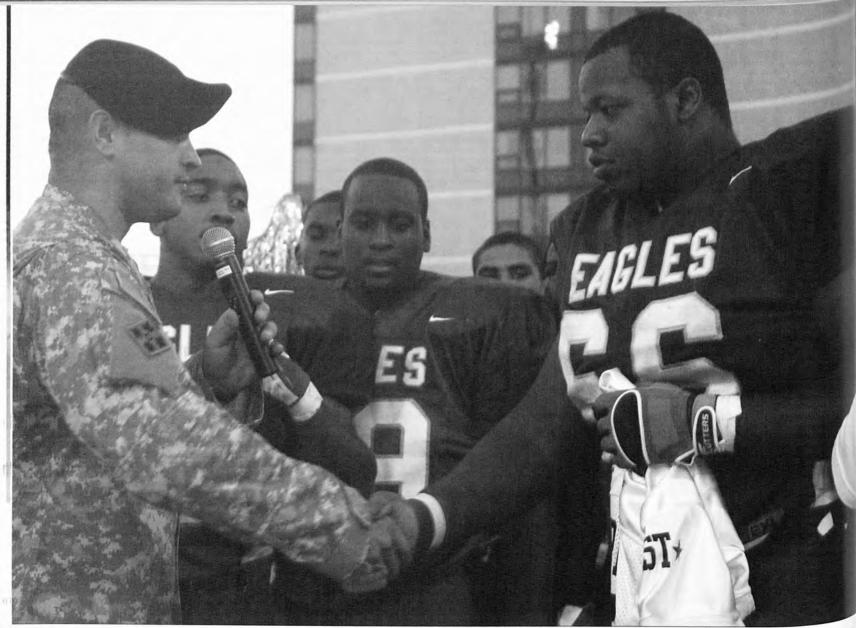
"I started coaching because of a love of the game," Jerry said. "I played in high school."

He said he enjoyed working with young people.

"I didn't think my son would go into coaching," Jerry said. "All he talked about when he was 7 years old was he wanted to be a coach. I thought it was just a passing phase."

Father and son were able to work together this year.

However, Jerry died of a heart attack on Nov. 20. Now, every time Jay walks onto a football field he will remember his father for different reasons.



Above. Harland Gunn (12) is presented with his Army All-American jersey during the Homecoming Game against the South High Packers. Gunn accepted a full-ride scholarship to play at the University of Miami.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Donald McPherson (11) takes a drink of water on the sideline of the opening game of the season against the North High Vikings at Seemann Stadium. The Eagles were led by Jay Ball, the new head coach, and his father assistant coach, Jerry Ball.

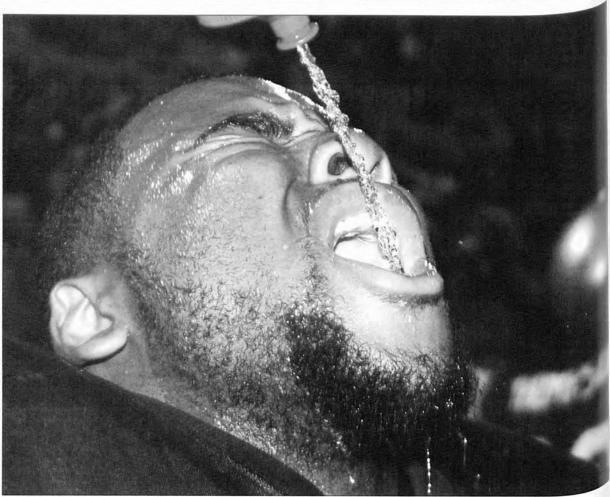
Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Scoreboard

varsity football

8/25-North 22-19 L 9/1-Creighton Prep 31-12 L 9/8-Benson 27-14 W 9/15-Bryan 34-14 W 9/22-Millard West 20-6 W 9/29-Millard South 20-13 L 10/6-South 42-21 W 10/13-Bellevue West 32-21 L 10/20-Pap/LaVista South 40-14 W 10/27-Lincoln Northeast 14-13 L

RECORD: 5W-5L



leading

Army invites senior to play in All-American Bowl

By Patrick O'Malley

Harland Gunn (12) joined many other extraordinary student athletes at the Alamo Dome for the 7th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas.

The All-American Bowl is an East vs. West game that aired on Sat. Jan. 6, at 12 p.m.

North High School's Niles Paul and Gunn were the only students from Nebraska to play in the game.

Gunn said he was excited to be able to play in the game.

"I get to represent my school and Nebraska," he said.

He said he was excited to be playing with the best of the best.

"Playing on TV is what I'm looking forward to," Gunn said.

Garrett Shea, director of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, said he was excited to see Gunn represent his school.

"He is that much further above any other center at the high school level we've seen," Shea said.

He said Gunn was chosen because of his approach to being a student athlete, his quickness, his agility and his size.

Shea said recruiting players like Gunn for the center position was difficult because most did not fit the position. He said Gunn fit the position perfectly.

Gunn said when he heard last year he could be nominated, he started working out harder.

He said Jay Ball, head varsity coach, told him he was nominated after the first game of the season.

He said his teammates got very excited about it.

"I think he deserves it, " Dustin Ziesel (12) said.

Ziesel said he thought Gunn could play in the game since the first time he met him.

Shea said there was a long recruiting process that took place prior to his selection.

"We really rely on our scouting committee," Shea said.

He said he assembles a selection committee which travels all around the country.

He said scout.com monitors high school athletes.

He said in June a list of 400 nominees were contacted and 80 students made it to play in the bowl game.

While in Texas, Gunn had the opportunity to participate in a series of Army leadership and teamwork sessions, NFL athlete seminars, study sessions, goal setting and achieving workshops.

Each All-American athlete was encouraged to bring his head coach along and attend the U.S. Army National Coaches Clinic.

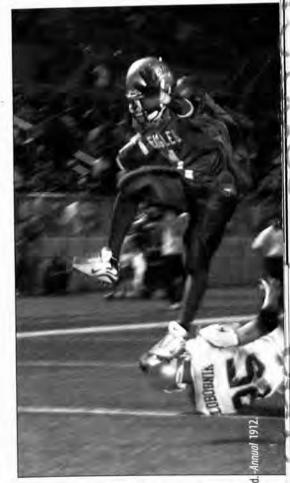
Shea said this was the sixth All-American Bowl game being held in San Antonio.

He said the first year it was held at a small high school football field in Dallas, Texas and only 6,000 people attended.

He said last year there were approximately 32,000 people in attendance at the Alamo Dome.

He said the athletes really enjoy playing in such a big arena.

"The players absolutely love it," he said.
Shea said the Army will continue to host
the event because it is a great opportunity to
bring young athletes together.



Ramel Thompson (11) leaps over a defender into the end zone during a game against the Bryan High Bears. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

The 1912 football game vs. St. Joe was played during a blizzard



Above. John Roebuck (11) practices kicking field goals and kickoffs. "It was a good season," he said. "We did really well for having a new coach." Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.

Right. Ryan Steffen (11) grabs hold as Yarde Retta (11) charges to take down the Bunnies' DeAnte Tolbert in the back field. The Eagle defense held Benson to 12 points. Photo by Patrick Breen.



Scoreboard

junior varsity football

8/31 Bellevue East 31-6W

9/7 Benson 20-12 W

9/14 North 50-12 L

9/21 Burke 36-0 W

9/25 (Reserve) Bellevue West

28-16 W

9/28 Westside 26-24 L

10/9 South 32-6 W

10/12 Pap/LaVista 30-6 W

10/19 Millard North 24-16 L

RECORD: 6W-3L

brebaring teams

Strong ground attack pushes JV to success

By Patrick Breen

Every varsity team has a machine underneath it, churning out players for future use. This team uses practices and games to turn these players into the best possible fit for the varsity team.

"Everyone on our coaching staff believes that junior varsity (JV) is getting kids ready to play for varsity," Jody Phillips, head IV coach, said.

The JV football team started with a two-game winning streak before finishing with a 6-3 record. Phillips said the team had a positive year, where the players played well in every game.

"Two of the losses were by less than a touchdown," Phillips said. "We lost to Westside by 2 points and then to Millard North by 7. We had a chance to win each of those and have a 8-1 record."

Team members agreed that the close losses hurt, but said players could learn from negatives. An offensive lineman said he learned from each individual mistake.

"You have to move on," Samuel Kincaid (11) said.
"You can't dwell on your mistakes."

The team won its first two games with big point differentials, but suffered its first disappointment against rival Omaha North in the third game of the season.

"We really didn't show up to play," Phillips said. "It was a disappointing lost."

The team rebounded well though, preparing every day at practice as if the next game was its last. Small point differentials in the Westside and Millard North games made the team even more confident about the next season

Some players will move up to varsity, but others will swing. A swing player is a player who starts JV and then also goes up to play in varsity games.

Phillips said the team had many players who did that this season. The players would practice with varsity and then start in the JV games.

"It takes talent to play both at a young age," he

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The teams swing players influenced the players on and off the field.

"People look up to varsity," Kincaid said. "You want to be where they are."

Phillips said the team improved immensely throughout the season. The Eagles rebounded well and were ready to play the following games.

The team played hard, using a crushing ground game to open up some passing, and the offense was one of the major strong points of the team.

"They did a real good job," Phillips said, "making a point to get better as they went."

The defense was anchored by players who never gave up.

Linebacker Ryan Steffen (11) said the defense got stronger as the season went on.

He said Phillips got them to play with more intensity.

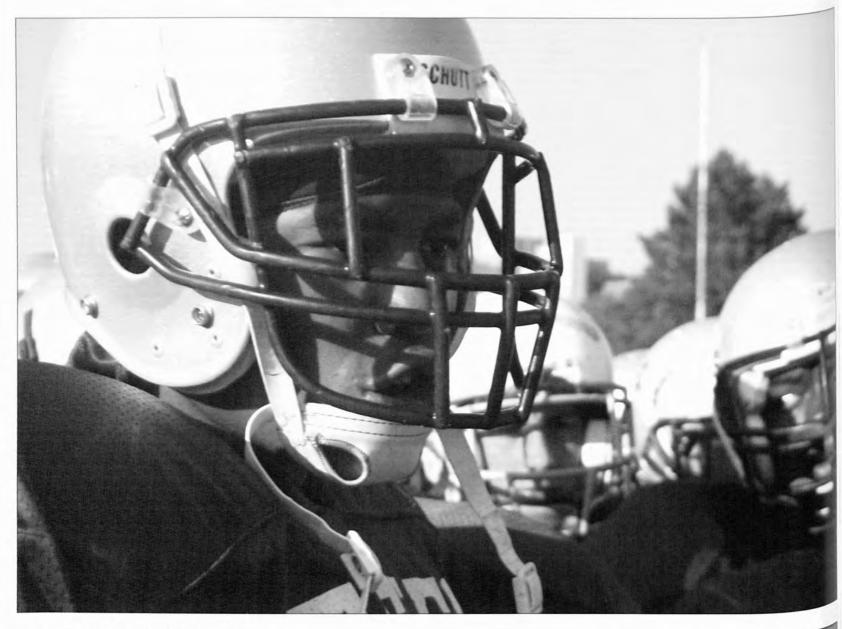
"He's an inspiring coach," Steffen said. "He gets you to play better."

The team had some heartbreaking losses, but plaers didn't lose their confidence.

"There wasn't a low point in the year," he said. "We always prepared for the next game the same way we did for the one before."



Tajh Brewer (11) prepares for practice after school. "There wasn't a low point in the year," he said. "We always prepared for the next game the same way we did for the one before." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



Above. Devin Cook (9) stands with his team before a game against the Benson High Bunnies at Burquist Stadium. After losing the first game of the season, the team came together and won the rest of the games of the season. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

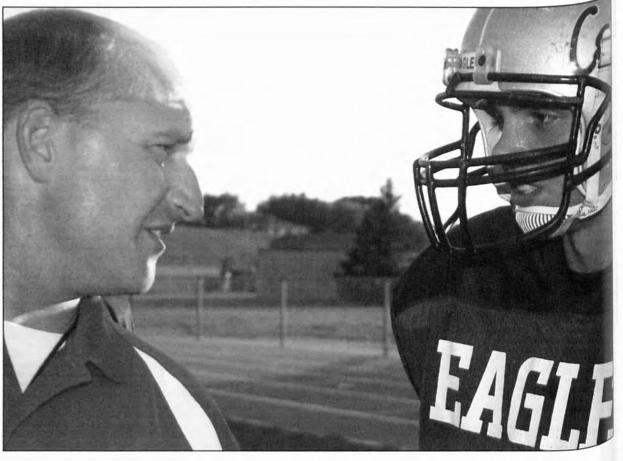
Right. Jerry Kreber, head freshman coach, speaks with James Kuzelka (9) on the sideline in the first quarter of the game against the Bunnies. He said he felt it was a very productive season and many positives came out of it. "The kids handled the adjustments to high school athletics very well," he said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Scoreboard

freshman football

8/30 Millard North 30-6 L 9/6 Bryan 50-6 W 9/13 Benson 20-0 W 9/20 North 16-4 W 9/27 Burke 30-6 W 10/4 Westside 26-7 W 10/11 South 62-28 W 10/18 Pap/LaVista 14-7 W

RECORD: 7W-1L



setting

Freshmen strive to achieve nearly flawless record

By Patrick O'Malley

An opening loss motivated the freshman football team to overcome and strive for a final record of 7-1.

"It was real gratifying to watch these kids succeed," Peter Pham, defensive coordinator, said. "This has probably exceeded my expectations."

Jerry Kreber, head freshman coach, said he felt it was a very

productive season and many positives came out of it.

"The kids handled the adjustments to high school athletics very well," Kreber said.

Pham said he felt people failed to realize how difficult it was to enter high school and immediately balance athletics with all of the other pressures of high school.

"They were wide-eyed," Pham said. "How do you handle adversity?"

Wide receiver and defensive cornerback Robert Moore (9) said football improved his grades tremendously.

"Knowing I could look forward to football after school raised my grades," he said.

Pham said the first game of the season against Millard North was a wake up call.

"It put us in our place a little bit," Pham said. "We got beat 30-14. It made us closer as a team and maybe we weren't as good as we thought we were."

Moore said he felt very pleased with how everyone came together and pulled out seven consecutive wins. He said he was very excited once the team got past the first game.

"After the loss our coaches told us we could be 7-1 if we just tried harder," Moore said.

He said many of the players did not realize how much effort it would take to be a successful team until after the first game.

"Honestly, I knew we weren't going to win, nobody had been practicing that much," Moore said.

Moore said the players banned together and played their parts to create an unstoppable team.

"Our coaches started making us do a lot more stuff," Moore said.

Pham said the coaches developed a demanding practice schedule to work the players hard.

Kreber said they had to travel to Blackburn Middle School to practice and the format was modeled off the varsity practices.

Kreber said the practices were intense and being able to execute those drills and plays in games was a very crucial step the players were able to make.

Kreber said he felt his coaching staff had a big impact on the outcome.

He said he enjoyed moving up to head coach from defensive coordinator.

Pham said he jumped at the opportunity to be a part of the football program.

"I knew head coach Jay Ball," Pham said. "He asked me if I was interested and I told him I would do it."

Pham said he was going to continue coaching football along with junior varsity soccer in the spring.

"I thought all of the coaches worked well together," Kreber said. "Everyone was on the same page."

Kreber said he was proud of how the season turned out and if coach Ball let him he would continue to coach the freshman team.



Joshua Adams (9) takes warm-up laps around the field for a pre-game exercise. "Our coaches started making us do a lot more stuff," Robert Moore (9), wide receiver and cornerback, said. "Basically, I thought it was work and I didn't like doing all that exercising." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Connecting

What is the best part about having a sibling on the same team as you and why?



"She introduced me to varsity players and helped me make friends."

-Katherine Spielman (9)



"We help each other out and told each other what we're doing wrong. We corrected our mistakes and had fun while doing it.

> -Hannah Spielman (11)



"Getting to help her when she was not doing well.

-Brittany Hamilton (9)



"Being able to play with family and have a fun rivalry.

-Amber Hamilton (12)

$all_{the family}$

Sisters help each other on the field

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"I was relieved it was over and anxious to see what team I had made," Brittany Hamilton (9) said.

She said she was excited that she could have seniors and the other girls as role models.

"During tryouts I thought I did well, but didn't know that I would make varsity," she said.

Brittany said playing on varsity would be a change from summer softball where she played with girls her own age.

"She is good competition, fun and a good person to have on the team," Amber Hamilton (12) said.

Brittany had been playing for nine years. It started in the third grade with T-ball.

"It's was really fun having her as the only freshman that started," Catherine Venditte (11) said.

Brittany is always happy, has a positive attitude and motivates other teammates to keep up the hustle.

"She has a positive attitude and hard work etiquette," Jodi Reeder, head varsity softball coach, said.

She said Brittany and her sister worked well together.

Amber said she taught her sister a lot about the game.

"They both encouraged each other and that probably was an advantage they had," Jacquelyn Whelan (11) said.

Amber and Brittany motivated each other to work hard and try to do better than each other.

"I tried to show her leadership," Amber said.
"She knows when to have a good time and when to get serious."

Brittany played outfield along with Rachel Newberry (9).

"I didn't treat her differently just because she was a freshman," Newberry said.

Brittany is not the only freshman player with a sister on the team.

Katie Spielman (9) is Hannah Spielman's (11) younger sister.

"It's good experience and the girls on the team are nice" Katie said. "I get along with all of them and they are easy to get along with."

Katie played both junior varsity and varsity.

Brittany only played varsity.

"Brittany is performing awesome," Whelan said. "She plays left field and has a rare attitude."

Whelan said Brittany has a good sense of humor and encourages players to try hard.

"It's a big help on outfield and she will really help out when the seniors are gone," Amanda Logan (12) said.

Scoreboard

8/24 North 4-1 W
8/25 Bellevue West 1-10 L
8/29 South 6-0 W
Bellevue East 1-3 L
8/30 Mercy 8-2 W
8/31 Benson 11-0 W
9/2 North 0-2 L
9/5 Pap/LaVista 0-6 L
9/7-9/9 Metro
Bellevue West 1-3 L
Northwest 13-1 W
9/12 Northwest 3-2 W

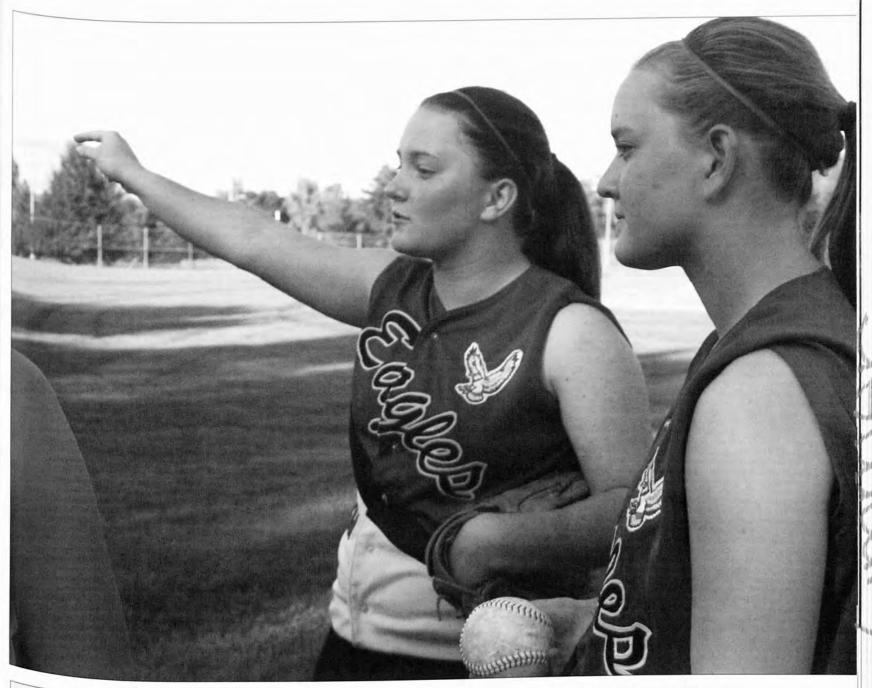
9/14 North 6-0 W

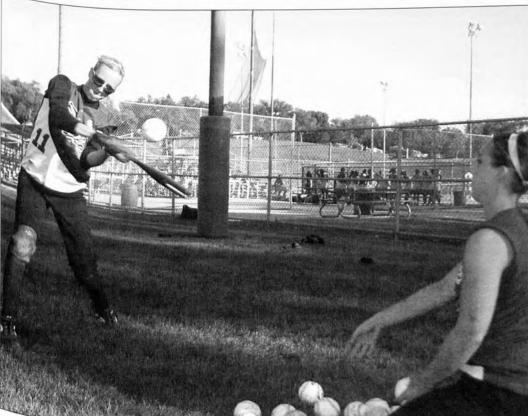
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varsity softball

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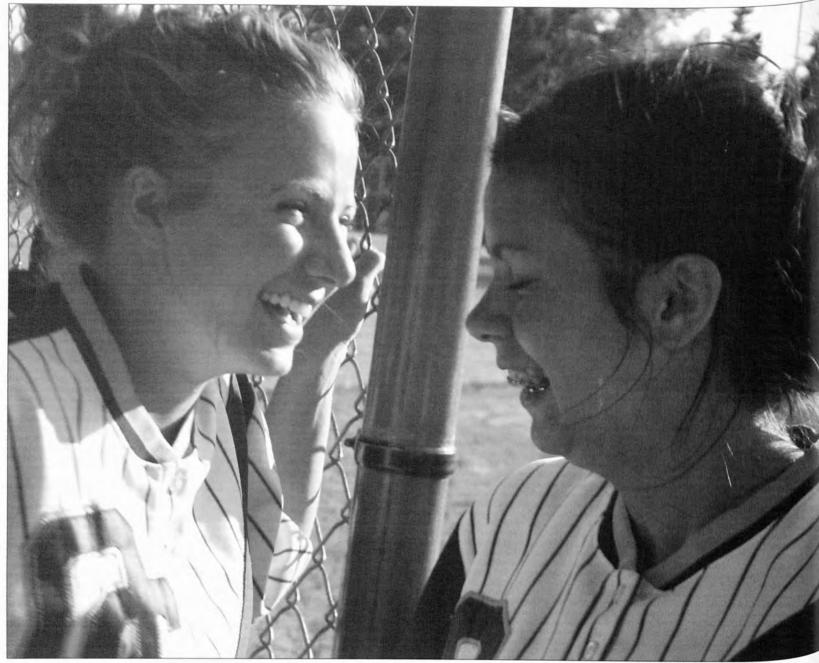
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Pap South 1-6 L
9/19 South 5-1 W
9/26 Burke 0-4 L
9/28 Millard North 2-11 L
9/30 Westside 0-10 L
Lincoln Southwest 1-3 L
Millard South 6-16 L
10/3 Pap/LaVista South 2-7 L
10/5-10/6 Districts
South 7-1 W
Bellevue West 0-3 L
Lincoln Northeast 0-10 L





Above. Amber Hamilton (12) and Brittany Hamilton (9) speak with the rest of the team before the home game against the Northwest High School Huskies at Dill Field. "She is good competition, fun and a good person to have on the team," Amber said. "I tried to show her leadership. She knows when to have a good time and when to get serious."" Brittany said playing on varsity with her sister motivated her to improve and push harder. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Left. Amanda Logan (12) tosses a ball to Kelly Wieczorek (12) so she can practice her swing. The team also used this as an opportunity to practice defense in the field prior to the game against Northwest. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*



Above. Bailey Buller (10) (left) laughs with Kaylee Hamilton (9) in the dugout during a game against the Northwest Huskies.

"We worked on catching, throwing, hitting, breaking down drills and on defense."

Bryson Wiser, JV head coach, said. This was Wiser's first year as head coach.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Chelsie Kathol (9) blows a bubble while Amber Shields (9) cheers on the team and Haley Hirsh (9) watches one of her teammates up to bat. Photo by PatrickO'Malley.



switching

Coach brings new attitude to game

By Jomarcell Nguyen

Softball's newest junior varsity (JV) coach was originally a baseball coach.

"I coached in Minneapolis and on Burke's reserve baseball team," Bryson Wiser said.

Darin Williams, athletic director, called Wiser over the summer and asked him if he would be interested in coaching softball.

"He (Wiser) was strict, but he also gave constructive criticism," Katherine Spielman (9) said. "He would do the normal drills, but he was humorous so the practice was a lot of fun."

Wiser would have discussions with his team where everyone put in their input before and after the games.

"He would play Frisbee to help the girls with calling for the ball, saying 'I got it,'" Spielman said.

Wiser had two players who played both JV and varsity this year. JV placed second in a Burke High School Tournament.

Spielman said they learned the fundamentals in the beginning and the team improved a lot toward the end of the season.

"The pitchers had to be mentally tough because they pitched every game," Wiser said.

Wiser also gave individual attention to his players.

Spielman said she struggled with hitting and both Wiser and Jodi Redder, varsity head coach, helped her with it.

Wiser teaches physics, Earth Science, Science Topics and assists the varsity team.

"Reeder wants to make it to State and we are building up for next year," he said.

The softball program goals were to setup a camp for softball during the summer and speak at middle schools to recruit.

Kaylee Hamilton (9) played every game. Noelle Genners (10) was the main pitcher for the games.

"The freshman that were new to the program, I had to prepare them," Wiser said.

Spielman usually started second base on JV and outfield on varsity.

Christine Glissmann (9) speaks with Bryson Wiser, JV head coach, in between innings. "They tried really hard to learn fundamentals and I was getting them ready for varsity," he said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

on varsity.

"I think coaching softball and baseball are different," Reeder said. "He had to adjust to the rules in dealing with boys and girls."



Scoreboard

junior varsity softball

8/30-Mercy 4-17 L

8/31-Benson 7-5 W

9/1-Northwest 11-3 W

South 10-5 W

Marian 0-13 L

9/5 Pap/LaVista 0-11 L

9/9 Bellevue West 6-6 Tie, 16-7 W

9/12 Northwest 5-8 L

9/14 North 3-4 L

9/19 South 11-11 Tie

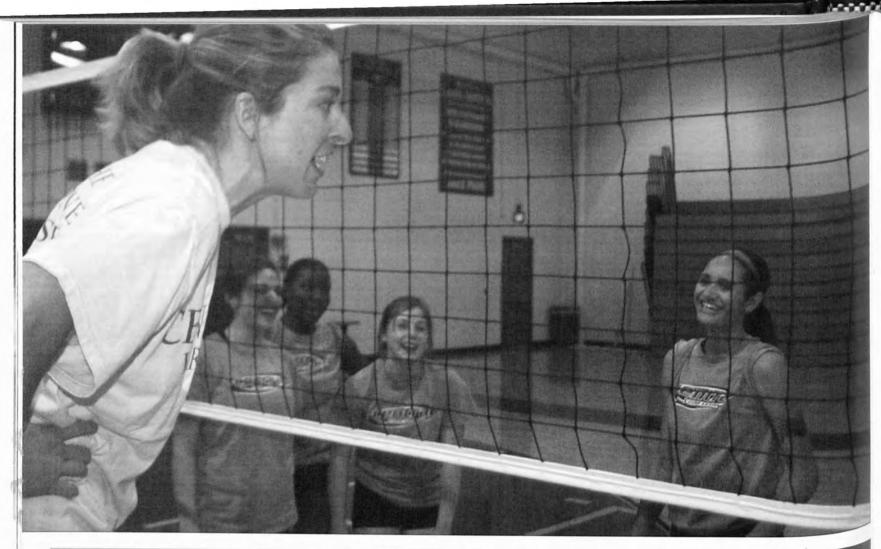
9/26 Burke 0-8 L

9/28 Millard North 0-12 L

10/3 Pap/LaVista South 0-19 L

RECORD: 4W-8L-1T

. Girls indoor baseball had four teams, one for each grade level. -O-Book 1927



Scoreboard

varsity volleyball

9/2 Millard South 2-1 W Millard North 2-0 L Benson 2-1 W 9/5 Lincoln High 2-0 W Millard North 2-0 L 9/12 Millard South 2-0 W Burke 2-1 L 9/21 North 2-0 W Bellevue East 2-0 L 9/22 Millard North 2-0 L Burke 2-1 L Pap South 2-0 L 9/23 Pap/LaVista 2-0 L Millard West 2-0 L 9/26 Pap/LaVista 3-0 L 9/29 Northwest 2-0 W Crete 2-0 W 9/30 Hastings 2-1 W North 2-0 W Nebraska City 2-1 L 10/5 Westside 2-1 L Benson 2-0 W 10/10 South 3-2 W 10/13 Northwest 2-0 W 10/14 Bryan 2-1 W Westpoint CC 2-1 W 10/17 Bellevue West 2-0 L Millard South 2-0 W 10/19 Millard North 2-0 L Northwest 2-0 W 10/23 Burke 2-0 L Northwest 2-0 W

Above. Samantha Bennett (12) and Bridgette Hines (12) try to hold on a conversation while waiting for a drill during practice. Hines said she enjoyed having her younger Stephanie (11) on the team and they did not have to compete to have fun. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Top. Jodi Brown, head varsity volleyball coach, playfully gives the team some advice during a drill. She demonstrated why a certain play would not work in a game. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

RECORD: 18W-16L

11/1 Bellevue West 3-0 L 11/1 South 3-0 W

sister

Players together since they were young

By Stephanie Wilhelm

A helping hand. That was what sisters Bridgette Hines (12) and Stephanie Hines (11) were to each other on the varsity volleyball team.

"It's fun. We laugh a lot," Stephanie said. "We relate to each other."

At first, Stephanie said there was competition between them, but as they grew older, she realized her sister was good.

"I used to look at her as my rival," Stephanie said. "I give her props now."

Bridgette said they don't have to compete to have fun.

"She's a good player and she keeps me in the game," she said.

She said off court, they look like twins, but have opposite personalities.

"I'm more outgoing," Stephanie said. "She's conservative and on court, she's also quick."

Bridgette said she told her sister how coaches were, what to expect and helped her practice. Stephanie said her sister taught her everything from how to play, how to set and footwork.

"Of course, my coaches followed up on what she said," Stephanie said.

She said her sister learned how to keep her head up.

"We're both down sometimes and we dig deep and get out of it," Stephanie said.

She said she hopes she helped her sister be more aggressive on the court and to learn to stay positive and be a leader.

"It was fun with my sister," Bridgette said. "We improved and learned together."

She said sometimes she gets frustrated with her sister if she says or does something she doesn't like.

Stephanie said her own strengths are she's really quick and that her hit is quick.

"I dig it up," Stephanie said. "I move my feet to the ball."
Both sisters said their weaknesses include getting really
upset easily and getting frustrated with themselves.

"Then I don't want to play, but I dig deep to lift myself up," Stephanie said. "I mess up sometimes, but so does everyone else."

Stephanie played inside while Bridgette played middle. She said all of her friends were on the team so they had fun.

"It motivates you to go places and it wouldn't be as fun without them," Stephanie said.

She said this season was better because the team was

unified

"We bonded way better," Stephanie said. "We knew each others' strengths and weaknesses."

There was only one new player on the team and that was Monica Brown (11), from Wisconsin.

"At first, it was hard for her. We didn't know how she would do," Stephanie said. "She asked us a lot of questions and we told her a lot of stories."

She said they played bonding games and Brown fit right

Stephanie said the team learned it didn't matter where a person came from.

She said she started playing in third grade. Her sister started playing the year before.

Bridgette said she liked to watch people play, so she decided to play.

"She motivated me to ask about it," Stephanie said. "They put me on the team. I didn't try out."

Stephanie said her sister was already on the A team then and they didn't have enough for the B team so they put her on it.

Building

Stephanie Hines (11) watches her team practice from the sideline. Stephanie said she started playing volleyball in the third grade and her sister Bridgette started one year earlier. "She motivated me to ask about it," she said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Both her and her sister play on club teams. They both said they were trying out for Impact instead of Metro.

"We've been on Metro before, but only girls from certain schools can play," Stephanie said. "It's not as competitive. It was time for a change."

She said during her freshman year she was on junior varsity.

"At first, I was on varsity," Stephanie said. "I told the coach I didn't think I was read so they moved me down."

She said she felt more comfortable on junior varsity and she knew her own level so she wasn't disappointed.

"I was glad to be playing," Stephanie said.

A tournament was held between the Purple and White team for six weeks. - O-Book 1928



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New, old players add strength to teams

By Jomarcell Nguyen

As tryouts ended, each player received a slip of paper. Erica Meyer, head JV volleyball coach, handed a slip to Rachel Woolard (11) and Janelle Kellberg (11).

Woolard and Kellberg had an option to play reserve or not be on

"At first, I was a little disappointed, but then I was happy to play volleyball," Kellberg said. "I was excited to have Larson as my coach

Meyer said there was a strong group of freshmen who made the program stronger.

"Usually we have a larger group of sophomores," Brent Larson, head reserve volleyball coach, said. "This was the first time we had a lot of girls who were freshmen."

Six freshman made the JV team.

"We spent a lot of time together so we were able to connect as a team," Lauren Trummer (11) said.

Five of the freshmen played club volleyball after the season.

"The freshman were so nice and fun," Trummer said. "They brought a lot of spunk to team."

Woolard played Libero, which is a back row defense specialist. Each team was allowed one Libero player.

"They stay in back row and anchor and cover the back," Woolard said. "I didn't hit in game, but I got a few attacks in back row."

A Libero may not serve, block or attempt to block.

Reserve won its first game of the year.

"We fought pretty hard and did pretty well," Kellberg said.

This was Larson's fourth year coaching the reserve team.

"This year was the best record I ever had and the best record Larson ever had," Woolard said. "We were above 500."

Both Woolard and Kellberg played freshman, sophomore and junior year.

"Janelle Kellberg and Rachel Woolard are excellent leaders and contributed very well," Larson said.

The last game of the season decided if reserve team had a winning or losing season.

"We really worked hard in his practice," Woolard said. "There was some goofing around, but there was some slack during the season.

Reserve practiced every day during the season and conditioned two days a week during the summer.

"They've grown as a team and as individuals," Larson said. "I try to let the girls play their game and try to be encouraging.'

Woolard said she thinks she will try out for varsity next year.

"We were surprised and didn't know it was not against the rules to have a junior on reserve," Sarah Vacha (10) said. "It didn't really matter either way."

Trummer said she felt the JV season went better than last year. "For our season we did pretty well," Kellberg said. "This was a strong team I played on. I think I improved on my passing and hitting."

Schedule/Scoreboard

9/1 Millard North 9/5 Lincoln High 9/6 Bellevue West 9/9 Westside 9/18 Millard West 9/19 Millard West 9/21 North

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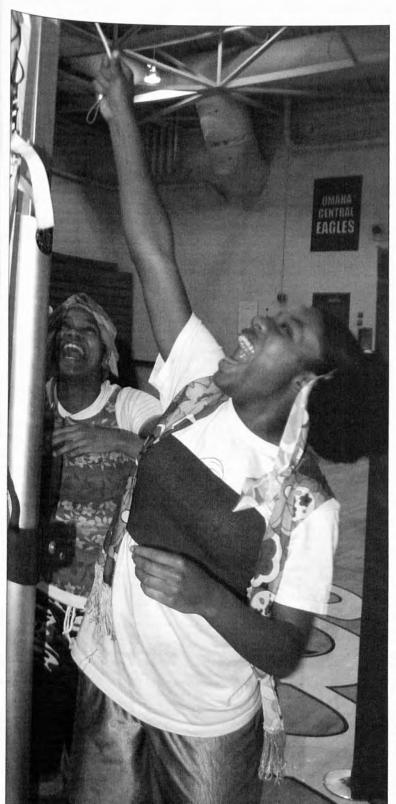
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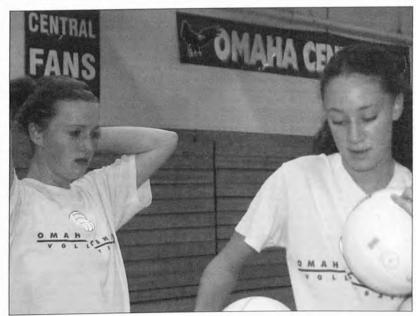
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Above. Lauren Trummer (11), JV volleyball player, spikes the ball during drills at practice. Erica Meyer, head JV volleyball coach, said the team gained a strong group of freshmen that helped the team. Trummer said the freshmen brought a lot of spunk to the team. Top. Alyssa Hangman (9) (left) and Chandler Sanders (9) help put away balls during practice in the gym. Trummer said this season was better than the last one. "We seemed to win more," she said. "Other school coaches even congratulated us." Left. Zalika King (10) sets up the net before practice on Flashback Day during Spirit Week. Photos by Patrick O'Malley.

Opposite Page (from left). Wynter Davis (10) demonstrates how to set, serve and bump a volleyball. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley*.

- The 1985 varsity volleyball team performed an aerobic routine for the crowd before games. -0-Book 1986.

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Athlete makes it to State

By Karis Perry

"I love it," Jared Dittman (12) said. "I started at first to stay in shape for soccer. Then I fell in love with it. I stopped playing soccer to work on my running. Soccer was my first sport ever."

Cross country is not just a high school sport.

"I plan on running at college," he said. "I just want

to compete at a higher level. I want to leave my options open."

Central went to State for cross country.

"I was the only guy who went to State this year," he said. "It was my first year going to State also. There were two young ladies who went. I have been on varsity since my freshman year."

Teamwork is a big thing in sports.

"We wanted the whole team to go down to State," Shannon Stenger, head coach, said. "It just didn't work out that way."

State didn't turn out the way Dittman wanted either.

"I didn't do so well. It wasn't my day. I was tired," he said. "If you're a runner, you'll understand. If your mind

set isn't there, it doesn't go right."

Stenger said he was right there watching and giving his support.

"At State, he did well," Stenger said. "He got a 36 out of one 101. Jared works really hard."

Dittman said cross country was different from running track.

"You don't have the same path each time. Sometimes you run on grass, hills or cement," he said.

Everyone has their own training styles.

"My freshman year I had Mr. (Trent) Lodge as coach," Dittman said. "He was both the girls and the boys coach. It changed sophomore year. Now Lodge focuses on girls cross country and Mr. Stenger is our coach."

Stenger said Dittman has a good work ethic.

"It's been good working with Jared," Stenger said. "He has shown a lot of improvement since his sophomore year."

The preparation for a run is an important part before starting.

"When we warm up before a race, we take seven to 10 minute jog. We do the normal stretches." Dittman said. "I just have to get that my legs are warm. On hot days it is easy. We will just do a four to five minute run. On really cold days that is when we jog longer."

The team has increased its training time over the past few years.

"The last two summers Stenger wanted more training time," Dittman said. "I think over all this summer I ran 400-450 miles."



Jared Dittman (12) takes a warm-up lap around Elmwood Park at practice after school. Dittman was the only runner from the boys cross country team who made it to State. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Scoreboard

8/31 Pap/LaVista South Invite 2nd

9/2 Burke Invite 3rd 9/8 Central Invite 2nd

9/11 Class of Metro 12th (JV)

9/16 Roosevelt 7th

9/19 Creighton Prep Invite 2nd 9/25 Kearney 5th

9/29 Millard West Invite 10th

(JV)

10/5 Metro 11th 10/12 State 5th

Girls

Central Invite 1st (JV)

Millard West Invite 2nd (JV)

Metro Invite 6th (JV)

Pap/LaVista Invite 4th

Burke Invite 8th

Central Invite 2nd

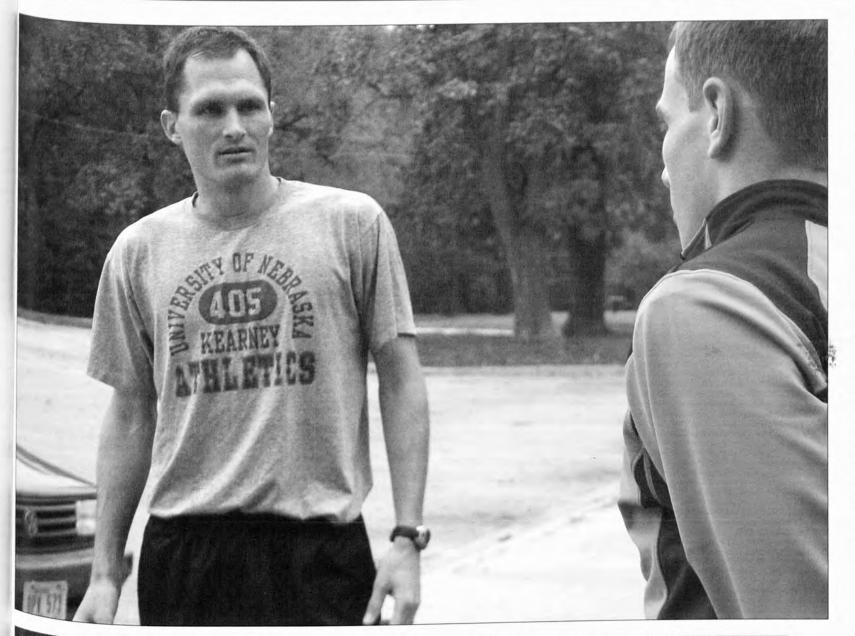
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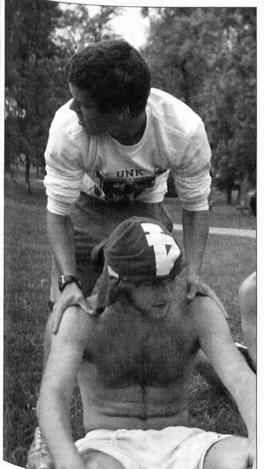
Prep Invite 10th

Bryan High 1st

UNK Invite 12th

Metro Conference 9th District XC Invite 5th







Above. Bailey Dilocker (10) (left), Adrian Monge (11) and Monique Eberlein (10) wait for girls cross country coach Trent Lodge to say "go." Monge said the season went very well despite losing many seniors last year. **Top.** Shannon Stenger, boys head coach, gives Jared Dittman (12) some advice for State at Elmwood during the post season. "I went down to watch him," Stenger said. "At State he did well. He placed 36th out of 101." **Left.** Morgan Shumaker (12) helps Will Robbins (11) stretch out before practice. Shumaker was not able to run due to an injury. Runners also practiced during the summer. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley*.

passing

Cheerleaders mentor elementary students

By Jennifer Brown

As the cheerleaders walked on to the football field one Friday night, they felt a sense of accomplishment.

Central cheerleaders pepped up the crowd at a game, while little girls tried to be them.

Varsity cheerleader Jennifer Baratta (11) said they had fun teaching little kids cheers.

"It was a blast," she said. "The little girls were so much fun."

One of the games they played was when a couple of the girls would run around in a big circle and then stop in front of another girl and dance.

Jane Luethge, cheerleading sponsor, came up with the idea.

The idea came to the cheerleaders and sponsor because it would be a good fund-raiser.

Baratta said they needed extra money so they thought this would be a good idea.

It didn't go over so well as a fund-raiser because they had to buy T-shirts and poms.

A total of 43 girls came to the event.

Practices lasted two hours on Monday and Wednesday.

Each girl paid \$20. The girls received a Kiddy Camp T-shirt, pom poms and free admission into the game.

"It didn't bring in a lot of extra money to help, but we will

definitely do it next year," Brittney Ruffin (12), varsity head cheerleader, said.

The kids ranged from first through sixth grade.

They taught them little chants they could just catch on to and that weren't too difficult to learn.

When the little kids showed up to the cheer camp, they would stretch, do some games and then cheer.

When they cheered at the game against Millard South, they were lined up on the sidelines ready to cheer before the game even started.

Ruffin said she had the most fun with getting to interact with the younger children who wanted to be cheerleaders.

She said the most difficult part was getting 43 girls under control and to cooperate. However, she didn't get frustrated.

Ruffin said she would remember it forever because she had a lot of fun and the girls were great.

"It was the first time in a long time that Central's done it and I did it when I was a little girl," Ruffin said.

At the game, Ruffin said they taught the girls the easiest cheers so they could learn them more quickly. She said when a girl messed up it was cute.

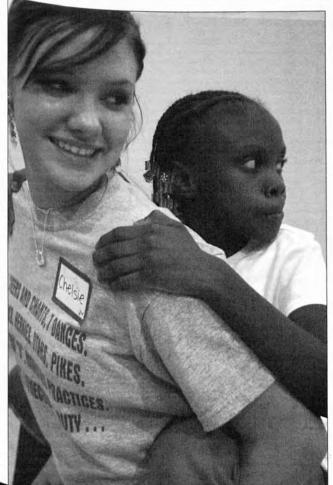
"They're just little girls," Ruffin said. "It's cute."

Ruffin said her favorite part was when all of the girls were hyper and excited.

Emily Sevick (10) sits with one of the girls who attended Kiddie Camp while getting instructions from the other cheerleaders. She said her favorite part was bonding with the little kids because she said she want to go into a career where she would work with little kids. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.









Above. Brittney Ruffin (12), head varsity cheerleader, sits with one of the girls during a night of practice. They practiced for about two hours for two days, Monday and Wednesday, for their performance on Friday Sept. 29. **Top.** Ruffin hugs two of the girls who attended the game on Friday to cheer. They were wearing the shirts the cheerleaders provided. The back of the shirts said" born to be a cheerleader." **Left.** Chelsie Thurman (10) said her favorite part in the kiddie camp was being able to be a leader to the kids who looked up to them. She also said that as a cheerleader her favorite things to do were to go out to dinner with the other cheerleaders before a game and ride back together. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley*.

feeling

Coach incorporates different dance styles

By Jennifer Brown

Two girls approached Candi Kadar one day in her class. They were Latoyce Henry (12) and Taylor Carodine (10).

They asked Kadar, Family and Consumer Science teacher, if she would be the new Drill Team coach.

Kadar said yes because there were so many students who wanted the Drill Team to exist.

Students wanted to express their styles and do the type of dance teens do these days.

When Kadar first agreed to be the coach, she talked with Jane Luethge, Pom and Cheerleading sponsor, about the obstacles she would encounter.

She said Athletic Director Darin Williams also helped a lot and gave her a lot of support.

Luethge helped her with tryouts, rules and regulations.

She has two captains and they come up with the routines and taught it to other members.

Kadar watches these dances and critiques them.

The type of dances are: hip-hop, krumping, break dancing and pop-locking.

The team practices three days a week for two hours. For big performances, members practiced all week and even on some Saturdays.

For the selection process, they had Drill Team members from South High School come over and teach Central students a routine. They taught them for three days and then they performed. They also had an application they had to fill out, which needed teacher recommendations.

"I love it," Sie Partee (12), Drill Team member said. "I was waiting for it to start this year. I was excited."

Members had to know how to feel the music.

They also needed to move to the beat and know how to perform. Rhythm was obviously important too.

"Dance is a feeling," Kadar said.

She said she took some jazz and ballet when she was a little girl, but she said that didn't really help her now.

In high school she was a student athletic trainer for four years and was also in Key Club.

Kadar said she decided to teach at Central because it was such a diverse school and the amount of support the administration gave to the teachers was good.

In her classes, she said the students know her better now. She said she was still young enough to understand the students.

"I really like working with the students," Kadar said. "I get them."

She said she really tries to get to know her students in her classes.

Kadar said since she was a new teacher, the students tried to push her buttons in the beginning, but she said she got to know them and earned their respect.

They danced at some games and the routines lasted about 5 to 7 minutes.







Far Left. Kelly Wieczorek (12) practices her dance moves in the cafeteria after school. This was Candi Kadar's first year coaching Drill Team.

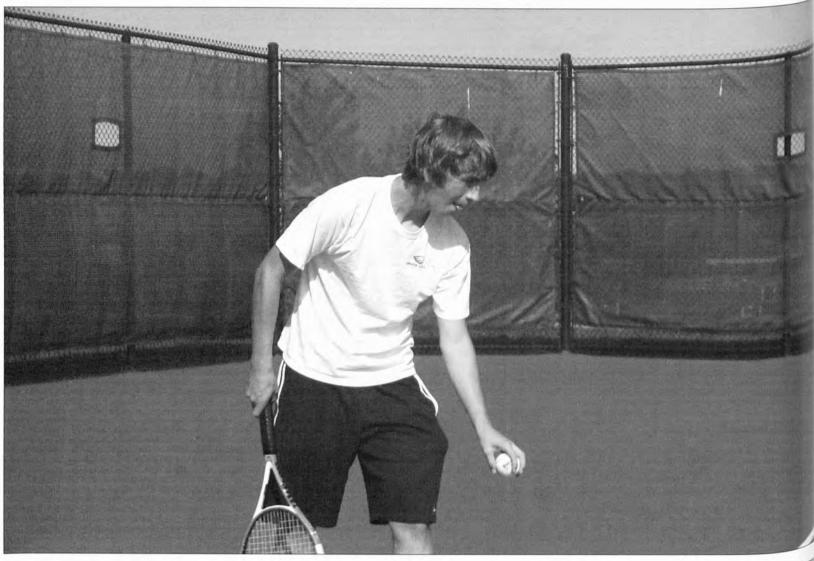
Photo by Jennifer Brown.

Middle. Sie Partee (12) learns the routine for an upcoming event. "I love it and I was waiting for it to start this year," Partee said. "I was excited." Photo by Jennifer Brown.

Left. Jamia Perry (10) repeats the movement for a routine. Practices were three times a week for two hours. Members said they tried to incorporate different dance styles. Photo by Jennifer Brown.



Latoyce Henry (12) performs at the Winter Pep Rally. The Drill Team's performances were usually 5 to 7 minutes long. Members were matching jump suits. Henry was one of the girls who originally asked Candi Kadar to coach the Drill Team's performances were usually 5 to 7 minutes long. Members were matching jump suits. Henry was one of the girls who originally asked Candi Kadar to coach the Drill Team. Kadar said she decided to coach the girls because of the huge demand of students who wanted it. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.



Above. John Lloyd (10) serves in a match against the Westside High School Warriors at Tranquility Park. Lloyd said he was able to get used to the poor tournament weather and have a good season. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Michael Walsh (10) serves during his match at Tranquility against the Westside Warriors. He played in a doubles league with Lloyd on Saturday mornings at the Tennis Club Soccer Center. There were eight other teams in the league. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Scoreboard

boys tennis

boys tennis

8/24 Bellevue East 8-1 L
Bellevue East 7-2 L JV

8/26 Lincoln Invite 4th place

8/29 Omaha Benson 9-0 W

8/31 Papillion/LV 9-0 L

9/5 Omaha South 9-0 W

9/7 Omaha Burke 8-1 L

9/9 Millard West Invite 6th place

9/12 Westside 9-0 L

9/14 Omaha North 9-0 L

9/16 Millard North Invite 6th place

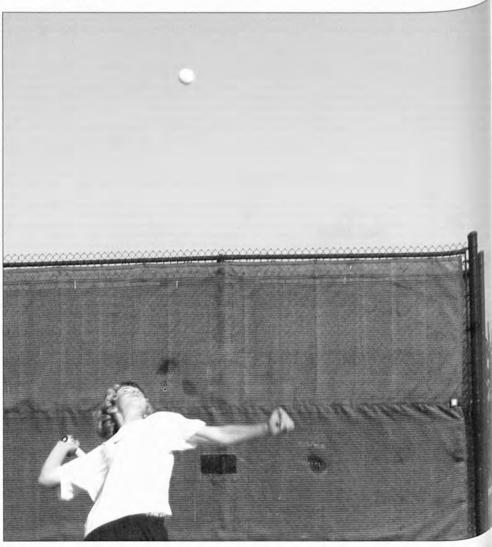
9/18 Papillion/LV Invite 18th place

9/19 Millard North 9-0 L

9/21 Papillion/LV South 9-0 L

9/26 Omaha Bryan 6-3 W

RECORD: 3W-8L



relaying the message

New head coach leads team through season

By Patrick O'Malley

Head varsity tennis coach Bob Tucker said taking this position was a learning experience he thoroughly enjoyed.

"I've played a lot of tennis in the past," he said. "I wanted

to extend my coaching duties."

Tucker coached junior varsity (JV) boys golf in past years and decided to lead the boys tennis team after former head coach Larry Andrews retired.

"I enjoy working with kids," Tucker said.

He said he noticed the position was available in a bulletin from Darin Williams so he decided to apply for the position.

"He did a pretty good job," Kent Drickey (12) said.

Tucker said it took him a little while to get used to coaching a different sport.

"There wasn't any negative aspect to it," he said. "It was a very positive season."

Drickey said he felt the overall season was about what he expected with such a young team.

"We finished about 500 (record average)," Drickey said.

He said the season met his expectations because the team was mostly composed of sophomores and freshmen.

John Lloyd (10) said there were a few freshmen who made a great addition to the team.

He said he was satisfied the team had a better outcome at State than the previous year.

"Weather was a big obstacle in tournaments," Tucker

Drickey said tournaments were usually held in the mornings so it was generally pretty cold, especially towards the end of the season.

Tucker said the players fought through low temperatures

in the 40s and rain.

"I don't think it really bothered anyone that much," Lloyd said.

Drickey said it was pretty easy to get used to. He and some of the other players would wear warm athletic clothing to prepare for the tournaments. He said being one of the only seniors on the team was gratifying and he did not have any problems teaching some of the younger guys.

"It was pretty easy showing them what they were supposed

to do," Drickey said.

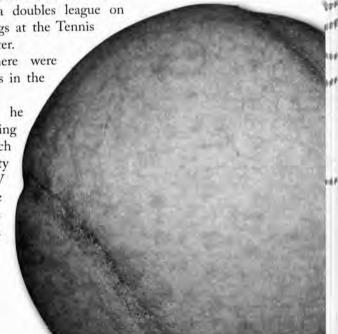
Lloyd said though he felt the season was all right, there were many areas where everyone needed improvement.

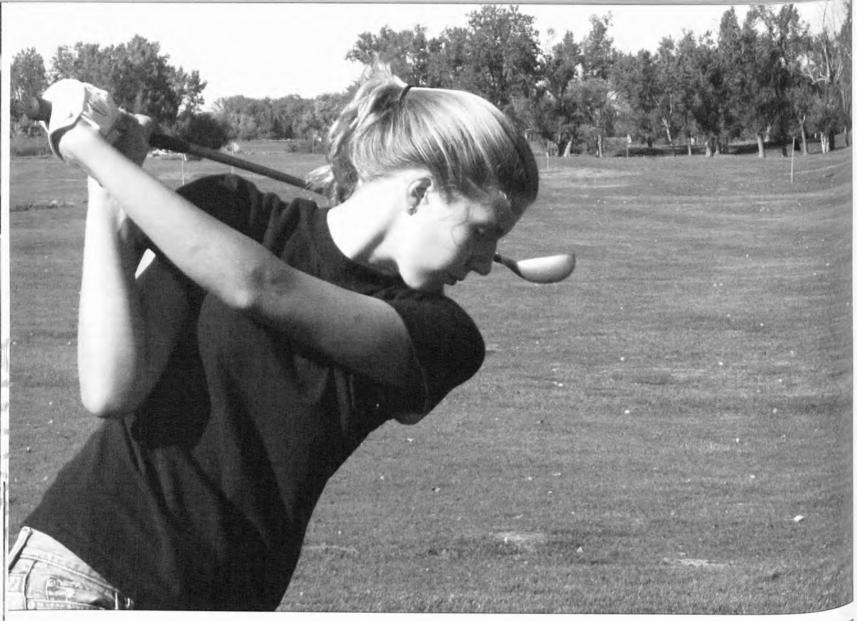
"We're going to try to keep more of the kids on the team playing tennis in the off-season," Lloyd said.

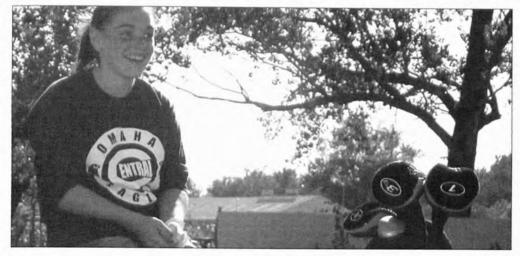
He said he and teammate Michael Walsh (10) played in a doubles league on Saturday mornings at the Tennis Club Soccer Center. He said there were

eight other teams in the league.

Tucker said he would be returning head coach boys varsity of tennis and JV boys golf because he wanted more responsibility as a coach.







Scoreboard

girls golf

8/29-Bryan 189-236 L
8/31 Bellevue West 206-259 L
9/5 North 252-257 W
9/7 Benson 233-291 W
9/12 South 223-275 W
9/14 Northwest 171-201 W
9/19 Bellevue East 192-254 L
OPS Classic
Maxine Price 2nd place
Bianca Smith 5th place
Huong Vu 9th place
RECORD: 4-3

Above. Maxine Price (10) watches her teammates techniques. "She has the ability to make State next year," Linda Brock, head girls golf coach, said. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Top. Sarah Ferguson (11) practices her swing at the driving range. Brocksaid the team had improved a lot from last year. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Right. Jaimie Lewis (11) works on her swing at practice. This was her second year on the team. Brock said girls were welcomed to play regardless of playing level. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.*



moving

New practice spot improves players' game

By Patrick O'Malley

Linda Brock, head girls golf coach, said last year the team practiced every day after school at Elmwood Golf Course, which was only a nine-hole course.

She said this year the team decided to practice at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, Iowa, which has 18 holes, a driving range and a larger putting green.

Huong Vu (11) said having a driving range available helped her swing because she was able to practice it a lot.

Brock said there were four girls who returned from the previous year.

"The improvement from the three novices was huge over our last year," Brock said

She said they all showed a great improvement in different areas of their game.

"They enjoyed it enough to come back," Brock said,

She said she felt the girls were very competitive on the course.

"It was fun to win this year," she said.

Brock said the girls played in the OPS Classic at Miller Park Golf Course and three girls placed in the championship flight. She said they landed a 2nd place, 5th place and 9th place out of 50 girls.

"We won more than we lost," Bianca Smith (10) said. "We had a pretty steady season. It was fun."

Vu said she placed 9th and was pleased with her

performance.

"Everyone did pretty well that day," Vu said. "It was really hot."

Brock said Smith quickly became one of the keys to the season's success.

"She was a wonderful addition," Brock said. "She came in and became our number one player."

Vu said having Smith on the team helped her with her driving techniques. She said they both learned many tricks and tips from each other.

"Everybody was cool and open-minded when I came," Smith said.

She said she had been playing golf since she was 9 years old, but didn't play for the Eagles last year because she wanted to try volleyball.

Brock said Maxine Price (10) was another key player.

"She has the ability to make State next year," she said.

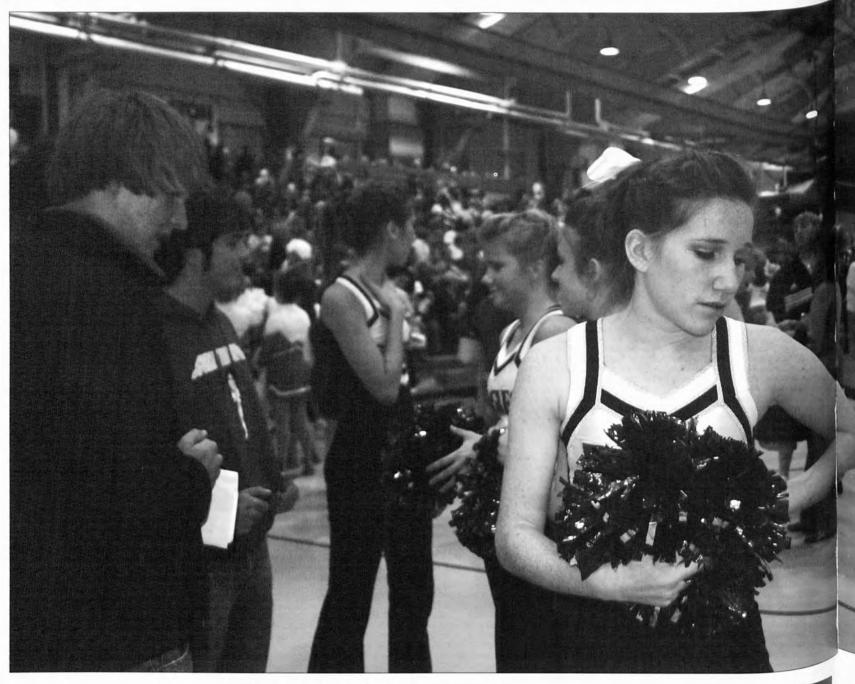
Brock said one great thing about golf was it was a game students could play for a lifetime because it was very relaxing.

"We welcome any player regardless of playing level," she said. "It doesn't require physical exertion, you just go around and hit a ball."

She said, however, there were many distractions and things that could happen in the course of 18 holes.



Huong Vu (11) places a club back into her golf bag during practice at Shoreline Golf Course in Carter Lake, lowa. "It was a big move up," Vu said. "It helped the game out." She said having a driving range available her significantly because she was able to practice things repeatedly as opposed to getting a few practice strokes on every hole. Photos by Patrick O'Malley.



Above. Susan Freeman (10) talks to members of the Pom Squad after their performance at the Maverick Dance Team Competition.
They took 3rd place in the Pom Dance division. Sponsor Jane Luethge said her squad focused its energy on pleasing the crowd by diversifying its style. "It's hip-hop, It's jazz, it's pom with technique,"
Luethge said.
Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Andrea Thompson (12)
(left) and Ashlee Atwell (12) wait
in anticipation for their turn to
dance at the UNO competition.
"I think we did good as a squad,"
Atwell said. "We always end up
pulling it together." She said
squad performed at a competition
at the Westroads Mall over the
summer and took 2nd place.
Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





cheering on the

Competitions help energize routines

By Patrick O'Malley

Year-round practicing and preparing helped the Pom Squad strive for excellence in competition and show school spirit.

"Central Pom Squad is definitely about promoting school spirit," sponsor Jane Luethge said.

She said spirit was what really differentiated the Eagles from many other schools. She said many other squads simply picked a style of dance and exceled in it

She said her squad focused its energy on pleasing the crowd by diversifying its style.

"It's hip-hop. It's jazz. It's pom with technique," Luethge said.

She said a dance that would be performed at a basketball or football game is more of a mix between a hip-hop dance and a pom dance.

Ashlee Atwell (12) said the squad incorporated a hip-hop feel because it tended to be more crowdpleasing.

She said the squad would normally enter competitions in a pom division because those moves tend to look better.

"It's a lot easier to make it look sharper and more together," Luethge said.

She said the girls compete in approximately three tournaments a year. One of the competitions it enters annually is the Maverick Dance Team Competition.

Atwell said she was pleased with the third place the Eagles received. She said the competition consisted of other squads around the metro area.

"I think we did good as a squad," Atwell said.
"We always end up pulling it together."

Bailey Buller (10) said she thought the girls did an excellent job.

She said she was not able to dance because of an injury that happened two weeks prior to the event.

She said the squad did not have very much time to prepare a routine because members were also working on dances for the basketball and football seasons.

Atwell said the moves, music and look of the dance tended to change frequently before competitions.

"They're almost reinventing the wheel every time," Luethge said.

Atwell said she enjoyed being a senior because she had more say in what the group did.

Luethge said the squad decided not to compete in the Ralston Spirit Spectacular.

Atwell said it performed at a competition at the Westroads Mall over the summer and took 2nd place.

Buller said the schedule required to learn and practice the routines was very difficult when she first joined the squad.

"It's a huge commitment because it's 12 months of the year," Luethge said.

Atwell said the members all decided it would be beneficial to take a class at a studio to work on certain techniques they would not be able to cover during school practices.

She also said they attend workshops and camps throughout the year. She said the practice schedule was also demanding. They practiced in the gym during zero hour and after school. They also practiced at Norris Middle School over the summer.

Luethge said she did not have a problem with the extra responsibility of being the sponsor of varsity cheerleading this year.

"We have a good diversity in ages," Luethge said. "This will be a good opportunity to get some new dancers in."

She said she would be inserting a new method of recruiting to increase the number of girls. Luethge said students in the 8th grade would have the opportunity to try out early.



Bailey Buller (10) cheers on the rest of the squad at the UNO competition. She was not able to dance due to an injury. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

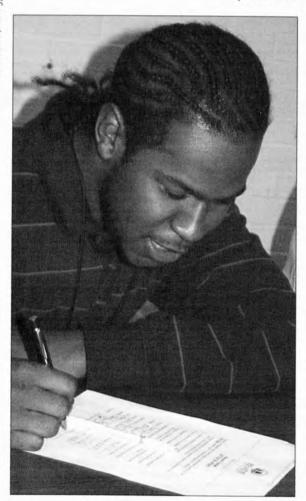
The Pom Squad had to get several letters of recommendation from their teachers to try out. -0-Book 1988

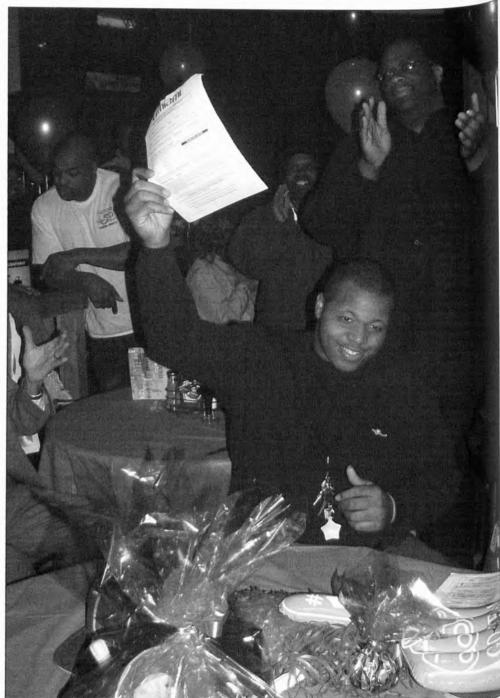
Right. Harland Gunn (12) waves his signing papers to his family and friends at Buffalo Wild Wings. Harland signed to play at the University of Miami. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*

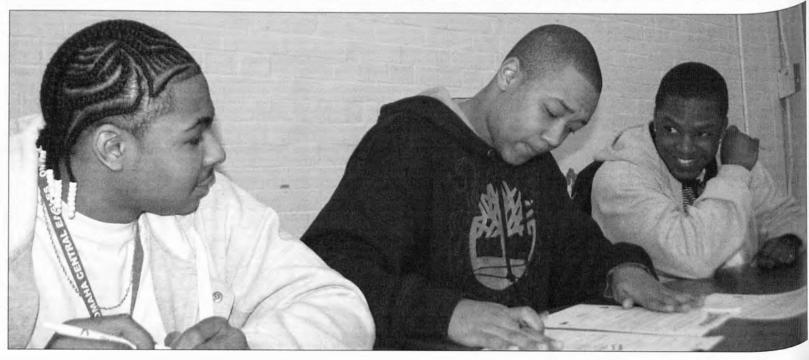
Bottom. (From left) Robert Clay (12), Charles Thompson (12) and Jermaine Blackson (12) talk while signing their letters of commitment in the cafeteria during first hour. "This is kind of fun," head varsity football coach Jay Ball said. "The best part is these kids will get a college degree."

Photo by Patrick Breen.

Below. Justin Allen (12) signs his commitment to Wayne State University, which he chose because of team chemistry and unity. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*







4000 name

Football players commit to a multitude of colleges, divisions

By Patrick Breen

Signing Day" brought good times to players leaving high school on football scholarships.

Laughs, big smiles and family members surrounded four senior players in the cafeteria.

Later, the second-best offensive lineman in the country, Harland Gunn (12), sat in Buffalo Wild Wings at 76th and Dodge surrounded by relatives, friends, coaches and even former teachers. It was a celebration of Gunn's achievements.

"I had been waiting for a while," Gunn said.

Inside the restaurant, green and orange (the colors of University of Miami) hung around almost every table. Orange shirts with "It's a 'Cane thing" were stacked up for Gunn to sign. These were his first autographs.

Gunn visited Miami late in his junior year and said the experience was a leading factor to why he chose the school. He said the coaching staff and players made him feel at home.

A week before signing, new Miami head coach Randy Shannon flew to Omaha to make sure Gunn would be going to the Hurricanes. Gunn's name slowly slid up the charts, until he was the second best recruit for Miami. Impressive because the University of Miami got the 16th best recruiting class in the nation.

In 11 years of coaching at South, head varsity football coach Jay Ball only saw one player sign a scholarship to college. Bryan Locke signed to Division II college Wayne State. At 8 a.m. on Feb. 7, Ball saw two players sign to the same school and two more to other colleges.

"This is kind of fun," Ball said. "The best part is these kids will get a college degree."

Jermaine Blackson (12) and Justin Allen (12) signed to Wayne State, while Robert Clay (12) signed to rival Bemidji and Charles Thompson (12) signed to Imporia State.

The group of players joked, laughed and talked about their futures in college. Blackson and his team Wayne State play against Clay's Bemidji since their teams are in the same conference. The two players talked about the rivalry.

We'll (Wayne State) beat Bemidji," Blackson said. "I always win.

The seniors said they hope to launch their success through playing early at their schools. All four said playing early was a major contributing factor to why they chose the schools they did.

At the beginning of the next school year, Gunn will be traveling 1,500 miles to the state of Florida to play for what he now calls "his" team.

Blackson is positive as well.

"I'm looking to start," he said. "I just want to help the team."

They said playing early would help them develop quickly and play better in their later years. The players said they were looking to improve and make as big of an impact as possible for their new

"I want to keep getting better," Clay said. "By sophomore year, I want to be All-Conference."

Other contributing factors helped the players decide on which team they would play for. Thompson and Allen agreed chemistry was one of the major deciding factors.

"It's (Imporia) the best for me," Thompson said. "I like the players and coaches down there."

Allen said at Wayne State the team was unified and prepared. "The chemistry of the players was good," Allen said. "Everybody's like a family. It makes it that much easier (to go)."

The players were looking for opportunities to compete at the next level. Overall they all said they signed with a team they thought could compete and win.

Clay is traveling to the city Bemidji, three hours northwest of Minneapolis. The college is a strong Division II contender and Clay said he would become a better wide receiver there.

"I'm sad he's leaving," Dorothy Clay, his mother, said, "but he has a great future ahead."

The players attributed part of their success to the first year of coaching by Ball. Although he was only around him for one season, Clay said Ball pushed them to do their best,

"He improved our work ethic," Thompson said. "We did a lot of conditioning. He mentally and physically prepared us."

The players had looked forward to signing since their freshman

Each player will be joining his team at the end of his final year of high school. Then, he will continue to practice and prepare for another four years of football.

This time on a much larger scale.

Right. Benjamin Kline (12) does a cross-over in the first round of the State basketball championship against Millard North. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*

Far Right. Joshua Jones (11) weaves through defenders and makes a lay-up against Millard West at home. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

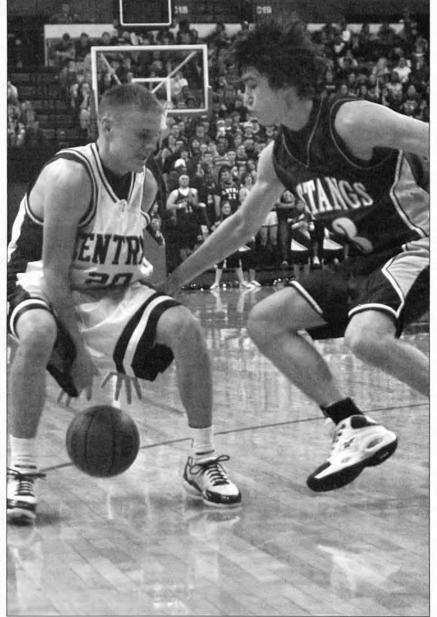
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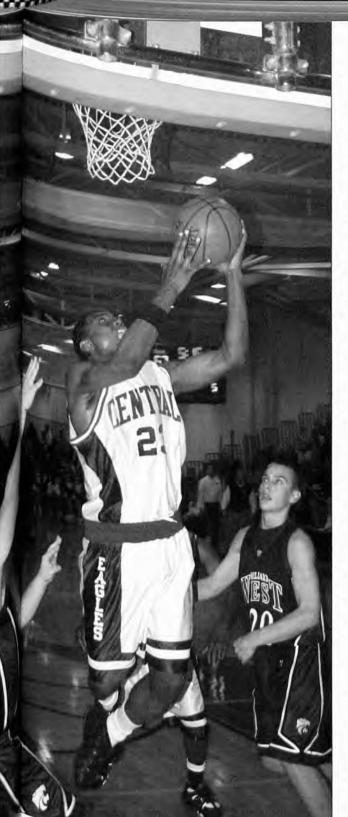


Above. Grixby drives to the hoop against Millard West during the regular season. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Right. Kline holds the net after winning the State championship in overtime against Bellevue West for the second year in a row. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.







Team wins back-to-back Class A Championships

By Bob Al-Greene

The Eagles won the big game again, in overtime, 93-85 against Bellevue West

Coming in from a disappointing season, the boys varsity basketball team succeeded in creating a virtual repeat of last year's State Finals on Sat. March 10, winning against Bellevue West, who Central defeated last year when the T-Birds were the defending champs.

The two teams had met once already during the season with West coming out the victor in the re-match, but it was not to be at the finals.

"I think there was a newfound focus," head coach Eric Behrens said. "The guys just decided we were underachieving and wanted to get back on track."

He said he did get to a point where he knew Central had to win all its District games because there wouldn't be a wild card.

West got the tip-off and put the first points on the board, but Christopher Griffin's (11) quick 3-pointers and the furious playing of Joshua Jones (11) put the Eagles ahead 12-6 by the middle of the quarter.

Shots from Alexander DeLeon (12) and team captain Benjamin Kline (12), along with Jones' hard work kept the Eagles ahead by 6 as the second quarter began.

Behrens said the speed of West's players meant Central knew going in it was going to be a fast game and he knew they had to find a different way to beat them, such as transition defense and rebounding.

Matters weren't helped by the foul calls, either. Central struggled with a 9-3

After a tumultuous first minute of the second half, Central started pulling away from West again, thanks to a 4-point foul shot by Grixby and a breakaway dunk from Jones which put the Eagles up to 44.

Kline met trouble, however, when his arm was injured during a shot at the West end of the court - he was taken out to applause as the giant screens of the Devaney center showed his pained face.

He was back in at 4:56, however, to even louder applause and chants of "BK", and Central soon broke 50, leaving West 8 points behind.

Kline gave Central its last points of regulation from the line, taking the total up to 79.

However, West's Tyler Vandament was able to match that and sent both teams into overtime.

Jones fouled in the first four seconds of overtime, but Young wasted West's possessions and the team started fouling to keep the game going. With DeLeon, Jones, Grixby and Wilson out, it was up to the sophomores.

Constant West fouling gave Central the ability to make almost all of its overtime points without interference.

Behrens said the team played well, though the pressure can be intimidating.



Left. (From left) Christopher Griffin (11), Kline, Jones, Ronnell Grixby (11) and Lorenzo Wilson (11) wait on the bench before they are announced prior to the first round of State basketball against the Millard North Wildcats.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

WOJRING together

Communication helps season improve

By Patrick Breen

Almost a mirror image of the varsity season, junior varsity (JV) boys basketball powered its way to a great record through hard work, determination and team work. Second year head coach Chad Burns said the team became stronger toward the end.

"Later in the season," Burns said, "our kids started working together."

When the players came together as a team, they not only saw wins, they saw wins by huge margins.

"We played better as a team," Burns said. "We had more wins and bigger wins."

In the last few weeks of the season, the team traveled and beat Lincoln High by 30 points. Daryle Hawkins (10) said teamwork was the main reason for the large wins.

"We ended our season on a positive note," he said.

The team wasn't always on the best of terms. Burns said the team played as individuals at first. The team grew together through the practices and work they put in. The individualistic attitude hurt the team in some early games.

"We were runner-up in the Holiday Tournament," Burns said. "It was very close."

The team was led by players who played both varsity and JV. The swing players kept the team together and had more experience from playing in bigger games.

Experienced players weren't the only ones making an impact.

"For the first time in a few years, we don't have more than one freshman player," Burns said.

Deverell Biggs (9) was the only incoming freshman to make the JV team. He received minutes at guard.

"He's athletic," Burns said. "Everyone just plays their best."

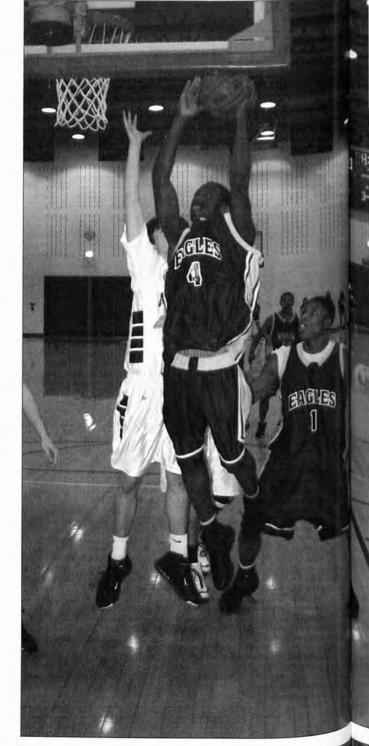
Statistically the team did very well. Not only did the team post 15 wins, individual players saw their statistics rise.

"We had four players average double digits," Burns said. "It's good. We spread out the points."

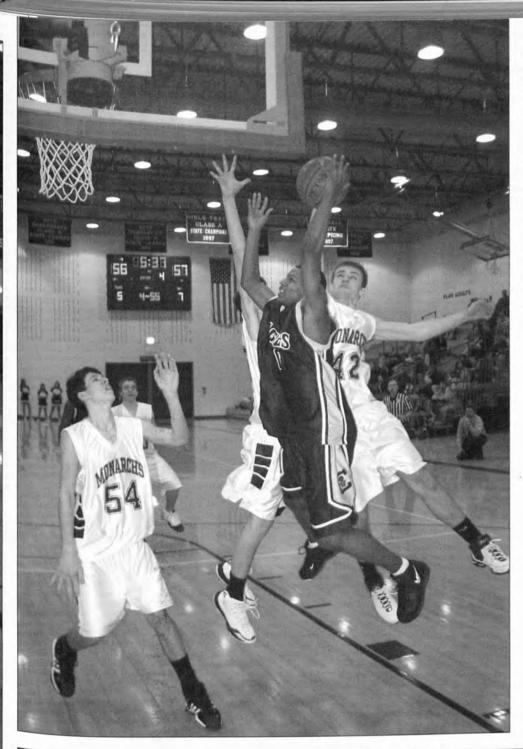
The purpose of the JV team is to bring experience to players for varsity. Burns prepares the players for the next step.

"That's the purpose of JV," he said. "It's a varsity feeder."

Overall, Burns said, the season was a good one. He said he learned the system better than years in the past. Although the varsity team will only be losing two members, Burns said, the swing players will be playing more varsity time.







Far Left. Paul Simms (10) goes up for a lay-up against the Papillion-LaVista South Monarchs. Head coach Chad Burns said the team worked really well together by the end of the season. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Left. Michael Partee (9) avoids a defender for a lay-up against Papillion-LaVista South. Partee also played on the varsity team and broke his foot after the end of the JV season. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Bottom Left. (From right) Dylan Saferstein (10) and Daryle Hawkins (10) watch the team finish the game. "(As the season went on) we made better passes, played more like a team," Hawkins said. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Above. Simms tries to block the ball from going in play. The team was led by players who played both varsity and JV. The swing players kept the team together and had more experience from playing in bigger games. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Scoreboard

JV boys basketball 11/30 Millard West 74-56 W

12/7 North 73-62 W 12/14 Burke 64-52 W

12/16 Westside 62-46 W 12/27 Burke 49-41 W

12/28 Benson 74-51 W 12/29 Gross 63-46 W

12/30 Creighton Prep 68-65 L 1/4 Millard South 57-55 W

1/6 Creighton Prep 64-56 W 1/11 Bryan 58-47 W 1/13 Pap/LaVista 68-50 W 1/18 Bellevue West 69-68 L 1/20 Benson 74-70 L

1/23 Lincoln East 61-54 W 1/25 Northwest 58-38 W

1/27 Lincoln 66-35 W

2/3 Bellevue East 59-45 L 2/8 South 68-67 W 2/15 Pap/LaVista 82-69 W 2/17 Millard North 69-65 L

RECORD: 15W-6L

Central won on March 17 against Shenandoah, who claimed the championship of Southern lowa. -Annual 1905

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Mid-season coaching change affects players

By Lucy Schroeder

Matt Hamill took over the head coaching position for both A and B freshman basketball teams this year. The position was originally held by coach Drew Weber, who resigned.

"Coach Weber just really made a personal decision to step down and to resign," Hamill said. "No one forced him to resign, but he did."

Unfortunately, Weber left shortly before a game.

"It was an emotional time and we lost that game, too," Randall Owens (9) said, "but the next day we were right there with him (Hamill)."

Hamill said he had high expectations for the team.

"I really think this is a talented group," he said.

Weber said he felt the season went better than the record showed.

"A few games they absolutely dominated their opponent," he said.

Weber said the A team had a difficult time putting its opponents away, but later in the season it was able to beat other teams by 20 or 30 points.

"It (the season) had its highs and lows," Hamill said, "but I think we really ended on a positive note."

Hamill and assistant coach Bryson Wiser agree they turned the negatives into positives and did a great job overcoming the change.

Wiser took over Hamill's position of assistant.

He said he was basically the helper.

"It was enjoyable and the kids were very good," Wiser said.

There was an adjusting period. Hamill had to get the players to trust one another and him.

"They were incredibly coachable," he said. "I could ask them to do something and they would go out and execute it." One struggle the team had as a freshman team was the fact that most of the players came from different schools.

"They may already have some friendships made, but getting them to come together as a team, that's a real challenge," Hamill said.

Another struggle he faced was deciding who should be playing.

Owens said Hamill got everyone in that he could.

"He wouldn't take you out," Ownes said. "He would sit you down and tell you what to do."

He also said Hamill was very encouraging and would always tell them to do their best.

Hamill used to officiate basketball. His part-time job was refereeing in college. He grew up playing basketball, but learned most of the rules about the game from refereeing.

This year was his first coaching experience. He started as assistant coach to Weber and stepped up mid-season.

"After I assumed the positions of head coach," Hamill said, "I was able to see some of the things I tried to do have a real impact."

He said the players were fun, intelligent and dedicated.

"It was a special group of young men and that made it very enjoyable to work," he said.

It was a very serious time commitment for Hamill. There is a lot of work that goes into coaching and if you are a brand new head coach, he said, that could be very surprising. Luckily, he had prior experience coaching as an assistant.

Both coaches really seemed to enjoy the experience.

"The best thing about coaching and sports is you put forth your best effort and you get to see your hard work was worth it," Hamill said, "because of the success you have on the court."

To see the effort pay off for the team is really rewarding, ne said.

Scoreboard

freshman boys basketball

11/30 Papillion La-Vista A team W 12/2 North A team W, B team W 12/7 Bellevue East A team W, B team W 12/27 Ralston L 12/29 Benson W
12/30 Northwest W
1/9 Creighton Prep A team L
B team L
1/18 Westside A team W
1/22 Gross A team L, B team W
1/24 Benson A team W, B team W
1/25 Millard West A team L, B team L
1/26 Millard South A team W, B team W
1/29 Omaha South A team W

1/31 Bryan A team W, B team W 2/2 Bellevue West A team L, B team W 2/5 Burke A team L, B team L 2/9 Northwest A team W 2/10 Millard North A team W, B team L

> RECORD: A Team- 10W-6L B Team- 7W- 5L

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Left. Alfonzo Straughn (10) reaches back for the ball in an alley-oop before the reserve game against the Millard North Mustangs . *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

Bottom. Joshua Hackett (9) drives to the hoop in a freshman home game against the Bellevue West Thunderbirds. Physics teacher Matt Hamill took over the position of head coach of both freshman A and B teams. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

Scoreboard

reserve boys basketball

12/5 North 49-45 L
12/9 Millard West 59-50 W
12/16 Burke 73-70 L
12/28 Ralston 58-33 W
12/29 Bellevue West 73-50 W
12/30 Bryan 65-45 W
1/2 Millard South 69-52 W
1/6 Westside 53-38 W
1/9 Bryan 67-54 W
1/11 Millard North 62-34 L
1/13 Papillion-LaVista South
55-45 W
1/16 Bellevue West 59-50 L
1/20 Benson 63-45 L
Northwest 58-57 L

. Since there was a very high turnout during tryouts, a second freshmen basketball team was formed. -0-Book 1997.

Strying for perfection

Jump start on season gives girls determination

By Patrick Breen

"We can't be happy with one win," varsity girls basketball head coach Chad Townsend said.

Usually those words wouldn't be positive, but after an 8-3 start and an upset win over the Bellevue West Thunderbirds, the team had every reason to be upbeat.

"We proved we can beat anybody," Townsend said.

Coming into a road game with number one ranked Bellevue West, the ninth ranked Eagles were major underdogs. The Thunderbirds played eight seniors and 6-foot-4 center Brooke Delano (12).

The Eagles played hard and hit major shots, free throws and rebounded down the stretch to secure the win.

The win launched the Eagles to sixth in the Class A standings and provided only the second loss to the 14-2 Thunderbirds.

"It really frustrated them (the Thunderbirds)," Kailah Bailey (10) said. "People usually don't think we can beat them. We proved them wrong."

Townsend said the early losses in the season were spurred by the lack of rebounding, both offensive and defensive.

"Rebounding really cost us some games," he said. "We rebounded the ball much better at Bellevue West."

The Eagles' hope was to use the win to catapult them to the best season record in recent history.

Two years ago, the team posted a 13-7 record and this year's team passed it.

Townsend said players always look to improve each year.

"It's tough to compare teams," he said. "Each year is a different experience."

The team was more experienced this year, playing six seniors.

Three of which have been playing significant minutes since their sophomore year.

Townsend said if they kept it together, the team could definitely make a great run.

"We're getting better each week, "he said.

He said the only three losses (at time of interview) this season were because of the difficulties rebounding.

The team lost twice to Westside and the season opener to the Millard West Wildcats.

"We've come out and played hard," Townsend said. The team finished out the season with mostly away games. To prepare for the road stretch, the team practiced every day after school.

Bailey has been playing varsity since her freshman year and she says she has seen a major improvement in team play.

"This year, we played more as a team," she said. "We are boxing out and getting rebounds and playing defense. There is a lot more team unity."

The ultimate goal for a girls team isn't to set the best record. It's to win State. It's that simple.

"State is our one goal," Isabel Benjamin-Alvarado (10) said. "We need to nail some plays and keep working. If we play hard, we can beat anybody."

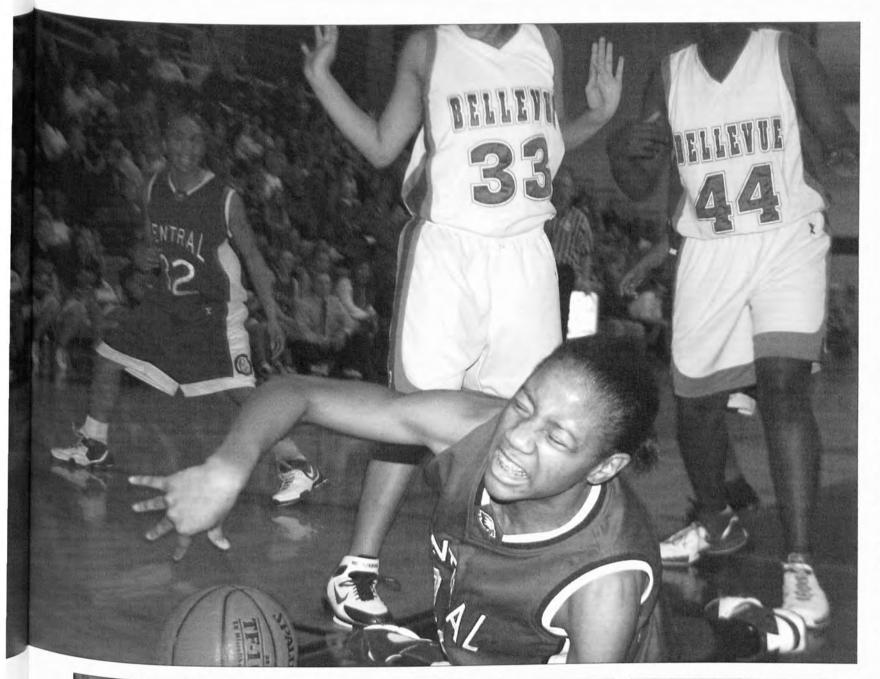
The team had to replay the Thunderbirds for the District title.

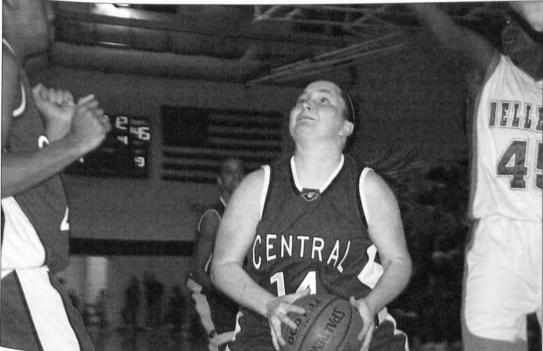
It had to either win Districts or earn enough wild card points to qualify for State.

Unfortunately, neither happened.



Kailah Bailey (10) grabs the rebound in a game against the Omaha Benson High School Bunnies. "Rebounding has been something we improved on," Kailah Bailey (10) said. "We've gotten much better." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





Amber Hamilton (12) prepares to go up for a jump shot at a game against the Bellevue East Chieftains. **Top.** Kailah Bailey (10) dives out of bounds in attempt to save the ball from going out in a game against Bellevue East. "This year, we played more as a team," she said. "We are boxing out and getting rebounds and playing defense. There is a lot more team unity." *Photos by Patrick O'Malley*.

Scoreboard

varsity girls basketball

12/1 Millard West 52-65 L 12/2 Fremont 65-36 W 12/8 North 80-40 W 12/12 Norfolk 54-40 W 1/15 Burke 68-44 W 12/20 Millard South 63-48 W 12/28 Westside 53-62 L 1/5 Millard South 72-50 W 1/11 Westside 72-78 L 1/13 Bryan 53-43 W 1/19 Bellevue West 64-59 W

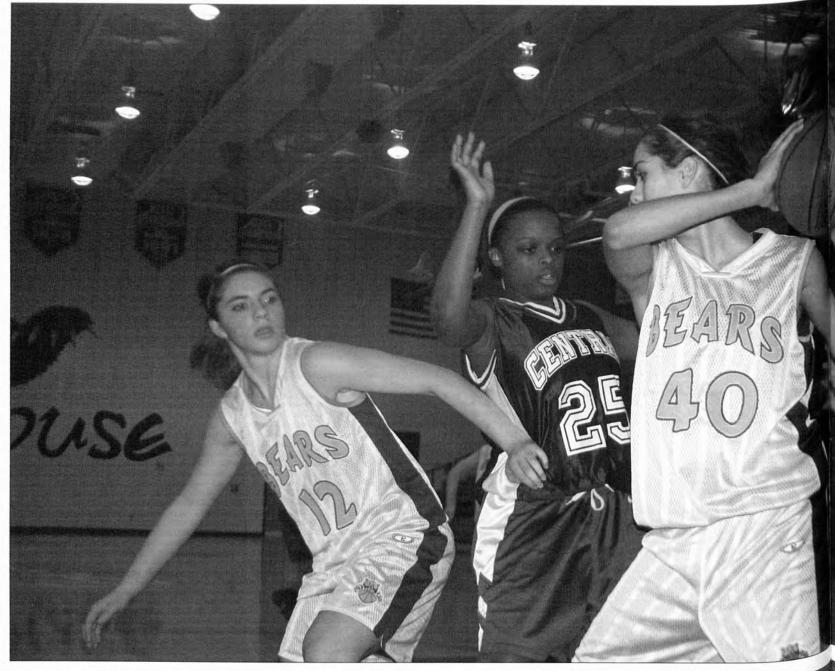
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RECORD: 16W-6L

The varsity girls basketball team qualified for State. It lost in the second round. - 0-Book 2002.



Above. Cydney Dorsey (10) sneaks between two Omaha Bryan High School Bears players in an attempt to steal the ball. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Right. Ozioma Onyeuku (10) watches the Bellevue East High School Chieftains warm up. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.





delegating

JV girls adjust to coaching changes, different levels

By Jomarcell Nguyen

From changing coaches to playing on multiple teams, this was the second year the junior varsity (JV) girl basketball team had to play either reserve or varsity while on JV.

The JV team lost its coach midway through the season. Townsend had to replace coach Robin Hanus when he left.

"The goal was to get as much playing time as possible for the girls," varsity coach Chad Townsend said.

JV sometimes had only a few players for games when varsity and reserve had games on the same day.

"It happened twice when we had a varsity, JV and reserve game on the same day," Nakya Clark (11) said.

JV never had a chance to practice as a team. Half of the team played varsity and the other half played reserve.

"This was my second year and it was a lot of work," Isabel Benjamin-Alvarado (10) said. "During this year, there was a lot more intensity on JV and varsity then there was on reserve."

JV and varsity practiced together Monday through Saturday. Reserve practiced on a different schedule.

"For most of the plays on varsity, I played at post with (Alicia) Bender (12) and Kailah (Bailey) (12)," Benjamin-Alvarado said. "I'm an all-around player on JV. I play point guard and I play every position on varsity except point guard."

The main starter was Ozioma Onyeuku (10). Benjamin-Alvarado and the guards rotated who started for each game.

"Playing with two teams gets you into shape and used to the environment to play more," Clark said.

Cori Pruch (10) went to Gross Catholic High School for her freshman year. She played freshman and JV for Gross.

"It felt good playing JV and varsity," Pruch said. "The programs weren't different, but the atmosphere was different. It took me a couple of weeks to remember all the plays."

During the games that occurred on the same day with the other teams, coaches had to pick who had to leave and go play in the other game.

"It was hard when two teams had a game on the same day," Pruch said, "because you only had 30 seconds to sit and get a drink before you had to go back into the game."

"Both coaches liked the defense, but Townsend focused more on rebounding," Benjamin-Alvarado said.

Clark played both JV and varsity last year.

"On JV I got to a lot of playing time, but on varsity I didn't get to play as much," Clark said.

JV usually practiced 5 to 10 minutes before the game.

"It's frustrating sometimes during the games because as a team, we forget plays, miss some of free throws and turnovers," Benjamin-Alvarado said.

Scoreboard

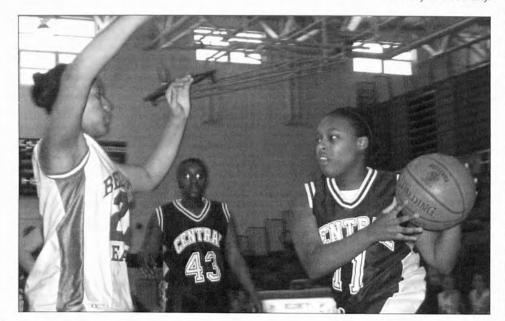
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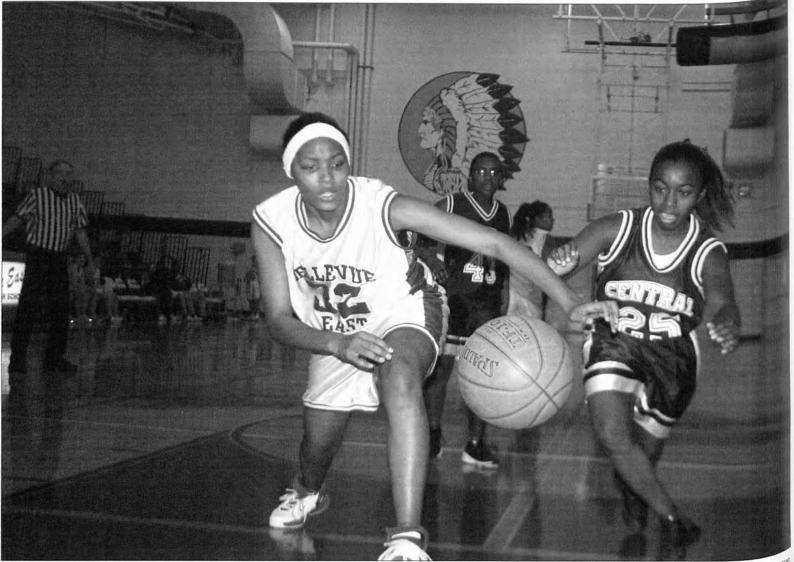
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Right. BreAnna LaMere (9) tries to reach for a rebound. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Below. Taylor Carodine (10) passes the ball around a Chieftain defender. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*







Breauna Sneed (10) chases after a loose ball against the Bellevue East Chieftains. In the beginning of the year, there were only three eligible players so some freshmen had to step up and play reserve.

Photo by Patrick O'Mallel.

reaching for the top

Learning together pushes team to win

By Patrick O'Malley

Overcoming obstacles to finish the season strong was how the reserve girls basketball season played out.

"We had our little ups and downs, but we pulled through it," Porshia Butler (9) said.

She said communication was one quality the team lacked early on.

"It took a long time, but we got to know each other as players," Franccia Moore (10) said.

She said the team had its share of rough parts in the beginning of the season, but due to helpful assistance, the reserve team was able to pull together.

Sarah Medeiros (10) said in the beginning of the season there were only three eligible players.

She said some freshmen had to step up their game and play with the reserve team.

"I think we did better because they were actually trying more," Medeiros said.

Moore said she also played on the junior varsity team along with three other girls, so when it came time for the freshmen to step up, she was playing different games.

"The game before our last we played Millard," she said.

She said in that game all the team members really kept their composure.

Butler said she felt one of the bigger problems at the beginning was everyone was trying to take the lead as opposed to working together.

"The coaches fixed us up," she said.

Butler said she was amazed at how so much unexpected talent shined through.

"The way we played was just crazy. I really enjoyed it," she said. "There is always room for improvement, though." Butler was a guard and she said her favorite part of the game was getting assists.

"Making people look good is what I like," she said.

Moore said head coach Erin Jablonski worked hard to teach the girls.

"I loved coming and seeing them every day," she said.

She said she knew the head coach of boys reserve basketball, Jay Landstrom, from when she was doing her coaching practicum in Lincoln.

She said he offered her a coaching spot.

All she then had to do was interview with girls varsity head coach Chad Townsend and athletic director Darin Williams.

She said she played basketball all four years in high school and played on some intramural teams in college to stay in touch with the game.

"She was a very good coach, especially this being the first team she coached," Moore said.

Butler said overall the season could have been better than it was.

"Practices were practices. Running was key," Butler said. "They weren't brutal. They were fair."

Butler said the coach ran the entire team to its capacity and she said she liked that.

Jablonski said the day before games the girls would have a relaxing practice and play games like "Knockout."

"We ran a lot because I felt it was really important to be in shape," she said.

This was head coach Jodi Rackliffe's first year leading the freshman A team.

"We became a tough team to beat, " she said. "They're really starting to play their role on the team."

Scoreboard

freshman girls basketball
11/30 Pap/LaVista 51-46 L

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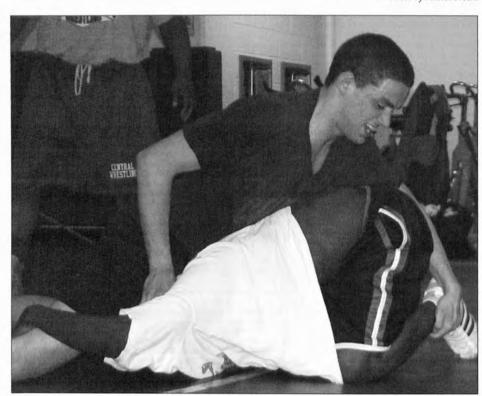
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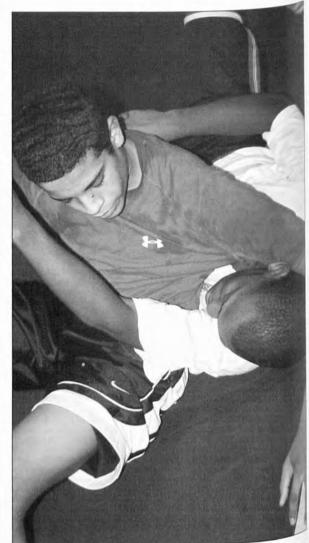
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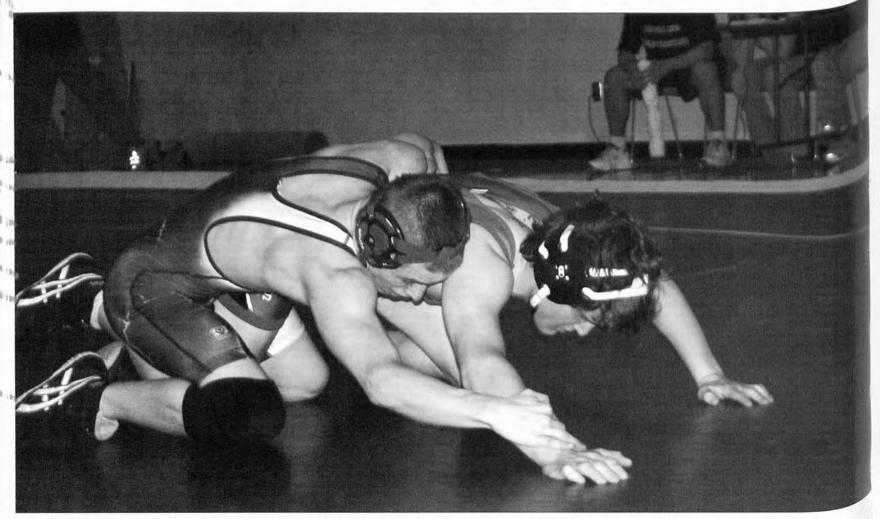
The junior team beat the senior team in a three-game basketball tournament. -Annual 1918.

Right. Jason Storm (11) flips Lonzale Ramsey (12) in a team practice after school a week before Districts. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*

Below. Nicholas Almazan (12) wrestles Ramsey for a spot in the 152-pound weight class. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*







Zackery Andre (9) helps the Eagles win a dual over Millard South. He was a freshman who helped define this young and up-and-coming squad. Photo by Patrick Breen.

watching each other

Young team works to overcome obstacles

By Patrick Breen

Varsity wrestling coach Jimmie Foster said a wrestler has to feel like he can whip anybody on the court.

The Eagle wrestlers had to overcome some major obstacles this season, including a new hydration test, loss of key seniors to graduation last year and a team consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores.

Despite the problems, the team looked positively at its upcoming season of hard work.

"We have to work that much harder," Nicholas Almazan (12) said. "That's the way it

A season after alumni Guy Smith, who took home gold in State, and Chuck Mulligan, who is fifth on the all-time pin list, graduated, the Eagles prepared young wrestlers under senior leaders.

"We definitely lost some really experienced guys," Almazan said. "We have to wrestle even better."

Members of the team said even with the losses they are wrestling well.

"We're coming back pretty strong," Lonzale Ramsey (12) said. "The senior leaders are still teaching the youngsters what they need to know."

"Leadership is very important to the team," Almazan said. "We (seniors) try to help in any way we can. Younger people need a strong example."

Almazan's younger brother is one of the other young wrestlers trying to make an impact. As a freshman, Samuel competed in State. Almazan thinks he will continue to improve, along with the team.

The team is made up of three seniors and few juniors, but has plenty of sophomores and freshmen ready to play.

Foster said the whole team has been improving throughout the year and he expected great things from the younger wrestlers.

"They're listening a lot more," Foster said.

They are giving more effort."

The team only returned one State qualifier from last year, Samuel.

Still, confidence emanated from the team throughout the year.

To be eligible for the State competition, one must place fourth or higher at Districts.

The team practiced every day after school for two hours hoping to improve and be ready for the next tournament or dual. The wrestlers practice several different positions in two types of stances.

"There are several dimensions," Almazan said. "On your feet' is one where you practice motion, setting and attacks. 'Top and bottom' is when your opponent is laying either on top of you or on bottom."

Team members said a key component to the success of recent wrestlers was Foster, who Almazan said teaches the team discipline, selfrespect and determination.

"Coach does a lot for our team. He's a very experienced wrestler himself," Almazan said. "(He's) very passionate about wrestling. He is always willing to help and make a difference."

Wrestlers have to watch their weight now more than ever. This is the first year the wrestlers underwent hydration and weight tests.

The tests were another obstacle for the Eagles.

They placed Ramsey in the same weight class as Nicholas Almazan.

The test wouldn't allow Ramsey to go below 7 percent body fat. Ramsey couldn't drop that extra one pound to 152 so he could enter the lower weight class. This caused the two to compete for the position on varsity, not allowing the two strong seniors to compete in different weight classes.

"Basically, it (the rule) is hurting us," Ramsey said. "It has good intentions, but is costing our team points."

Players said they felt even with strict regulations, they abided by the rules. Overall the team saw great improvement throughout the season, and saw two sophomores, Andre and Fielding, make it to the State Tournament. The youth means the team will have plenty of experience next year.

Scoreboard

varsity wrestling

12/16 Northwest Dual 52-24 W 1/9 Westside Dual 36-42 L, 1/17 South Dual 53-19 W 2/1 Metro: Papillion 24-38 L Benson 38-38 L (Criteria) Northwest 52-6 W

RECORD: 3W-3L

The wrestling team won the Missouri Valley Championship. -O-Book 1952

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Swimmers focus on motivation

By Patrick Breen

Despite losing Scott Kielion (12) due to injuries, returning experience led a second-year swim coach and young swimmers towards the State tournament.

"Everyone was really angry," Emilio Barrientos (11) said of the loss of Kielion. "Scott was in a car accident and broke his arm and tore a tendon."

Other teammates agreed the loss was a major disappointment and they felt bad he would miss out on his final high school season.

"Scott was really good," Claire Hansen (11) said. "He was really a great guy. It definitely hurt the boys team."

Last year, seniors Ian Danielson and Lindsey Anderson led the team to the State tournament even though no one from Central took home a medal. This year the team had Sara Hallgren (12) and Margaret Baumann (12) to take the team back again.

The team's first meet was on Dec. 7 at Omaha Burke. The Bulldogs beat both the girls and boys teams. Despite team losses, the individual performances were strong.

Hansen finished well in the 200 freestyle, shaving a few seconds off her time, but said she felt she could have done better.

"I did all right, but I've been concentrating on the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle," she said. "I didn't do as well as I could in the 500."

John Johnson (11) also finished well. He was in the top three of each of his swims.

He said other players swam well and the team came back with a win the following morning at an invitational.

The boys team finished second at an invitational that invited 10 teams. "Everyone gets along," Hansen said. "We have all come together. It makes it easier when you swim with your friends."

Even though the team lost its best boys breaststroke swimmer, the team still had a high level of confidence.

"It's a really mental game," Barrientos said. "You always have to believe you can win. Confidence is a key."

After losing two senior State swimmers to graduation last year, members of the team hoped younger swimmers would step up and fill a place.

"We have some good young swimmers I'm really impressed with," Barrientos said. "If they work hard, they can be great."

This year the Eagles returned five swimmers who have competed at State. Baumann, Hallgren, Hansen, Johnson and Barrientos.

None of the Central swimmers took home medals, but swimmers said they learned from the competition.

They said they will continue to improve in the future and work for





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Above. Scott Kielion (12) (right) and Gregory Meyer (10) take their goggles off on the side of the pool and take a break. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Left. Sara Hallgren (12) practices different strokes in order to prepare for an upcoming competition. She was one of the five swimmers who had competed in State last year. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Top. Claire Hansen (11) practices her freestyle stroke. She said she focused on the 200 and 500 freestyle. She said she did better in the 200. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*

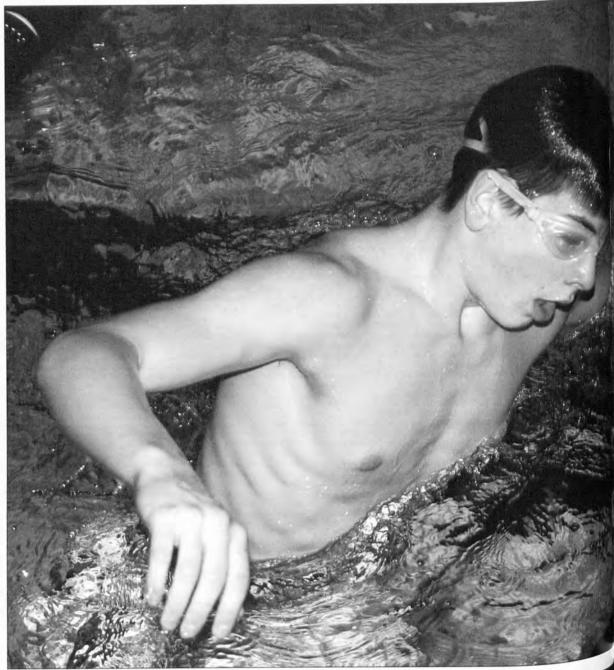
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boys swimming

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RECORD: 6W-2L
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The boys swimming team placed second in the National Swimming Division. -O-Book 1975.



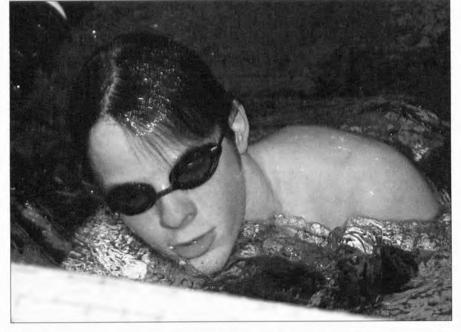
Top. Ryan Stoffel (10) practices his push start in practice at Norris Middle School. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Scoreboard

girls swimming

12/5 Burke L
12/13 Benson 110-55 W
1/4 South 62-21 W
1/16 Papillion 67-103 L
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1/23 Westside L
1/25 Bellevue East L
1/30 North L

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Above. Gregory Meyer (10) approaches the end of the pool during drills at practice at Norris Middle School. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*

Right. Patricia Cobb (11) kicks off the wall for a backstroke drill. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





the State title.

"We practice every day," Johnson said, "but it teaches us discipline and will make us better."

The team divided up into two groups because of the number of swimmers.

The varsity and junior varsity (JV) split up and practiced at different schools. The teams traveled to two different middle schools to practice.

Barrientos said head coach Meredith Kinman was motivational.

"Kinman is fun and teaches us," Barrientos said. "She's helps us, tells us that we are the only ones who can beat us. (She said) we have to be mentally strong."

In her second year of coaching, Kinman said she has become comfortable with the students and practices. She said she believed the team had enormous talent.

Like Barrientos, Johnson said he sees a major difference between former coach Lynne Slobodnik's and Kinman's coaching style. He said Slobodnik was a little more laid-back. She would encourage the team, but wasn't as strict as Kinman.

"She (Kinman) really gets you to swim hard. You have to give more than 100 percent to win," Johnson said.

Kinman agreed she was strict. She said it helps the team stay focused.

"With hard work and determination," she said, "we can definitely place in State."

Hansen said Kinman taught the team through principals and fundamentals.

Johnson said she was very positive, fun and swimmers could really relate to her.

"She knows a lot about swimming," she said. "She makes her tough practices bearable." The team started its practices in early November and students said the early start would benefit the team. It practices swimming techniques, fundamentals and determination to improve.

Hansen said one of the most important things for her to improve is to become more aware of her speed and pace.

"I have to practice concentrating on distance and trying to get a pace," she said. "If you start off too strong, then you'll be too tired to finish the same."

The team will continue practicing and preparing for next year's Districts and State.

The teams' returning swimmers have experience and motivation to become better and to overcome injuries and the loss of graduated seniors.

"We need to find the keys to winning," Johnson said. "Commitment can make us a better





Girls Golf

Huong Vu (11) In the spotlight

History- "I started my sophomore year and I had never played before so it was my first time playing. My cousin who also plays golf got me interested in it and also, my friends were in it." Motivation- "My coach, Ms. Brock, she is always positive and encouraging. Also, my friends. We cheer for each other and give each other advice and help."

Best Part- "You get to hang out with people after school. You get exercise, you get to see your friends and be outside all day. It is really calming out there."

Worst Part- "The worst part is the fact that I was a beginner and I didn't really know how to play that well. The weather is also sometimes bad and you have to search for lost balls."

Strategy-"You have to stay relaxed, open-minded, positive and you have to keep going."

Boys Tennis Kent Drickey (12)

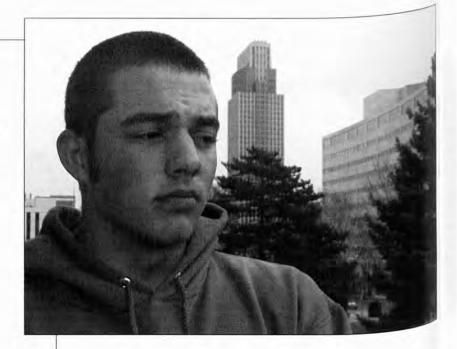
History- He started playing tennis in the ninth grade and made the junior varsity team.

Motivation- His motivation was to keep improving.

Best Part- His favorite part of the season was when he made it to the third round of doubles play in the State tournament

Worst Part- He said probably the cold weather at tournaments was the worst part.

Strategy- His strategy was to use the skills he had to keep improving and win.



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Girls Swimming Sara Hallgren (12)

History- "I started in the seventh grade and I just did middle school swim team and then one day I was swimming at College of Saint Mary's and the coaches of Swim Omaha asked me to join. I have been on swim team at Central for four years."

Motivation- "Just to go fast. It was fun, so the faster I went the more fun I had."

Best Part- "I would say this year was the best. There was definitely team bonding. We got along well and had lots of team

Worst Part- "I'd have to say racing against my own friends. You want them to swim well, but you want to swim your own race

Strategy- "Just to practice hard and try not to think too hard about my races."

Boys Cross Country Morgan Shumaker (12)

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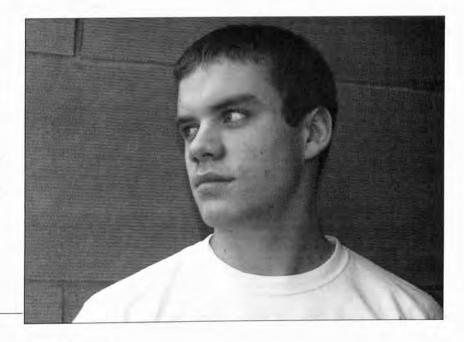
History- "I went out for track sophomore year. I wasn't able to finish the season because of injuries. I took some time off, trained over the summer and went into cross-country junior

Motivation- "My motivation is to compete with the best and ultimately to become a marathon runner."

Best Part- "The best part was the satisfaction of doing well in

Worst Part- "I was injured all the time. Running is very demanding on your legs."

Strategy- "Train smart, don't over do it, but do give 100 percent in races."





Volleyball

Bridgette Hines (12) In the spotlight

History- She started in the fourth grade. She then joined a club team and played for the "Starlings" outside of Central.

Motivation- She said her motivation was winning and playing with her sister. She said their parents went to the games and that pushed them to work harder.

Best Part- She said her favorite part was spiking, being a captain and seeing her parents at her games.

Worst Part- The worst parts were when she was too hard on herself, bad practices and the feeling after losing a game.

Strategy- Her strategy was to be a good team captain and to have a great

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Ronnell Grixby (11)

History- He started playing here his freshman year three years ago and has been on the Metro team the last two years.

Motivation- "To look out and see the fans."

Best Part- "I like being out there with my friends."

Worst Part- He said the worst part was conditioning in the hot weather and losing games.

Strategy- He said he just tried to keep scoring more points.



Varsity basketball player Arthur Allen was named to the *World-Herald* All Metropolitan Team. -*O-Book* 1965

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Softball

Rochelle Finnigan (12)

History- She started playing for a rainbow team in the third grade.

Motivation- "Being around other girls who want to do well. It makes a good team. I want to play at college. That is always in the back of my mind."

Best Part- "Being together as a team. I love the games it's not hard to have fun. Winning isn't the best part. It's about having fun."

Worst Part- "It is a lot of time, but I like spending my time that way."

Strategy- "Work hard and practice. There is always time for fun-Get in there and give it your all."

Boys Swimming Emilio Barrientos (11) in the spotlight

History- He said he started swimming when he was eight years old. He started racing for Elmwood in the fifth grade.

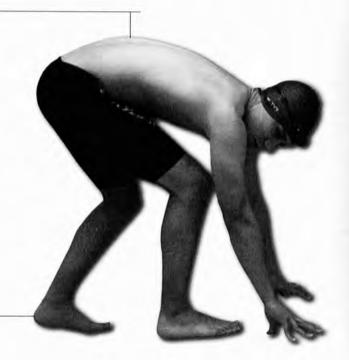
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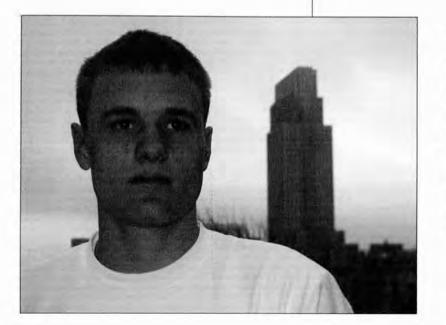
Motivation- "I like to win. It doesn't matter if I beat it by a millisecond. I just want to be on the award stand."

Best Part- He said the best part was going to State.

Worst Part- He said the worst part was going home after swimming and being too tired to do homework and too dry from the chlorine.

Strategy- He said his strategy was working on the mental aspect of the sport.





Boys Basketball Benjamin Kline (12)

History- "I have played basketball since I was 4 years old. I have known coach Welling since I was 4 as well. Other coaches since the seventh grade."

Motivation- He said his motivation was winning the State Championship and remembering his past.

Best Part- He said being with his teammates, coaches, playing the games and winning State was his favorite part.

Worst Part- He said the worst part was conditioning and losing.

Strategy- "Play together as a team. Don't worry about who gets the credit or points."

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Jasmine Johnson (12) in the spotlight

History- She has been playing basketball since she was in the fourth grade, but did not start playing in an organized league until the eighth grade.

Motivation- She said the love of the game and shooting the basketball made her happy.

Best Part- Her favorite part of the game was playing defense.

Worst Part- "Getting on the line and just running."

Strategy- "Playing as a team."



Girls Cross Country Monique Eberlein (10)

History- She said she started running cross country in the ninth grade.

Motivation- She said her motivation was improving her individual performance and to become a better team.

Best Part- She said the best part of the year was all of the competition.

Worst Part- She said she didn't feel there were any negative aspects to the season. "We worked as a team and didn't complain much."

Strategy- His strategy was to pick a person and focus on him and keep up with him.



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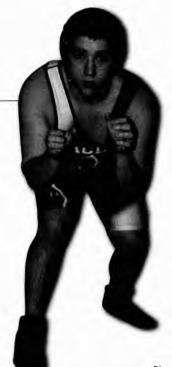
Samuel Almazan (10) in the spotlight

Motivation- His goal was to get a scholarship for wrestling and to keep excitement in his life.

Best Part- His favorite parts of the season were winning and hanging out at head coach Jimmie Foster's house before tournaments.

Worst Part- He said the worst part was not getting the results he set out for in the State tournament.

Strategy- "Work hard. Stay in a good stance, give it all you have. I have to win to be the best."



Pom squad members Stephanie Kurtzuba and Shawnda Langerak won an invitation from the Universal Dance Association to perform in London. -*O-Book* 1990

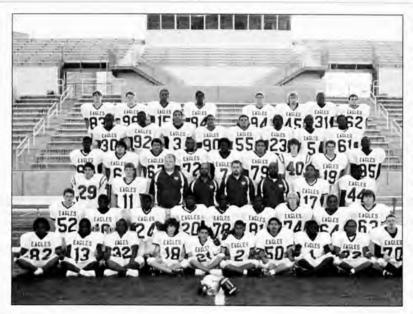
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Varsity Football

Front Row. Terrell Mayhue (11), Stanley Smith (12), Anthony Fielding (10), Tyler Kros (11), Jonathan Butler (11), Tajh Brewer (11), Ronnell Grixby (11), Christopher Thomas (12) and Jermaine Blackson (12). Second Row. Dante Alexander (11), Donald McPherson (11), Dominique Johnson (12), Robert Clay (12), Brandon Thorpe (11), John Roebuck (11), Christopher Griffin (11) and Ramel Thompson (11). Third Row. Coach Eric Anderson, coach James Kight, coach Andy Wane, coach Dennis Baker, coach Jay Ball, coach Jeff Potter, coach Jay Landstrom, coach Jody Phillips and coach Jerry Ball. Fourth Row. Shaun Prater (11), Thomas Seitel (12), Randy Burns (12), Taylor Cook (12), Devon Taylor (10), Marcus Hall-Oliver (10), Jordan Nauden (11) and Joshua Jones (11). Fifth Row. Michael Cold (12), Alexander Freed (12), Lavelle Charles (11), Mabil Duir (12), Justin Young (12), Louis House (11), Shane Prater (11), Matthew Woster (11) and Samuel Kincaid (11). Sixth Row. Chase King (12), Daniel Holst (11), Ryan Steffen (11), Chip Hayes (10), Brandon Bradford (11), Charles Thompson (12), Phillip Cooley (12) and Benjamin Chonis (11). Back Row. Dustin Ziesel (12), Harland Gunn (12) and Justin Allen (12). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.



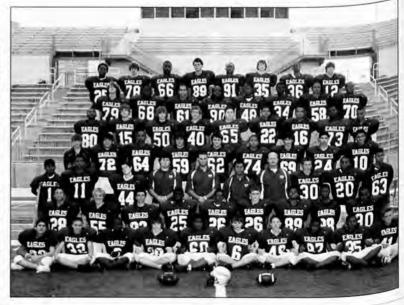
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First Row. Brandon Thorpe (11), Tajh Brewer (11), Richard Harrison (11), David Rainey (10), Daniel Mesa (10), Robert Owens (10), Roberto Solorzano (10), Julian Jones (10), Yarde Retta (11) and Gene Hammond (10). Second Row. Colin Robertson (11), Jabari Tillman (10), Robert Bradshaw (11), Bryant Giles (10), Ricoh Mountain (10), Dominique Austin (10), Timothy Dunn (11), Jonathan Butler (11) and Joshua Cowdery (10). Third Row. Mark Vanek (10), Tyler Kros (11), coach Jay Landstrom, coach Jody Phillips, coach James Kight, Devin McDonald (10), and Joshua Jones (11). Fourth Row. Anthony Lee (10), Anthony Distefano (11), Kevin Wells (9), Jonathan Bryce (11), Kadeem Nehlsen (10), Paul Plouzek (11), Dillon Jessen (10), Michael Shepherd (11), and Marcus Hall-Oliver (10). Fifth Row. Carlos Carroll (9), Kylan Ross (11), Josiah Gauff (10), Jourdan Kellogg (10), Brian Bell (9), Brandon Henderson (9), Kenneth Cribbs (10) and Julius Sanders (10). Back Row. Douglas Knickrehm (10), Ryan Steffen (11), Daryle Hawkins (10), Zachary Lyons (10), Patrick Byrne (11), Benjamin Chonis (11), Lavelle Charles (11) and Samuel Kincaid (11). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

Freshman Football

Front Row. Christopher Ramsgard, Dillon Uebel, Matthew Guinn, Jahmel Collins, Alexander Brown, Adonis Johnson, Joseph Moore, Jacob Ferro, Shaquan Harper, Anthony Jackson and Anthony Cameli. Second Row. Jeffrey Hobbs, Max Kazmierczak, Brian Lewis, Rondell Boston, Anthony Cromartie, Ty Christiansen, Kevin McNear, Deontave Owens and Caleb Bealer. Third Row. Jesus Valesquez, Cory Barnes, Joshua Adams, coach Adair, coach Thomascello, coach Peter Pham, head coach Jerry Kreber, Eric Whelan, Stephon Washington and Jordan Lee. Fourth Row. Kody Wells, Pierre Neal, Benjamin Shepherd, Ryan Keebler, Steven Gray, Bradley Donner, Angel Hilario and Joseph Martinez. Fifth Row. Bryshawn Nelson, Connor Holst, Jackson Hill, Preston Roebuck, Tyler Foreman, Breland Cutler, Grant Davis, Andre' Brown and John Templeman. Sixth Row. Zachary Teply, Gary Todd, Anthony Pruitt, Foster Crawford, Devlin Thompson, Hilario Smith Jr., Robert Moore and Deveaun Pittman. Back Row. Daevion Timothy, Joshua Dohse, Christopher Wright, James Kuzelka, Devon Taylor, Alex Holst, Maurice Knowles and Jakob Fuhs. With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.



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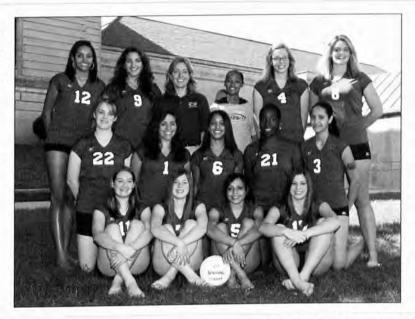
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Front Row. Emmalee Fishburn (9), Jenniffer Grant (11), Samantha Bennett (12) and Monica Brown (11). Second Row. Kimberly Lueders (9), Maya Doghman (11), Ashley Pruitt (10), Wynter Davis (10) and Stephanie Hines (11). Back Row. Bridgette Hines (12), Martina Kolobara (12), coach Jodi Brown, manager Alaya West (10), Kathryn Humphreys (11) and Laney Rosenbalm-Penry (12). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.

"A lot of girls played year-round this year and there is a lot of talent coming in." - Samantha Bennett (12).



JV Volleyball



Front Row. Nakya Clark (11), Kelsey Cronin (10), Alyssa Hangman (9), Capri Woolridge (9) and Lauren Trummer (11). Second Row. Celeste Robinson (9), Emmalee Fishburn (9), Ashley Pruitt (10) and Wynter Davis (10). Back Row. Chandler Sanders (9), coach Erica Meyer, Alyssa Bell (10) and Kimberly Lueders (9). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.

"I made a lot of friends and it was just a really good experience," -Alyssa Hangman (9).

R_{eserve} Volleyball

Front Row. Adrianne Jimerson (10), Megan Casses (9), Rachel Woolard (11), Michelle Rieger (10), Franccia Moore (10) and Laura Mueller (12). Back Row. Janelle Kellberg (11), Zalika King (10), coach Brent Larson, Andrea Brooks (10) and Sarah Vacha (10). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"Overall, I think we did pretty good."
-Adrianne Jimerson (10).



. The O-Club, Central's lettermen's organization, sponsored the O-Club Faculty Basketball Game. -O-Book 1969

Freshman Volleyball

Front Row. Melissa Zachar, Lindy Dilocker and Samantha Fischer. Second Row. Audrey Vacha, Emily Hanson, Ja Nae' Austin and Amber Bless-Mixan. Back Row. Erin Johnson, Kelsey Karnik, coach Mary Beth Polivka, Caleigh Conn and Molly Christensen. With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.

"Overall it was fun and my favorite part of the season was the games. It was a good experience and I had a fun time doing it."

- Molly Christensen.



Varsity Softball



First Row. Brittany Hamilton (9), Amanda Logan (12), Kaylee Hamilton (9), Catherine Venditte (11), Hannah Spielman, (11), Courtney Griffith (12) and Rachel Newberry (12). Second Row. Carli Culjat (11), Kelly Wieczorek (12), Katherine Spielman (9), Amber Hamilton (12), Jacquelyn Whelan (11) and Rochelle Finnigan (12). Last Row. Ashley Rose (12), coach Bryson Wiser, coach Jodi Reeder, coach Michelle Johnson and Kelsie Maslo (12).

With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise..

"We definitely bonded. The season didn't go as we expected, but we tried our hardest." -Hannah Spielman (11).

JV Softball

Front Row. Kylie Jones (9), Kaylee Hamilton (9), Andrea Carper (9), Catherine Venditte (11), Bailey Buller (10) and Sarah Medeiros (10). Second Row. Reanna Limley (10), Katherine Spielman (9), Kristi Spargen (11), Haley Hirsh (9), Sarah Davis (10) and Christine Glissmann (9). Back Row. Noelle Genners (10), Chelsea Kathol (9), Amber Shields (9), coach Bryson Wiser, coach Michelle Johnson, Alycia Noble (9), Lora Kolobara (10) and Caitlin Farrell (11). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"The people made it more fun. Everyone was really alike." -Haley Hirsh (9).



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Front Row. Maxine Price (10), Huong Vu (11), Bianca Smith (10), coach Linda Brock, Sarah Ferguson (11), Jaimie Lewis (11) and Brianna Rhoten (9). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"We practiced a lot more than we did last year. I thought it went really well," -Maxine Price (10).



Wrestling



Front Row. Samuel Almazan (10), Jose Cardenas (10), Blake Cantrell (10), Joseph Moore (9), Justin Prosolow (12), Zackery Andre (9) and Geoffrey Miles (9). Second Row. Pierre Neal (9), Joshua Cowdery (10), Nicholas Almazan (12), Kevin Wells (9), Anthony Fielding (10), Jason Storm (11), Mark Vanek (10) and Julian Jackson (11). Back Row. Brian Bell (9), Lonzale Ramsey (12), coach Whitmyre, coach Jimmie Foster, coach Hoeck, Michael Cold (12), manager Amber Bischof (10) and manager Jillian Swotek (12). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"I think the season started out rough, but we came out strong." -Michael Cold (12).

Varsity Boys Basketball

Front Row. Joshua Bruning (9), Deverell Biggs (9), Michael Partee (9), Ronnell Grixby (11), Christopher Griffin (11) and Paul Simms (10). Second Row. Benjamin Kline (12), Joshua Jones (11), Douglas Knickrehm (10) and Alexander DeLeon (12). Back Row. Lorenzo Wilson (11), coach Chad Burns, coach Herb Welling, head coach Eric Behrens, coach Charles Williams, Anthony Dinoff (11).

With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"It (the season) was frustrating. We had a lot of bumps and bruises. Once we got there (State), we all had confidence we could win." -Ronnell Grixby (11).



JV Boys Basketball

Front Row. Deverell Biggs (9), Michael Partee (9), Michael Guinn (11), Dylan Saferstein (10), Rashad Middleton (10), Jerry Dorsey (11) and Joshua Bruning (9). Back Row. Douglas Knickrehm (10), Jason Felici (11), coach Charles Williams, coach Chad Burn, Paul Simms (10) and Anthony Dinoff (11). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"I think the season went pretty good. We struggled a few times, but we fought through it." -Deverell Biggs (9).



Reserve Boys Basketball



First Row. Kenneth Cribbs (10), Alfonzo Sraughn (10), Leandre Ballew (10), Julian Jones (10), Kadeem Nehlsen (10) and Heath Ryks (10). Back Row. Daryle Hawkins (10), Antwaun Stewart (10), coach Jay Landstrom, Denzel Cook (10) and Michael McNeely (10). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"(I enjoyed) the experience of playing basketball through the season with my friends."-Alfonzo Straughn (10).

Freshman Boys Basketball

Front Row. Tyler Berigan, Markel Hayden, Joshua Adams, Randall Owens, Corey Kline and Anthony Cameli. Second Row. Jackson Kmeicik, Andrew Shuput, Wayman Clark, Nathaniel Chonis and Bryshawn Nelson. Back Row. Venice Washington, Philip Sjogren, coach Matt Hamill, coach Drew Weber, Joshua Hackett and John Zukaitis. With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.

"One of our coaches quit. It was tough, but we overcame it."
-Jakob Fuhs.



Varsity Girls Basketball

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Front Row. Rachael Dryver (12), Jasmine Johnson (12), student assistant Taja Coleman, Brittney Ruffin (12) and Nakya Clark (11). Second Row. Karena Nuno (11), Isabel Benjamin-Alvarado (10), Kathryn McCloskey (11), Amber Hamilton (12), Alexa Fuhs (12) and Ozioma Onyeuku (10). Back Row. Alicia Bender (12), coach Ryan Hanson, head coach Chad Townsend, coach Erin Jablonski and Kailah Bailey (10). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"There were six seniors on the team. That was the best graduation present we could ever have." -Alicia Bender (12).



JV Girls Basketball



Front Row. Alecia Steed (9) and Breanuna Sneed (10). Second Row. Kathryn McCloskey (11), Franecia Moore (10), Cydney Dorsey (10) and Nakya Clark (11). Back Row. Karena Nuno (11), Jasmyn Flowers (10), coach Ryan Hanson, Isabel Benjamin-Alvarado (10) and Ozioma Onyeuku (10). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprise.

"We weren't clicking. We didn't mesh very well." -Karena Nuno (11).

Reserve Girls Basketball

Taylor Carodine (10), Andrea Mauseth (10), RaeLynn Preston (10), Breauna Sneed (10), Franecia Moore (10), Alecia Steed (9), Sarah Medeiros (10), Lashae Young (10), Sabrina Anderson (9) and Cydney Dorsey (10). With courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"We lost a couple of games, but we got a big win over Bellevue. It was a pretty good year." -Sabrina Anderson (9).



The girls track team were State Champions. Many records were broken, including the 440 yard dash by Wanda Hartso with 58 seconds. - 0-Book 1980.

Freshman Girls Basketball

First Row. Jasmyn Foye, Porshia Butler, Lea Pruitt, Marissa Mitchell, Ashley Dancer and Jazzmin Johnson. Second Row. Shenae Gamble, Alycia Noble, Kelsey Williams, Talaysia Tanner, Mercedes Russell and Jennifer Kaefer. Back Row. BreAnna LaMere, Chandler Sanders, coach Shank, coach Jodi Rackliffe, Keisha Flowers-Pugh and Melanie Crisman. With Courtesy of Bezy Photography.

"The games were rewarding. The best one was the last one because it was really close and we won." -Melanie Crisman (9).



Pom Squad



Front Row. Margaret Baumann (12), Bailey Buller (10), Elisabeth Garvin (12) and Erin Schultz (11). Second Row. Ashlee Atwell (12), Katie Johnson (11) and Claire Anderson (11). Third Row. Grace Gillespie (11), Arielle Donner (12) and Susan Freeman (10). Back Row. Andrea Thompson (12) and Lauren Trummer (11). With Courtesy of Bezy Photography.

"State basketball by far was good. Besides the fact that we won, it was a fun bonding experience, especially the bus rides and it was an exciting tournament." -Elisabeth Garvin (12).

Varsity Cheerleading

First Row. Rashele Sharkey (12), Jaime Gustafson (12), Brittney Ruffin (12) and Michelle Negrete (11). Back Row. Jennifer Baratta (11), Chardenay Davis (12), Alexandra Pearson (11), Alexandra Herskind (12) and Alexis Bromley (11). With Courtesy of Bezy Photography.

"Overall, we just worked together as a team. We didn't have much drama this year." - Rashele Sharkey (12).



JV Cheerleading

Front Row. Alana Brunow (10), Emily Sevick (10), Elizabeth Wells (10) and Allison Koehler (10). Second Row. Briche McNair (10) and Tyler Faulkner (10). Back Row. Chelsie Thurman (10). With Courtesy of Bezy Photography.

"We all got along really well." - Emily Sevick (10).



Freshman Cheerleading



Front Row. Jennifer Kaefer, Alexis Page, Olivia Bishop and Amber Bless-Mixan. **Second Row.** Catherine Carter, Alaina Allen and Claire Turbes. **Back Row.** Stephanic Rooney and Kandice Donner. With Courtesy of Bezy Photography.

"Don't force it. Let it flow. At the beginning, it was tough, but we got through our differences." -Alaina Allen (9).

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Front Row. John Llyod (10), Cole Peterson (9), Samuel Woolard (12), Zachary Clark (10), Michael Walsh (10), Ben McGuire (11). Back Row. LaVel Sterling (12), Ishmael Patterson (12), coach Bob Tucker, coach James Galus, Benjamin Thomas (11) and William Monen (12). With Courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"It was hard to get everyone to work together. We weren't really serious about it in practices." -Ben McGuire (11).



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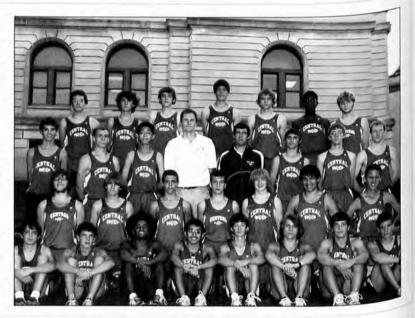
Front Row. Joseph Daly (9), Paul Poellnitz (9), William Braesch (9), Bradley Simms (9) and William Langan (9). Second Row. Aaron Partridge (10), Erik Mabrouk (11), coach James Galus, coach Bob Tucker, Joshua Kain (9) and Luke Hawbaker (10). With Courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"The best part was meeting new friends. I like to interact with people." -Paul Poellnitz (10).

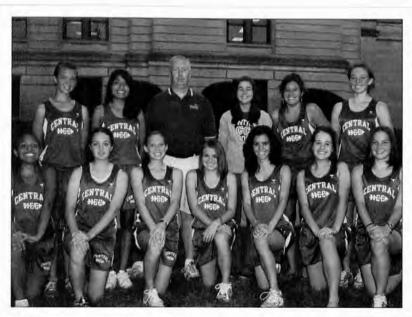
Boys Cross-Country

Front Row. Jesse Reno (9), Ryan Stoffel (10), Jacob Lindsey (11), Todd Alba (10), Andrew Woolard (9), Dylan McMahon (11), Sean Olson (11) and Morgan Shumaker (12). Second Row. Will Robbins (11), Connor Magnuson (10), Joseph McCann (9), Andrew Zimmer (10), Michael Lynch (11), Emilio Barrientos (11) and Matthew Wolford (9). Third Row. Caleb Koch (9), Jared Dittman (12), Qianli Wang (9), coach Shannon Stenger, assistant Robert Stoffel, Jonathan Rolfsen (9), Christopher Vacanti (11) and Mark Wilder (12). Back Row. Zachary Grunke (10), Felix Hembach (11), Kevin Mitchell (11), Joseph Shaw (12), Nathan Whittle (11), Ayomide Adekunle (9) and Phillip Lomneth (11). With Courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"Since their (the team's) attitude was better, we got more accomplished and I think we improved more." -Jared Dittman (12).



Girls Cross-Country



Front Row. Adrian Monge (11), Jessica Smolinski (10), Monique Eberlein (10), Rebecca Sevela (10), Ilda Gasa (12), Bailey Dilocker (10) and Ellen Danford (11). Second Row. Anna French (10), Judy Rosas (10), coach Trent Lodge, Jacquelyn Pirtle (12), Erika Koenig (10) and Stephanie Jamieson (10). With Courtesy of Photographic Enterprises.

"This year went great. I absolutely adored it. I loved the group of girls." -Bailey Dilocker (10).

People Focus

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Central is much more than a single point in time. There are thousands of moments and faces that must be remembered. The focus of this section is to look back at people who have defined our past. In this section, we learn about students who survived Hurricane Katrina, others who belly dance and others who record music. While these activities may be different from the pageants and engineering clubs of the past, everyone has an activity and interest that defines them.

Findley (left) and William T. Johnson were part of the male cheerleading squad. Many school spirit organizations were present from the Purple Legion to Student Association to the Central Colleens. -Annual 1926.



Emmnuel Philippos Papadakis earned a trip to Washington from the Omaha Science Club and was a finalist in the Science Talent Search. -0-Book 1952



Senior class president Mark Arehart watches with disappointment a varsity football game against Millard South on Sept. 29. The Eagles lost the game 20 to 13. The theme of the game was "Black Out." *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*



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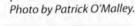
Kenneth Fischer (12) sets up a decoy at his friend's house. He went with several friends to Shickley, Neb. to hunt for a weekend during the opening of Teal season. He has gone hunting since he was 8. "It's an adrenaline rush," he said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

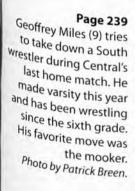




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Michael Laizure (10)
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quit. The group played
in venues from Sokol to
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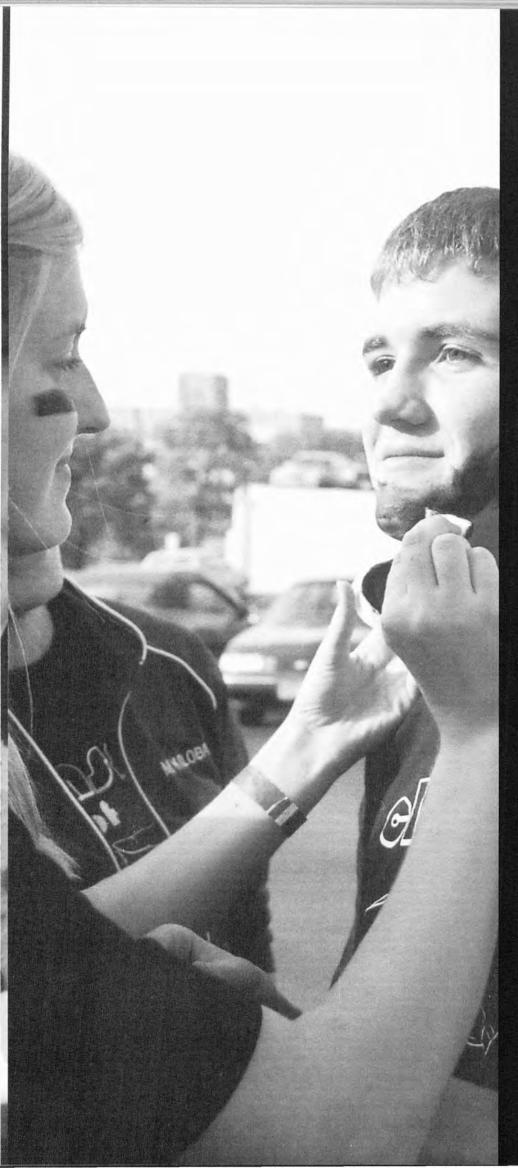
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New principal Greg Emmel said his biggest challenge was learning who everybody was. He said retired principal Jerry Bexten helped him learn his responsibilities over the summer. Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

charities and visiting orphans. Sophomores call to mind many of their emotions through singing and dancing they participated in. Freshmen, along with the new principal, recollect learning new procedures and new faces. Faculty members reminisce about expressing their interests alongside students by sponsoring a variety of new organizations from Breakdancing Club to Video Game Club. What we participated in, and others. Seniors remember focusing on college resumes and strengthening their skills. Juniors recall spending time raising money for to fulfill a new set of responsibilities. Each day, someone was working on developing new interests and learning more about themselves From hunting with friends to releasing anger through boxing. From singing in a band to pinning an opponent in wrestling to learning expressed who we are and who we will become. We were reflections of those around us.

A Christmas prom was held in Peony Park on Monday, Dec. 22 and was open to all students in OPS. -*O-Book* 1987





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From scaring others to watching other people's dogs to taking pride in her culture.

Seniors expressed their desires and goals. Their lives were more than classes and homework. We remember listening to iPods in the courtyard. We recall buying our best friend birthday presents. We call to mind the joy and tears of leaving high school behind. What we did expressed who we are, who we will become. We were the leaders in school and we are taking what we learned here outside these four walls.



Above (from left). Brenton Donaldson (12) has his face painted for his Monkey ^{Boy} costume for Mystery Manor. Martina Kolobara (12) plays with Mugsy a pit bull that she dog sits. Shuona Wang (12) displays her Chinese heritage. *Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm, Karis Perry and Theresa Vacha*.

Left. Kara Lambrecht (12) (left) paints Trever Tomes' (12) face at the Senior Tailgate. The theme of the football game following the Tailgate was "Black Out." The game was against Millard South on Sept. 29. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

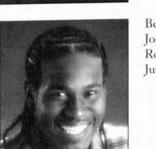


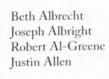






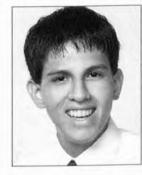






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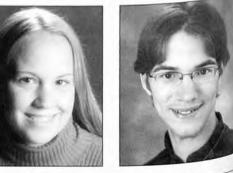


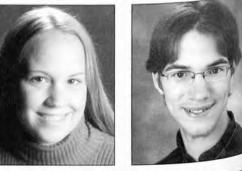
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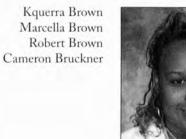






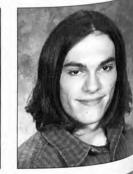








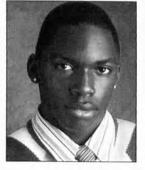




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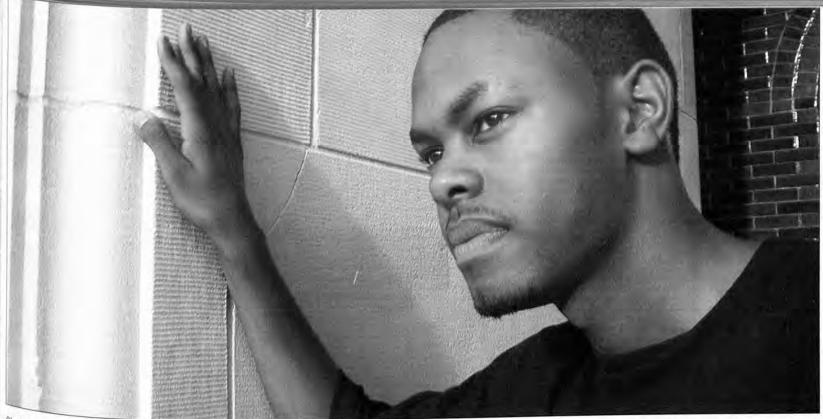












Obadiah Davis (12) contemplates his life one year after Hurricane Katrina. He lived in New Orleans with his family and had to stay at the Superdome when Katrina hit. Davis said since Katrina he has only reconnected 10 several of his friends through MySpace. "It (Omaha) is a good place to start a new life," Davis said. "I guess that's why they call it the Heartland, the family place." Photo by Betsy Wallace.

Senior moves to Omaha after Hurricane Katrina

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Obadiah Davis (12) said when he went back to New Orleans a year after Hurricane Katrina, the place was worse then he had expected.

He was not alone.

"I passed my house and didn't realize it,"
Davis said. "The trees are lifeless. There's no
green grass. No life there. There's fungus rings
and the houses are broken."

Davis said more than 20 of his friends died because of Katrina.

He said he sees life in a different perspective now and has a new attitude.

"I came to Omaha to start over," Davis said. "I attend school and am involved in more stuff."

Davis joined the basketball team because he used to play in New Orleans.

"When I first arrived, I heard about it Davis said. "No one picked on me. I didn't want JV. I wanted varsity."

He said he talked to 2006 alumni Rodney Grace and Tim Kanger.

Both players helped him out.

Davis said the coaches saw his speed and agility last year and told him to run track.

It was his first year running track and he made it to State finals.

of staying basketball was the only way Davis said. "It's so hard trying to succeed in

New Orleans."

He said he hoped to earn a scholarship for track or basketball.

"I'll be the first one to go to college in my family," Davis said. "I just want to end up somewhere nice for me and my future family."

He said he wanted to achieve something because his whole family would be proud.

"We're a low income family. I don't want others to feel bad," Davis said. "I'm just another person same as you."

He said he felt Omaha was more familyoriented than New Orleans and a good place to start a new life.

Davis said the people in New Orleans were very similar and active.

In Nebraska, he said everyone's mellow.

"Some people are cool and others are not. Some don't like me because I'm from New Orleans," Davis said. "I'm cool with everyone. Yeah, ya'll cool. I like it."

He said he originally moved to Omaha after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 because his cousin Clenant White (12) lived here.

"He told me how good the schools are. I lived with my aunt, but I couldn't go to school here unless she was my legal guardian," Davis said. "I drove to New Orleans for the notary papers. My mom ended up moving to Nebraska."

He said both of his parents now live in

Nebraska.

"It hurts knowing you can't go back to where you're from," Davis said. "You have to start all over again."

He said after living through what he's seen, he doesn't take life for granted anymore.

"I thought it would be just a little rain. I didn't take it serious. It proved me wrong. It was terrifying," Davis said. "To be honest, I thought I would drown. The water kept on going higher and higher. All you can do is look. I didn't know what's going to happen."

He said the Superdome was hectic, chaotic and dramatic.

"There were some fights," Davis said. "Imagine every hood that doesn't like each other in the same area."

He said he worried about all of the power going out and making it out alive.

"That was the big old question that I asked myself nonstop. 'Would I live?" Davis said.

He said during Katrina, both of his parents were out of town.

Davis said for the hurricane that hit right before Katrina he drove 12 hours to Alabama.

"It turned out to be just a little rain. I drove out for nothing. I didn't want to do it again, so I stayed with my brother," Davis said. "I didn't know what hit us. It's like the movies except I really lived through it."

Tailgate unites, shows spirit of seniors at their first event

By Stephanie Wilhelm

With music blaring, the seniors hosted a tailgate party in the Capitol Hill Apartments parking lot before the varsity football game against Millard South.

Alexandra Herskind (12) said she went because she wanted to be a good representative of the senior class and she wanted to go to all of the senior class activities.



Chardenay Davis (12) switches the CD in her car. Seniors listened to CDs and the radio at the Tailgate. "People rolled up in their cars with the same radio station on," Senior class president Mark Arehart said. "It was a lot of fun." Photo by Patrick Breen.

think it's awesome that everyone's together once and getting along," she said.

Senior Class President Mark Arehart said the Tailgate great and he was pleased overall.

T h e atmosphere was loose and fun," Arehart said. "There was a really positive vibe.'

Leslie Stryker (12) said the Tailgate was fun and a good idea. People were

positive about it and there was a pretty good turnout.

"More people showed up than expected," Arehart said. "It showed

Senior Class Officer Carolyn Croskey said a big problem was everyone waited until the last minute to see if their friends were

Croskey said she thought it started the year off well and the best part was the seniors bonding and spending time together in one

Stryker said she went because she thought it would be a fun experience.

"It's our senior year. Why shouldn't we go?" Stryker said. "It's our chance. We watched three other classes do it."

Arehart said the best part was playing Frisbee in the parking lot and the dance-off.

He said students drove their cars up and turned on the same

radio stations.

He said if he could've changed anything he would've brought at outdoor sound system, but there was no time or money.

Croskey said if she changed anything, she would have promote and advertised the event more.

"I learned seniors wait to the last minute and depend on the friends," Croskey said.

Both senior class advisers Cherie Barg and Scott Wilson were a

Barg said she just helped the seniors out with technicalities.

"They organized it. They did all of the work," Barg said. "I just helped them organize it."

Wilson said he was there in a troubleshooting capacity, making sure things went well.

He said he had to thaw hamburgers and set up the grills and learned as he went.

It was Wilson's first year as a senior class adviser.

"I asked Mrs. Barg if I could help out," Wilson said. "I wanted " be involved because I enjoy the senior class."

He said he hoped the event was an excellent bonding experience for the seniors and they remembered it for a long time.

Croskey said she was the officer who was in charge of the event She had to organize committees and was at the top of the

"It was a lot of work, but it paid off," Croskey said. "I was surprise."

every time I turned around, something else had to be done." She said her duties included calling the owner of the parking lot

getting food and putting together proposals.

Croskey said it was time consuming comparing food prices. Arehart said the structure of the hierarchy was loose because the event was planned without the senior representatives who still had not been voted in.

Arehart said Senior Class Officers Martina Kolobara, Ja Sweaney and Croskey brought the food to the Tailgate.

He said the worst part was setting up and transporting the grills supplies and supplies.

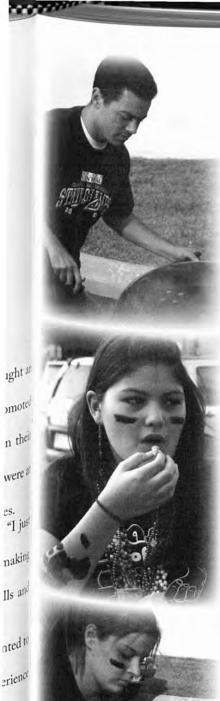
Arehart said there were three grills.

He supplied one and the other two were supplied by Activities Coordinator Kenneth Fischer.

Croskey said one of the goals was to make money.

"The ticket prices of \$3 and \$3.50 were steep for a tailgate. Arehart said.

Another goal of the event was to bring the senior class together He said the members of the class wanted to do just as well or better at this event than the previous senior class.





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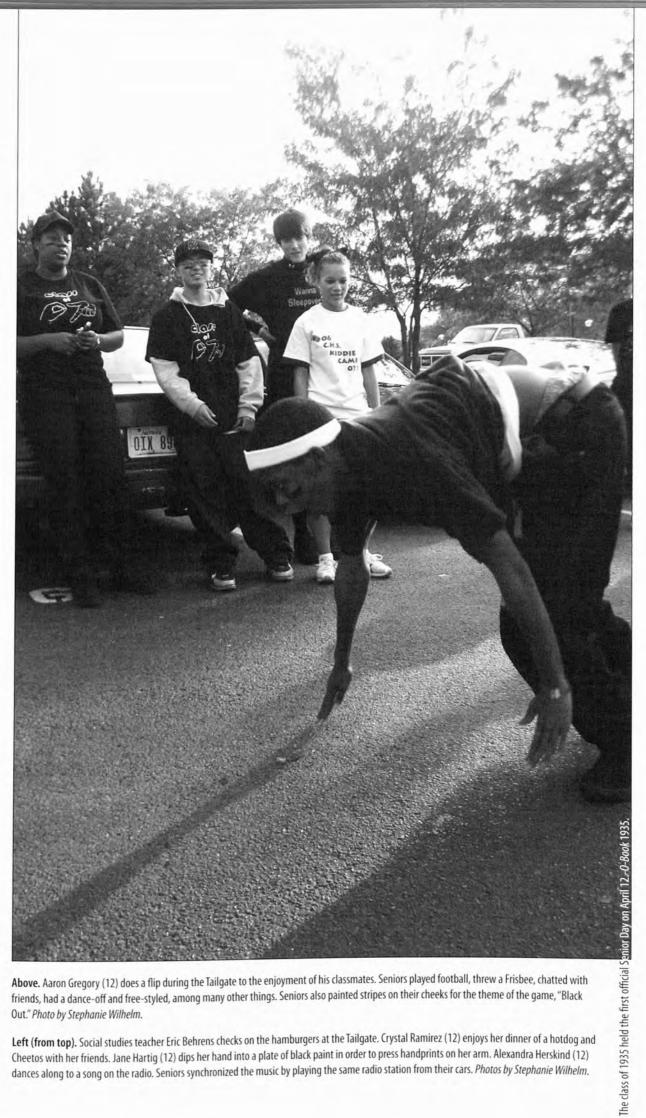
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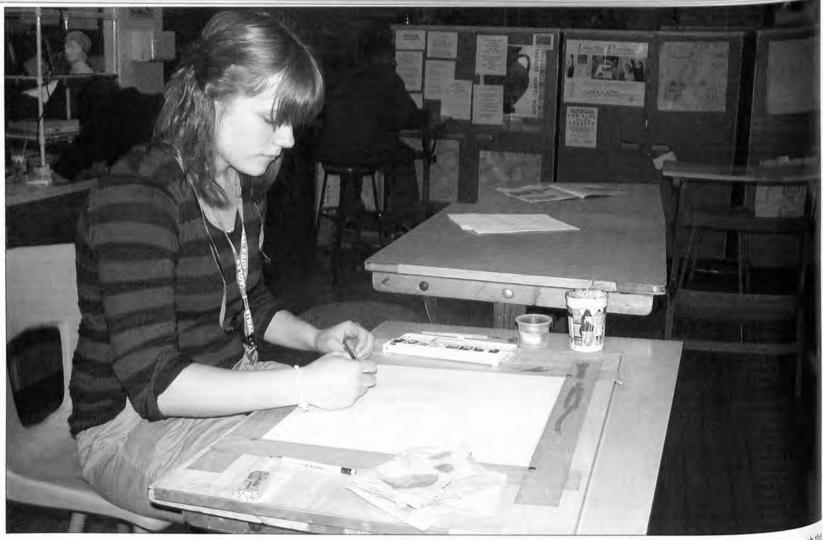
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Above. Aaron Gregory (12) does a flip during the Tailgate to the enjoyment of his classmates. Seniors played football, threw a Frisbee, chatted with friends, had a dance-off and free-styled, among many other things. Seniors also painted stripes on their cheeks for the theme of the game, "Black Out." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Left (from top). Social studies teacher Eric Behrens checks on the hamburgers at the Tailgate. Crystal Ramirez (12) enjoys her dinner of a hotdog and Cheetos with her friends. Jane Hartig (12) dips her hand into a plate of black paint in order to press handprints on her arm. Alexandra Herskind (12) dances along to a song on the radio. Seniors synchronized the music by playing the same radio station from their cars. Photos by Stephanie Wilhelm.



Laura Mueller (12) works on a painting in her art class. She was an exchange student from Germany through Nacel Open Door, a non-profit organization. She said her sister was also an exchange student through the same program and those both standard with the same hard. same program and they both stayed with the same host family. Mueller said she wasn't homesick, but she sent e-mails to her parents to let them know what she was doing. Photo by Karis Perry.

Exchange student sees CHS as home away from home

By Karis Perry

Laura Mueller (12) is a foreign exchange student through a nonprofit organization called Nacel Open Door.

"I wanted to see if the American kids were like kids in the movies," she said. "I knew in a way they wouldn't be because my sister came once and we visited her, but I still wanted to find out for myself."

Mueller will graduate with the other seniors.

"I get to graduate, but when I go back, I still have two years before I graduate. It doesn't matter if you graduate in America, you still have to go back and graduate in Germany," Mueller said. "Oh well, I think it is great to graduate twice. It's like twice the opportunities."

John and Tracy Wells, Laura's host parents, are no strangers to foreign exchange programs. John said he and his wife were interested in opening their home to foreign exchange students.

"Tracy knew the people who were running the program," John said. "We did it two and a half years ago. We had Anna, Laura's sister, the second semester of the school year.'

Anna Mueller graduated from Central in 2004.

John Wells wanted Laura like Anna to have a positive experience.

"I would like her to understand American culture and perspectives," John said. "If she has a successful year, she will gain confidence."

John said being a host family was a big job. It was important to provide a well-structured support network for Laura because she was living so far away from her family. He said they had to qualify in order to be a host family.

"It wasn't a lot," John said. "We had to be open-minded, open to having someone new in the family. I have two daughters, Allison and Elizabeth. We wanted to make sure it was OK with them also."

After providing a temporary home for Anna, John said they traveled

to Germany to visit the Mueller family. It was at that time they suggested Laura apply for the exchange program.

Mueller said the application process was time-consuming.

"It was a lot of paper work," Mueller said. "I applied for a visa, di paper work, got some new clothes. I wanted to go shopping here.

There were many different things to get out of the foreign exchange

The main purpose of programs like Nacel Open Door is to "open and "open Door is to "open Door is "open Door is to "open Door is the door" to world culture and language education. Students experience things first-hand.

One of the things Mueller said she learned while in America Wal team sports. Laura was on the reserve volleyball team.

"This is the first time I ever played with a team," Mueller said. didn't have clubs like this back home. I would play at the pool with friends. I just like to play sports. I enjoyed playing with friends so, joined the team. I also liked meeting all the new people on the team.

Mueller said she learned how to get along in an American school and it was different than what she experienced in Germany.

"Everyday is a different schedule," Mueller said. "The school day be a lead to the sch not as long in Germany."

She said in Germany, officials used credit hours like in college rather than high school credits.

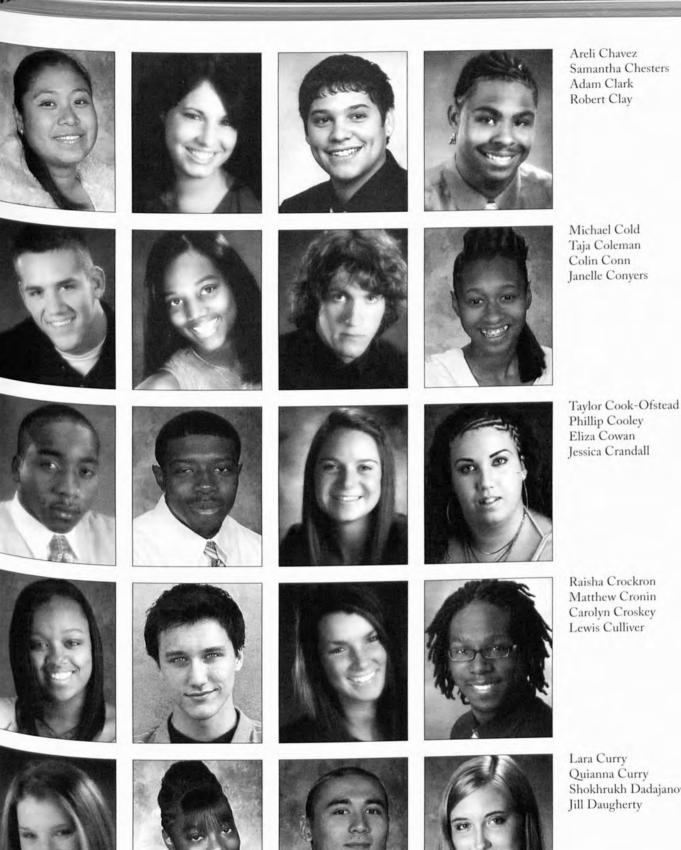
As for the people, Mueller said she was very pleased.

"My teachers are really good," she said. "They are really nice and polite. The kids are very nice.'

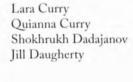
She said being away from her parents was an adjustment.

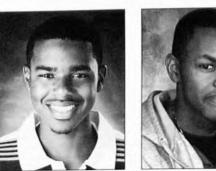
"I send e-mails to my parents, but that is about it," she said. harder to break away and try new things if I'm still calling home.











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Mystery Manor artist Todd Siebe (right) paints Brenton Donaldson's (12) face for his Monkey Boy character at Mystery Manor. Donaldson said he enjoyed the challenge of scaring other people. Usually at an audition, he said the owner asked what room and what type of the character the person wanted to be. "I was different though. I came in character," Donaldson said. "They liked the way I looked in costume so they took me through the house to pick the room I would work in." He said he auditioned as Jeepers Creepers. He wore a green leather mask with gray hair and was dressed in all black. *Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm*.

Senior finds excitement in fear, horror of others

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"On opening weekend, I had one girl pee herself twice," Brenton Donaldson (12) said. "It's the most exciting feeling to scare someone that bad. It's bragging rights."

He said Mystery Manor had a track record that at the end of the night the employees told how many people used the restroom on themselves because they were so scared.

He said he was the Monkey Boy. He wore all black clothes with military boots or with an orange sweater and prosthetic teeth.

"I free range," Donaldson said. "I'm a line monster, meaning I can go wherever in the house."

Mystery Manor owner Sealey Wayne said the actors ranged in age from 14 to 65 years old. He said last season, there were 60 actors and only 10 were below 21 years old.

"The only way for a younger person to get in is if they're really good or related to someone here," Wayne said.

Donaldson said one of the challenges was the competition from the other houses.

"We're always trying to outdo each other, but it's fun," Donaldson said.

He said another challenge is making sure he scares people.

"Of course some say I don't get scared.

That was at a different house,' while others are scared about everything," Donaldson said. "But you have to deal with the people who aren't trying to have fun."

He said the best part was the excitement in the air and the reactions from the people.

Donaldson said he could free himself and do whatever he wanted in costume. He said no one could criticize him.

"For example, I was in costume and I had thrown my McDonald's bag in the trash. It still had food in it that I wanted," he said. "So I went through the trash can and found the bag and started eating it again. People were saying 'that's nasty' and I offered it to them. They ran off."

Wayne said Donaldson was one of his better actors and was very energetic, creative, and also very versatile.

Donaldson said the worst part was waiting for another season. From November to July, there was nothing to do. Donaldson said in July, the actors started class so they could learn how to do their character and makeup.

He said the workers also did construction and rebuilding in late August and early September. Auditions began in late July.

Another thing that was difficult to deal

with was the legal part of business. The workers had to make sure everything followed legal codes.

"There was a room built specifically for me and two other people," Donaldson said. "Rumor got to the fire department and they checked it out. There was no sprinkler system so we couldn't open the room until it was installed."

He said the room was about 5 feet 6 inches high. It had a very low light with a blue tint in the basement. He said having a room in the basement had never been done before.

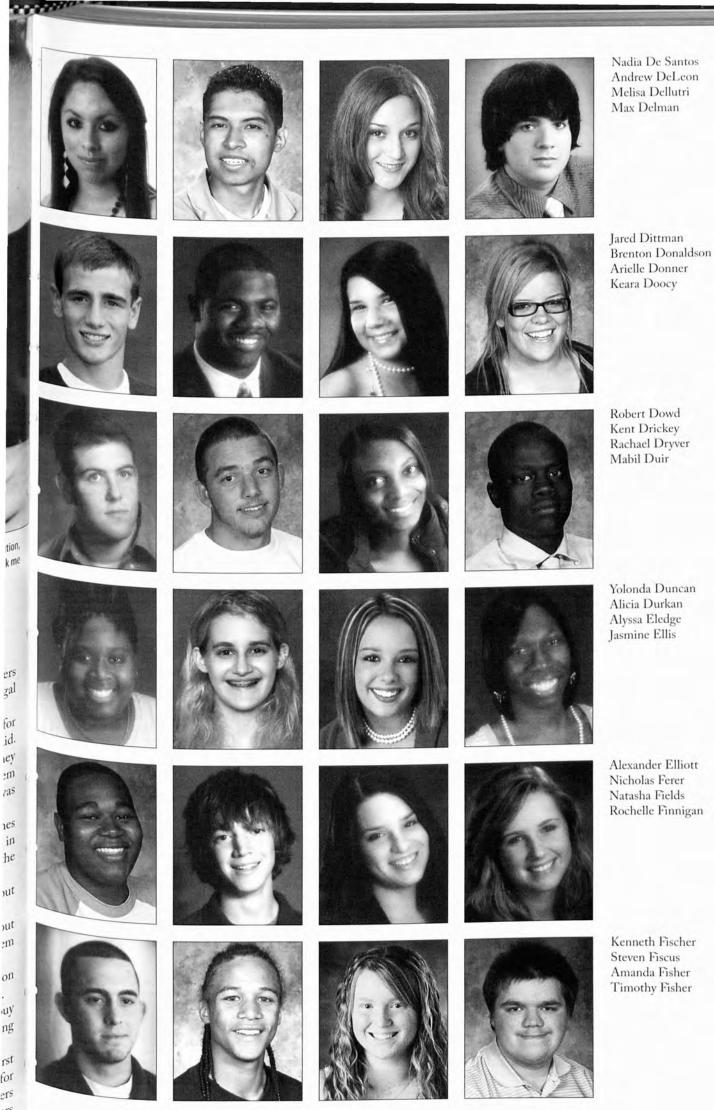
Donaldson said the room had nothing but walls. It's a maze with glass walls.

He said workers also had to worry about someone complaining and shutting them down.

The house is in the middle of Creighton University though Creighton doesn't own it.

"If Creighton wanted to, they could buy us out," Donaldson said. "And there's nothing we could do."

He said once in character, he had to first keep an eye out for the women workers for safety reasons and make sure all the monsters were safe. Then he made sure the customers were safe. Then he scared them.





Above. Nicole Roberts (12) puts on her Tae Kwan Do uniform. Roberts earned a second degree black belt. "It gave me a lot of confidence," she said. "Most people will just assume since I'm a girl I don't know how to fight."

Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Right. Roberts smiles while talking about a Tae Kwan Do stance. She said she knows how to use nun chucks, long staffs and can break a three inch thick board with her hands, feet or knees. Roberts said broken toes and knuckles were common injuries while practicing and although Tae Kwan Do generally has a no touch policy, there were always accidents during practice. "It (Tae Kwan Do) made me feel stronger as an individual, both mentally and physically," Drew Roberts (10), Nicole's brother, who also earned a second degree black belt said. Photo by Theresa Vacha.



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Senior learns self-reliance through Tae Kwan Do

By Theresa Vacha

"A lot of people think Tae Kwan Do is just flashy, but it's all about self-discipline," Nicole Roberts (12) said. "You obviously have an advantage over other people, so you shouldn't abuse your power."

She said her knowledge of various martial art techniques does indeed give her a unique advantage over the average person.

"I know nun chucks, specialized jumps and kicks, long staffs, how to disarm people with various weapons, arm and head locks, board breaking and kick boxing," Nicole listed, opening her dusty gym bag and pulling out the familiar items: her white uniform, a pair of short staffs, a sword and a practice board.

She said she had been taking Tae Kwan Do classes for six years, practicing four hours a day, five days a week, before finally reaching the rank of second degree black belt.

"To continue (onto a higher status), it becomes really taxing on your time and takes more than three years to perfect your moves for third degree," she said. "Then to get the degree, you have to test in front of the masters, a council of the best fighters, at the world tournament."

Roberts said growing up, she spent most of her time at practice, doing homework in between the specialized classes, which she attended with her brother, Drew Roberts (10).

"By the time we reached high school," he said, "we had too many time conflicts with all of our other commitments to give the necessary energy for Tae Kwan Do."

Nicole said starting off in Tae Kwan Do was not difficult.

"They eased you into it," she said. "My coaches were always really positive, even though it's portrayed that people who train Tae Kwan Do are really mean. Mine were more about putting in effort."

After receiving her black belt however, Nicole said there were some draw backs to the higher level of training.

"It really tired me out," she said. "And although practice is generally no touch at that level there are accidents."

Broken toes, broken knuckles and sprained ankles were some

of the typical injuries she said she faced.

However, Nicole's efforts and dedication through the years did have many advantages.

"It gave me a lot of confidence," she said. "Most people will just assume since I'm a girl I don't know how to fight."

Roberts' mother, Tracy, said her daughter's confidence was more than simply physical.

"The challenge was something she wasn't familiar with before," Tracy said. "Once she succeeded at that particular challenge, it made her pursue others."

Tracy said the constant sense of respect towards everyone around her played a part in strengthening her personal qualities.

"She's a very personable individual but not arrogant," Tracy said. "Tae Kwan Do has that underlying statement about how you have to listen, pay attention and communicate not always verbally, so I believe it helped enhance the strong aspects of her personality."

Drew, who had earned his second degree black belt also, saw the positive effects Tae Kwan Do had on Nicole.

"Tae Kwan Do has made Nicole more determined to get her stuff done and stay calm," Drew said. "She wasn't as strong before Tae Kwan Do as she was after."

Drew saw many of the same advantages that came from taking the classes.

"It taught you how to control your body after getting much more flexible," he said. "It made me feel stronger as an individual, both mentally and physically."

As a whole, Nicole said she believes the experiences she had not only helped her self-esteem, they also made her more assertive, and improved her ability to set goals for herself. These experiences also gave her a unique sense of pride.

She would be able to instruct any level below her if she wanted

"I've wanted to go back lots of times," Nicole said. "I would be able to pick up right were I left off... so maybe I will."

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Future teacher loves showing kids gymnastics

By Jennifer Brown

Alexandra Herskind (12) teaches children gymnastics.

She said she started teaching gymnastics when she was 15 years old during her sophomore year.

She taught gymnastics to little kids at Omega School of Gymnastics.

"I love it and all the kids," Herskind said. "And I get to teach them new things."

She said she loved to teach them new skills.

Herskind taught tumbling, beginners, fractions (2 and 3 years old), intermediate, advanced and developmental (preteens).

She said her favorite class she taught was the developmental class because she was able to spot the students and help them out.

"The kids like the tumbling class," she said. "It's fun for them and me, too."

She said the fraction class was fun as well, but she likes to spot and help her students. In the toddlers' classes, the parents spot their children.

Herskind said there was a monthly fee, but she said it depended on the class the student was taking.

She said she got paid and that it was enough for right now. Her plans after high school were to go to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and become a teacher. She said helping kids with their gymnastics would help her with her career goals.

Herskind said she still planned to teach gymnastics, but not as a career. She said that she would probably do cheerleading in college.

She said gymnastics helped her become a better cheerleader because she had extra help with her tumbles and her stiffness.

"The lessons are premade," Herskind said.

She said she never became really frustrated with her students, but it was hard sometimes.

"Fear overcomes them and I wish that it wouldn't," she said. "I just want them not to let the fear get to them."

She said she always has fun when she goes to class.

"They're always happy and fun," Herskind said.

She also said she managed her time well. She said she did get tired, but she fit everything into her schedule and made it work.

On top of all that, Herskind said she also had a job at a supermarket.

Herskind said she went to the gym four times a week and taught four times a week. In between all of this, she said she also got a nice

She has early release, which helped her manage her time.

She also said she also didn't teach by herself. There had to be two instructors there and one had to be over 21.

Herskind said she would take half of a group, the other instructor would take the other half and then they would switch.

"I build relationships with the parents," she said. "I also see most of them outside of class."



Alexandra Herskind (12) dances at the Senior Tailgate. She performed during halftime later that night with girls who participated in the Kiddie Camp, a fundraising effort by the cheerleaders. Not only did she take gymnastics, she also taught it. She said teaching the classes helped her with her cheerleading because she had extra help with her tumbles and her stiffness. Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.



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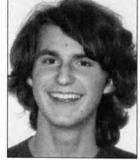






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Justin Prosolow (12) lifts weights during a lifting session. Prosolow won State wrestling in lowa as a junior in 2006. Having moved many different times, he said wrestling gave him a stabilizing aspect in his life.

He said wrestling took his mind off moving. "You want to fit in," he said. "Wrestling helped a lot." Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Teenagers uses wrestling as an outlet, stabilizing force

By Theresa Vacha

"It helps take my mind off moving because when I'm wrestling I don't think about it," Justin Prosolow (12) said. "I can take my anger out in a positive way rather than negative."

Prosolow has lived in five states, 15 houses and has attended six different high schools.

"I was glad I got to stay in one school for my senior year instead of moving," he said.

Prosolow's father is in the Air Force and his position required frequent relocations.

"He has to do whatever his boss tells him," Prosolow said. "We had to move once with only a month's notice."

However, throughout the frequent moving, he developed a skill just three years to the point of excellence.

"I felt like all of my hard work had paid off," Prosolow said. "It was one of the greatest feelings knowing I'd won and standing on the podium."

He said he believed he deserved it because of all of the time and energy he put into practicing.

"I had been practicing more than three hours a day," Prosolow said. "On top of that, I conditioned by lifting weights, running two miles a day and lost weight two months prior to the season so I could get used to being 119 pounds."

Prosolow said it was hard changing schools during wrestling season because he had to secure his place on the varsity team every time he moved.

"It was annoying because I'd have a spot on varsity and then I'd change schools and have to secure a new spot by wrestling against people who'd been there a long time," Prosolow said. "You had to prove who wanted it more."

Prosolow said he felt confident because he already had the experience of winning State.

"Central was the first school I had stayed at for this long," he said. "I felt comfortable here after a short time and liked my team."

Dedication and hard work were aspects of excelling in a sport that Prosolow said he was well aware of before he undertook the challenge.

"You have to go through so many obstacles," he said. "The hardest part was not giving up even when you felt like it."

Prosolow's hard work, however, was noticed from the beginning by Central coaches.

"He showed up for every conditioning and had a positive attitude concerning wrestling," Head Wrestling Coach Jimmie Foster said.

Foster said 95 percent of wrestling has to do with mentality because at the end of practice it all depends on who is going to stand up to the challenge.

"I train all year round, while other guys do it for fun," Prosolow said. "I expect to win State in Nebraska also."

As a whole, Prosolow said it was hard going to schools where he did not know anybody, but that wrestling helped him to find his way in a large school.



Martina Kolobara (12) plays with Mugsy, a pit bull owned by her best friend Laney Rosenbalm-Penry (12) that she watches in addition to other dogs. Kolobara said she had stayed over at the owner's house before. "I do the same routine as the family," she said. "The dogs and I share a bed and sleep in the master bedroom." Photo by Karis Perry.

Senior spends time watching dogs day, night

By Karis Perry

"I work at Greek Islands and I watch dogs for money; it's the sweetest thing ever," Martina Kolobara (12) said. "It's \$25 a day."

She said she had been dog sitting for a year and a half.

During the winter holiday season last year, Kolobara said she started watching the dogs. Her mom is friends with the owners.

"They (the owners) asked her if I could do it," Kolobara said. "I was like 'super' and I love doing it. Dogs don't argue and they are always happy to see you."

Martina's mother said she wasn't scared for her daughter because she had known the family for 10 years.

"Martina has been my best friend since first grade," Laney Rosenbalm-Penry (12) said. "She is very responsible and always does what she says. She is outgoing. She always comes over to my house to play with my dog Mugsy."

Rosenbalm-Penry said Kolobara's parents never let Martina and her sister have pets.

She said she thinks that is why Kolobara started to love watching other people's dogs.

"She had a neighbor who never walked his own dog," Rosenbalm-Penry said. "She would go play with her for hours with no intentions of being paid. One day the poor things got hit by a car. Martina was devastated. We had a funeral for the dog."

Kolobara said the very first night she was by herself.

"It's nice being home by yourself," she said.
"I wasn't scared."

She said she had known the family and had been over to their house before.

"The only thing was it is a huge house with a lot of windows," Kolobara said. "My sister would stay every now and then with me. I think it was because of winter break."

Kolobara had to stick to a schedule for the dogs.

"The dogs wake me up at 6 a.m. to go potty," she said. "I stay at the owner's house when they are gone."

She said before the owners leave, they would change the sheets for her.

Then when she would leave, she would change them back.

The dogs slept with her in the bed.

She said one of the negative aspects will the dogs barked during the night.

Kolobara said then at 7:38 a.m. she fed the dogs.

She would do the same thing at 5:30 p.ml. Also, the newest dog had eye drops.

"If I have to go to work or school, Kolobara said. "I just get up, do everything need to with the dogs, then go on my way."

She said she mostly watched the dogs when the family went on vacation or was out of town.

"My friends joke around and say I should have a party," she said. "My mom would get way too mad at me. Plus, I wouldn't want to stop working for them."

She said the owners didn't give her a lot of rules.

"My mom did though," Kolobara said "She said only her and my sister can come over. Also my best friend could. What can say, she didn't want me making a mess in her friend's house."





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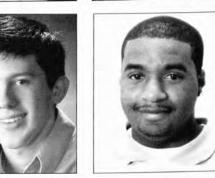


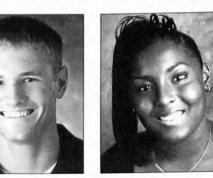




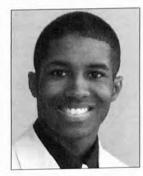




















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Hanna Weeks (12) (left) and Amanda Pintore (12) practice a belly dancing routine at a class they took at the Benson Community Center taught by Theresa Armagan. Weeks started taking lessons at Julie Dall Dance Studio and afterwards brought Pintors along Theresa Armagan. Studio and afterwards brought Pintore along. They said they planned to take private lessons and perform in the Road Show. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Seniors express themselves through their bodies

By Patrick O'Malley

"It allows women to realize that they are beautiful the way they are and show off their curves," Hanna Weeks (12) said.

She started taking belly dancing classes two years ago and passed her love for the dance on to her friend Amanda Pintore (12).

Weeks said she started taking lessons at Julie Dall Dance Studio and then invited Pintore.

They started taking an eight-week class at the Benson Community Center taught by Teresa Armagan.

"Hanna had taken a class and spoke of how fun it was," Pintore said.

She said she had been interested in belly dancing ever since she was a kid and was glad the opportunity to learn about it came up.

She also said she knew Pintore had been interested in the culture so she brought it up to her.

"Going into it, you have to have an open mind," Pintore said.

She said she enjoyed it because it was sensual, not sexual.

"You could go on stage and express yourself and no one would judge you," Pintore said.

She said she loved it because the women didn't try to change themselves; they cherished natural beauty.

"It helps to have a large belly," Weeks said. Pintore said it was much more difficult than she thought and it took lots of talent.

"A lot of it is about isolation of the body parts," she said. "You have to think about every single move you make."

The normal music for belly dancing was an Indian style.

Weeks said one aspect of the dance she enjoyed was the fact a person can belly dance to many different kinds of music.

"The energy in the room was really positive," Pintore said.

She said they were the youngest girls in the

She said there were about 15 women in the class who all averaged from about 25 to 40 years old.

"It's nice because you're in a group of people and no one is perfect," Pintore said. "We all probably looked silly. It's just a really friendly atmosphere."

She said it was a basic eight-week class at

7 p.m. on Monday nights.

Pintore said she and Weeks would sometime attend Mystic Movement Dancers performances.

Armagan was in the troop.

Weeks said they performed all over town and Armagan's stage name was "Aseret."

Weeks said most belly dancers have stage names just like an actor would.

Pintore said there were girls from all different age groups who came together to perform.

"It's just something fun to do now," Pintore

She said she would never take belly dancing past a hobby.

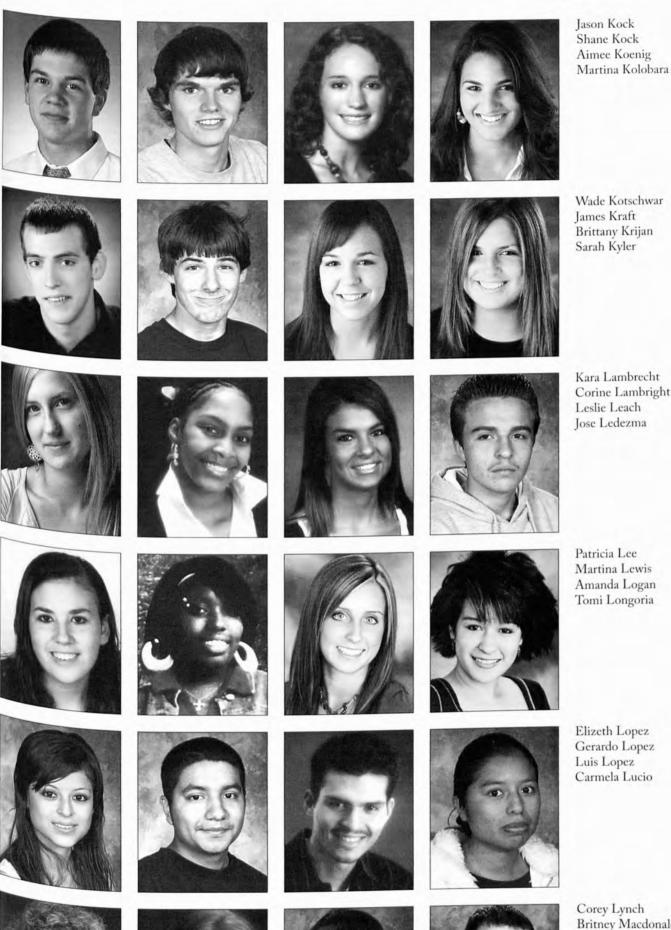
Weeks said they would be starting private lessons to improve their skills.

She said they were going to try out for the Road Show.

Pintore said Weeks' mother was going to make the costumes if they made it, but they still did not have any stage names.

Pintore said they would do what they had time for and learn as much as they could while they had the opportunity.

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Teenager immigrates for better education

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"My parents wanted a better education for their kids," Nema Philip (12) said.

She said she with her family left Khartoum, Sudan (the capital) when she was 8 because the political situation there was not good.

"It was hard for Christians to live there because they were oppressed," Philip said.

A lot of different tribes lived in the capital city, including people of Arabic and Nubian descent.

"As a child, it was not bad there. I didn't see the bad; it was happy," Philip said. "Now, as I look back I see why some areas are damaged. I know why I saw buildings being burned and torn down."

She said the school she went to and her parents' school in Sudan were torn down.

Her grandfather was a political activist for Southern Sudan Christians against the government.

Philip said her father was also involved in activism for Christians.

She said her parents spoke a little English, but she did not know the language before immigrating.

"I was forced to learn it (English) quick when I came over because that was all that was spoken in my classes," Philip said.

She said it was easy learning English because she was young.

Philip said her mom had come to America before to become a nurse. She went to nursing school in Minnesota where someone sponsored her for three months.

Philip said her family first went to Minnesota and later moved to Omaha because her dad is a pastor and there is a large Sudanese population here. She said her father's services are offered in Nuer, an African language, so other Sudanese can understand.

"During services, women and men still sit on separate sides of the church," Philip said.

The services she said are very energetic with an emphasis on music.

She said her family is very traditional and big on church and family. Their holiday celebrations are big family gatherings.

She said she learned not to forget where she came from and to be proud of her heritage. Philip said she wanted to represent her culture in the best possible way.

"I think I have worked hard in school to prove that people from lands such as mine can make it," Philip said.

She said her experiences made her stronger.

"I came to terms with the fact that I look different from most Americans," Philip said.

She said she has seen her parents and other Sudanese struggle, which has made her a harder worker. She said one of the hardest things when living in Sudan was her family lived in different locations and moved a lot.

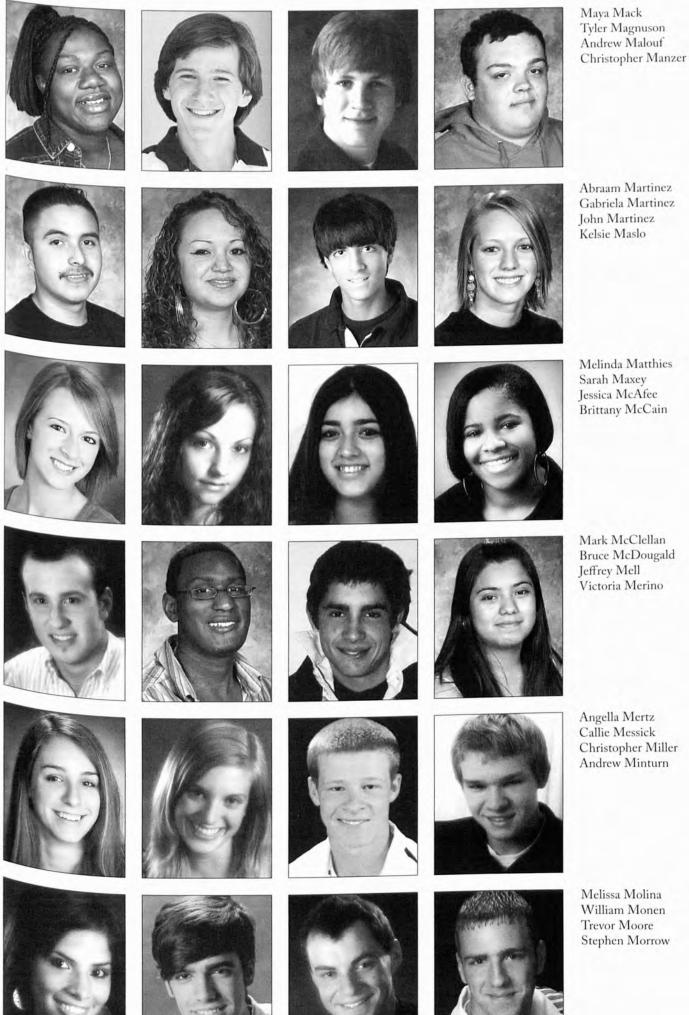
While Philip said she never had personally seen someone killed, her family members had been killed when she lived there.

"I didn't know the details," Philip said. "I thought they had moved."



Nema Philip (12) looks through some photo albums of her dad's recent trip to Sudan. She immigrated with her family to the United States when she was 8. Philip speaks fluent Arabic along with English. However, she does not speak Nuer, an African language, anymore so she did not go to her father's church services offered in that language. She said she wanted to do more mission work and go back to Africa after earning her law degree. Philip said the biggest cultural shock was snow. "There are a lot of deserts in Sudan," Philip said. "I still prefer the hot climate and hate the cold." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.





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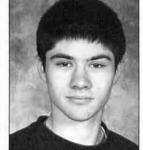






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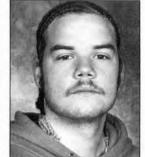






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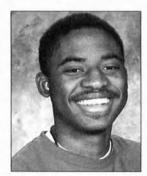




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Megan Bogatz (12) plays GameCube during a Video Game Club meeting. Bogatz said she played for a few hours a day and had competed in tournaments. Bogatz played "Halo" on Xbox Live with other gamers at the Video Game Club, sponsored by math teachers Kelly Murphy and Nate Hill. Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.

Gamer meets new friends through playing Xbox

By Jennifer Brown

Megan Bogatz (12) said she started playing video games when she was younger, but didn't start getting competitive until about two years ago.

"I've played in one tournament," she said. "But I've gone to three of them."

Bogatz said her parents were pretty supportive, but they've always said they would rather her education come first. To them, the games came second, but that hasn't stopped them from coming to see her play.

"They came to my first competition and stuck around for a little bit," Bogatz said.

She said her parents were the ones who got her started playing games in the first place. Bogatz said they had older game systems when she was younger and they would often play together as a family.

"My friends are the ones who got me hooked on Xbox," she said. "When we would hang out, we'd go to each other's houses and just play it."

Bogatz said through playing Xbox she was able to meet new friends and even meet her boyfriend.

She said she sees people around Central she knows, but only by their gaming tag not by their actual names. Her gaming tag is Macaroni Pizza.

"I don't really practice playing Xbox a lot, but I do play more

than a few hours a day," Bogatz said. "I guess you could say it's slightly addictive."

Bogatz owns five gaming systems. She's has an Xbox, Super Nintendo, PlayStation 2, Game Boy Advanced and the original Nintendo.

Bogatz said gaming is a huge part of her life and consumes a great deal of her time, probably more than it should.

She said her friends don't really have that big of a problem with her always playing games.

Bogatz said she's even converted a few of them to playing Xbox regularly.

It even brought her closer to a few of her older friends.

"When I get older, I don't think I'll play that much," Bogatz said. "But I'd like to be the 'cool' grandma that plays video games with her grandchildren when I'm 80."

Some people didn't like that she's a girl who loves doing her own thing in a typically male-dominated activity.

Bogatz said that's one of the few things she didn't like about gaming. She said sometimes a few people got a little too competitive and took the game too seriously.

"When I lose, I don't sit there and dwell on it," she said. "I just move on to the next game."

Bogatz said she hoped by next year she would be getting her name known all around and competing on higher levels.



Shuona Wang (12) displays some Chinese objects at her house. She is originally from China and moved to Canada before moving to America with her family. "Wherever I move, I always like the place right before it until I get used to the new place," Wang said. "I like it there, but if I had the option to live in China or stay... I would stay." Photo by Theresa Vacha.

Frequent moves, memories shape senior's life

By Theresa Vacha

With only \$100 in his pocket, her dad left China for Canada.

Her mom stayed home working from dawn till dusk for a year before setting out to join him, carrying a 3-year-old baby.

The baby was senior Shuona Wang 14 years ago.

This unique start marked only the beginning of Wang's life.

"Having a life that is different is great at times," she said. "However, there are times when I wish it was just normal."

Besides Canada and China, Wang's family has lived in both Florida and Maryland before finally moving to Nebraska.

Wang said her family did not leave China for any job-related purpose.

Her father was a scientist in Beijing and held a prominent position.

"My dad just wanted to move to a new place," Wang said.

However, some contradiction struck with her mother.

"My mom wanted to stay," Wang said. "She had a lot of friends there and they are all now doing really well."

She also said her mom often jokes that the only reason she is staying in America is because of Wang's little sister.

Wang lives with her mom, Xia Li, her dad, Guangshun and her 5-year-old sister, Annie.

The Wang family now lives comfortably in as Wang said, "Probably the best environment I have ever lived in."

Her father is a structural biologist working along with Wang's mom.

However, life in the this country did not start out that easy for the family.

Her father moved to Vancouver, Canada in 1992 carrying very little possessions.

Wang said her dad could hardly speak or write any English.

Her father had his equivalent of a Ph.D in China.

"It did not transfer over," she said.

Therefore, Guangshun had to start completely over, attending college while working a part-time job.

Meanwhile, Wang's mom, Xia Li, was living as equally rough back in Beijing.

"(She) would leave at 6 a.m. in the morning and come home at 5, then take care of everything and me," Wang said. "She never complained once."

When Wang and her mother joined Guangshun in Vancouver, they rented and lived in someone's basement. Wang said she could remember the rats there.

"From a 5-year-old perspective, though, I liked it," Wang said.

However, Canada was simply a stopping point in the chain of many places Wang would live

"I lived in Vancouver till I was 7, then moved to Florida until I was 9, then Maryland until I was 12 and now here," Wang said.

Her strong heritage and unique background are still present in her life.

In 1997, Wang and her family went back to Beijing, China for about three months.

"The streets are a sea of bicycles," she said.
"Most people don't drive. It's too crowded.
Here the bicyclists watch for cars. In Beijing it's the other way around."

Xia Li, who grew up in Beijing, earned the rare privilege of attending college.

"Only about two for every 100 kids get picked to go," Wang said referring to college in China. "My mom's mind works really fast and she has a really good memory."

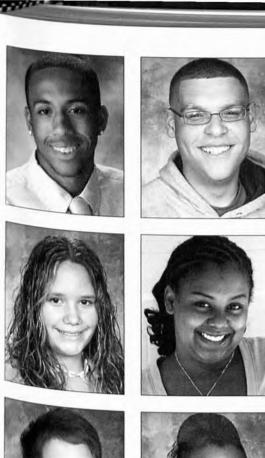
Wang's father, on the other hand, grew up in a small village about a two-day train trip from Beijing.

He lived on a farm with no plumbing. Guangshun was also selected to go to college.

"I'm like my dad," Wang said. "School isn't hard for me."

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Kenneth Fischer (12) sets up a decoy at Daniel Smith's (12) house after school with a group of his hunting friends. Fischer said he has been hunting since he was 8. "It's an adrenaline rush," Fischer said. "You're pretty much trying to hit something some risks as a drenaline rush," Fischer said. pretty much trying to hit something coming right at you." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Teen enjoys sport of hunting, hanging out with friends

By Patrick O'Malley

"We eat everything we shoot," Kenneth Fischer (12) said. "So it's not like we're just going out there killing stuff."

He said he got tired of how people thought hunting was a bad sport and that hunters were bad people.

"If there was no hunting," Fischer said. "It would hurt the environment more."

He said the reason lack of hunting would be detrimental to the environment was because there would be a vast overpopulation of wild animals.

Fischer said hunting has gone on for centuries and it was a natural thing to hunt.

"I've been hunting with my grandpa since I was 8 years old," Fischer

Daniel Smith (12) said hunting is a sport that took concentration and patience.

Smith said he had been hunting for seven years. He said he goes hunting at least every weekend.

It was an adrenaline rush.

He said a person could wait there all day for an animal. He said if that person made the slightest movement and an animal heard him, his chance would be gone.

Fischer said he started out hunting deer and now loves to hunt

"When I met Dan in my biology class," Fischer said. "He got me into it."

He said he and his friends Smith, Matthew Watson (12) Max Delman (12) and John Martinez (12) took a hunting trip in September.

Fischer said it was the first trip they had all taken together since their freshman year. They drove three hours and stayed in Shickley, Neb. to hunt for the weekend.

"It was the opening weekend of Teal season," Fischer said.

Teals are a specific type of bird

He said there were different times a year a person was allowed to shoot a certain animal. Fischer said during the weekend the limit he could shoot was four Teals per session.

Fischer said a hunting session lasted from dawn to dusk.

He said if a hunter was to shoot more than the limit, he would have to pay a fine.

Smith said there were many different things a person could be fined for, including improper gun use.

"You can't just go out there and shoot," Fischer said.

He said there was a whole process to being able to hunt. After taking a nine-hour safety class and getting his license and stamps, he had to speak with the person in charge of the hunting area to approve his gun and license.

Fischer said he didn't feel hunting was a dangerous sport unless someone was not paying attention. He said he and his friends had never had a hunting accident.



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Teen spends Sundays serving food

By Jennifer Brown

Every Sunday morning Tyler Magnuson (12) woke up and served food.

Food Not Bombs is a program that collects food from different stores and shops. Members take the donated food and they make a food dish out of it. Then they take it and give it out for free to people downtown.

The dishes range from fruit salad to pasta.

Magnuson said he met up with different people around the metro area at Spirit of Peace on 36th and Webster. The volunteers are high school students and adults who have been doing this helpful service for a while.

They started cooking at about 11:30 a.m. and cooked whatever they had the supplies for. They did this until about 2 p.m.

Then, he said, they went down to the Gene Leahy Mall. Magnuson said they served anywhere from 20 to 50 people a day.

The members collected the plates and glasses and also bought them from thrift stores over time.

Magnuson said 2006 alumnus Joseph Delich introduced him to Food Not Bombs. Delich talked to him about social injustice.

Magnuson also said the homeless are very thankful for the free food given out. At the end of the day, there is basically no food left.

"We really like to hear what they have to say to us. They have so much insight," he said. "They make you think of stuff you wouldn't really think about."

Magnuson said Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi really influenced his opinion because they made a difference without picking up a gun and fighting.

Food Not Bombs started in Cambridge, Mass. in the 1980s. A second chapter was formed in San Francisco.

Magnuson said there were two friends who started it and then it just spread everywhere.

He said he planned to participate in the program as long as he was in Omaha and when he comes back to Omaha during the summer.

He said his parents support him. They told him Sundays were family days, but they understand that he likes doing it.

Magnuson said Food Not Bombs isn't really run by anyone in general.

"There are a few people that have been doing it for years," Magnuson said. "So I mostly listen to them and get advice from them."

They act as a group and it's all voluntary.

His plans for next year were to attend Evergreen State and continue to do Food Not Bombs there. He wanted to attend because he wanted to get active in social justice rights and other things similar.

"I would like to lead juniors, sophomores and freshmen like Joe led me," Magnuson said.

When he first started doing Food Not Bombs, Magnuson said it was in the winter and it was cold. There also weren't very many people out so he kind of got discouraged.



Tyler Magnuson (12) washes apples in order to make applesauce for Food Not Bombs. Food Not Bombs is an organization that collects donated food and makes dishes to hand out to people. He said if there were tomatoes and rice that got donated he would go and ask the others there and see if it would be a good idea to make tomato and rice soup. After they had handed out the food, they went to Ted and Wally's where they could use the sinks to wash their dishes and store a table that they have. Magnuson also said Spirit of Peace had a freezer they could store the left over food. Magnuson said he discovered the organization from talking with alumnus Joseph Delich. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.







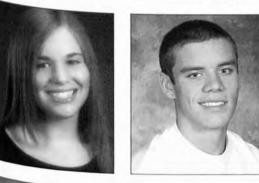
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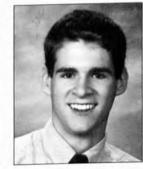




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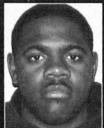




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Helping Out

If you could take a famous person with you through high school to help you out, who would you choose and why?



"I'd take Einstein. He's a genius. He's the only person whose name means something."

> -Brenton Donaldson (12)



"Wilma Rudolph. She the fastest woman in the world. She was stricken with polio and overcame it. She could help me with mental strength. She overcame all ends. Mind, body, soul."

> -Alicia Bender (12)



"Left Eye from TLC. She was in a music group. She liked to have fun and was outgoing."

> -Janesa Stewart (12)



"Shawanna. She's a famous rapper. I want to be a rapper also."

-Shapree Harris (12)

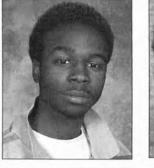
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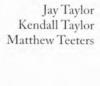
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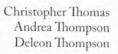














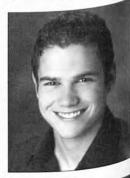




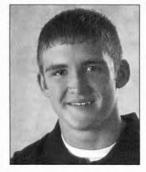
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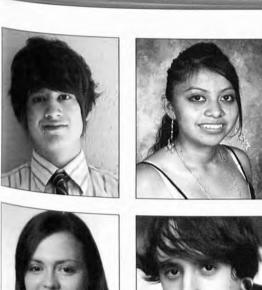
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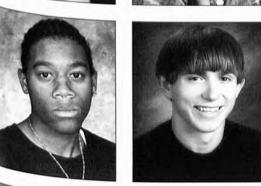
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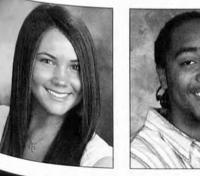
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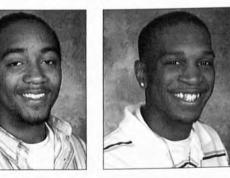


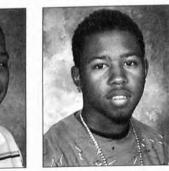




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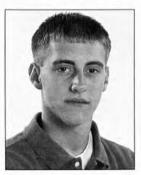






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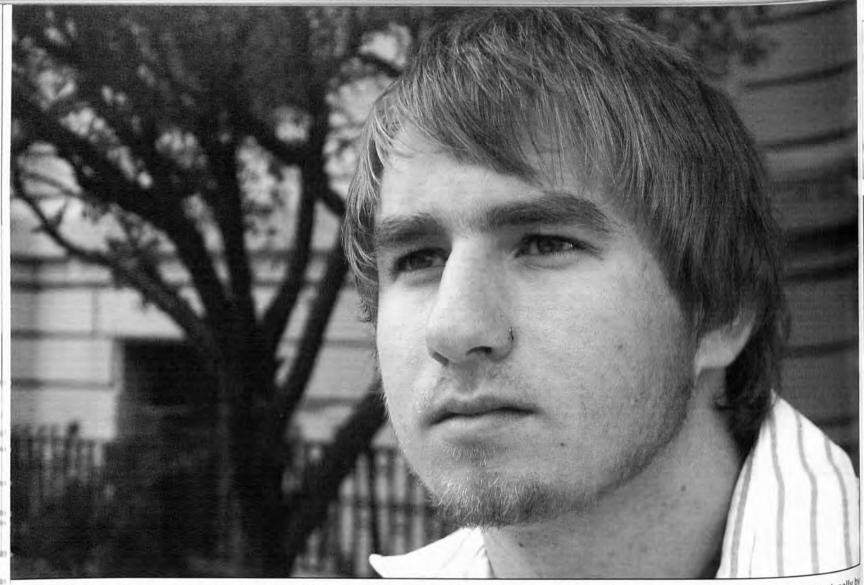








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Seth Rich (12) spent his summer training under an Israeli military during a war with Lebanon. He said training under the military was such an uplifting experience because the military was affected emotionally by the war because some of the commanders had to leave to fight. Rich said he didn't plan on taking another trip until he started college. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Senior witnesses conflict in the Middle East

A week of training under the Israeli military during a war with Lebanon might not be many high school students' idea of a great vacation, but Seth Rich (12) spent part of his vacation in Israel doing exactly that.

Rich shows his blue bandana he wears in memory of his trip to the Holocaust Memorial. He said he and some of his friends made a pact to remember what they saw at the memorial. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Seth went with roughly 306 other teenagers from a Jewish camp to Jerusalem for six weeks on his third trip to Israel for the Ramah Seminar.

"It is so different. It's a cool experience," Seth said.

He said training under the military was such an uplifting experience because the military was affected emotionally by the war because a few of the commanders had to leave to fight.

"They made it real," he said. "You could see it on their faces."

Seth said even with the war going on 60 miles to the north, he didn't feel

unsafe. He said he felt safe because everyone handled it well.

"We were concerned but not alarmed," Seth's father Joel Rich said. Joel said he trusted the trip's sponsors and thought his son was in good hands. He said he received e-mails from them regarding the daily activities and what was going on.

He said there was always some conflict going on in Israel, so many

people were used to the fighting and threats.

"They've been living with conflict for the past 50 years and I think they will continue to strive," Joel said. "I think there is a bright future.

Seth said he feels much more connected to Israel than Judaism.

Seth's second trip was the March of the Living and there were only about 130 teenagers who went.

He said they went to Poland to visit the Holocaust Memorial for a week and then went to visit Israel for another week.

"We were coming from such a sad place to such a happy place," Seth said. Seth said the reason Israel was a positive place was because the

country was a product of a tragedy.

"In a way, it made you happy," Seth said. "But it made me realize that whenever there is happiness nearby, sadness is not far away and when sadness is nearby happiness is not far away."

He said he and some of his friends made a promise to always remember what they saw at the memorial by wearing blue bandanas around their ankles.

"I wear it to remind me of that promise," Seth said.

He said they went to Israel after Poland, but he didn't really get to experience the Israeli lifestyle.

Joel said he was glad his son went on his third trip because the second one was more of a tourist trip.

He was able to see the sites, but didn't really get to live like the Israelis.









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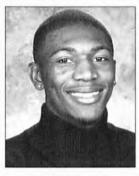






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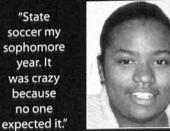




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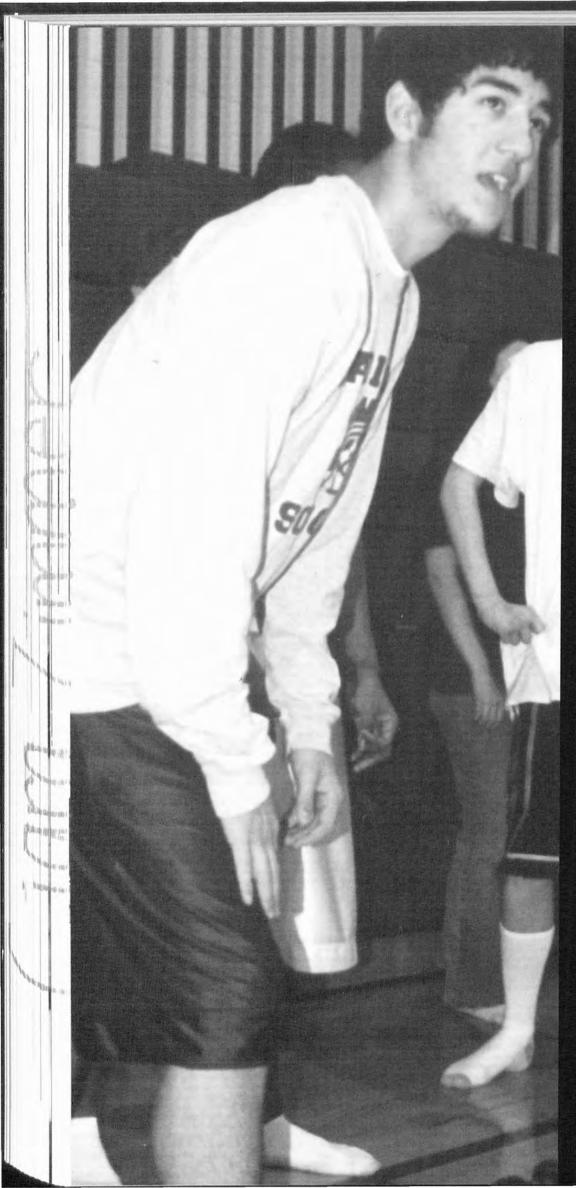


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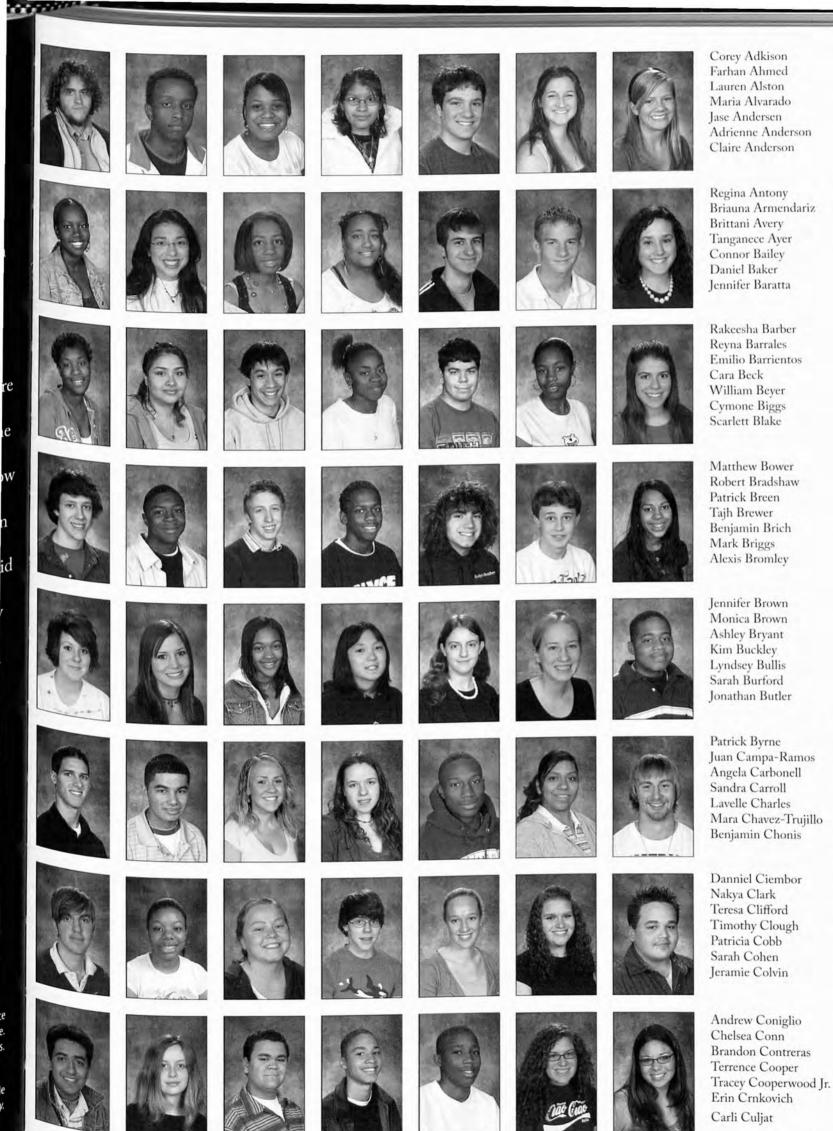
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From visiting orphans to expressing emotions through films to passing down knowledge and love of a subject. Juniors were anxious for their senior year and constantly focused on the future. They were developing their resumes and enjoying one last stress-free year. They worried about how new legislation would affect them both on the national and state level, from getting rid of pop machines to the war in Iraq. They visited foreign countries in order to learn about new cultures. They expressed their culture through sun dances and music.

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Above (from left). Timothy Clough (11) checks sound before a Wednesday service at his church. Zachary Cutler (11) displays his directing tools for a film he made. Rachael Farhat (11) demonstrates to one of her students proper dance techniques. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley and Patrick Breen.*

Left. Mark David (11) prepares for his turn to run through the Marine's obstacle course, which had been set up for gym and JROTC classes. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.



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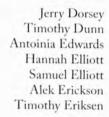










































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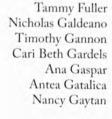
















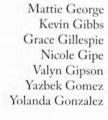












































Student excels in multitude of musical skills

By Lucy Schroeder

Jasmine Thompson (11) has been involved in music since she was 5. She began by singing and later learned to drum and rap.

"I grew up around music," she said.

Jasmine's father produces music and sings. Her mother is a gospel singer and her sister Franque Thompson (12) is also involved in singing.

"When she (Jasmine) first started rapping," Franque said, "I was shocked. I didn't know she had it in her."

Jasmine said she had always watched her mom and had gone to her shows. She was very inspired by her mom as well as her cousin, Dupree who is 26 and a local rapper.

She also plays in a band in her church. The band records its songs on CDs and everyone at church sings along with these recordings when there are no musicians present.

Jasmine observed her cousin Dupree rapping and decided she wanted to do something with him.

Her interest began with poetry. When she let other people read work, they told her she should do something with it.

"I just flipped the poetry to a beat," she said.

She raps for fund-raisers, events and anyone who asks her. She has performed at YMCA and various churches, along with a competition called Teen Idol, which took place in Chicago.

"I rap about events that go on in my life and stuff that I see," Jasmine said, "and also people that I care about."

She also performed in the Road Show with Sound of the Future,

a drumming group.

Jasmine learned to drum from her dad.

"My dad taught me the basics," she said. "From there, I went out to the studio and taught myself the harder stuff."

She also observed people at church and learned from them.

Jasmine plays the drums and sings at the same time. She said rapping while playing the drums is too difficult.

"I am inspired by Missy Elliot because she is a singer and a rapper," she said. "That's what I want to do. I used to imitate Michael Jackson in the Road Show."

Jasmine said she definitely wants to pursue a career in music and would like to play drums for a show or just do her own thing.

"I can express myself through music," Jasmine said. "If I get mad, I can go outside the studio and bang on the drums."

She said music is not only a creative outlet, but also a hope for

She has an album out called "No Ring No Fling" which is a combination of singing and rapping. It was released her freshman year.

Dupree helped write a few of her songs and collaborated on some songs, as well.

She said she plans to release a demo after high school.

"I think she has more than a lot (of potential)," Franque said. "She's so energetic and brings a lot when she performs."

She said she looks up to her sister and thinks they will both be successful and will be able to share their fame in the future.

"My love for music makes me want to rap," Jasmine said. "It makes me happy."

Jasmine Thompson (12) sings along to the radio to loosen up her voice in the recording studio set up in her garage. "My parents encourage me because I watch what they do," Thompson said. "When you are in a family involved in music. it kind of rubs off on you." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



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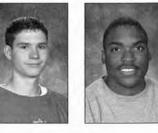






























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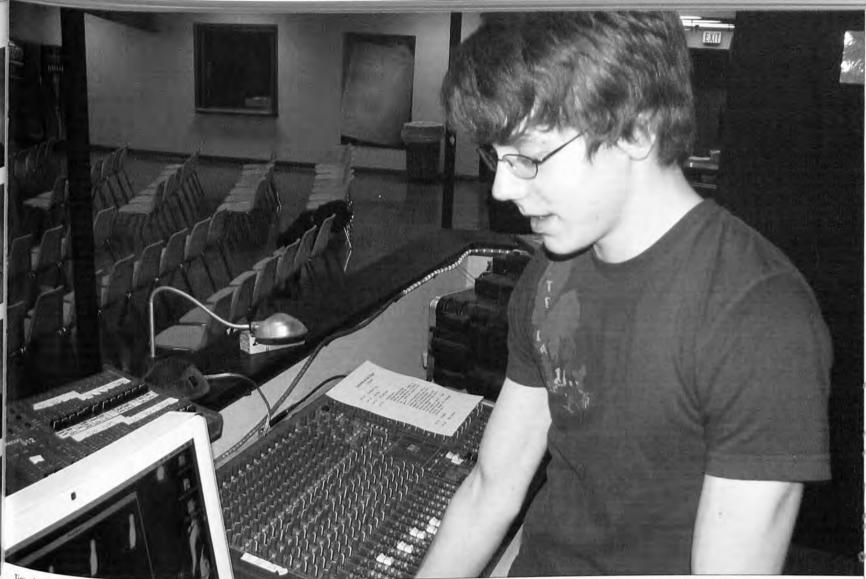






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Timothy Clough (11) adjusts the sound for the band at a Wednesday church service at Trinity Church Interdenominational. Not only was he an active member in his church, he spent summers on missionary trips to help other was a single spent to the band at a Wednesday church service at Trinity Church Interdenominational. Not only was he an active member in his church, he spent summers on missionary trips to help others. His first trip was to Costa Rica. "My parents asked me if I wanted to go," Clough said, "and if I would contribute to the cause and fund-raise." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Junior spends summers with orphans

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Timothy Clough (11) has spent the past five summers on missionary trips. His latest trip was to Mozambique, Africa through his church, Trinity Church Interdenominational.

"There were a couple of options," Clough said. "It sounded the most interesting, fun and far away."

He said he has gone on missionary trips and plans to go on more. In Mozambique, he, along with others, spent time with children at an orphanage. They were in the capital city, Pemba, and stayed in the orphanage compound for two weeks, the duration of the trip.

We were at the orphanage with the kids all day long, every day,"

The compound is about a square mile in size. They stayed in small rooms with two bunk beds in each room.

There were four guys in a room," Clough said. "That was pretty

The area also had a kitchen, bathrooms and showers.

He said they got up in the mornings, ate and then headed to where

Clough said they ate lunch and dinners with the children and spent the day playing with the orphans.

They have a playground," Clough said. "We tossed around some Soccer balls and some of the kids played guitar."

He said the purpose of the trip was to show the love of God.

"We were living testimonies to His love and kindness," he said.

However, he said they didn't actively teach the children religion, though they put on some skits.

"The skits were mainly to make them laugh," Clough said.

He said there were many funny moments.

"One of the best (moments was when) we hadn't met the kids yet," Clough said. "Right when we got there, we were all riding on the back of a truck and the kids were out there looking at everyone."

He said the children helped them carry in their bags and they were all smiling and laughing. Clough said one of the biggest challenges was trying to understand the children's limited English.

"I got used to it though," Clough said. "I focused on what they were saying.'

He said the seafood there was amazing.

"We were right on the beach," Clough said. "It was fresh from that

Typically, rice was the main dish that went with almost every

"I got kind of sick of it, but it was good, hot and delicious," Clough

He said the cold showers he had to take were awful and one of the worst parts of the trip.

"The climate was really weird," Clough said. "In the mornings, when we got up, it was really cold. An hour later, it would be over 100 degrees."

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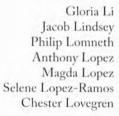
















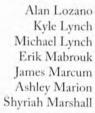


























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Zachary Cutler (11) produced an independent 15 minute short film called "Going Down to Neverland" for the Winterfresh Film Festival. Since then he has worked on a couple other short films and plans to continue doing it as a hobby. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Teen makes, directs films for competitions

Zachary Cutler (11) said he was led to his interest and hobby independent filmmaking when his mother forced him to do something productive during his summer vacation.

Cutler said his first experience with filmmaking was during the summer of 2004 when his mother came across a website hosting a Winterfresh Film Festival.

He said he was excited when his mother presented him the information, so he applied right away and was accepted.

"I'm very happy she did that," he said.

The festival was put on statewide for groups of local independent filmmakers to team up and create a short film.

"We had booms, multiple cameras," Cutler said. "We were paying actual actors," Cutler said.

He said his group's film was "Going Down to Neverland" and was approximately 15 minutes long.

"I think the group was really terrific," he said. "We all really worked well together."

He said the group was given a decent budget to use for the project, and everyone had the opportunity to work on every aspect of the process of creating a movie.

He said he mostly wrote for the movie, but did do some directing and editing as well. He said he did not like editing because it was tedious and didn't enjoy directing because he didn't like to tell people what to do.

"It's about a couple who are engaged and actually dead," Cutler said. "The airport was a symbol of purgatory, moving on and the acceptance of death.

It took about a month to prepare and a 15-hour day to shoot the film. He said the editing process was shorter than he expected.

"The whole group won," he said.

Eight other members of the crew went to Chicago to be awarded.

"There were good times to be had by all," he said.

He said he loves making films because it is a great way to express any kind of story or emotion.

"It can draw you into a whole different world," Cutler said. "It's a medium which transfers emotion."

Since "Going Down to Neverland," he has made a couple of other short films.

"Is It Real" was a 10 minute one he and some of the members of his first film came together independently to create for a smaller Internet competition.

The plot was about a depressed man who had hallucinations and committed suicide by slitting his wrists.

"We had chump change compared to what we had for the Winterfresh Film Festival," he said.

He said they had a yard sale to make money for the film and it did not do well in the competition.

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Native American proud of heritage, traditions

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"My first year on a sun dance," Joshua Frazier (11) said, "I woke up and saw them, two deer, right next to me."

Frazier, a member of the Yankton tribe, said that is how he received dances at his age." his Native American name of Two Deer.

He said he has been the recipient of some prejudice.

"People talk bad about Indians," Frazier said. "I learn to brush it off because I'm a proud Indian and I don't get stuck on it."

He also receives support from Native American educator Myles

"I give a reason for the students to come here (Central) and attend," Jones said.

Jones helps the students with understanding their heritage.

Frazier participates in an annual sun dance that lasts for four days. He goes to the SanTee Reservation in order to participate.

> "I can't eat or drink during it," Frazier said. "There's a tree in the middle that the person holding the sun dance calls everybody to."

At sun dances, the person makes an offering of himself.

"Not only do they fast," Jones said, "they are pierced through the chest and tied to something that they must dance around until they receive a vision."

He said they dance every morning and

"I'm very proud of what he does," Jones said. "Most don't do sun

The importance of sun dances, Frazier said, is to help a person become spiritual.

"Sun dances merge your body and soul," he said. "Your spirit takes over your body."

Jones said people who do sun dances do it for others.

"They pray for everyone else," he said.

Frazier said he also likes sun dances because they bring his whole family together and they can all talk and catch up.

A month before the sun dance, Frazier said he has to cut down on eating and walk barefoot to toughen up his feet.

He wears an outfit to the sun dance that looks like a skirt.

"We decorate them up," Frazier said, "and put our colors on them."

His colors are black and white.

"I got the colors because a spider came to me when I was on a sun dance," Frazier said. "When I was on the hill, I was sitting there and looked down, the spider was crawling on my blanket."

He said before he goes up on the hill, the spiritual leader, Shaman, tells him what he needs to know and creatures are sent to him.

Sweating is a way to purify the body and soul. Frazier said he goes into the sweat lodge and they pass around a chanunpa, which is

Everyone has the opportunity to smoke. There are four rounds and they typically sing three songs each round. He said he goes to the sw^{ed} lodge once a week.

Not only has he learned songs and how to pray, Frazier said, he also learned old techniques his ancestors used like how to make a drum.

Jones helps him and others with academics.

"I hire tutors from local colleges that are Native American," he said. "These tutors also serve as role models for the students."

Jones also exposes the students to college.

"It's important to get them into college," he said.



Teen passes on her love for dance through teaching

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"It was really fun with the younger children," Rachael Farhat (11) said. "We played games. They were always excited to dance."

She dances and teaches at the Adair Dance Academy. She has been dancing for 12 years and teaching for two.

The students range in age from 3 to .

"I believe Rachael is a really good teacher because she helped me with the steps," Rachel Minier (11) said "She understands the steps quickly during class and it's a great talent to be able to pass that on to the little kids."

Minier and Farhat have known each other since the fifth grade through school and dance.

"I was really nervous because I was afraid of saying their names wrong," Farhat said, "so I spent a class going through their names in my mind."

Elizabeth Wallace (11) and Minier also dance with Farhat. Minier and Farhat dance modern ballet/jazz.

"Classic ballet is more professional," Farhat said. "In modern, you go bare foot and are more angular."

The Academy offers everything from ballet to creative movement to adult tap.

"We teach them the different steps and positions," Farhat said.

Modern ballet gives dancers a chance to discover personal range of movement and explore composition and choreography through improvising and creative exercise.

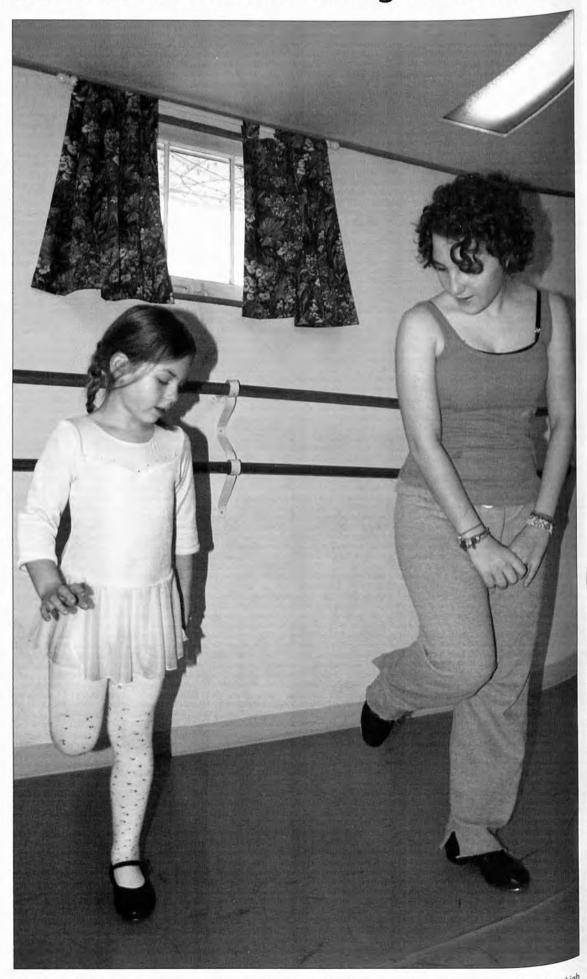
"She's really good at dancing," Minier said, "and also a good role model for me. She understands the teacher really well."

"It's really relaxing and it gives me time to focus on dancing," Farhat said.

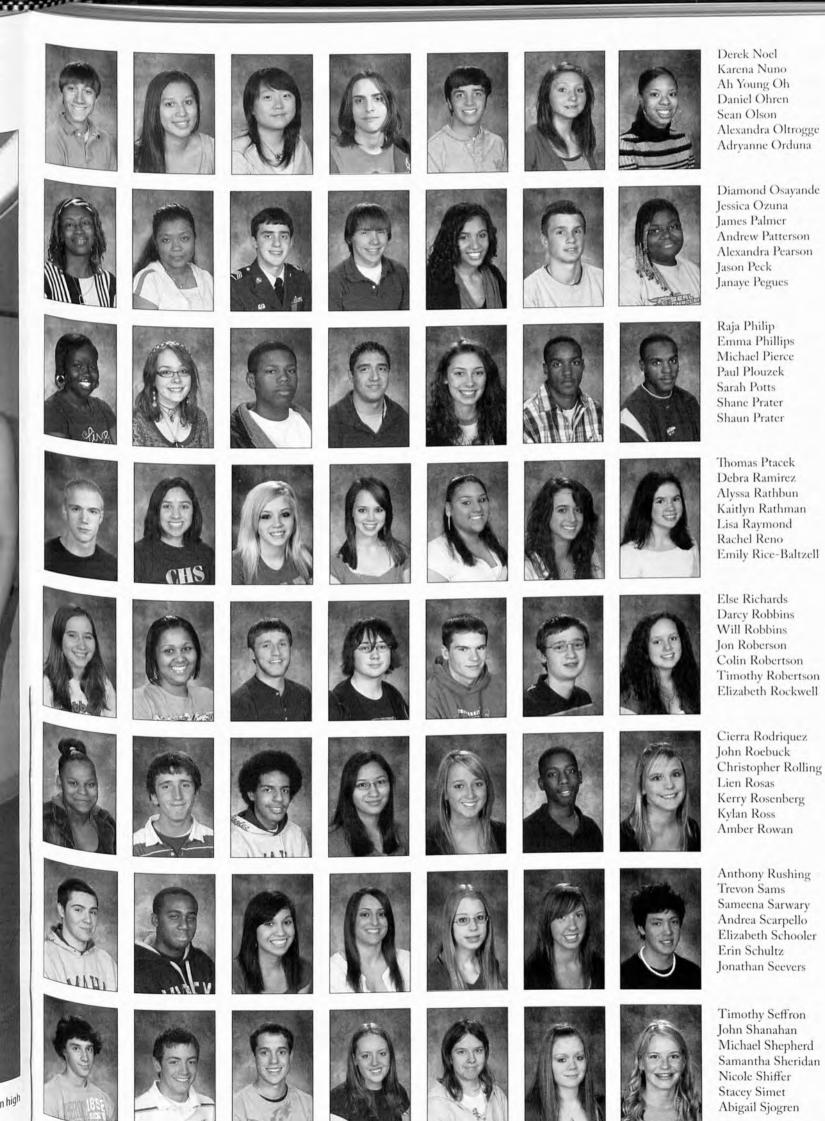
Farhat attends three classes a week.

One for dance, one for teaching and one for the Young Dancer Workshop.

"Normally, I just have a lot of energy during performance," Farhat said, "and during class try to lead the way while having fun."



Rachael Farhat (11) shows one of her dance students how to do a move during class. She started teaching dance when she was a freshman in high school. *Photo by Patrick Breen.*



The first girl president of the Student Association was elected in 1922. - 0-Book 1924.

Impacting News

What in the news has had an impact on your life? How?



"A lady microwaved her baby. It made me disgusted how people don't have a conscience."

-Sarah Potts (11)



"Stem cell research because my family has a history of cancer. So someone in a big fancy chair can point around at people and say you get to die, so can you and you by vetoing the movement."

-Dylan McMahon (11)



"Hilary Clinton and Barack O'Bama running for election. I'll be able to vote then."

-Elizabeth Rockwell (11)



"All the missing kids in the news. It's crazy that you have to worry so much."

-Kaitlyn Rathman (11)

Patrick Skanes Jasmine Slack Asia Smith Chelsea Smith



Michael Smolsky Keegan Smutz Elizabeth Soll Rosa Sotelo



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Katle Johnson (11) displays her jacket and purse she bought while she was in England. She did not know how she received an invitation, but she was one the few to get selected by People to People to go to England and France. "It gave Katle a bigger sense and a different view of the world," her mother Theresa Johnson said. Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen.

Experiencing life in another country proves a point

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"It was pretty gross but fun for the experience," Katie Johnson (11) said as she looked down at the plate of frog legs and snails.

Johnson learned about People to People through the mail when a letter arrived.

She said People to People finds students to travel around the world. It helps promote America, gives students traveling experience and shows teenagers around they world are similar.

"I wasn't sure how they found my name or if my sister had recommended me for the program," she said.

Her older sister had gone through the program when she was a freshman in high school.

"Students were selected by grades, academics and citizenship," her mother Theresa Johnson said.

As a delegate on the trip, Johnson toured England and France.

"We saw Big Ben and walked around in downtown London,"
she said

She said she bought a jacket, a purse and a model of the Eiffel Tower.

"Students selected to go had monthly meetings," Johnson said. "We were handed a list of everything we should bring, gifts to give our home-stay parent and thing we may need."

At first she said she was homesick because she didn't know many people, but as the trip went on she was less nervous so it was more enjoyable.

"When we were meeting our home-stay parents," Johnson said, "I was nervous and anxious and really hoped they liked me."

She stayed at a little townhouse.

"We spent the night there and toured England during the day," Johnson said.

She said life in England and America are very similar.

"We had ham and mushroom pizza, macaroni and cheese and hot dogs," Johnson said. "Breakfast was cereal and toast."

"They taught you the proper behavior and how you should pack," Johnson said.

Andrea Kabourek, journalism and English teacher at Lincoln East High School, led the group

"We still constantly talk about the castle and how to sail and kayak at an academy," Johnson said.

Kabourek traveled with a delegation from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

"Andrea Kabourek was a fun leader," Johnson said. "She was the person everyone went to when they got homesick."



regards to teens?



"I could do community service and be a role model."

-Catherine Venditte (11)



"Help keep kids out of the trouble. The biggest thing is keeping them away from drugs and off the streets."

-Andrew Dickey (11)



"I believe in setting positive attitudes for underclassmen. Also, I want to be a positive example."

-Jordan Nauden (11)



"Join a lot of clubs and sports and keep my grades up."

-Ashley Marion (11)

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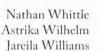


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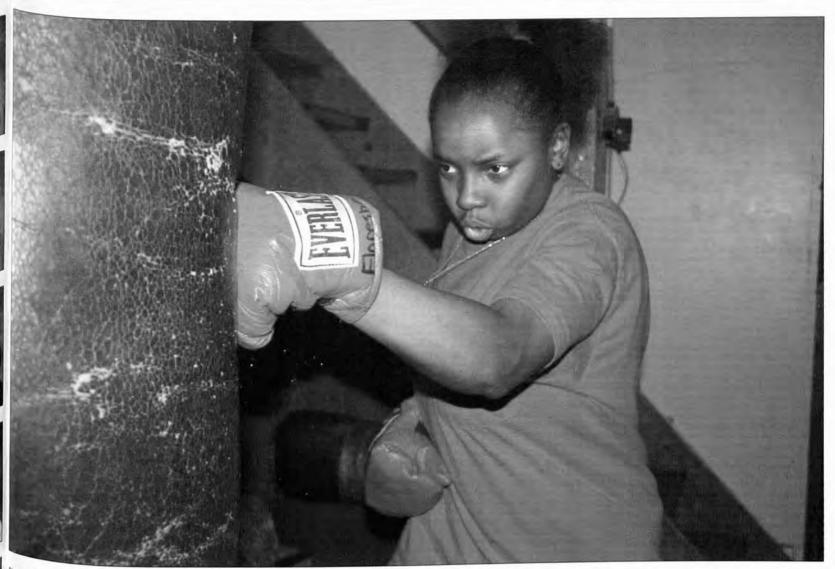












Floresha Thomas (11) practices punching a bag for training at the CW Boxing Center. The club was started in 1985 by a man named Carl Washington, a close friend of Thomas' trainer and current owner Midge Minor. "I take out my anger and stress. Some people make me mad and I have to walk away," Thomas said. "In the ring, I let my anger out on the other person." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Girl explores boxing to release anger, stress

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"A pro boxer saw me walking around the neighborhood with my friends," Floresha Thomas (11) said, "and getting into trouble."

He decided to train her so she would stay out of trouble.

Thomas' favorite part about boxing is simply being in the ring.
"I like to fight," Thomas said. "Boxing lets me take out my anger and manage it in a positive way."

She said she hopes to gain self-respect and learn how to control herself.

Thomas said she doesn't worry about hitting someone too hard. "That's really the point of boxing," she said, "to win and quick $k_{nockouts}$."

When she is punched, Thomas said it makes her better because she learns what she did wrong. In the ring, she has to remember never to block her face with her own hands and not to cross her feet.

"My mom doesn't like it," Thomas said, "but it keeps me out of trouble."

She said she has learned not to fight out of the ring because her hands are registered now.

Thomas said. "I've learned to hold my anger and walk away."

Thomas spars, which is when she gets in the ring and boxes with another boxer. She trains with three other people, two guys and one girl.

Thomas said she has not experienced any prejudice from other boxers because she is female.

She said she watches matches and points out what the boxers did wrong. She also learns new techniques and skills from them.

"When I watch," Thomas said, "I get happy if the person I like wins."

She said when she first started boxing, she expected to go in and win.

"I keep in mind that I'm a good boxer," she said. "I want to meet all my goals."

Thomas said she has been interested in boxing since she was young.

"I was watching a match," Thomas said. "It seemed like fun."

Her uncle had recorded a match Muhammad Ali had been in. It was what first got her interested in the sport.

Not only has she learned many techniques, Thomas said she has also learned from her trainer discipline and motivation, especially for her schoolwork.

Thomas said her favorite technique is the three-ring combo which is jab, jab, right. It can also be jab, crossover, hook.

She also learned how to stay away from the other boxer.

She had to stop boxing for several weeks do to an ankle injury when playing basketball.

"Without your legs," Thomas said, "you're nothing."



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From singing about what you care about to wearing clothes to express emotions to raising your precious child. Sophomores struggled through school like everyone else.

They were searching for stardom and making their dreams come true. Whether they were reading "Idylls of the King" or learning about chemical bonds, they were interested in excelling inside and outside of school. Many were learning how to drive and others spent their afternoons at work.

They focused on earning the mark both inside and outside of school.

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Above (from left). Michael Laizure (10) practices with OpenDoor Syndrome. The band was testing out a new drummer. Caitlyn Tapio (10) explains what it was like to model. Keyana Jones (10) feeds her daughter. She had her when she was 14. *Photos by Patrick O'Malley and Karis Perry.*

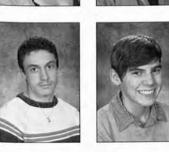
Left. Craig Matlock (10) pushes the inflatable pillars of the Marine obstacle course set up for all gym and JROTC classes. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.





































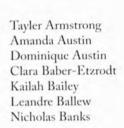












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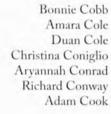


























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Winslow Dumaine (10) sorts through some of his artwork on his computer. Dumaine has his own website where he posts his work. "If you go to Central," he said, "you've seen my stickers." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Teen expresses himself through art shows

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"It took no more than asking," Winslow Dumaine (10) said. "We set up the date. It was a little too easy."

Dumaine's art show opened on Nov. 4 and lasted for a month at the Antiquarium.

Dumaine said he has known the owner for several years so he asked him if he could have a show there.

He said this art show was finishing the story he had started a

His first show was titled "Elegaunte." Dumaine said it explored decadence and needs and the blurring of them.

Dumaine said on the fliers for the first show there were veins. The third show, which he had this year, was entitled "New Flesh." It dealt with questioning sexuality.

"I wanted to instill a new sense in people," Dumaine said. "I want it to be like the people are walking in and seeing their parents having sex. I want them to question their sexuality. I want them to be afraid."

He said he wanted to hurt people.

"I want to make them understand," Dumaine said. "You have to break bridges to build houses."

He said he likes to describe his artwork as caustic.

"My goal is to get inside of people's heads," Dumaine said.

He said he tries not to take direct ideas.

"I want my art to be like a girl whose boyfriend hits her," Dumaine said, "but at the end of the day, she still loves him."

He said he wants to be the problem on everyone's hands.

Dumaine said he received his first camera about four years

"It was stolen for me," he said, "by a drug addict."

He said he works in many mediums from photography to writing to painting and his favorite is a close tie between macro photography and stream-of-consciousness writing.

He said he self-publishes through his website.

"My room's layered in posters," Dumaine said.

He said he uses a lot of sharpies and he's always running out.

"I steal (if you want to call it that) a lot of my materials," Dumaine said. "Not as much now as I used to...not from stores though. It's mostly from abandoned buildings and I'll take the drywall, hoping it doesn't have asbestos."

He said he is a scavenger. The best part about being an artist, Dumaine said, is he can always fall back on the idea that he doesn't need anything except his materials.

"Everything has essentially left me," he said. "I have nothing but things I created. It's part of my religion, the idea that the only way I can fail is if I intentionally destroy something I make."

Dumaine said if he does intentionally destroy his work he usually ends up creating more than destroying.

He said the worst part is dealing with people who love to act like they get it.

"They say they'll call me and we should talk," Dumaine said, "and when I call, they hang up."

He said he does not like dealing with people who think love means just saying they love someone.

Dumaine said his philosophy is not war, make love.

He said his mom is also an artist, so she's pretty supportive of him.



Michael Laizure (10) sings a song with the band OpenDoor Syndrome. The band was trying out a new drummer. Laizure taught himself how to play the guitar. The band tries to incorporate a variety of styles in its music, including punk. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Musician showcases songs across Metro

By Karis Perry

"I have a love for music," Michael Laizure (10) said, "what can I

He plays bass in OpenDoor Syndrome (ODS), a punk-rock band.

"I taught myself how to play," he said.

When the band was first formed, Laizure played the guitar.

"We lost our bass player so I had to fill in," Laizure said. "I want to play the guitar so bad though."

Former drummer Nicholas O'Bradovich (10) said his music interests are different and he tries to incorporate different styles when he is playing.

"I didn't play rock until I joined the band," he said. "I do other types of music, like jazz."

Vince Swaney came up with the name of the group.

"It all started because we both hate doors being open," Laizure said. "I know it sounds odd. Then we found out it is some type of disease, but we still liked the name."

The band was formed in February 2006.

"We played for the first time on Valentine's Day," he said.

Laizure said he and Swaney have been friends since elementary

"One day we just said let's make a band," Laizure said. "We did. It's kind of cool to think about it."

After they lost their drummer, ODS found O'Bradovich in September.

Laizure met him in middle school.

He and Swaney both write and sing the songs.

"The songs can be about anything," Laizure said. "They can be funny or serious. It's really whatever we feel like writing."

The group, like many other young bands, posts its music on MySpace.

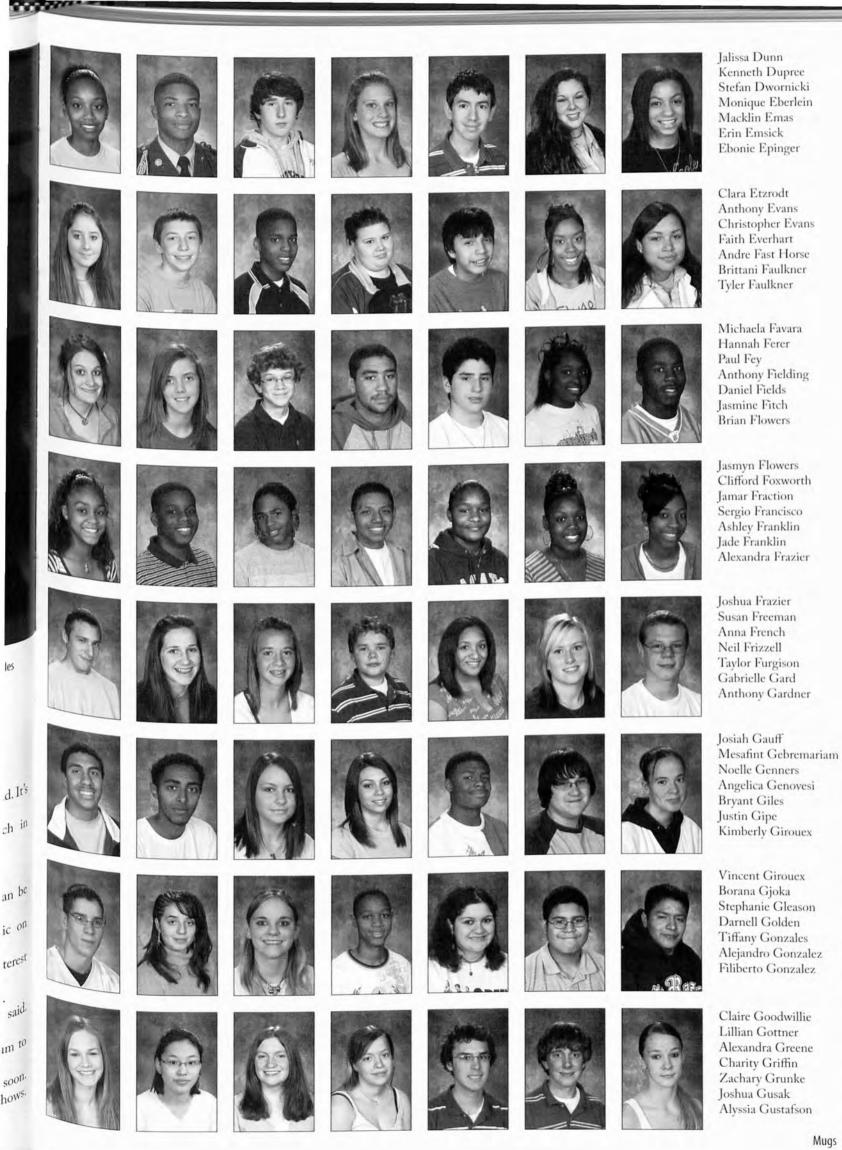
"I think for the most part the songs are about things that interest them at that time," Bradovich said.

The group tries to have the same style as their favorite bands.

"Jessie Lacey from the band Brand New is my idol," Laizure said. "His songs are just so powerful."

The band has played everywhere from the Sokol Auditorium to the occasional party.

Laizure said they are planning on playing at a music center soon. Both Laizure and O'Bradovich said their parents come to their shows.



The Match Club challenged the Chess Club to a soccer match and rematch. -0-Book 1977.

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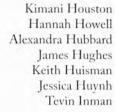














































Andrew Zimmer (10) (left) and Derek Porter (10) rap about life, things that are funny and friends. The Great Whites started when Zimmer, Dylan Saferstein (10), Mark David (10) and Porter got together in Saferstein's basement and started to rap and record the music. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Sophomores stretch for superstardom

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"We were just hanging out in (Dylan) Saferstein's (10) basement and started rapping freestyle, recorded it and then loaded it on to the computer," Andrew Zimmer (10) said.

The group is called the Great Whites.

It is composed of Mark David (10), Derek Porter (10), Saferstein and Zimmer.

"People gave us problems about our name and called us a wannabe," Zimmer said. "We don't care. It's what we do and you can take it or leave it."

The group has been asked to perform at parties and have been complimented by Track Boy Records.

"If there was an opportunity to make music for a living," Zimmer said, "we'd take it."

The group has produced nearly 20 songs. Each song is about three to five minutes.

"Kids around school and other rap groups have asked to be featured on our songs," Zimmer said.

"Mark got into the group because he had the mic and really got into it," Zimmer said.

The group comes up with a topic and raps about it.

"We all come up with our own lyrics," Saferstein said. "The lyrics are about life. It's funny and we rap about our friends, too."

Members of the group said they are inspired by Paul Wall, Eminem and Buck Bowen.

"The song that was the most controversial was about the takeover (One City, One School)," Porter said. "The Millard kids gave us beef about that one."

The group gets its instrumental tracks from Limewire and Morpheus.

"We haven't really worried about copyrighting because we never thought we'd get that big," Porter said.

Some of the song titles and lyrics are explicit, but the group said it was all for fun.

"The song "Holy Guacamole" was about us trying to make it as funny as possible while still having it flow," Porter said. "People have told us it sounds the best."

Porter's father doesn't allow the group to rap at his house anymore, but Zimmer's parents don't mind the group rapping at their house.

"We never really considered doing a show," Porter said. "It's just a hobby."

Jacob Seefus (10) was a featured artist on "No Cop No Stop."

"They came to school one day and asked if I had heard the songs they produced," he said. "I heard it and asked if they'd let me be in one."

This was the first time any of them recorded a song together. "We try to make it funny and different," Seefus said.





Left. Caitlyn Tapio (10) browses through a rack of clothing at Nouvelle Eve in the Old Market. Tapio modeled in the Tee'z Cities Fashion Show. Tapio represented London in the show. Right. She displays a shirt she tried on "Once you're on the require it of the property of the show. Right." shirt she tried on. "Once you're on the runway itself you know what to do," Tapio said. "You have to have good timing and be off the runway when the song is done. I was second so I didn't have to worry." Photos by Jomarcell Nauyen and Patrick O'Malley.

Sophomore walks down the runway for a day

By Jomarcell Nguyen

Caitlyn Tapio (10) was working with her grandma at a bridal show when someone asked her if she wanted to be a model.

"I had no experience with modeling which was why I was scared to do it at first," Tapio said. "Justine ran after me and asked me if I wanted to model."

Justine, from T's Salon, liked Tapio's hair and asked if she would be interested in modeling some clothes for a show.

The show lasted from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"We were supposed to model and act at the same time," Tapio said. "The other people were poised and weren't mean."

Tapio participated in the Tee'z Cities Fashion Show. The theme of the show was cities.

The show represented six major cities.

The six major cities represented were London, Toyko, Paris, New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Tapio represented London. Tapio's makeup was black blocks around her eyes.

Her hair stuck off her head and her clothes were the current trends in London.

"I knew two girls that were in it," Tapio said. "They got over the fear of modeling.

Tapio was there at 8 a.m. on Jan. 27. She was there for 12 hours and was not allowed to leave.

"The runway was a lot bigger than I expected and as the day progressed, I got into it and felt less scared," Tapio said. "We had a lot of down time. People did all the hair and makeup for us."

The show was a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish foundation. Tapio only invited her parents, aunt and grandma because the event was held at Club Nico and the minimum age limit was 21.

"I was really nervous," Tapio said. "I had mixed emotions and couldn't tell if I was going to cry or laugh."

Blake King was Tapio's partner for the show.

Tapio had to present a rebel attitude.

She wore a white laced shirt priced at \$400, a plaid jacket, jeans and shoes.

The clothes came from different vendors.

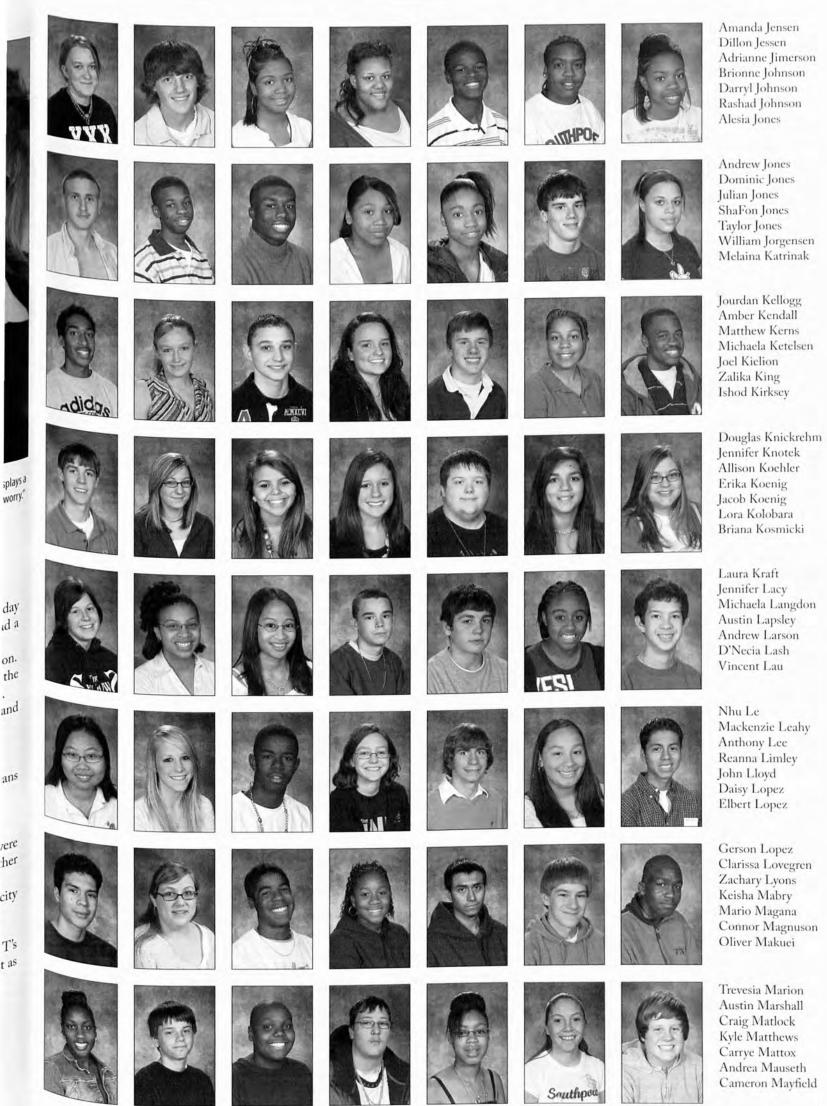
King had done modeling before this show.

"I was completely relieved that I got to see what they were wearing and it was neat," Tapio said. "I got to see what the other cities wore."

There were 70 models for the whole show, 10 or 12 for each city and about eight boys total for whole show.

The age group ranged from 14 to 25.

"I would probably do it again. I filled out a job application at T's Salon so I hope I get the summer job," she said. "I wouldn't do it as a career, but I would totally do it again for fun."



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Movie inspires teen to krump dance

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"I started krump dancing because of a movie I saw," Edward Pierce (10) said. "They (the characters in the movie) had a reason to do it."

Pierce said krump dancing helps relieve his anger.

It originated in the black community in South Central Los Angelas and is a new form of the Urban Black dance movement.

Walter Dudley (12) said he has been krumping all of his life. He grew up in California, where it originated.

"It's different here," he said. "The crowd is not as 'hype.'
People don't notice it and understand it."

He said he started doing it to keep out of trouble.

"My stepfather died," Dudley said. "It kept me motivated."

His sister started teaching him and from there he moved forward.

Krump dancers compete in battles, where groups compete against each other. The goal is to win over the crowd.

Pierce competed with his group Krump Starz (K.S.) at Club Krump.

Dudley, the most experienced member of the group, was in K.S. back in California. He kept the name when he moved to Nebraska.

"We danced against each other before," Pierce said, "and we decided to make a group."

He said the group has to make sure it had a "kill off," which is a move that ends a battle.

"It's real good," Pierce said. "It's something the other group can't recover from."

Members within the group have different styles which include flashy, grimy, cocky, goofy, fast, rugged and bully.

Pierce said his style is flashy, fast and goofy. He is known as the Little Savage.

Walter is known as Reckless.

The group usually dances to Chris Brown's music, especially his song "Gimme That."

Pierce said the best part is when the dancer wins a battle because he feels like he has accomplished something.

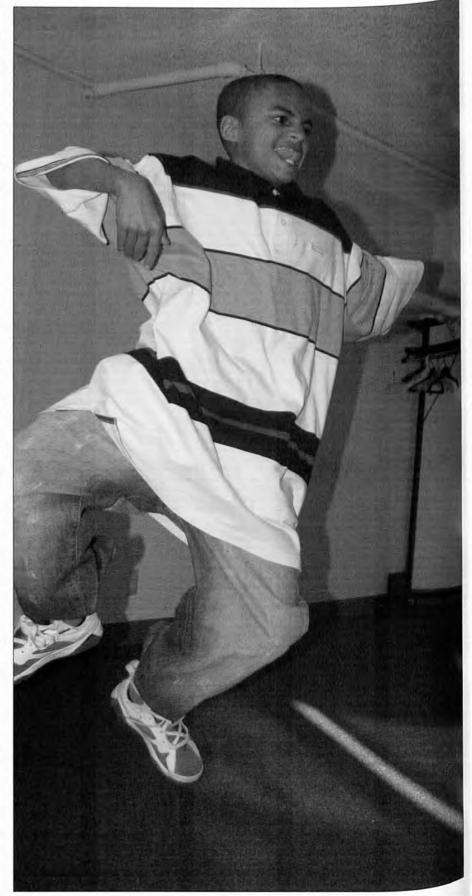
"The worst part is losing of course," he said.

Before he competed with a group, Pierce said he competed by himself.

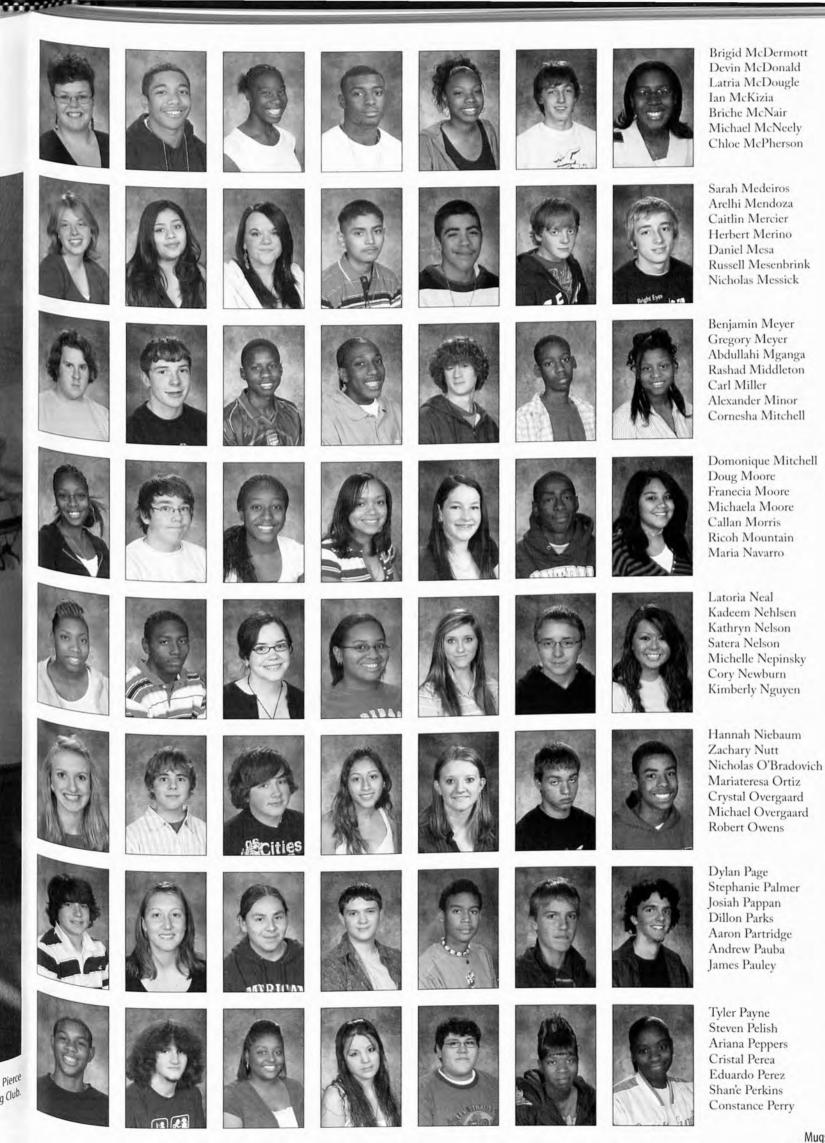
"Both are good," Pierce said. "When you're by yourself, if you have it, then you're good, but with a group, you can lean on others."

He said the outfits they wore were based on comfort. They would also paint their faces.

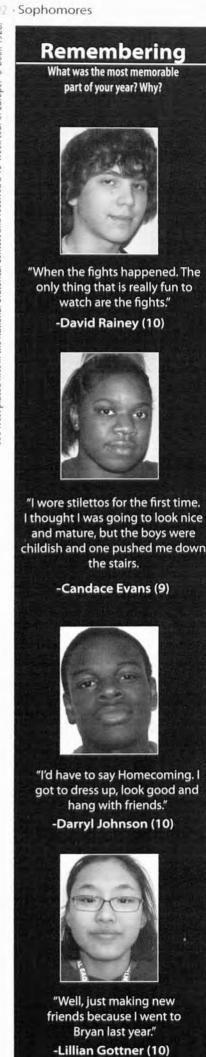
"Our friends think it is the best thing they've ever seen," Pierce said.



Edward Pierce (10) practices his krump dance moves at the Greater Omaha Community Association building. Pierce started krump dancing when he was 10. He performed with a group from school and was in the Breakdancing Club. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



Scott Christian was involved in everything from Air Raid Warden to Silent Platoon to Military Police. -0-Book 1944





Keyana Jones (10) feeds her daughter Lauren ice cream for an after-school snack. She remembers a time she was putting her to sleep. "I left music on for her and left the room," she said. "All of a sudden I heard the music getting louder and louder. She was out of bed playing with it." Photo by Karis Perry.

Teen walks in a mother's role

By Karis Perry

"I was 14 when I had my daughter Lauren," Keyana Jones (10) said. "I'm 16 now and she is 16 months."

She was a freshman at the time of the birth.

"I named my daughter after my girlfriend Lauren Terrell," Jones said. "We have been together for three years."

Her daughter is walking now.

"She is so bad it's not even funny, but I sill love her," Jones said.

She said when her mom found out she was pregnant she cried.

"It was more like 'I can't believe it' cry," she

When Jones told her mother she might be pregnant, her mother took her to the emergency room.

She said that is how they both found out for

"She cried. I'm just glad she didn't hit," Jones said. "When she gets mad, she hits."

Another person who had a major reaction was Jones' girlfriend.

"She had a reaction to it," she said. "She was like, 'Oh you cheated on me and you're having a baby."

The father and his family are still in the child's life and very supportive.

Jones said they watch and spend time with her all the time.

"They love her," she said.

Her girlfriend is also supportive and takes her daughter places.

"My daughter sometimes calls her mama, Jones said. "She knows I'm the mama, but when she really wants something that is what she will call her. Other then that she really doesn't have a name for her."

The child's grandparents watch her at a private day care when she is at school and work.

Jones said when she comes home her daughter is usually running around.

"One day I left to go look at apartments and I left my purse by accident," she said. "When I came back, everything was on the floor. She put bread in my purse in place of everything else."

Jones said she earns pretty good grades.

"The first semester was rocky," she said, "but I'm working on it."

She said she is searching for an apartment to move into. It will be for her daughter, her girlfriend and herself.



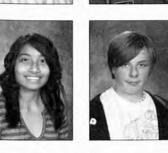
















































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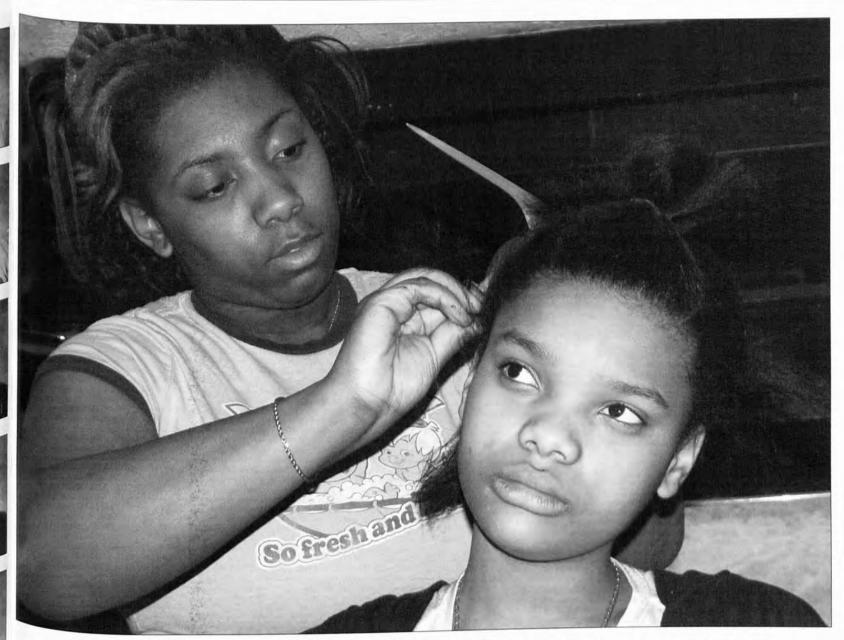












Latoria Neal (10) works on her sister Shawnteea Mapp's hair in her basement salon. "I've been doing my own hair for a long time," Neal said. "I started doing my cousins and sisters." She said she now has paying customers and many of them attend Central. She said some of her clients ride home from school with her. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Sophomore shows style with comb

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"I love hair," Latoria Neal (10) said. "I like to make people look good"

She has a salon in her basement that attracts paying customers. The business was started last year.

"It's a way to make money," she said, "and do something that I like to do."

Many of the customers are students at Central. They are charged anywhere from \$15 to \$20.

Sydni Powe (10) has her hair done by Neal once a week.

"She does a good job with my hair," she said.

She said some common styles customers ask for include humps, weaves and shark fins.

"Sometimes I have picky customers," Neal said. "You do what they tell you to do and then they tell you to take it down because you didn't get it exactly right."

She said she also has had a lot of customers who do not know how they want their hair styled.

"I watch a lot of TV and videos," she said. "I always look in magazines also for ideas and things that interest me."

Neal said a lot of the money she earns goes back into the business for supplies, especially gel and oil sheen.

"My mom encouraged me," Neal said. "She helped me start and helped pay for supplies."

The basement has a TV like a typical basement.

On one side, there is a TV and two armchairs for people to relax. On the other side, there are chairs, supplies and mirrors.

Most of the appointments, Neal said, were scheduled after school. Some were on weekends.

"Some people will ride the bus home with me," she said, "because they do not know how to get to my house."

Her mom worries about strangers in the house, but Neal said her mom is always in the house when she has appointments.

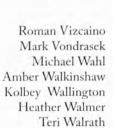
Powe said she recommended Neal to some of her friends and they go to her now also.

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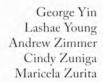
























































































MLK and the Dreamers (from left) Evelyn Taylor (10), Claire Langdon (12) who transferred from Duchesne, Tyler Magnuson (12) and Christ Anton from Mount Michael jump over Emma Ferber (11), Kevin Rooney (12), Isaac Riley from Creighton Prep and Maxwell Larson (11) outside an apartment building next to the British Broadcasting Company in London England. BBC used under the Fair Usage Act.

Band earns a trip to London for competition

By Lucy Schroeder

Evelyn Taylor (10) has been playing the piano and violin for over six years and came together with MLK and the Dreamers to form a successful band this year.

The group traveled to London to compete in "The Next Big Thing." It was hosted by British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Recording Studio.

MLK and the Dreamers was formed when a few of the band members were joking around at Taylor's house.

Tyler Magnuson (12), who is also in the band, began singing about Martin Luther King Jr. The words eventually evolved into a song called "Great Man" and later into an entire band.

Other members include Kevin Rooney (12), Emma Ferber (11), Maxwell Larson (11), Isaac Riley from Creighton Prep, Chris Antonelli from Mount Michael and Claire Langdon (12) who transferred from Duchesne.

The Dreamers are not currently working on anything new. The first four songs were written very spontaneously, but with input from the whole group. One song was the one that won the Dreamers the opportunity to go to London in December.

"We were there for seven days with bands from Brazil, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia and London," Taylor said.

All the bands recorded, played live and competed. Although the Dreamers did not win, Taylor said they really brought the other bands closer together.

She said they also had a great time.

Members grew close to a band called Sweet Cherry Fury from Brazil who play rock that was borderline punk.

The concert hall was filled to capacity when they performed.

BBC provided the Dreamers with an apartment to stay at where workers for BBC usually live.

The group had a run-through with a critique session and then recorded it. The BBC also took them to a concert called the Future Heads. All expenses were paid by the corporation.

"The trip really showed me how big of a process it is to try and make it out there (in the music business)," Rooney said. "It was a very memorable trip."

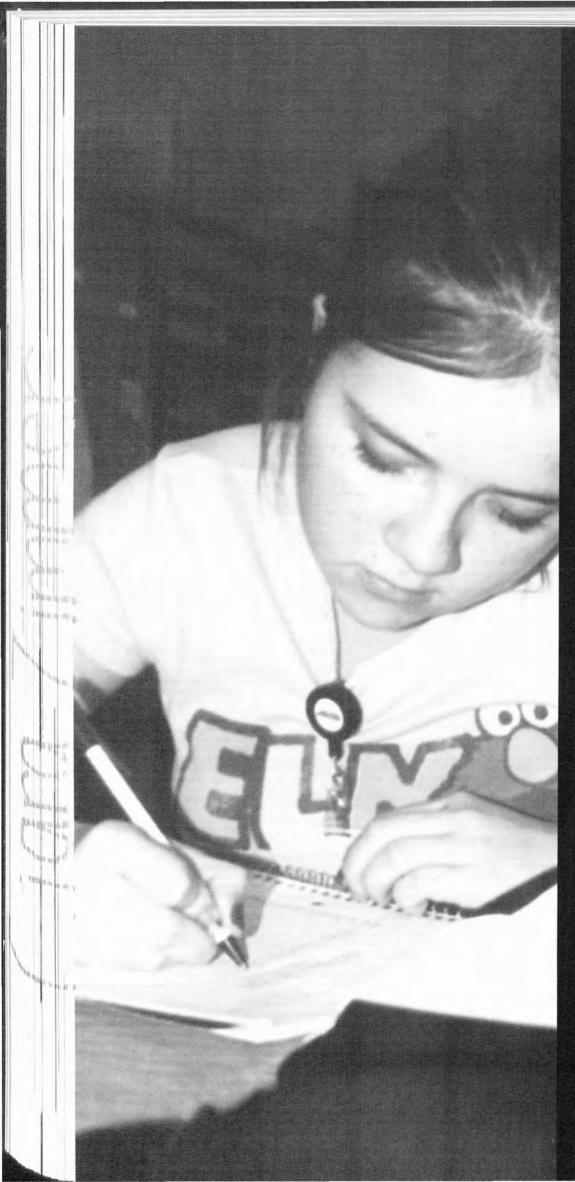
Rooney and Taylor agreed the band will probably not continue, but said they believe everything has still been a great experience.

"Our trip to London was a real adventure," Rooney said. "We are eight friends (who were) lucky enough to go."

Taylor began playing the violin and piano in the fourth grade and started taking private lessons in the sixth. She quit in eighth grade, but still plays as a hobby and said she hopes to pursue a career in either music, art or writing.

She said she would like most to go into art, but will always stay involved in music.

"Evelyn is a very musically talented girl," Rooney said. "She has a real future in music."



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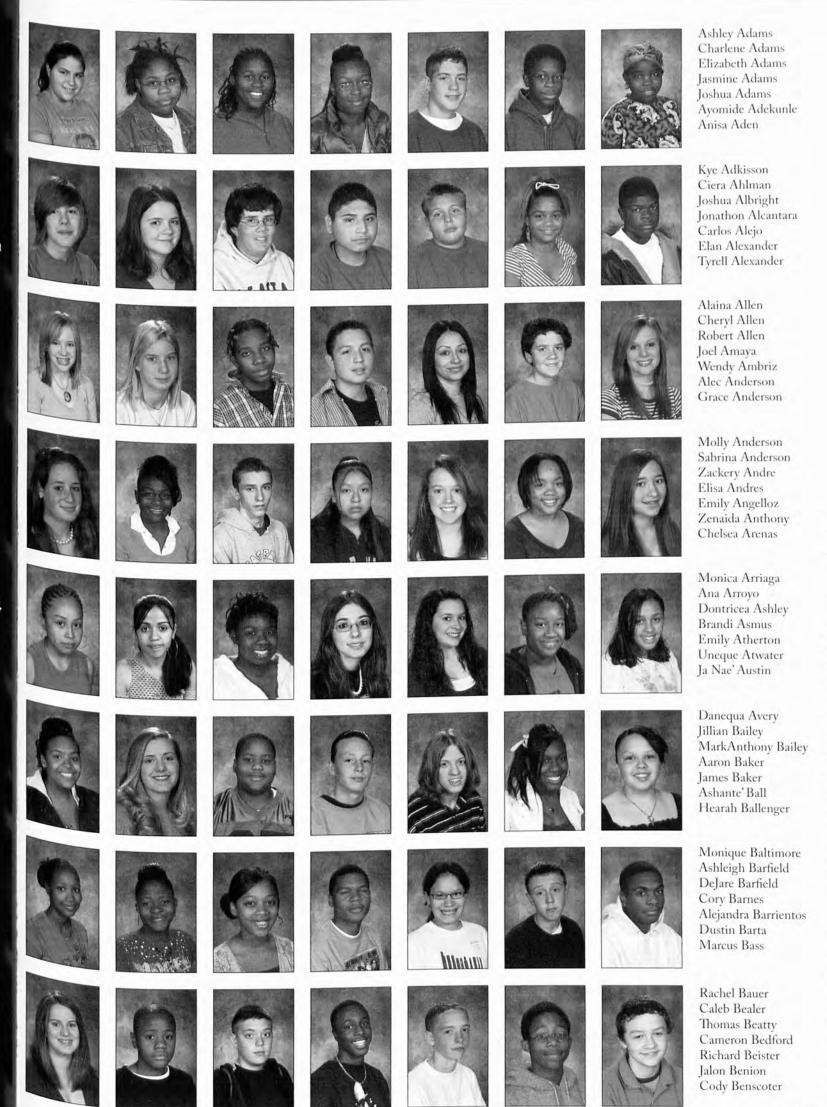
From sharing a love of opera with her family to playing a sport dominated by men to baking cookies for charity. Freshmen entered a new building and learned new procedures. This did not stop them from pursuing activities they enjoyed and helping others. They learned about other cultures through pen pals. They focused on their goals through music and art. They experienced a fire drill on their very first day.

They developed winning streaks in sports and other areas.



Above. (From left) Chelsey Hill (9) performs her version of "Summertime" in the Road Show. Alycia Noble (9) waits on the sideline in order to get back in a hockey game. Philip Sjogren (9) places a tray of cookies he is baking for charity in the oven. Photos by Patrick O'Malley and Alexandria Hodge.

Left. Ciera Ahlman (9) completes homework during eighth hour PASS. This was a smaller study hall that allowed students one -on-one help from teachers. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley.*





DeJare Barfield (9) records episodes of "Strawberry Shortcake" at Warehouse Productions. She is the voice of Orange Blossom. "As I'm getting older," she said, "it's hard to keep my voice at the young level like when I used to have a 'kiddie' voice." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Freshman performs in movie, on TV

By Stephanie Wilhelm

She has been the voice of Orange Blossom on "Strawberry Shortcake," a cartoon, ever since she was 9.

DeJare Barfield (9) participated in a premier at the Rose Blumpkin Theatre in September for a new film entitled "Strawberry Shortcake: The Sweet Dreams Movie."

A white limo picked her up and dropped her and her fellow cast members in front of the red carpet.

Her fans awaited her arrival. She along with the other characters signed autographs. They took pictures in front of big blow up dolls of their characters.

"When I saw the little kids," Barfield said, "I was like 'Kids actually watch it. They like every character.' It made me feel proud."

The movie was playing inside the theater and the children had an opportunity to win a raffle ticket enabling them to see an episode recorded in the studio.

Barfield said the character Orange Blossom is a shy person.

"She knows what it's like growing up," Barfield said, "and what it's like making new friends. She's the one who always has an idea."

She said Orange Blossom is just like her.

"I would say I'm shy," Barfield said. "I'm also really good at making friends."

A new episode is recorded every other month at Warehouse

Production in Omaha.

The producers come from DIC Entertainment in California.
"I receive my schedule in the mail," she said. "Then I go into
the studio every Tuesday that month."

Two days are spent on dialogue and the other two days are for singing.

She said she has to miss school a lot, but she plans to stay on the honor roll.

Barfield said she hopes to audition for more parts later on and write her own script.

She participated in a lot of plays when she was younger. Her older sister was also involved in acting.

"My sister had an audition," Barfield said. "I wanted to do it also. I didn't know what was going on though. My mom took me."

She said there isn't a lot of competition between her and her sister.

Her sister ended up landing a part in "Horseland" two years later.

Barfield was called back a week later and received the part of Orange Blossom for which she had specifically tried out.

"When I first saw it (the program)," Barfield said, "I called over to my mom and said 'I'm actually on it. That's my voice on it. It makes me happy."



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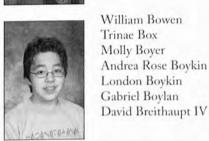












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Members in the Physics Club participated in the UNO Car Pull in April. They had to construct a car that could pull more weight than it weighed. -0-Book 1996.

Singer's love of opera runs in the family

By Kim Buckley

For Chelsey Hill (9), singing opera comes naturally.

Hill said she came from a musical background and it branched in part to opera.

Her mom plays the flute professionally. Her great grandfather was classically trained on the violin and the trombone and her other great grandfather was a ragtime pianist.

"Music's just in my family," Hill said.

She said she has listened to opera since she was around 5. She learned how to sing arias, or opera songs, when she was around 8 and has taken voice lessons since she was 11.

"I've always grown up with opera," she said.

Her vocal coach is music teacher Lyn Bouma.

Bouma said as Hill's private voice teacher she works with her on solo literature and audition material for honors choir.

"Chelsey has a naturally mature voice with a lot of power," she

Hill said to help with singing arias, she studies different languages to help her pronunciation as well as music theory.

She said the most challenging part of opera for her is breath support.

Hill also said arias are really hard to sing because of the range of notes being sung along with being in a foreign language.

She said to prepare for a performance, she runs the song through her head many times to make sure she's ready.

"I usually practice a lot before a performance," Hill said.

She said she loves the chord structures of arias, how old the songs are and how they remain popular. She said she likes how opera is classical and romantic. Hill said operas tell what happened in the time

they were written and it is like going back in time and seeing what it was like back then.

She said she wants to sing opera professionally. She has done recitals and she is in the chorus, but hasn't actually been in an opera,

"I still have a long way to go, but I've learned so much from studying it (opera)," she said.

Hill said her voice hasn't matured yet and won't until she's an adult.

She has to know how to count the score as well as study vocal

technique and music history. "There's more that goes into being an opera singer than singing

loud and pretty," she said.

She has performed in the show "Josie and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." She said being in the show was helpful for her as an opera singer because she was getting the experience of performing in front of a huge audience.

"The only difference is the style of music," she said.

Singing opera has allowed her to stand out and make herself different since a lot of teenagers are not familiar with the genre.

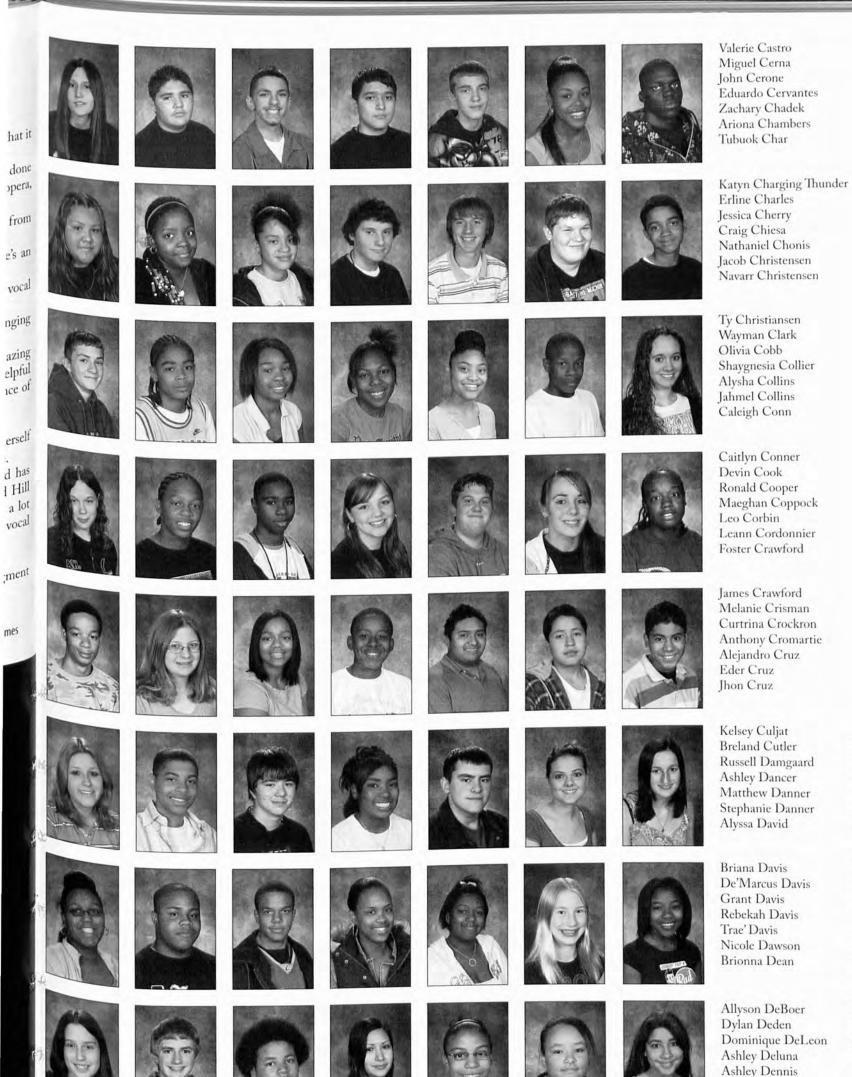
Bouma said Hill works hard, is a very good musician and has had training as an instrumentalist as well as a singer. She said Hill is dedicated to practicing and improving herself and listens to a lot of professional recordings to expose herself to literature and vocal

She sings in many languages.

Hill also said she was on television for the Big Voices segment over the winter break and performed with David Rubio (10).

Chelsey Hill (9) performs her version of "Summertime" for the 93rd annual Road Show held in February. She was one of many talented singers who performed, but was the only opera singer. Hill comes from a long line of musically-talented individuals. She said she has had a long history of voice and music lessons. All of which added to her love of music. Photo by Alexandria Hodge.





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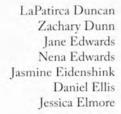


























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Alycia Noble (9) takes a break on the bench, waiting for another chance to get back in the game. "They treat me like anyone else," Noble said, "but the other team sometimes goes easy." She said at first, the opposing leam might lay off a big hit, but once the game starts going the players are skating and hitting at full speed. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Girl plays for male-dominated Metro hockey team

By Patrick Breen

"I guess the best part is hitting people," Alycia Noble (9) said. A unifying factor of hockey is the violence. But the one thing that separates Noble from the other hockey players is the fact that

she's a girl. Hockey has always been a sport dominated by males. In fact, every other player on her team is a male. She said it was not like other sports.

"It's different," Noble said, "because there are only like four other girls in high school hockey (in the metro area)."

Throughout the years, many sports have been divided by sex. Individual players like Billy Jean King broke the sex barrier when beating a male in tennis, proving females can do just as well as males. Noble said once she's on the ice, no one on her team thinks about her being a girl.

When Noble started playing, there were very few girls involved in hockey in the Metro. If girls wanted to skate, people would push them towards figure skating. She said she had never done figure skating and the girls who are playing hockey are breaking the

Noble plays in the Omaha League for the Metro team.

"About half the players are from Central," she said. "We play other schools like Millard North and South, Creighton Prep and

She said Central doesn't have enough hockey players to have a school team, but she likes playing with the Metro team. Other schools have competitive try-outs and compete in Districts and State.

The Metro team plays other OPS and Millard Schools that have

enough players and money to create their own teams and rent ice rinks. Noble said this created neither an advantage nor a disadvantage.

On one hand, the team has a wider talent pool, getting players from around the city instead of one specific school. On the other hand, schools like Millard North and Creighton Prep are able to practice more often on the ice.

"It doesn't affect us too much," she said.

Noble said she had to pay \$500 to be on the team. The payment covers rink fees and competitions. The price may be high, but she said it was worth paying since she gets to play.

"If I didn't have hockey or other sports," she said, "I would be really lazy."

The team practiced whenever it could.

Since there isn't an ice rink for every team, the Metro team is forced to play when it is scheduled or when other teams cancel.

"We (the team) play as much as we can," Noble said. "If the rink opens up, then we call each other up and get together to practice."

Family is also a major factor in why Noble plays hockey. She started when her brother started and then her father also started playing.

"My brother got me into the sports," Noble said, "and now we all skate."

She has been skating for eight years. She said she has seen major improvements in her game.

"When I started," Noble said, "I barely knew how to skate. Now I skate well and know the strategy."

Green Eagles, a chapter of the Green Party, was started in Mach of 1990. - O-Book 1990.

Volunteering helps animals, teen's depression

By Joshua St. Helene

Alyssa David (9) has been volunteering her time at the Humane Society since last July.

"I feel that I am giving back to my community in a fun way," she said.

Alyssa said her mom, Debbie David, was the first of the two to go and offer her services there.

Debbie was invited to join by her friend to help take care of the animals. They were both first-timers.

Debbie said she thoroughly enjoyed the experience, so the next time she brought Alyssa along.

It couldn't have come at a better time.

"I was struggling with depression and needed something to focus on the positive things in life and something to make me happy," Alyssa said.

At first, she said volunteering at the shelter wasn't what she thought it would be.

"I didn't like doing it," she said. "I thought the job was too hard and the jobs would never get done."

After volunteering for awhile, she changed her mind.

"When I started going there more often, I started to miss it when I didn't go," she said. "I think this is what I needed in my life to keep me thinking positively." Alyssa said she enjoys taking care of the animals and the experience has made a difference.

"I was no longer depressed, but happy and enjoying life," she

She takes care of a variety of animals at the Humane Society, including: pot-bellied pigs, horses, cows, dogs and cats.

Although she said it was hard to choose which type of animal she liked the best, she said she probably enjoys dogs the most.

"I like it how whenever I walk into the room where the dog kennels are kept, they all bark and get happy, as if they are excited to see me," she said.

Alyssa said one of the hardest parts of the work was seeing the animals she had grown attached to leave and go to homes.

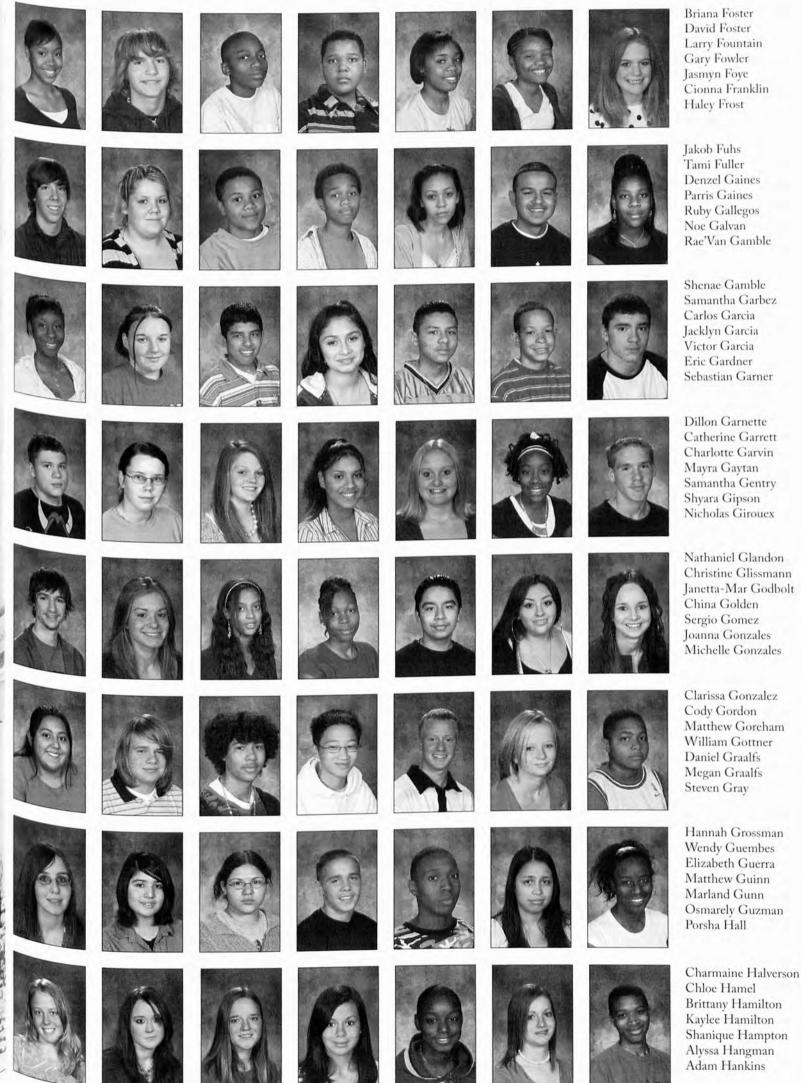
However, she said, she was also thrilled with the fact they were going to safe and nurturing families.

Alyssa said volunteering at the Humane Society is a good learning environment for her considering one of her goals in life is to become a veterinarian.

"I want to work with animals and this is just a way to start doing it," she said. "I'm getting some experience with the animals."

She also wanted to emphasize one point. "Every animal needs a home," she said.





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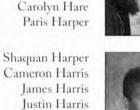
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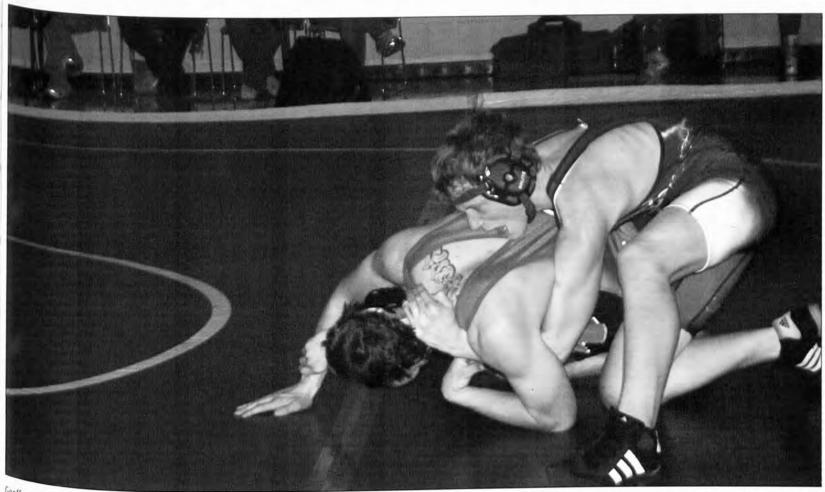












Geoffrey Miles (9) tries to take down a South wrestler at the Eagles' last home dual. The Eagles won the dual, dominating the Packers with several pins in the first minutes of each match. "Miles tries really hard in Plactice, is eager to learn new moves and is willing to put forth the extra time towards getting better," head coach Jimmie Foster said. Photo by Patrick Breen.

Wrestler strives for success at young age

By Joshua St. Helene

Making it to varsity is quite an accomplishment for a freshman.

Not many people can say they did it, but Geoffrey Miles (9) can. Miles started wrestling in the sixth grade

"I couldn't play basketball, so I decided to wrestle," he said.

Wrestling can be very dangerous, but Miles said his parents are very supportive.

"My mom would rather I wrestle than swim because she likes to watch wrestling more than swimming," he said.

Any good coach knows having talent is a plus, but so is having a great work ethic.

"Miles is very intense and puts forth all of his effort," head coach Jimmie Foster said.

Miles wrestles in the 125/130-pound weight class.

"I like to put the guys that I wrestle in my favorite move," he

Along with practicing different techniques, athletes are continually trying to improve for future competitions.

"This is not going to be my only year wrestling. I plan on

wrestling the rest of my four years in high school," Miles said.

He also said he will try and wrestle at the college level as well.

Miles said the competition in his weight class was not as strong as it could be.

"The guy from Westside was my hardest competitor yet," he said, "after practicing more this year, I will be better prepared when facing him next year."

In critiquing the year, there are always things one would do better or differently.

Miles said he would have conditioned better during the summer. He said doing so would have helped him handle all the running he did at practices during the season.

During practice, Miles said he was motivated by some of the things Foster would say.

Miles said there were a few that kept him working hard.

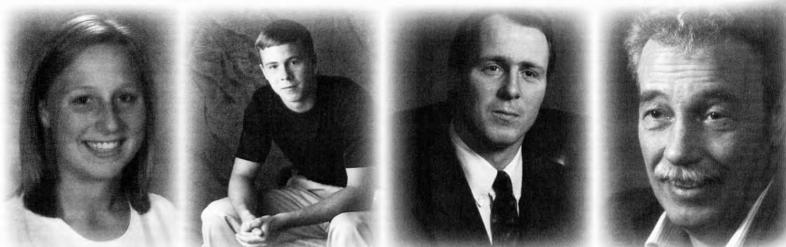
"A long way to go and a short time to get there" was one of those phrases.

It seemed to work.



Right. Eric Whelan (9) sorts through a file cabinet at his dad's law office. Eric, along with sister Jacquelyn Whelan (11), have been working with their parents for the past 10 years. "Ever since I was a kid, I always went there and answered phones for them," Eric said. Photo by Lucy Schroeder.

Bottom (from left). Jacquelyn Whelan (11), brother Dennis Whelan, father Lawrence Whelan and grandfather Dennis Whelan. These are some of the Whelans who have or still work at the same law firm. With permission of Whelan family.



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Family members work together at law

By Lucy Schroeder

A passion for both law and helping others runs in the Whelan family.

Eric (9) and Jacquelyn Whelan (11) have both been working at their dad's law office for about 10 years. Both started receiving a salary about a year ago.

"Ever since I was a kid, I always went there and answered phones for them," Eric said.

His dad, Lawrence Whelan, became interested in law through his father as well.

He was a private detective and Lawrence worked under him as a private investigator for 12 years beginning when he was in high school.

Lawrence said he was brought up doing investigations and that eventually led into law.

Lawrence said three of his kids want to follow in his career: Eric, Jacquelyn and Dennis, who is now a sophomore in college.

Eric wants to be a lawyer and probably work alongside his dad.

He said he mostly sorts files and answers the phones. He takes different types of cases and does all the filing work for them.

Eric mostly deals with MIPs, DUIs, misdemeanors and juvenile cases. He takes a lot of MIPs, especially during the holiday season. Eric said the number of drinking cases is especially high around the holidays.

He said he enjoys the atmosphere and like his dad, he loves to be able to give people a second chance and a fresh start.

Lawrence said the job can literally be lifechanging, not only for himself but for his clients as well.

"The reason I find it so fulfilling is because of all the interaction with people and trying to help them through their problems," he said.

Eric said he does not feel pressured to follow his father's footsteps in any way.

He said he had pretty much always wanted

to be a lawyer.

"I didn't want to influence them," Lawrence aid.

With a job so rewarding in so many ways, one would think his father would want to influence him as much as possible.

Lawrence said he believes there are so many professions out there that are just as wonderful in different ways.

"I want them to feel happy in whatever field they choose," Lawrence said.

Eric's grandfather was the president of the Whelan Detective Agency and Lawrence was the vice president for a long period of his life.

His grandfather solved many famous cases including the search for the missing child, Todd Bequette.

As the detective agency was prospering, Lawrence decided to go into law. The agency had many cases and needed more attorneys to support them.

Lawrence said he believed his practice of law would open more doors as an investigator. Unfortunately, the agency was eventually shut down. Lawrence was already firmly established at the Whelan Law Office though.

The future of the firm looks very bright because there are many understanding and dedicated kids in the Whelan family looking to take it on.

They plan to keep the firm small so that they can take the time to get to know their employees and clients well.

Jackie said they also hope to see it turn into a partnership. She said she believes there are a lot of benefits to a family-owned business, especially one involved with law.

"It takes a very trustworthy person for law," she said, "and your family is probably the people you can trust most."



What specific words of wisdom would you give to incoming freshmen?



"If you're in JROTC, you have to get your uniform early and have to wear them every Wednesday."

-Lindsey Johnson (9)



"Don't mess around in the hallway because you will be late for class. The halls here are crowded. Also work really hard to earn your credits so you don't have to take summer school."

-Haley Frost (9)

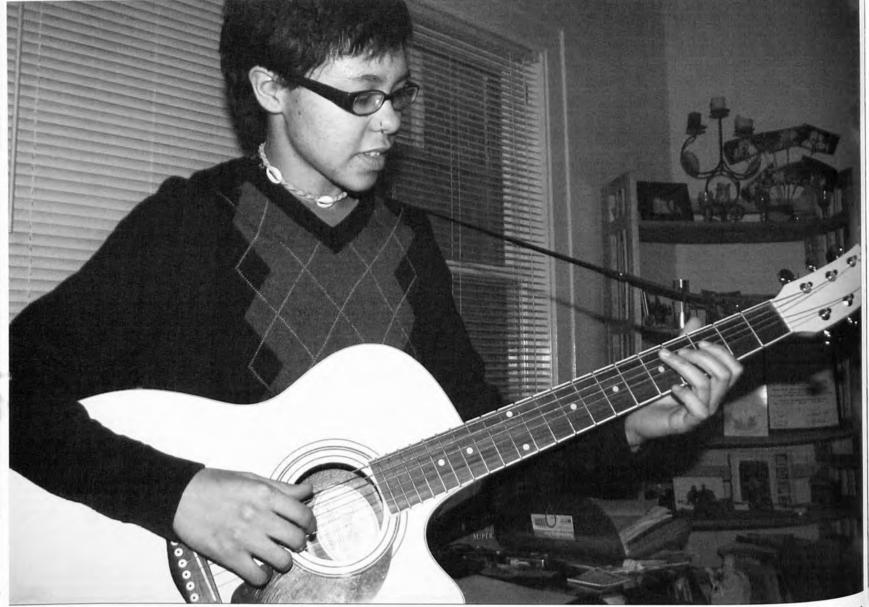


"Keep up your grades. If they (grades) fall, it is hard to get them back up." -Joseph Martinez (9)



"Don't hang around with other kids that get you in trouble."

-Rontai Tutt (9)



Abriona Lueders (9) plays the acoustic guitar that she named Daphney. "I bought Daphney myself. I worked over the summer and made a lot of money," she said. "I went into a music store and I saw her. She was a lot of money, and I saw her. She was a lot light blue color and I fell in love with her. I got her right on the spot." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Freshman likes guitars so much she names them

By Karis Perry

"My favorite guitar is Daphney," Abriona Lueders (9) said. "I was looking at pictures of my guitar and her color is a daphney blue, it was the perfect name. I named my other guitar Betsy just because I named my other one."

She said her grandfather gave her Betsy two years ago for Christmas.

"He knew I loved instruments," she said. "I tried playing all kinds of instruments and he just picked the guitar."

Betsy is an electric guitar (below).

She said she likes Daphney because she is acoustic.

"I just love the sound of an acoustic guitar," she said. "I play her the

Lueders took lessons over the summer and she started teaching

"I pick them by the sound," she said. "If I like the sound, I'll sit there and listen to its beat. I also look the songs up online to find out more information about them."

> Guitar is not the only instrument she has played though it is the one she plays the most.

"In grade school, I wanted to play the saxophone," Lueders said, "but I was the only one interested so I couldn't."

Instead, she played the trombone.

"I just picked whatever they would get me," Lueders said. "I also played the piano."

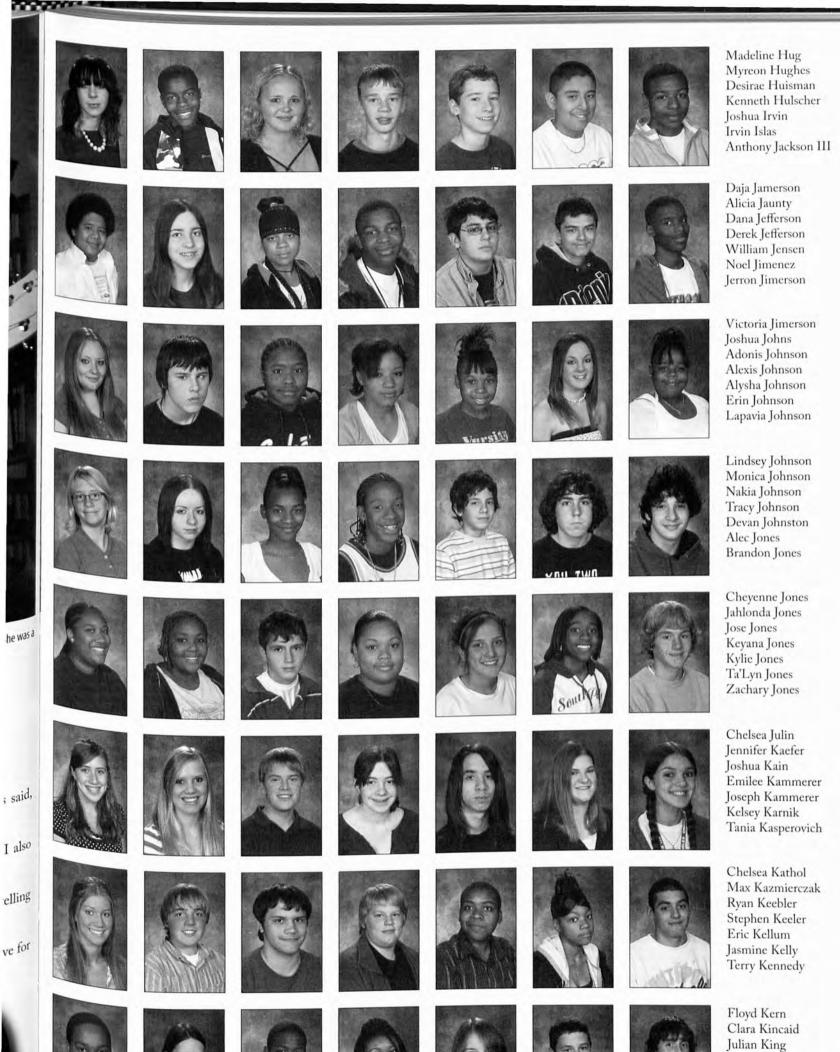
She said she enjoys teaching herself.

"My mom is very ecstatic about it," she said. "She is always telling me to play for people. She shows me off."

Lueders also plays for fun.

"A lot of my friends like rock and that is how I started my love for music," she said. "I used to only listen to the stuff my mom did."





- Maxine Evelyn White was in CHS Press Club and Ushering, and was a teacher's helpers and a Homeroom Representative. - O-Book 1949.

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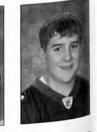


























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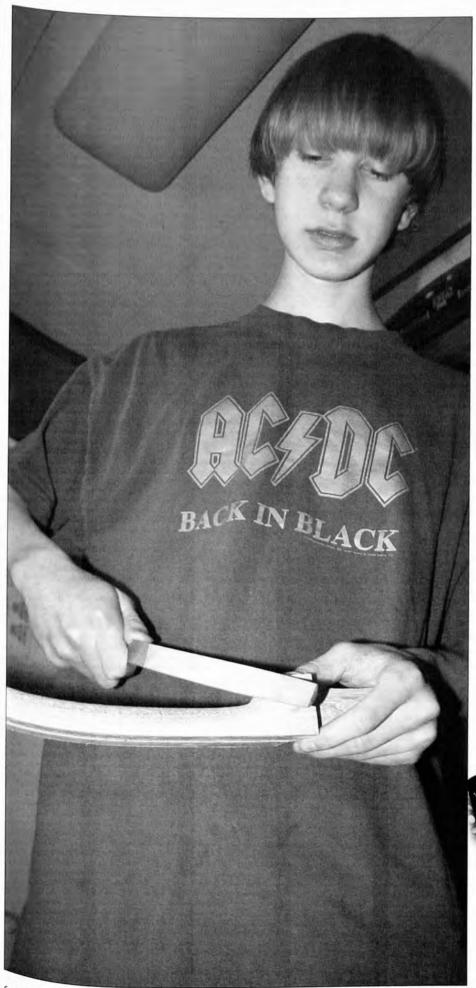












Corey McDaniel (9) sands a piece of wood that will become the neck of a guitar. He built a mandolin because he wanted to learn how to play one. "I have a book that teaches me how to make the instruments," he said. "When I made my mandolin, didn't know what I was doing." The mandolin he made is at the right. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.

Builder teaches himself how to play

By Karis Perry

"I'm working on a guitar right now," Corey McDaniel (9) said. "I made a mandolin also."

A mandolin is a stringed instrument of the lute family with a pear-shaped body and four or more pairs of strings, usually played with a plectrum.

Art teacher Tanya Simmons said she hasn't seen McDaniel's mandolin, but during parent-teacher conferences his mom mentioned he makes his own instruments.

"We were talking about how creative he is," she said.

McDaniel said he made the mandolin because he wanted to learn how to play it.

He takes lessons for the guitar once a week.

While he knows how to play a couple of songs on the mandolin, he can play more songs on the guitar.

"I have a book that teaches me how to make the instruments," McDaniel said.

He got cheap wood and the project took him a couple of months. He had to use a drummer tool and a band saw.

"When I was done with the mandolin," he said, "I stained it and painted it black,"

He plans on doing the same thing with the guitar but in a different color.

"I'm using maple and mahogany wood," McDaniel said. "This time I'm using better tools. I worked with my church so I'm able to use better stuff."

Simmons said everything he has done has been wonderful.

"I show his work to my other classes," she said. "I don't tell them the work was his. Other teachers have also shown his work."

She said everything he has done has been put up.

"We entered him into the Nebraska State Visual Arts Competition (NSVAC). He received a bronze,"

Simmons said. "From our school, only two freshmen got in."

Simmons said McDaniel is planning to take wood shop next year at the Career Center.

"I'm sad he isn't taking an art class next year, but I know in his heart he is a hands-on person," she said. "He can come up with an idea and do it, just like his instruments."

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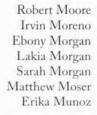




























Home-schooled sisters choose public school path

By Patrick O'Malley

Anna Venditte (9), along with sister Catherine Venditte (11), said when they were younger they were fortunate enough to spend their school days on the road or in the comfort and luxury of their own home.

Getting to know the kids, not having to send them off every day during their developmental years and helping them through their maturing process was why their mother Jan Venditte said she home schooled them for so many years.

"I went to Bancroft my second year and a little in the third grade, then I decided I wanted to be home schooled," Anna said.

Jan said she taught Anna and Catherine because she worked out of the home and her husband Pat Venditte taught at Westside.

She said she enjoyed spending time with her family during the day, getting to sleep in, dining out for lunch and traveling to various places to learn.

"Wherever we went, there was always something educational," Jan said. "We took advantage of what Omaha had to offer."

She said the girls were always involved in theater and sports so they were able to see and learn about the Metro area and meet kids their age.

Jan said she took the girls to a variety of places including Disney World, the Henry Doorly Zoo and certain historical monuments.

Along with those, they toured the east coast when the girls performed in over 30 performances of "A Christmas Carol" with the Omaha Community Playhouse in 2002. Jan also said Anna gained good navigation skills from traveling.

"They learned their state capitals doing that," Jan said.

Jan said her oldest son Tony Venditte was the only one who was not home schooled.

The rest were home schooled until high school, including 2004 alumnus Patrick Venditte.

"We did encourage them to go to high school," Jan said.

She said she felt Central had so much more to offer her daughters' education than she did because there are so many clubs and extracurricular activities they could get involved in.

"I was worried about them going in, especially into such a large school," she said. "We were always in a diverse situation. That wasn't the problem. It was adapting to a larger setting."

She said Anna was able to adapt to the large setting quicker than ber sister.

"I was excited to meet new people and get the experience of high school," Anna said.

She also said she was thrilled to be able to see her uncle Joe Venditte, security personnel, around the hallways every day.

Jan said all of the kids have performed well academically everywhere nev went.

"They are good students and are there to learn," Jan said.

She said when her children were home schooled, she received the curriculum from the state and had to submit documents stating their performances.

She said she felt they were certainly a joy to be with and feels they have become well-rounded individuals from the education she was able to provide.

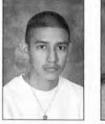
Anna Venditte (9) does her English homework after school on the desk that was intended for her high school home schooling if she would have chosen to go that route. Her sister Catherine Venditte (11) and 2004 alumnus Patrick Venditte were also home schooled by their mother until high school. "I was excited to meet new people and get the experience of high school," Anna said. Photo by Patrick Breen.



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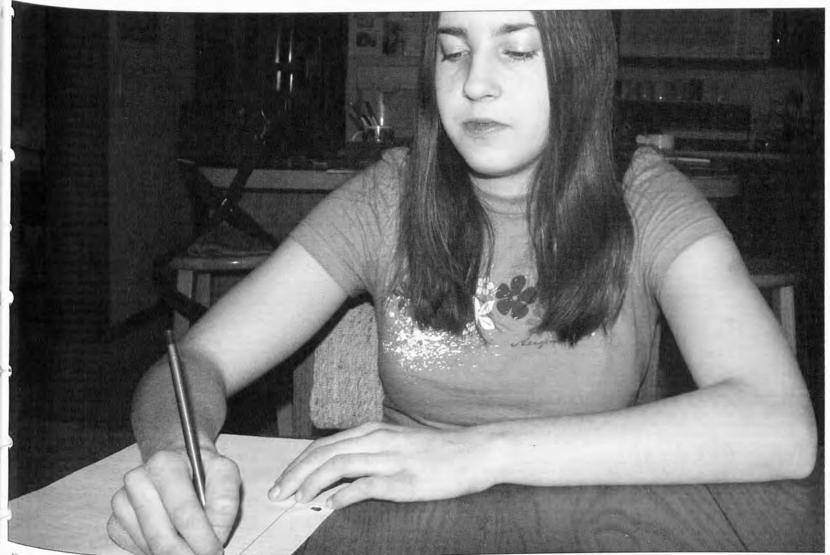












Allcia Jaunty (9) writes to one of her pen pals from across the globe. "I like learning about their cultures and different heritages," she said. "I really like knowing what they are learning." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Global snail mail works for teen

By Joshua St. Helene

Alicia Jaunty (9) likes to communicate with people in just in Nebraska," she said. different countries.

In a time where people only communicate using the latest technology, Jaunty does it the old-fashioned way. She simply writes a letter.

She said when she writes letters, she tells about all of her hobbies and interests so the person can know more about her.

"I really enjoy writing letters to people," she said.

Writing holds beneficial aspects for Jaunty.

"I like how I can express myself and show others how well I can write," she said.

She said she has a whole collection of letters.

"I find that I really enjoy handwriting my letters because that makes them more personal," she said. "I like receiving handwritten letters better as well."

Before she started writing, she said she didn't realize there were so many differences between the United States and other

"I didn't realize all of the things that happen there," she said, "and the stuff that we don't have here."

She learned some children receive red bags with candy and money inside for Christmas.

She said she is currently writing to three teenage girls. One girl lives in Denmark, another in Malaysia and the last in Mauritius, which is an island nation off the coast of Africa.

"I like knowing that I have friends all around the world, not

Even though they live so far away, Jaunty said they have the same common interests.

"I really like having people that are around my age that I can talk to," she said, "because we are in the same stages of our lives and we all have some of the same problems."

Jaunty started pen palling in third grade.

"My teacher's son was in Japan teaching his kids how to communicate," Jaunty said.

The teacher and the son thought it would be a great idea if the two classes wrote to each other.

"We each were assigned another child," she said. "Then we

started writing to each other. When we would receive one, we would send one back."

She said she hopes to finally meet them in person.

Her family is going to Europe in the summer. She is trying to see if they can stop in Denmark so she can see one of the girls.

"It would be the icing on the cake.'





Kevin Estell (9) practices his performance at the dress rehersal for the Road Show with his group Sound of the Future. "Estell was the rebel," Brenton Donaldson (12) said. "He had his own ideas and snuck them in." Estell said the group was started when he and some other members were banging on tables. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Musician hammers hip-hop beats

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"It started during lunch in the cafeteria," Kevin Estell (9) said. "We were drumming on the tables."

The members of Sound of the Future also drummed together in the morning before school.

Brenton Donaldson (12) said they started in the morning because they were bored and they all started drumming one by one.

"We don't get in trouble as much now," he said.

Estell said his friend Jasmine Thompson (11) suggested they form a group and try out for the Road Show.

"At first, we were going to call ourselves Ghetto Drumline," Donaldson said. "Then we decided we were the future."

The group performed four songs from "Drumline" that they put on a disc.

"The movie was everyone's favorite," Estell said, "so we decided to use songs from it."

The movie is about a street drummer from Harlem who enrolls in a Southern university and expects to lead the drumline to victory.

Estell said his favorite part was the ending when the two drumlines battled.

"There's so much intensity and creativity in the movie," he said.

"There's a higher level of creativity in the music that I have never seen before."

The music is very rhythmic, exhilarating and flamboyant.

"It's good. It's unique," Donaldson said. "It's true."

Estell said the members chose the songs because the group figured if they were well-liked in the movie, then the audience at Central would like the songs also.

Most of the group did the drumming while a couple beat boxed and rapped.

"I can't explain how I felt (on stage)," he said. "I was overwhelmed. I was kind of shaky. Stuff like that."

Estell said as long as he stayed calm, there was nothing to be afraid of.

Donaldson said Estell is one of a kind.

Estell drummed on the snare drum which later turned into a tenor drum.

"The hardest part is keeping hold of my sticks," Estell said.

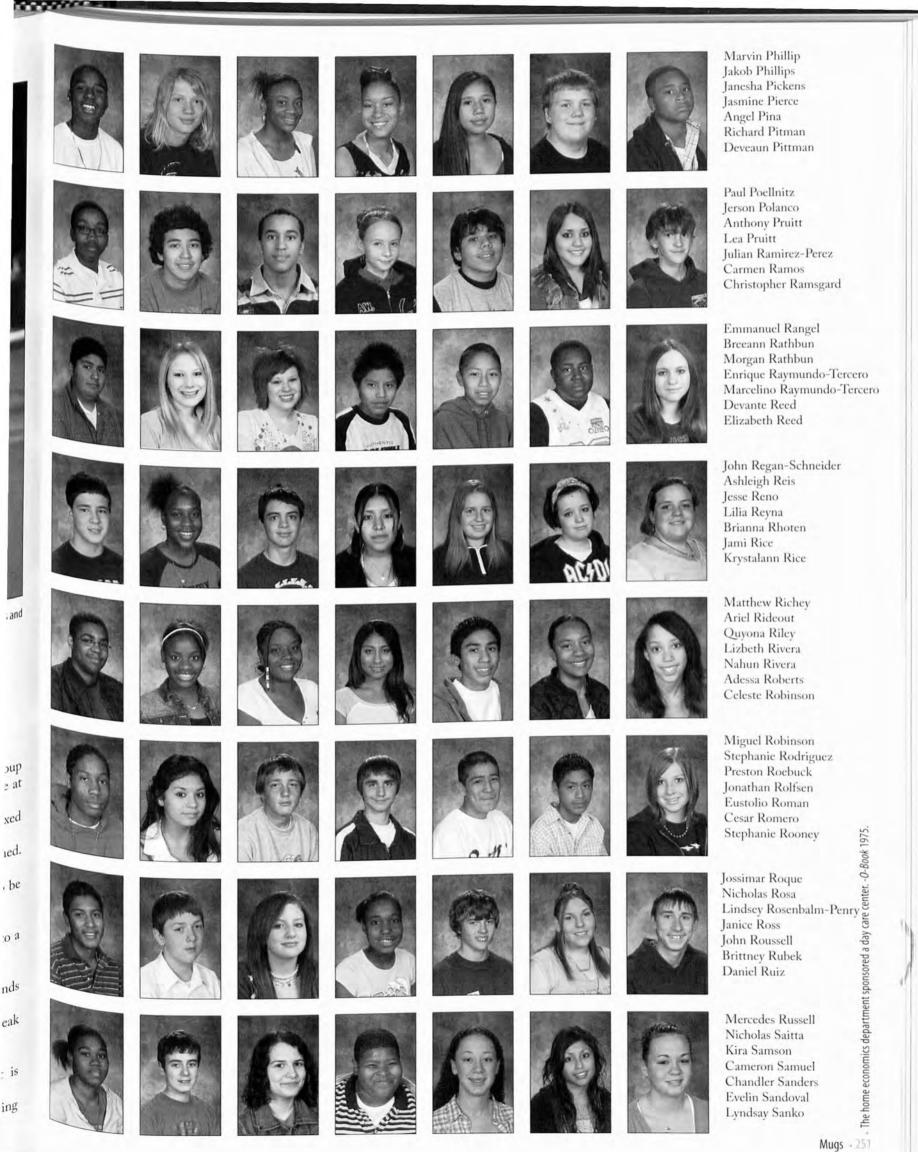
He said he prefers drumming on real drums because it sounds better.

"I have to remember not to hit too hard," he said. "I could break the head of the drum."

Estell was also worried about staying on beat.

Usually he beats on notebooks and anything else that is

"There isn't just one best part," he said. "It's just drumming period. There's nothing bad about it."



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Rachel Bauer (9) looks through various coins she has collected since she was 11. She said she started when her grandfather gave her a rare coin. Since then she has gathered unique, old coins from all over the World. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

It's all about the coin

By Patrick O'Malley

Everyone can say they love having change in their pocket, but for Rachel Bauer (9) it's a different feeling of enjoyment.

Bauer does not have what might be considered a modern coin collection of the 50 United States of America. She does have a diverse collection composed of older and foreign currencies.

"I liked what they looked like," she said.

Herb Ebland, owner of the Coin and Stamp Company, said all kinds of people come to his store to buy and sell coins.

He said typically he just gets people who need money so they trade in coins they might have inherited after a relative passed away.

"My favorite coin is the \$2 Canadian coin," Bauer said.

The "toonie" is a nickname Candians gave to the coin, combining the words "two" and "loonie."

The top of the bimetallic coin is bordered in silver and has a gold polar bear in the early summer on ice.

She said she loves the variety of all the different coins from around the world. She said the most interesting coin she has is an

Irish coin.

"The farthest one that dates back is from the 1890s," Bauer said. "That's the one we found in our house."

She said the top of the coin was an Indian head and the back had a buffalo on it. Pioneers used this type of coin to trade.

"I don't go searching for coins," she said. "I keep them in a jar because I want to be able to show my family when I get older."

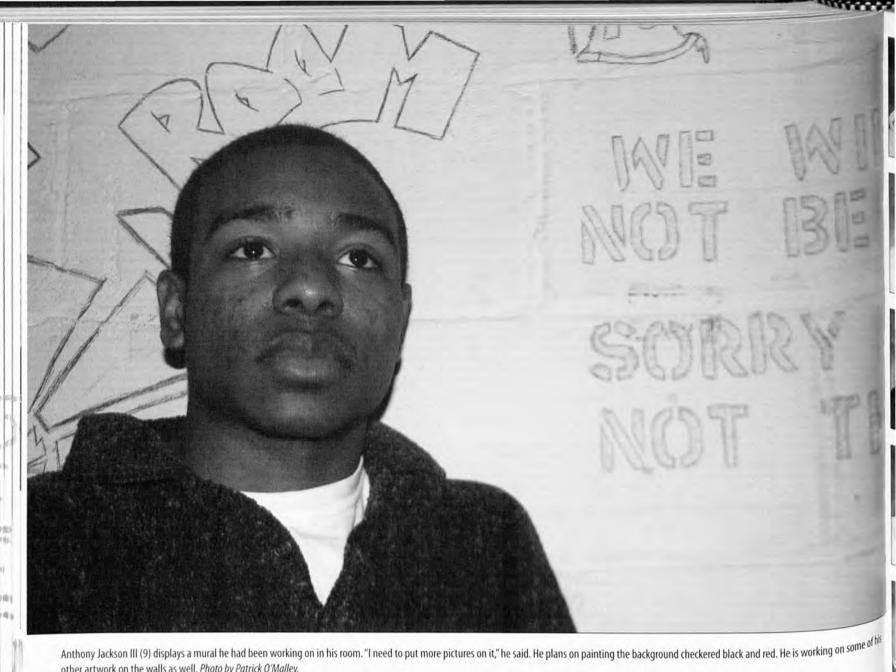
She said she saved all of the coins she has found recently, but does not have a huge collection of older coins, just ones from places across the globe.

Ebland said he sells coins from \$5 to over \$100,000.

"I wanted to see how much they were worth," Bauer said.

She said the most money she would have received was roughly \$35-\$40 for the one she found in her house, but she wanted to keep it.

She said she didn't have any friends who were coin enthusiasts. Ebland said he doesn't really get many young customers. Sometimes kids come in with their parents, though, he said.



other artwork on the walls as well. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Young artist explores creative side through ink

By Stephanie Wilhelm

Anthony Jackson III (9) is not merely decorating his walls, he is expressing himself through what is on it.

For now, he has only drawn a couple of dice and some sayings.

He wrote a saying from a sport's coach. "We will not be the losers. Sorry, but we're not the ones."

"I hate losing," Jackson said.

He said his walls have a long way to go before he gets what he wants.

> "I'm still working on them (the walls)," he said. "I need to draw more pictures on them."

> > Jackson said he has to make the walls smooth first and then sketch the rest of the artwork on the walls.

lackson said some of his mural needed to be touched up and some of the plaster has to be torn down.

This painting, by Anthony Jackson's III (9) father, sits in his bedroom. Anthony says it gives him motivation to express himself through art.

He is not the only one in his family who paints.

There's a painting of his mom in his room that his dad did.

"It shows a lot of passion," Jackson said. "It makes me want to keep trying."

His older brother is also involved in art.

"He's the one who started me on this," Jackson said. "When my dad wasn't there, my brother would teach me. We had competitions between ourselves."

He said his brother would have to draw something for a class and then he would try to emulate his brother's stuff.

Jackson is interested in mostly animation drawing. Human torches dominate his drawings.

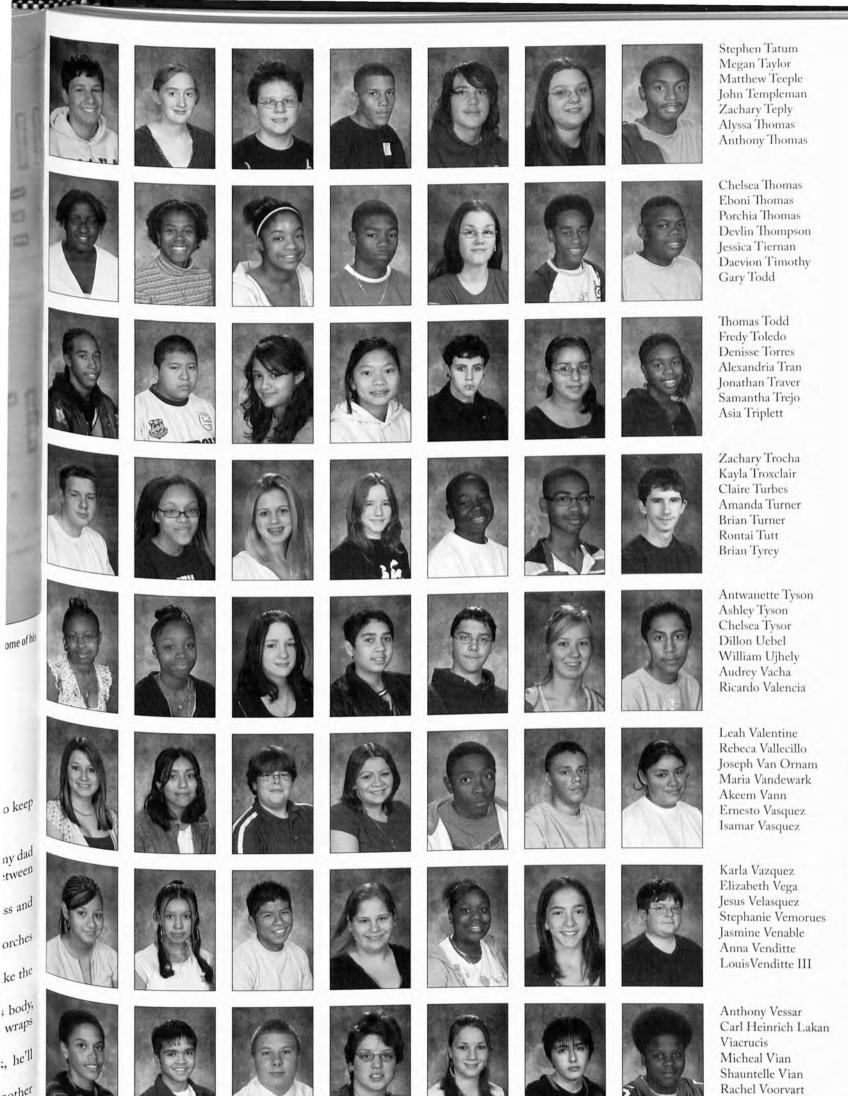
"It's basically a man with fire around him," Jackson said. "I like the way fire comes out of his hair."

He said he is proudest of a creature he drew. It has a pig's body, a wolf's head with the tongue coming out, bat wings and spit wraps around the tongue.

Jackson said if he is working on a big piece of artwork, he'll constantly work on it every day.

"When I'm done with a piece, I feel happy," he said. "It's another picture in my book."

Jackson's future looks bright and creative.



5. The topic for the Lincoln Debate was policies restricting Japanese immigration. - Annual 1908.

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Charlotte Garvin (9) practices serving at Dewey Park after school. She has been playing ever since she was a little girl. Garvin was ranked fourth in Nebraska this past summer. She said it's important to have a positive attitude. "If you don't want to be there," she said, "you won't play as well." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Athlete knows attitude plays important role

By Karis Perry

She travels across the Missouri Valley to compete in tennis tournaments.

Charlotte Garvin (9) signed up with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to play single matches.

"I have been playing since I was little. I started really hitting the ball when I was 3," she said. "I started playing in tournaments when I was 8."

She competes against players in her age group.

"I'm not friends with the girls my age because I have to go against them," she said. "I'm mostly friends with the girls a year above me."

She said when she does compete against a friend, it's weird.

"My hardest competitors are my friends," she said.

She said it's easy to make friends when she goes to different tournaments.

"I keep in touch with them on Facebook and MySpace," Garvin said. "It's the easiest way."

Garvin said she plays the same people for the most part.

"You don't see new people as much," she said.

If she's playing someone she plays all the time, she said she just wants to beat them.

She said if it's a new person, she wants to prove to the other players that she can beat them as well.

Tennis is a sport Garvin plays with her brother, who graduated in 2004.

"He played tennis all four years at Central," she said. "We go even

sometimes, but he hits the ball hard. Sometimes he kills me."

Her coach has known her all her life. He was her brother's coach first.

Garvin said tennis is fun, but time consuming.

She practices two to three times a week. She has about 25 tournaments a year.

"I do this all year round," she said.

She said she has learned a person has to push through with the right attitude.

"I don't like people watching me," Garvin said. "I only let my mon come to my games, though I think one of my friends came to a game once."

Garvin competed in Nationals when she was 12. She won two games and lost two games.

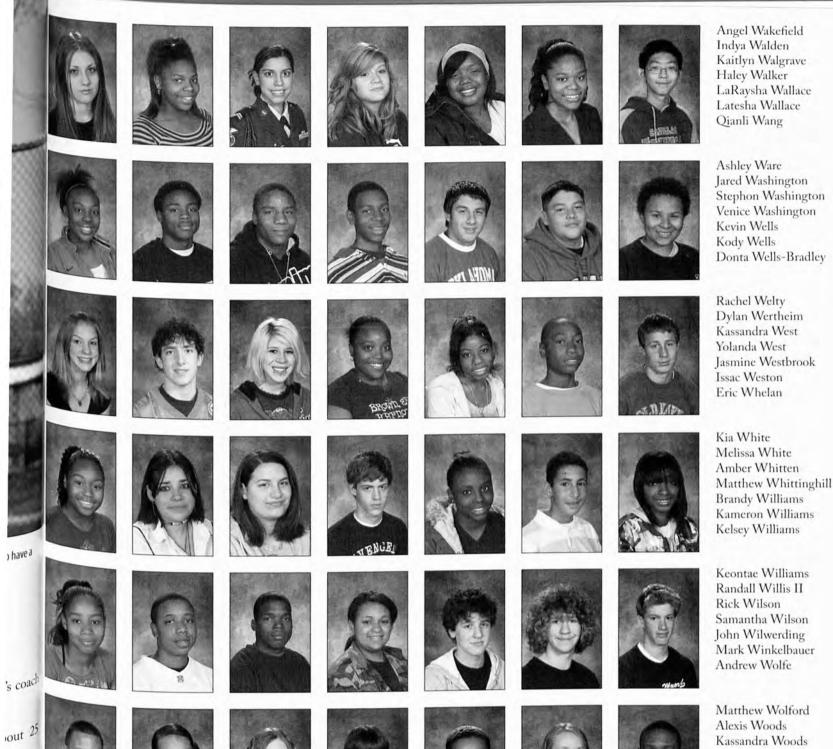
"You play best out of three sets," she said. "Then you play the tiebreaker. If you lose twice, you're out."

She said her favorite tennis players are James Blake from the United States and Maria Sharapova from Russia.

"I think it would be cool to go to Russia," Garvin said. "I get to travel with my coach. The farthest I've gone was St. Louis. I have also gone to Oklahoma and Kansas City."

She said she enjoys watching tennis on TV just like her mom.

"I wanted to play soccer and tennis this year, but they said you can't play two things in the same season," Garvin said. "I don't think that's fair. I hope they change that next year."



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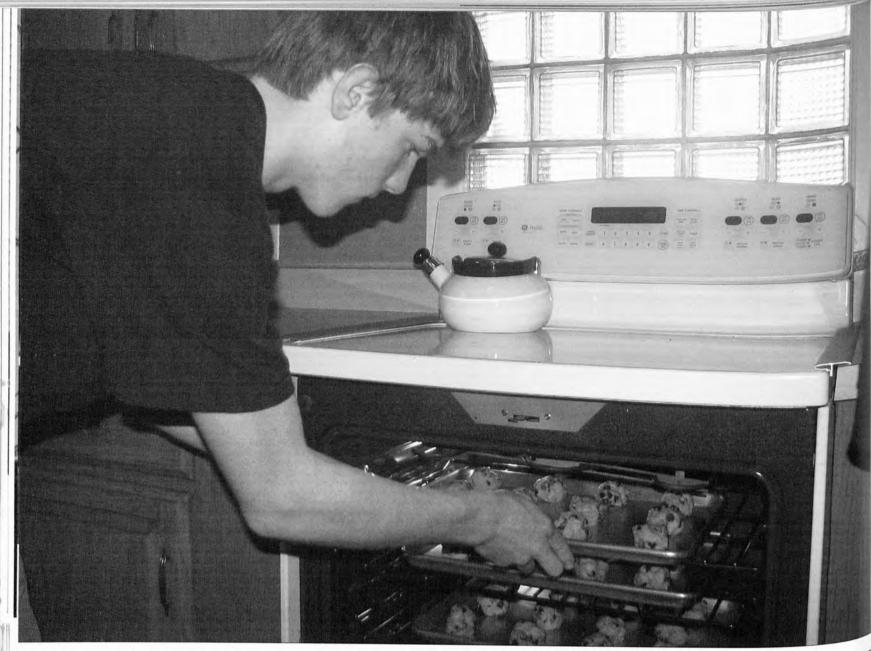
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Above. Philip Sjogren (9) places a tray of cookie dough into the oven that he is selling for his company Two Boys and an Oven. He, along with his mother and younger brother, have been doing this for the past four and a half years. "It's given me something to do with my spare time," Sjogren said. "Instead of watching TV or playing video games, I'm benefiting others." Photo by Patrick O'Malley.

Right. Sjogren's younger brother prepares the ingredients needed to make chocolate chip cookies. Philip said they had monthly specialties. The cookies he made depended on what customers wanted and ranged from truffles to snicker doodle to oatmeal raisin.

Photo by Patrick O'Malley.



A soup and salad bar was added to the courtyard as an option instead of eating lunch in the cafeteria on the fourth floor. -0-Book 1989

cooking

Company devotes time to baking to help others

By Stephanie Wilhelm

"We make cookies for charity," Philip Sjogren (9) said. "We sell them throughout the city."

Sjogren along with his mom and brother bake and sell cookies in order to raise money for needy families.

The name of their company is Two Boys and an Oven.

The money is raised for families at Harrison Elementary School. The Sjogren family works through the teachers and guidance counselors at the school who help identify which families need help.

The Sjogrens sometimes meet the families.

"We try to keep it anonymous," Sjogren said. "We send the presents to the school and the guidance counselors distribute them."

He said they usually send materials and try avoiding sending money.

"You can't trust some people," he said.
"They may use the money unwisely."

Sjogren said they chose this school because he and his brother went there.

He also had belonged to a Bible study club that raised money for about three families at the school for Christmas.

"My mom went to a house where they were baking stuff," Sjogren said. "They were using a trash can because they had no pots or pans."

He said this endeavor has shown him the needs that are in the world.

The cookies are sold through contacts they have personally made. He said the buyers include smaller companies.

They also hold bake sales at Sam's Club, especially during the summer.

Sjogren said the amount they make each

month depends on the time of year and holidays in the month.

Their busiest month is December and Sjogren said they

raised around a \$1,000.

"My brother and me had the idea," Sjogren said. "We needed to raise several hundred dollars in a week in order to go to a

Christian youth camp, so we decided to bake cookies."

Once they came back, Sjogren said he and his brother decided they wanted to raise money for needy families.

At first, he said they sent the money to an AIDs orphanage in Nigeria.

While the Sjogrens' main focus is on local families now, Sjogren said they still send \$100 to the orphanage every month.

Sjogren said they have had some prior experience baking

cookies before this project began. They had baked a lot of trays for neighbors with their family.

"We have a lot more experience now," Sjogren said. "We used to eat a lot of the cookies."

He said when they first started off, they burned about one dozen out of 10.

"We would do something stupid," Sjogren said, "or not pay attention."

He said now it's bad if they burn a tray in a month. It's been a big improvement.

The family makes every type of cookies from ginger snaps to snicker doodles.

The Sjogrens also have specialties of the month which include chocolate truffles.

He said the easiest to make are cutouts and snicker doodles.

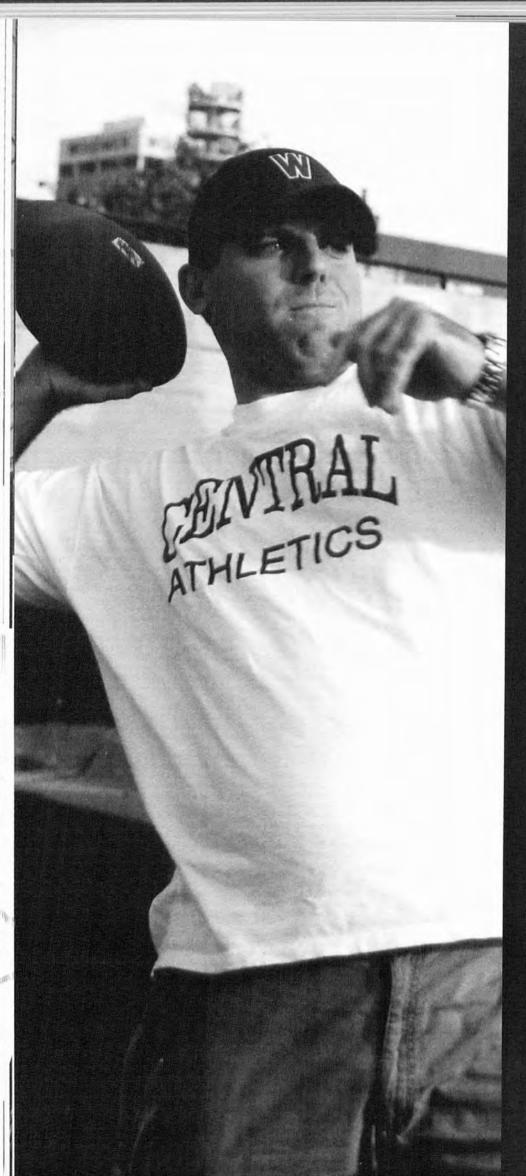
"The hardest are oatmeal cookies," Sjogren said. "They have a lot of materials and also cost more to make."

He said they try to make the less expensive cookies because they can make a bigger profit to give to the families.

"We want to keep this as a family activity," Sjogren said. "I'm not sure how much longer we can do this because of our schedules, but we'll go wherever the Lord leads us."



Philip Sjogren (9) places chocolate cookie dough that he had made on a cookie tray in order to bake them. He said he usually baked on the weekends. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.



Faculty

From playing Pokemon with his kids to running in his spare time to protecting his nieces. Teachers revealed their personal interests and goals. They showed they do more than just teach. We remember chatting with our teachers outside of class. We recall seeing our teacher hug his children. We call to mind the joy teachers expressed when showing us a computer program. What they did expressed who they were and what they represent. They expressed their desires in and out of the classroom.

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Above (from left). Science teacher Jesse Busse shows his Pokemon collection. Cross Country Coach Shannon Stenger stretches before a run. Security personell Joe Venditte watches and protects the school grounds after school was let out. Photos by Jomarcell Nguyen, Patrick O'Malley and Bob Al-Greene.

Left. Social studies teacher Scott Wilson prepares to throw a football at the Senior Tailgate held in the Capitol Hill Apartments parking lot. The Tailgate was supervised by Wilson and senior class adviser Cherie Barg. *Photo by Patrick O'Malley*.



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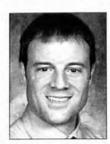












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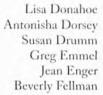
























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Principal Greg Emmel said his goal was to maintain the high quality of all the programs from academics to co-curriculars. He has been working in OPS for over 28 years. Emmel said his favorite part about being Principal was participating in the activities and watching teachers teach and students learn. Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

Principal takes over leadership of state's largest high school

By Stephanie Wilhelm

New Principal Greg Emmel said ever since he was an assistant principal at Northwest High, he wanted to be principal at a high school because it's an exciting challenge.

He got his chance when he became the principal at the state's largest high school.

"The hardest part is trying to get to know the students, parents and staff at a huge school," Emmel said. "Central is unique. Every school is run differently. I have to learn."

Then he was at the Central Office in an administrative position.

Emmel was then assistant principal at Northwest High for 10 years and a principal at McMillian Middle School for seven years.

He said he still had a long ways to go to learn about the people.

Joshua Wilson (12) said he felt Emmel was a good speaker.

"He has personality and energy," Wilson said. "People listen to this guy."

Aimee Koenig (12) said Emmel was open and friendly.

"It'll be a year-long journey," Emmel said. "It probably will extend well beyond this year."

Emmel said former principal Jerry Bexten was a great help during the transitional period in the summer.

Bexten helped Emmel immensely by showing him what needed to be done.

Emmel said the staff was also extremely helpful explaining things and answering questions.

"I've been so busy. I've forgotten how mature high school students are compared to middle school students," Emmel said. "It's not so much as a surprise as a reminder."

He said his goal is to maintain the high quality of all the programs from academics to co-curriculars.

He said the best way to do this is by trying to stay on top of things.

Koenig said she felt Emmel was doing a good job.

"I'm only one person. It depends on everyone else," Emmel said. "I'm the leader. I want others to believe in what we're doing and get it done. It's the staff that makes the difference."

Emmel said the best part about being principal was the opportunity to be in the classrooms and watch teachers teach and students learn.

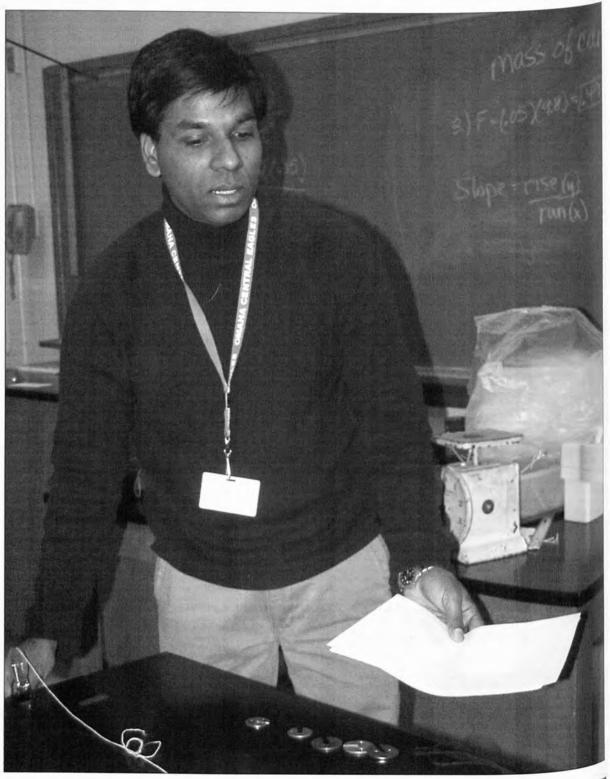
"Also, being part of the activities," he said. "It's the fun part, where the action is."

He said the worst part about his job was when students made bad choices that took away from their opportunity.

"It's difficult to watch them making mistakes," he said. "I want all the students to be successful. When they're not, that's what hurts."

He said he was not looking at changing anything this year. He was focused on simply learning about the school.

The Central Cadet Regiment was organized in 1893 to train students in leadership, military discipline and respect for authority. -0-Book 1953.



Above. Ashutosh Kumar, physics teacher, helps some students with a lab on friction. Kumar, who is from India, said there are clear differences between his country and the United States in how to discipline and motivate students.

Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.

Right. Kumar said he had to teach classes differently here because of the different level of study that American students are used to and he had to adjust tactics and teaching procedures. Kumar had been privately tutoring in India. "If you're a clerk (in India)," Kumar said, "you don't have good rapport because you're just a clerk. That is why students work hard there." Photo by Stephanie Wilhelm.



Central was updated with the introduction of mid-quarter progress reports. -0-Book 1996

adapting

Teacher explores new opportunities, new country

By Theresa Vacha

"Learning to teach in America is very different and difficult," physics teacher Ashutosh Kumar said.

Speaking through a defined Indian accent, one could picture images of school life in India as Kumar told of his experiences as a teacher in his home country before moving to the United States.

"You don't have a discipline problem in India," Kumar said. "There are not behavior problems. Some places have corporal punishment."

Kumar explained that not all places in India practiced physical punishment as a source for discipline and that he had never used it while teaching.

However, while growing up, Kumar said he could remember what it felt like to know a punishment rather than a detention could be waiting for you if you misbehaved.

"In my childhood," Kumar said, "I was more prompt in doing work because I was afraid of being beat."

He said not only does that type of punishment keep students in line, but it is humiliating as well.

Kumar went on to describe the differences between standards in India's equivalent to high school and high school in the United States

"In India, they take the responsibility of learning," he said. "Here life is so easy."

Kumar said even if one does not graduate from high school in the United States one can still get a job and earn enough money to live on comfortably.

"It is not like that in India," he said. "You have to graduate from college. And you need good marks to get a spot in college."

This not only means students have to attend school longer for all general purposes, but that it is imperative for them to receive high-quality grades year round.

"I don't think, from what Mr. Kumar has told me, that I could attend school in India," Donald McPherson (11) said.

He said school would take up too much time in his life there and he would lose sight of what is actually important in life.

"It's not that I couldn't do the work," he said. "It's that the work would override the rest of my life so I would get overworked."

Daniel Kramer (11) said he doesn't think school in India sounded appealing because of all of the hard work a student would

have to go through to receive a average paying job.

"If I'm going to work hard," Kramer said, "there better be stuff I get in return for it."

Kumar said in India income is not as important as it is in America. However, the value a job has in the social structure is.

"It doesn't matter how much money you make," Kumar said.
"What matters is you designation."

He said being a teacher is a higher status than many other positions, even if the pay is not as high.

"If you're a clerk, you don't have good rapport because you're just a clerk," he said. "That is why students work hard there; if they want respect, they have to get good marks."

Kumar said coming to the United States is like a dream to many people in India. He said U.S. colleges have a recognized dignity, which was one reason why he wished to teach here.

Kumar said another reason he wanted to come was to learn the English language better.

"In India, the big city school systems are mostly in English," he said. "And as far as jobs are concerned, it is obvious that you should know English."

After attending school in Iowa and receiving a teaching certificate, Kumar took a new turn in his life by teaching a class in the United States for the first time.

Central's classrooms and students served as the model for exemplifying what high school in the United States is like.

Kumar said rules, such as calling parents, were all very new to him.

"Here rules are set up by the school system," he said. "You give a warning if they are disruptive and then call security. Also you try to talk to the child afterwards and try to convince him what's good for him. You follow the steps and if they don't work then there are consequences."

School in India, he said, is not like that.

Kumar said he has new teaching tactics at Central like trying to adapt to learning styles of American youth.

An example is acting out skits for certain concepts to get the students involved.

"School is very different in America," Kumar concluded. "I have learned more about American culture."

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Chemistry teacher competes in Pokemon tournament

By Jomarcell Nguyen

In January 2005, chemistry teacher Jesse Busse entered the Pokemon City Championship Series.

He placed third in the 15-and-over division.

"I made it to the semifinals of the tournament," Jesse said.

It all started when his children Micah and Miranda asked him to play with them.

"They had gotten bored of playing each other and they had already learned the game so it was easy for me to pick up the rules," he said.

Jesse was given his own set of cards as a Christmas gift.

"My deck is geared for water and electric pokemon," he said. "I stuck with one deck and improved the deck."

At Ground Zero Comic Bookstore in Bellevue, every Thursday night was Pokemon League Night.

"We have tried to go often, but recently we have not been able to go," he said.

The Pokemon League is when players from all over the city come to play a pick-up game of "Pokemon."

"It's mostly fun and something to do," Micah said. "I been playing for two and a half years."

Another game the Busse family played was "War Machine."

"War Machine' is a mini table-top model that takes place in medieval time with futuristic weapons," Micah said.

"War Machine's" basic objective is to assassinate the leader or who controls the most land.

"We played since August and we go to league night every Tuesday for 'War Machine," Jesse said.

Jesse played because it was something he could do with his kids.

"I do not go easy on my kids and I don't let them win," he said. "They have to beat me to win."

Micah and Miranda said they have rarely beaten their father.

"We joked about him playing Pokemon and he jokes about me playing 'WarCraft," chemistry teacher Jeff Fredrickson said.

In a Pokemon game, a card that is overlooked can be a very powerful card.

"My father had a card that was overlooked," Micah said. "Quaqsire was the card that was overlooked because it had an ability to remove damage with an energy card."

"Pokemon" and "War Machine" are games of strategies.

"There is a lot more skill then luck," Jesse said.



Chemistry teacher Jesse Busse plays Quagsire and finishes off his opponent. "Quagsire was the card that was overlooked because it had an ability to remove damage with an energy card," his son Micah Busse Said. Jesse's deck is composed of electric and water Pokemon. Jesse said he received his first deck of cards in December 2004. Jesse and his son competed in their first tournament in January 2005. He placed third overall in the tournament. Jesse said he played Pokemon because it was something for him to do with his kids. *Photo by Jomarcell Nguyen*.

Clifford Dale in 1967 served as both an assistant principal and as the freshman boys counselor. -*0-Book* 1967

Coach competes in national marathon

By Jomarcell Nguyen

"I think I was more prepared for the Chicago Marathon," Shannon Stenger, boys cross country head coach said. "And in the best shape I've ever been in."

Stenger, who also teaches social studies, said the LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon is known for its fast and flat course.

"I ran my first marathon after my first year out of college," he said.

Stenger ran 100k in cross country. He ran 800 and 1,500 meters in track for the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

"My best time was 2 hours 29 minutes and 11 seconds in Austin, Texas last summer," Stenger said.

He also placed first in an Omaha half marathon.

"He ran with us at practices and I saw him race half marathons which he would do as practice for a real marathon," Morgan Shumaker (12) said.

Stenger is sponsored by Brooks Shoe & Cliffbar.

"The fact that he does run makes him a better coach," Shumaker said. "The biggest thing is that he pushes himself to be a good runner and his achievement in running shows us what we can become."

Stenger's ultimate goal is to go and compete in the Olympic qualifying rounds.

"Before a marathon," he said. "I prepare myself not to go out too fast, pull through the pain and keep positive."

Stenger said he usually does three marathons a year.

"I think he is a top runner in Nebraska," Jared Dittman (12) said. "We (the cross country team) are like a community and he keeps us informed on his training."

Stenger was out with a knee injury, but it happened after the Austin marathon. He said he received the injury because he trained too hard.

"During a weekday," Stenger said. "I go anywhere from 10 to 14 miles and on a weekend day from 16 to 22 miles."

He said he always knew he had to have some type of plan before a big race.

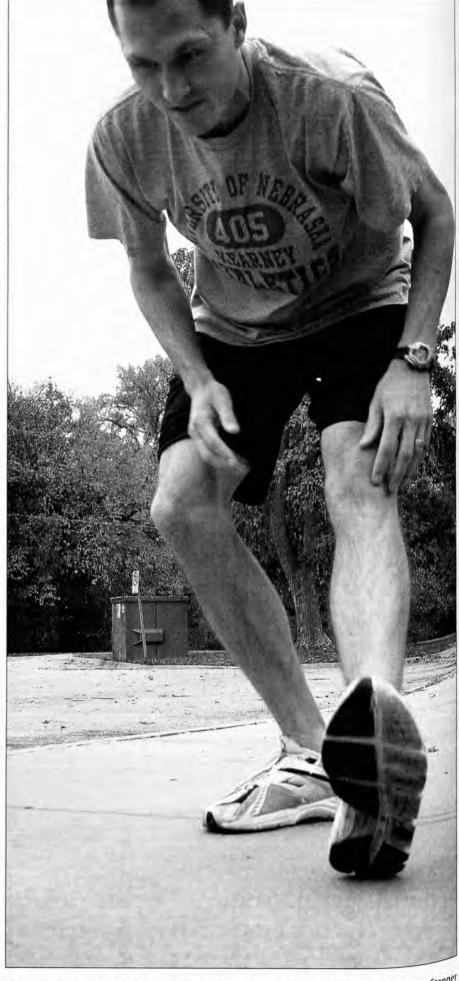
"Two weeks before a race," Stenger said. "I would taper down and lower my mileage down, eat healthy and load up two to three days on carbs before the race."

Stenger's time for the Chicago Marathon was 2 hours 33 minutes and 13 seconds.

"I had some issues during the second half of the race," Stenger said. "My hip flexor started cramping around the 15th mile. I had to slow down for the last ten miles."

The Chicago marathon is a 26.2-mile course.

"He is my role model because he displays leadership, perseverance and determination," Shumaker said.



Boys Cross Country Head Coach Shannon Stenger prepares for his marathon by stretching before a run. Stenger averaged around 66 to 92 miles during the six days he trained. Stenger's goal is to one day make the Olympics qualifying rounds. Stenger ran a marathon in Austin Texas in 2 hours, 29 minutes, and 11 seconds. "Rain, snow, or sun he will run in anything humanly possible," Dylan McMahon (11) said. Photo by Patrick O'Malley.





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Security personnel Joe Venditte watches the grounds of Central after school. His day is split up into several parts. He does everything from monitoring security cameras to watching parking lots to ensure nothing gets stolen or damaged. Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

Security guard says doing his job is all about the kids

By Bob Al-Greene

Security personnel Joe Venditte might have two nieces Katherine (11) and Anna (9), a nephew Louis (9) and a granddaughter Joie (10) who attend Central, but they aren't the only students who matter to

To have a job working security at a high school, he said, it is very important to enjoy being around kids.

"I love working with kids," he said. "Don't have a bad kid in the bunch."

Venditte has been working as security personnel at Central for

Before that he said he worked as security at Jennie Edmondson Hospital in Council Bluffs for seven years full-time.

He said when the dog track opened in 1986, he began working there half-time and then on the casino riverboats in 1996.

He said he worked construction before that, but got into security because of family members taking the same route.

"My brothers were law enforcement," he said. "My son was law enforcement."

Venditte said every day he gets up at 4:30 in the morning and arrives at Central at 5:45 a.m.

He sits at the West Entrance until the first bell at 7:42 a.m. Then, he walks the halls first period looking for students in the hall.

Second period he checks the senior and staff parking lots for break-ins, then comes back third period and walks the halls again.

During fourth hour, he works in the security office, where he

monitors video feeds from the nine cameras around the building, from the entrances to the stadium.

During fifth and sixth periods, he works in the cafeteria and courtyard, then he goes back to the West Entrance, checks the parking lots again and watches the cameras.

Venditte said the typical day isn't that eventful.

At the casinos, he said security sometimes had to deal with people who had too much to drink and the same problem applied to his work at Jennie Edmondson.

He said he remembered a drunk coming into the hospital and being escorted away by Council Bluffs police, who he said used their night sticks on him.

"He got beat up pretty bad," Venditte said.

He said he plans to stay at Central until Katherine, Anna, Louis and Joie all graduate in four years, when he will be 72 years old.

"Lord willing," he said. "I might stay longer."

Security personnel Herb Welling, who has been at Central since 2002, said he agreed with Venditte about their reasons for working at a high school.

He said students were definitely at the top of the list.

"What's the best thing about my job?" he said. "Kids."

As for Venditte himself, Welling jokingly referred to him as the

"You ever watch an Italian movie?" Welling said. "He's the Godfather."

Buffett Award Winners

List only includes faculty still teaching at Central.

English/Journalism-Matthew Deabler

ESL-

Linda Ganzel

Guidance-Karen Cirulis

International Language-Beverly Fellman, Rita Ryan

Marketing/Technology-Cherie Barg, Harry Gaylor, Vicki Wiles Mathematics-Susan Drumm, Christie Pfeifer

Music-Lyn Bouma

Science-Jean Whitten Social Studies-Vicki Deniston-Reed, Scott Wilson

Student Service-Nita Merrigan-Potthoff

Central High teachers have been honored numerous times through this award. Students, parents and other faculty nominate the teachers.

The high number of awards can only show how dedicated and caring the teachers are.











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Looking Back

How has high school changed since you were a student?



"Back in the day you just did what you were told and didn't ask why."

-Mike McWhorter, **Security Personnel**



"Students today deal with more peer pressure and a change in society values. School still requires a student to be in attendance, on time, study and pass classes to graduate."

-Amy Welch, **Dean of Students**



"It hasn't changed a whole lot because I really haven't been out of high school that long."

-Mark Smith, **Dean of Students**



"Clothes or outfits have changed considerably."

-Rita Ryan, **Latin Teacher**

Lisa Studer Dwaine Sutter Brian Swanigan Kathy Tapio



Jane Taucreti Kathy Thompson Cindy Thomsen Drew Thyden

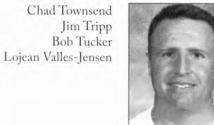






















































Jeanne Zamiska Giovanna Zermeno

Ads Focus

Central High School has many supporters from students to parents to the Scoular Company and Coca-Cola. Central's advertisers have changed throughout time. While advertisers don't sell gas ranges, they now advertise tanning. What we buy and remember today will change in the years to come, but we will always recall the immortalized memories.



You can select practical use from presses, all-over En f Swiss, Mull, Din

\$5,98,\$6



Brandeis Stores advertised graduation dresses and summer frocks. Prices ranged from \$5.98 to \$15. The store also had smart lingerie dresses, embroidered frocks and dainty gowns of Swiss, Mull and Dimity. -Annual 1909.

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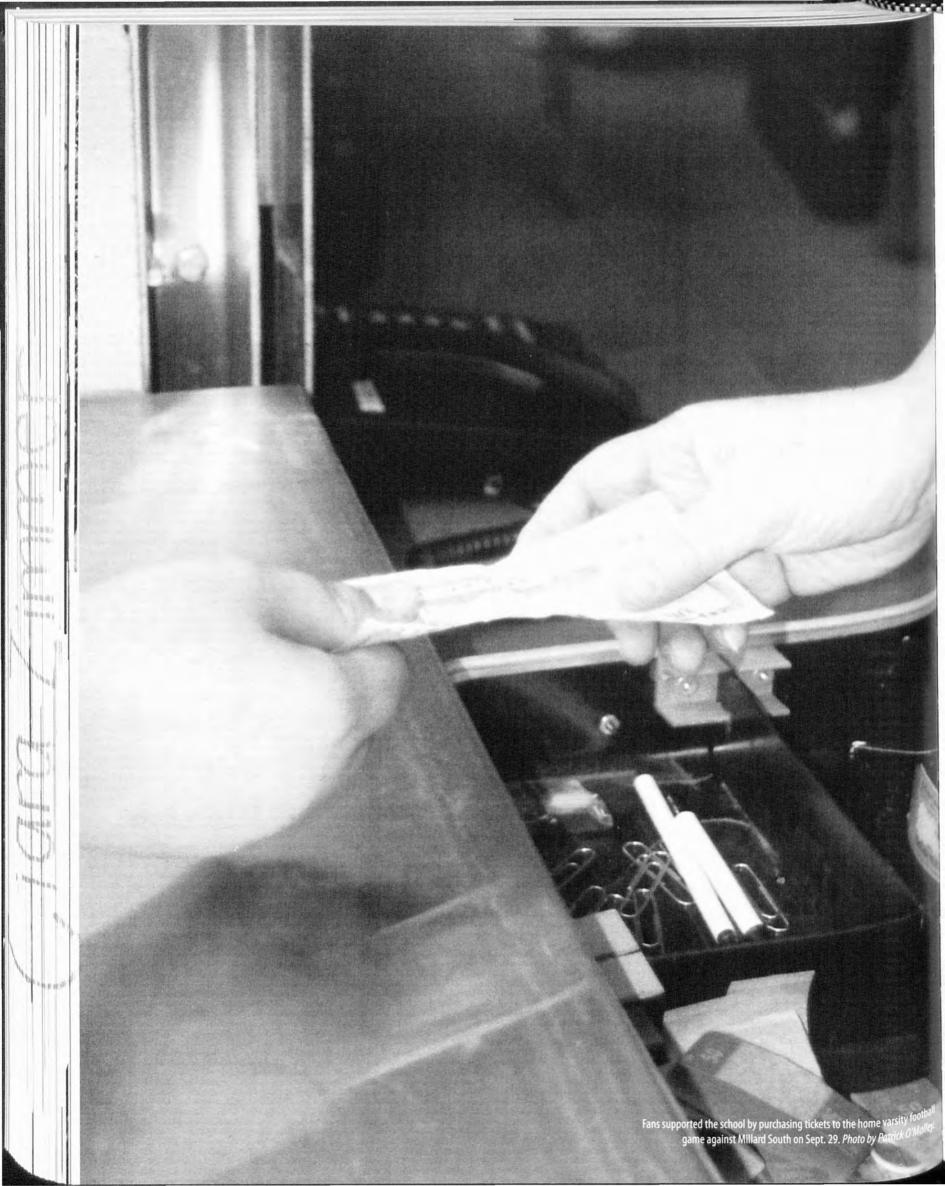
"Where Styles Are Strictly Correct."



We are showing scores of Dainty Models in

Graduation Dresses and Summer Frocks for every occasion

You can select a pretty Commencement Dress or a Summer Dress for practical use from the greatest assortment in Omaha. Smart Lingerie Dresses, all-over Embroidered Frocks for Misses and Girls, Dainty Gowns of Swiss, Mull, Dimity, etc., newest style features and airiest fabrics—





Skolfield (9) are sitting on a park bench in an ad with the French Club. Clubs also bought ads to promote and Capture fun trips or activities they held. Other organizations including Student Council and DECA immortalized the Year by buying an ad to showcase events. This was a way for students to showcase their multitude of interests ourside of their councils.

Page 319



Page 295
Jacquelyn Pirtle (12)
climbs on the floor
when she was a baby.
Pirtle is on the track
team. Many students
had multiple ads
in the book.



Page 308
John Martinez (12)
carves a pumpkin
when he was little boy.
Martinez appears in this
book in a story about
hunting with his friends
Kenneth Fischer (12),
Daniel Smith (12) and



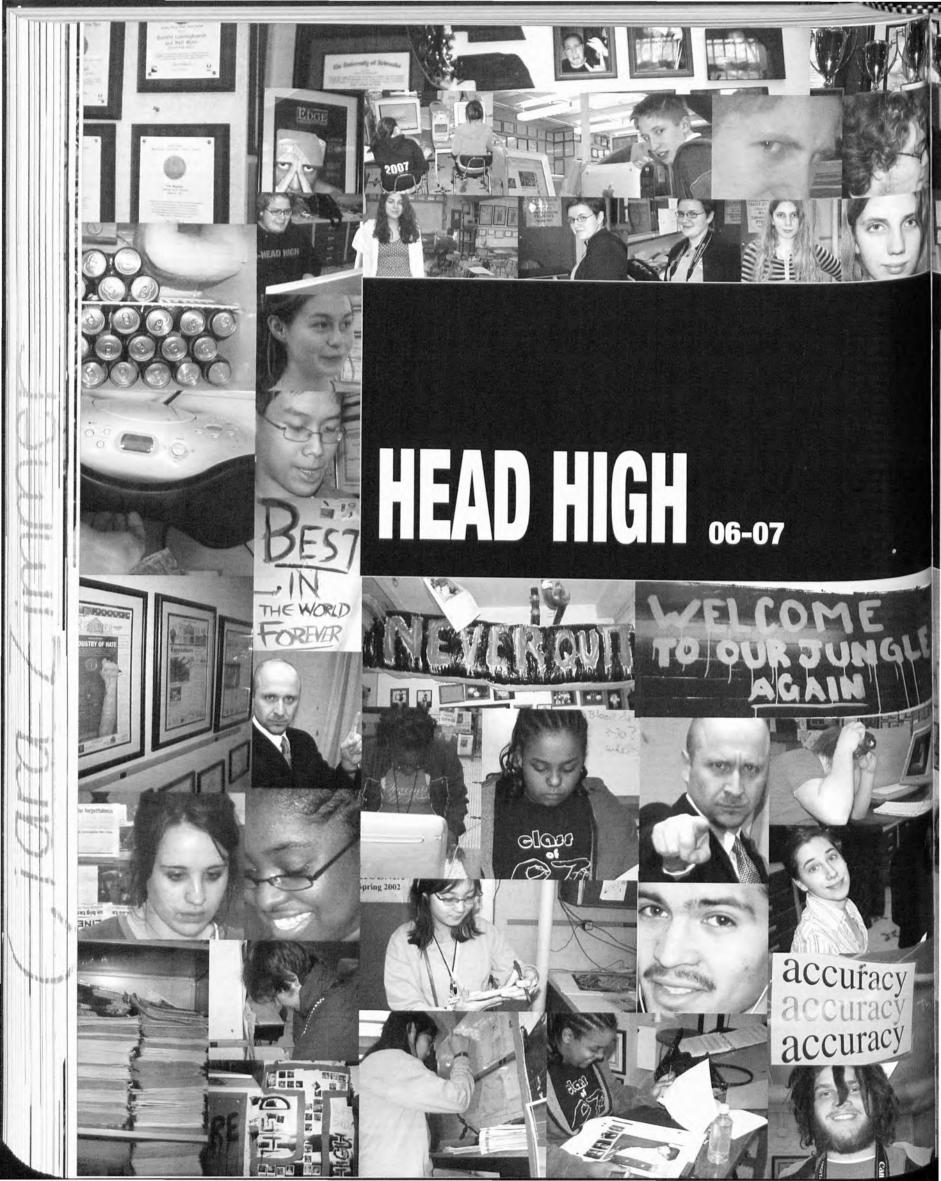
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Franque Thompson (12)
poses for a photo shot
when she was a little girl.
Many seniors bought ads
with their friends. Parents
also bought ads for their
kids to congratulate them
on their performance
throughout the years.

Andrew Wahl (12) poses for a photo when he was a kid. Wahl played guitar in the Jazz Band. He was also in a few different bands outside of school. The most recent one was an instrumental band called Pyramid.

supporting the effort

From immortalizing your child to supporting the effort to learn. From encouraging curiosity to sharing a passion to showing how good you can be. Everyone had a cause to support. Friends helped each other out from buying candy to rallying at an event. Alumni gave back to the school through funds for scholarships and donations. Businesses in the community advertised in the *Register* and sponsored events including athletic banquets. We recall buying memorabilia from the school store. We remember buying tickets for the big game or for a dance. We reminisce about the cookies we bought third hour. We call to mind the hours spent spreading the word about an issue from Change the World to the Community Bike Shop. Who and what we supported was a reflection of our past goals and our future plans are determined by what we support today. While specific causes have changed throughout history, the goal of humanity to help others remains the same.

4 - Monica White was interviewed by Kathleen Sullivan from the CBS morning show who came to Central to do a program about drugs in America. -0-Book 1990.



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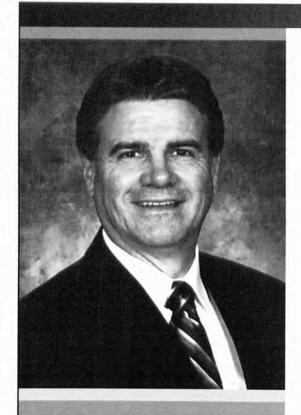
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GREGORY E. EMMEL

Principal
OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
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CHARLES HINE	1881-1882
HOMER LEWIS	1882-1896
IRWEN LEVISTON	1896-1899
A.H. WATERHOUSE	1899-1908
E.U. GRAFF	1908-1911
HATE MCHUGH	1911-1914
CLAYTON REED	1914-1915
JOSEPH G. MASTERS	1915-1939
FRED HILL	1939-1944
J. ARTHUR NELSON	1944-1968
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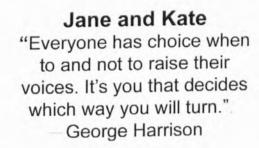
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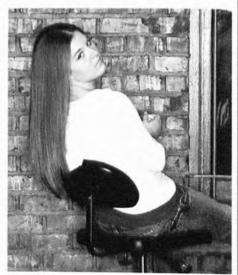


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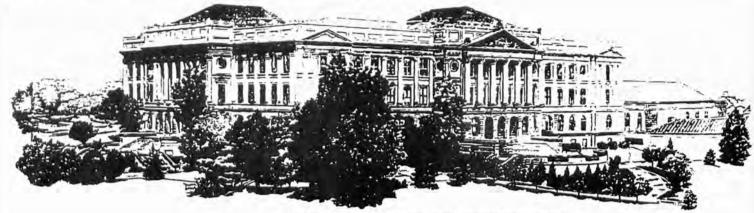






Athletic Association members paid 25 cents in order to vote on questions regarding the association. -O-Book 1928.

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- · Alumni Association
- · Athletic Boosters Club
- · Band Parents
- . PEP (Parents, Educators, Pupils)
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- Our Mission: to improve the education of present and future students at Central High School

Stay involved! When you give your volunteer time or a financial donation, your contribution will help us to

- Provide college scholarships to students
- Give grants for teachers to attend workshops and purchase special supplies for their departments

Central High School offers an education that is enhanced by diversity and enriched by its tradition of excellence. Around the globe, both near and far, Central High School students represent the very best of Omaha.

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We hope you'll remember those who helped you along the way . . . and that you will share your success with future generations of Central Eagles with a contribution to the Central High School Foundation.

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- Offer special funding for improvements to technology and other ways to make Central better
- Sponsor awards events like "Student of the Year" and "Teacher of the Year"
- · Enrich extracurricular activities
- Maintain a database of alumni, staff, parents and friends
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHS CLASS OF 2007!



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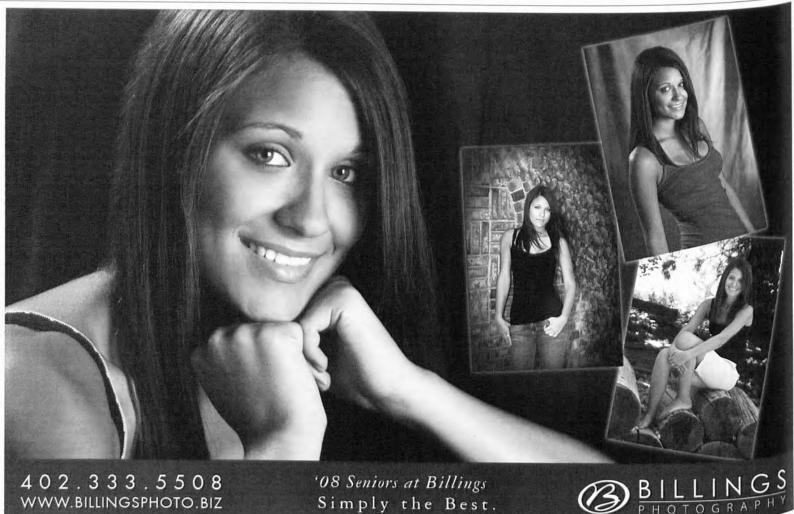
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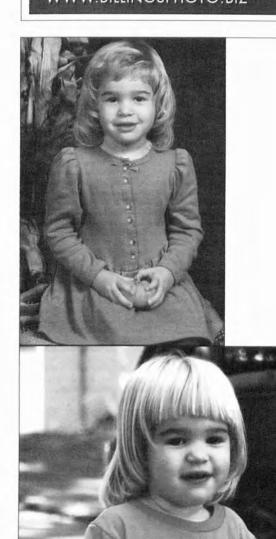
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www.centralhighomaha.org P.O. Box 31610, Omaha NE 68131 The Chemistry Club founded in 1986 went to Creighton University to watch a demonstration by a glassblower. -0-Book 1986.

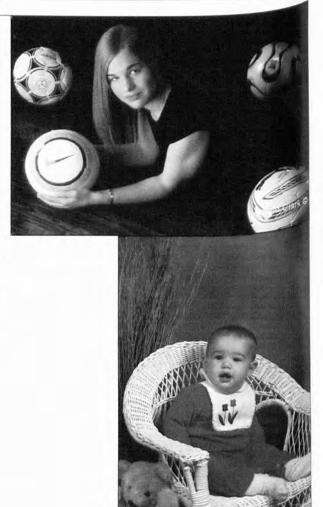






Lisa,
We are so proud of you.
Always keep your sense
of humor and remember
the importance of family.
Follow your dreams.
The world is waiting for
you.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sara



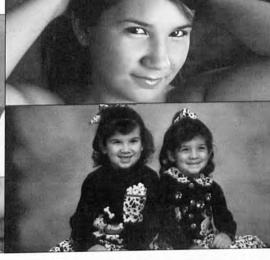
Arielle,

Those who achieve success are Those who take a dream And make it come true!"

We always knew you Would make us proud! Congratulations on your Graduation!

Love you, Mom, Dad & Kandice

















"The Road Not Taken" By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.





Karen Ray was named one of 300 in the honor's category of the Westinghouse National Talent Search for her experiments with the use of heat pipes. -0-Book 1979.











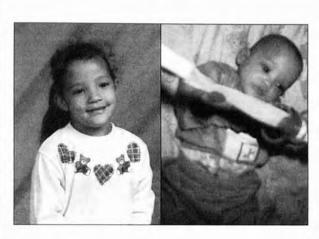
Our Erica

You came to us 17 years ago no larger than the size of your father's hand. You appeared so weak and fragile. According to man and science, you should not be here. According to the doctors, you were off schedule because they calculated three more months before your birth. With each passing day, we became more nervous, hoped and prayed that you would be strong enough to see another day.

Erica each one of us was created in the likeness of God, but you are a true representation of his meticulous work and mighty powers. Only God can determine our destination, purpose and will. With your first breath, you had the wisdom and belief to allow God to guide you into this life and keep you on that narrow path.

If during your journey of becoming a woman you find life moving faster than you can keep up, remember to take that first breath with each trial you encounter and allow God to guide you.

You are embarking on the most independent self-satisfying times of your life. Your family could not be more proud. You are our Erica with a candid spirit and warm heart; you are the whisper your father left behind.

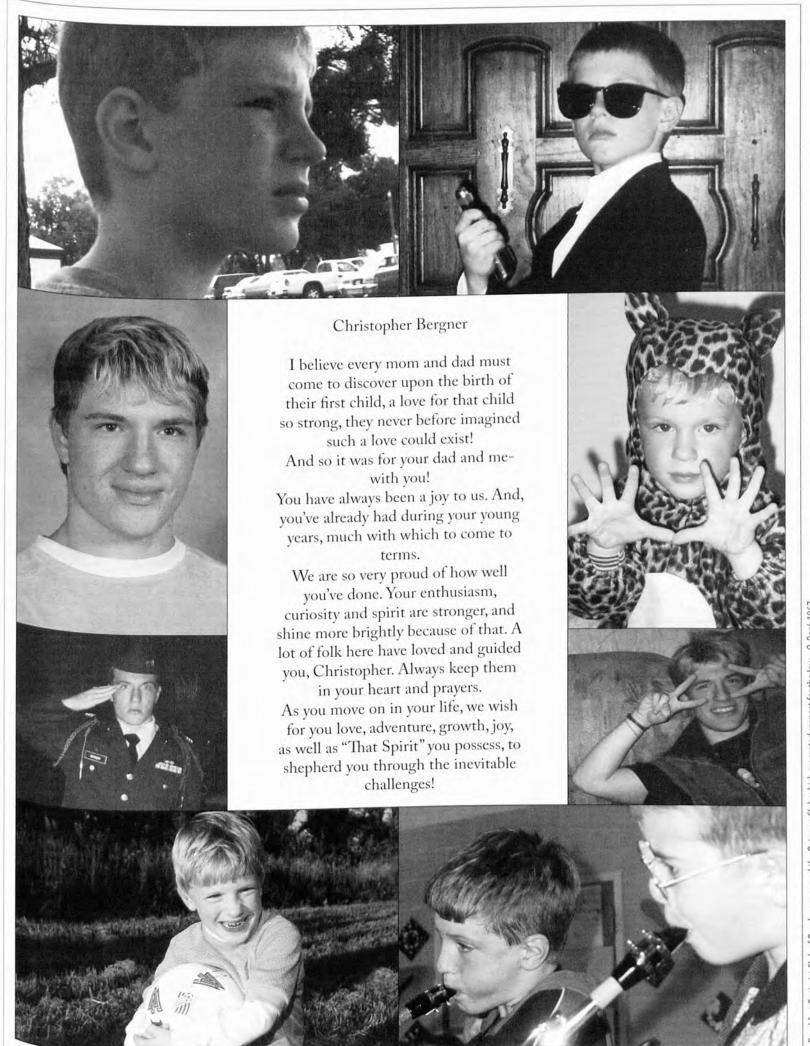












A third year of physical education was added to the curriculum for girls. - Annual 1912.

Congratulations Abby!



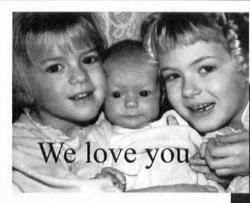
We are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become. Your strong will and independence, your values and beliefs are the foundations of your character.

With your convictions, you will always succeed. Thank you for being our incredible daughter.

All Our Love, Mom, Tammie, Rylee and Daisy



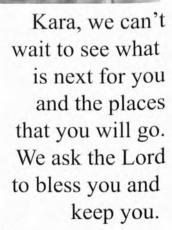




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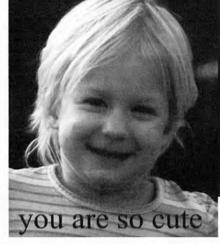


You did it with excellence.



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Love you, Mom and Dad



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"Commit to the Lord

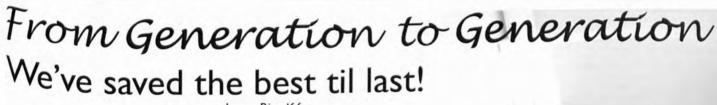
plans will succeed."

-Proverbs 16:3

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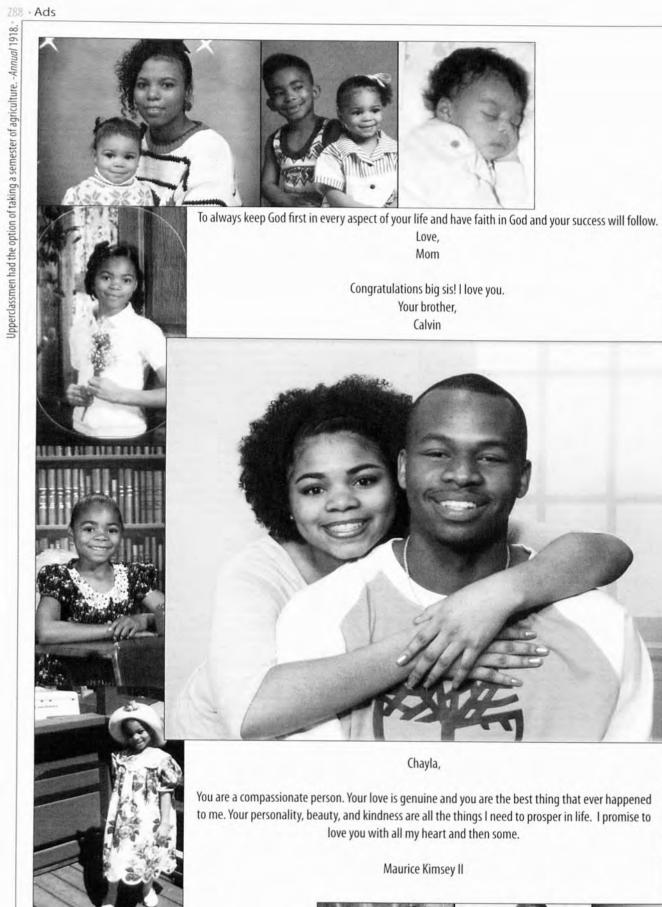
We blinked but for a moment and our little boy has grown up into a caring, fun-loving, trueto-his-faith, remarkable young man. We are so proud of you and look forward to sharing in the dreams of your future.

Love, Mom, Dad & Tanner





Members of National Thespians received a subscription to its magazine "Dramatics." -0-Book 1945.















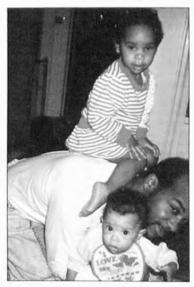






Franque, congratulations on completing high school! Continue to delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the **Desires of Your Heart!** We are soooo proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Kelly, Ivy & Jasmine









- In 1926, a freshman girls basketball team was formed. -0-Book 1926.



We've known each other for 16 years. It's a friendship that I wouldn't change for the world. We've been through thick and thin, but through it all we have memories that I will cherish forever. No matter what happens to us I will always love you and I don't think my life would be the same without you.

> Love, always and forever, Your sissy











Laura, From learning to ride a bike...to driving a car...16 years...and more to come! What a wonderful life we have shared! Through all the rough patches we've hit and hard times we've been through, we're always back at each other's side! Thanks for your friendship you've given me over

the years. I wish you the best of luck for your life's new beginning. Don't forget that I'll always be here for you and I'm only a couple houses down.

Love, Rachel

As you make a new beginning, remember all that's past As you pursue your dreams and try your wings, never fear taking a chance As life hands you challenges, welcome them they'll make you strong As you gain your independence, hold tight to those who've loved you all along As you grow and change, know that the most important things Are honesty, integrity, and the comfort a loving spirit brings



Love yourself well and continue to take time to serve others For the desire to understand is your greatest gift May your new path take you where God would have you go!

> We'll love and cherish you always **Mom and Dad**

Karis Perry









Jord,
I have been working on what to write to you in this layout for months-how do you put the love a mother has for her daughter into words? You cannot. There are no words to accurately describe it.

I cannot believe how quickly the years have passed. As I look back at the memories, it seems like it was not all that long ago that I took you to school for your first day. Now we are soon approaching your last-where does the time go? I am so incredibly proud of you and all of your accomplishments. I am in awe of the person you have become.

I wish you all the best that life has to offer. Take in everything that you can and enjoy the years to come.

I love you very much!















A Decade of Friendship Ugly Ducklings for Life

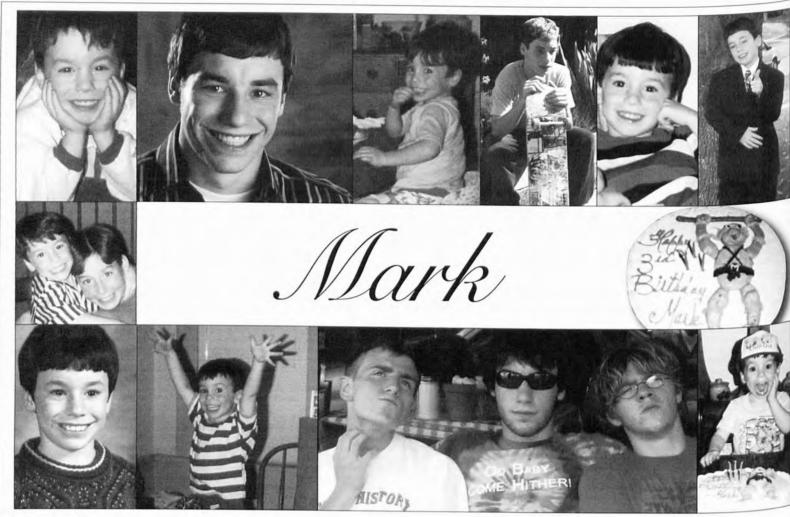






The French Club made scrapbooks filled with cartoons and sent them to schools in France. - 0-Book 1953.

But at the same time we're still young. I'd rather waste our time together. Helmet head. Vote Kerry,



Let's make this last forever. I hope you had the time of your life. Izzy and Nealy. Jordanza and Lanee. You're so pretty. Chocolate stars. Japan and landed. Skinny dipping.



No matter how many friends we have from other cliqués, we can always be ourselves and have the most fun with each other. Karpf's comments. Voom. Thrifting.

I'll be there for you. Phoebe and Rachel. Really? No, I'm lying. Whatever squirrel, we still have forever.



"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted." -Albert Einstein.



Margaret Ann Baumann

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Congratulations, Maggie!

Love, Mom & Dad TC

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Faculty member Eva O'Sullivan worked as a bacteriologist in a hospital unit.

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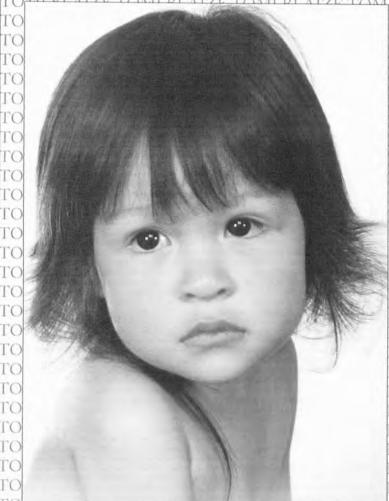
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Thank you for filling our life with your "Tompopo Sunshine." You are an amazingly beautiful person and we are so very proud of you. Go spread your joy sweetie, the world awaits you! All our love, Mom & Mikey

BLAI could ever ask for. So many years have BLAI passed by and there are certainly a lot more to come. I love you. BLA Your little sis, BLA Rio BLA BLAIZE TOMI BLAIZE TOMI BLA

You are absolutely the best sister I

You will always be my little girl. Love, Dad







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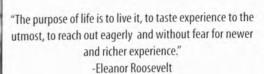


Pascale-

What a wonderful young woman you've become. We are proud of everything you do and are. Keep reaching out with courage for what lies ahead. Your life will be as beautiful as you. Congratulations.















Dear Jackie,

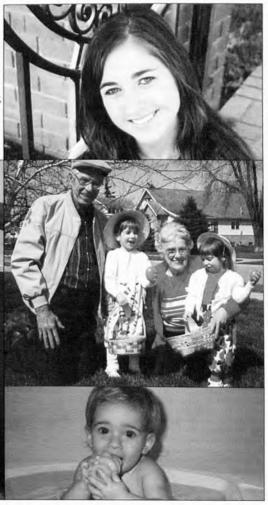
With a mixture of joy, gratitude and awe, I have had the pleasure of welcoming you as a bright-eyed, happy baby into our family.

I thank God that He brought you to your father and me and we look forward to supporting you on your journeys ahead.

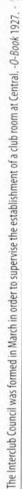
> Joyfully, Mom

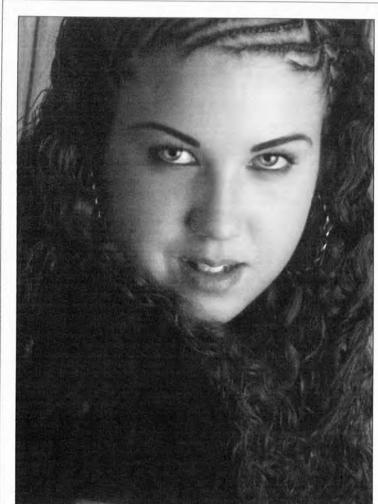


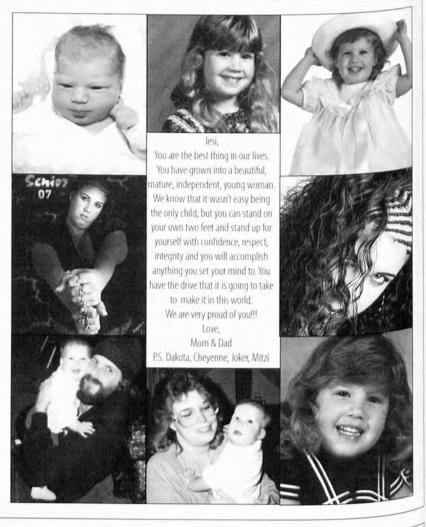




Two girls from Colleens volunteered each Saturday at the Hattie B. Munroe Home and Children's Memorial Hospital. -0-Book 1953.







Megan Hess #77

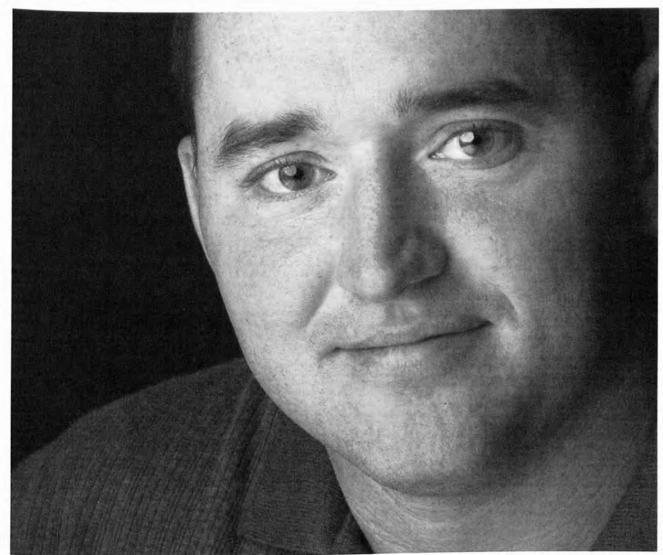
We are really proud of who you are, what you have accomplished and where you will go!





You are the best!!! Love, Mom, Dad, Sally, Alison and Swoopes





BRIAN PIKE

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"Good luck with all your future endeavors."
-Uncle Floyd







My Little Girl

Once you were this inquisitive little girl who wanted to know everything and that's what I wanted to give you.

Once you wanted to try things on your own and that's when I wanted to protect you.

Once you fell in love and that's when I wanted to inform you. Now you're a young lady, I hope I did my best because I will always be there for your ups and downs.

But, you will always be my little girl.





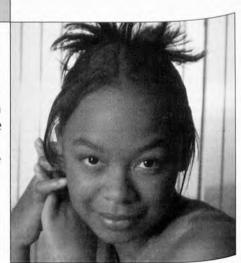




Annie,

Gosh look at us!! We have been together through a whole lot! We've been together as best friends since eighth grade, what do you expect? You have always been there for me when I was at my worst even when I needed a shoulder to cry on, you were there. When I needed someone to laugh with, you were there. When one of us was hurt by some stupid boy, you were there for me and I was there for you. We still have many years to come and I just want to let you know that I'm always going to be here for you no matter what.

Love, Monique



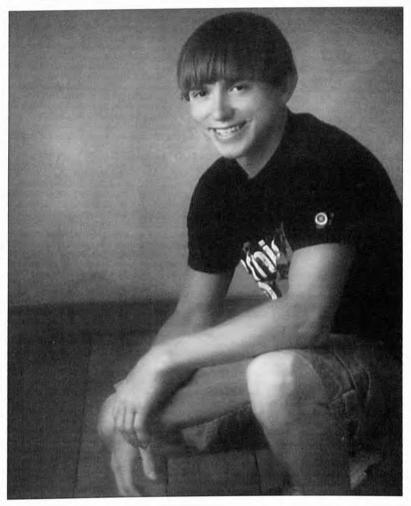


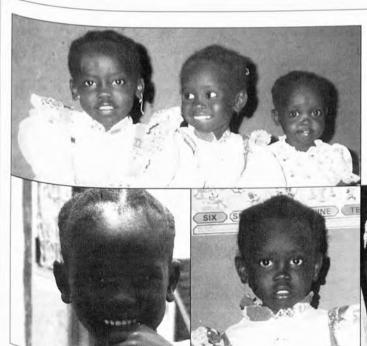
Matt,

We are so proud of you. You can accomplish anything you put your mind to. Just remember to keep God and family number one and all things are possible.

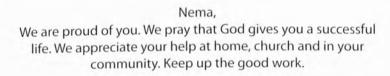
Love, Mom, Sara, John & James







"Charm is deceptive and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised." -Proverbs 31:30



Love, Mama & Baba Deborah, Raja & Samuel





Ann & Deborah

Congratulations to our favorite girls.

Dad, Betsy & Paul



AnnaWe are so proud of you. We hope that you go on to make your dreams come true. And that you make the best of your life in the future.

Keep Smiling!

We will always love you, James & Jean Dad & Mom











Samantha,
Memories are a way of
holding onto the things
you love and the things you
never want to lose. Looking
forward to more memories.
Love,

Mom, Dad & Caitlin

















Brittany-It seems like only yesterday you were our little girl. It seems like it happened overnight that our little girl has grown up and in her place stands a beautiful and talented young woman. It fills our hearts with love and pride to see all that you have become. You're a daughter to be very proud of and you're wished much love and happiness as you face many bright tomorrows.

Congratulations on your graduation! Love, Dad, Mom & Ash

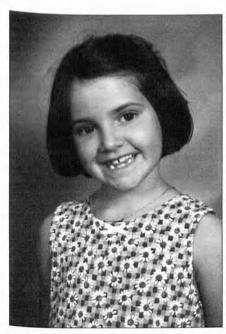








"I'm proud of you for the times you came in second or third or fourth, but what you did was the best you had ever done." -Mister Rogers







Words could never express how proud we are of you, Courtney. With all our love, Mom & Dad

Elisabeth,

We are so proud of our little girl with the kind and sweet nature who has grown into a beautiful young woman. As you have grown, we have been amazed at how focused and dedicated you are to school, pom squad, dance and many other activities.

We look forward to what the future holds for you and sharing many tomorrows with you.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Robbie & Charlotte









Erin,

Remember that with hope all things are possible. With faith, your dreams can soar. We're so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Dana







Congratulations, Sasha!

Love, Mom, Dad & Max





Congratulations, Emily! Keep looking ahead!

Love, Mom, Dad, Charlie & Jasmine

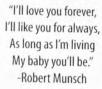




Emily, we are so very proud of you and the beautiful person you have become. Always believe in yourself and know that you can do anything. You've grown up so quickly and I cherish every memory.

With much love,

Mom & Jim







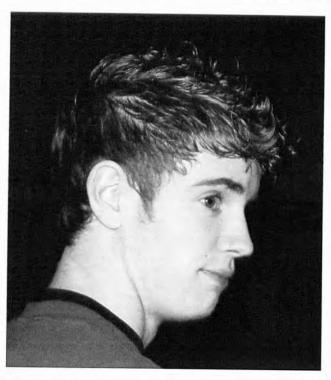
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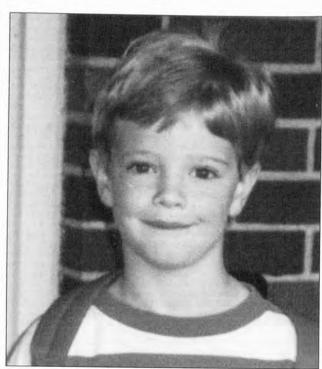
Your smile and your laugh light up our lives. Keep smiling! We are proud of you!

> Love, Mom & Dad



"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies with us."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson





Corey-Your gift is the joy you bring others and the hearts you touch. We are VERY proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



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Emily Wall, Katherine Shuster, Corey Lynch, Lucy Schroeder, Amanda Pintore, Hanna Weeks, Jessica Sieff & Anna Knotek + 305

Members of Science-Fiction were interested in space travel, which was growing closer to a reality every day. -0-Book 1953.

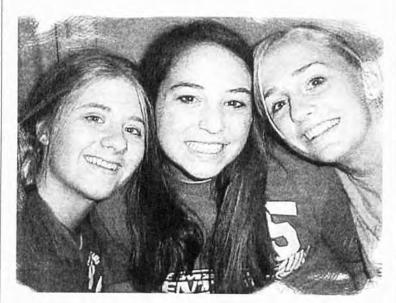
"You were the one who made things different.

You were the one who took me in.

You were the one thing I could count on.

Above all, you were my friend."

-Tom Petty



The Tripod Emily, Kelsey & Annie



KevinWe're so proud of you.
You really found yourself at Central and developed into a fine young man.
Remember the lessons of your high school years.
Best of luck in your future.

Love, Mom, Dad, Mary & Aiden, and John





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lan...my son, my hero and the light of my life...
Our journey to this point has been one of laughter, tears, struggles and achievements.
Most of all, our journey has been filled with faith, trust and lots of love. You will always be my son and you will always be the light of my life, but most of all, you really are my Hero. Through your unselfish acts of courage, caring, hope and love, you have taught ME the meaning of life. Thank you for being an outstanding human being. I am and always have been a very proud Mother.
Always remember...!'Il believe in you if you'll believe in me!





We love you...more!

lan...Thank you for being a son of whom I can be proud of. Remember some of these clichés to guide you in your life.

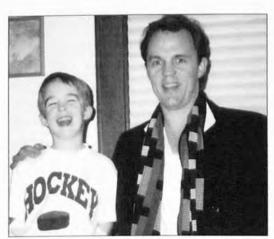
Learn from your mistakes.

All things in moderation.

Every day try to do something to help someone else.

Show up for work on time every day and do a good job when you are there.

Always treat others as you would want to be treated.





















A softball club was formed for the first time. It wasn't recognized by NSAA as an official sport. The varsity uniforms were provided by Metropolitan Sports Foundation. -0-Book 1992.

To Eliza:

Strong, Smart and Beautiful. We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Sara





Praise God!
Keep the train moving forward. I'm
proud of you, little sis.
Love,
Your brother Ranon





Miss Khiana,
I am so proud of you.
May God continue to bless and watch
over you as you venture out into the
world. Keep your head up and follow
your dreams. I thank God for blessing
me with a wonderful daughter.
You go girl.
Love, Mom





J.D. "TINEZ"

From "Thomas the Tank Engine" to dinosaurs and "Ninja Turtles,"
From "Star Wars" and Micro Machines to Beanie Babies,
From skate boards and scrapes to bats and balls,
mitts and gloves,
From fishing and hunting to books and homework

From fishing and hunting to books and homework,
I have always been your biggest fan!
I am proud of the Man you have become.
Life is just beginning!

Life is just beginning!
I know you are up for its many challenges.
I know you have many qualities that will set you apart.
I know you will be successful no matter
what path you choose.
All my love.

"Big Rue"

Dad, Mara, Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Frank, Uncle David,
Aunt Stephanie, Uncle Don, Gio, Rick,
and a host of others salute you and your accomplishments!























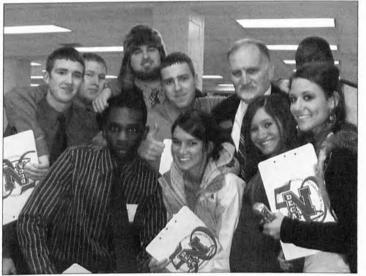
Congratulations, Rashele! You have completed your first level in life...

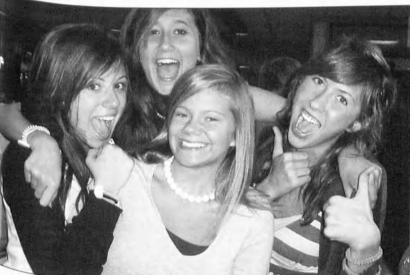
We love you so much and we want you to always strive for the best! You have grown to be a very talented, creative, intelligent and beautiful young woman. You have faced some challenges in life, but remember life may throw some punches, but just remember to duck and keep going.

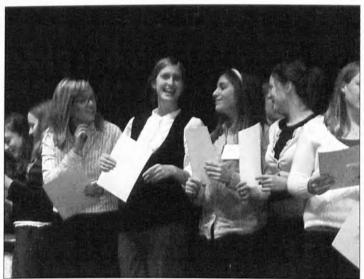
Love always, Mom, Ernest, Alexis, Kenneth & Grandma Noretta













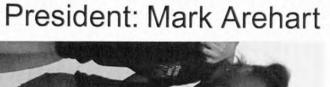


Senior Class Government



















Mai Zhang

Vice President: Kerri Croskey Secretary: Chardenay Davis

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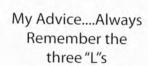
Activities Coordinator: Kenny Fischer Representatives: Jared Dittman The Greenwich Village Art Club was revived from the 1970s. Members made candles. -O-Book 1995.

Senior Class - 313

Congratulations, Aly Ann! With pride and our love, Mom, T.T., Andrea and Mike



CONGRATULATIONS!!



Live.... Love.... Laugh.....



C H **AARON PAUL**

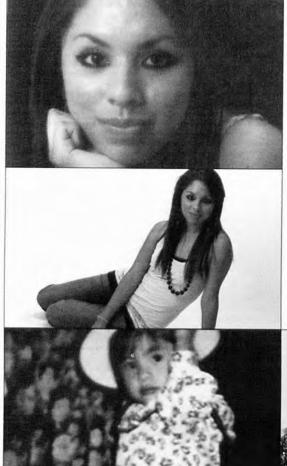
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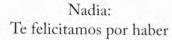


Lara, congratulations and good luck in the future. Love, Mom, Dad, Nikki, Jason & Isabella









concluido esta etapa de tu vida. Pero recuerda que la lucha no termina aqui y que hay que seguir esforzándote por alcanzar las metas que te has fijado. Y sabemos que lo lograrás. Atte: Tu mama Martha de la Cruz Tu tios Jorge y Raquel

Buendia.



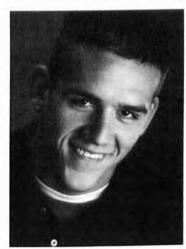




Michael,
We are both so proud of
you for everything that
you've accomplished and
the fine young man you
have become. Never give
up, live all of your dreams,
but most of all be happy.

With love always, Mom & Dad







Amanda,

We have waited so long for this day. But now that it is here we can't believe you are all grown up. You have grown into a beau-

tiful person. We are very proud of you and love you very much. Remember to keep striving for the best in all you do.

Love, Mom & Amber



Max, Never stop using your imagination. Let it run wild like the dinosaur and look to the future as you move to the next big era of your life.

Love, Mom, Dad and Nick







Shantel-

Since preschool you have studied so hard to become the academic student you are today. What an excitement!

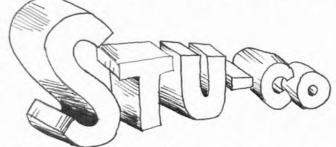
Right now you must be feeling on top of the world because all of your hard work has paid off. Here's to you and to many more successes that are surely coming your

> way. Love, Mom & Dad

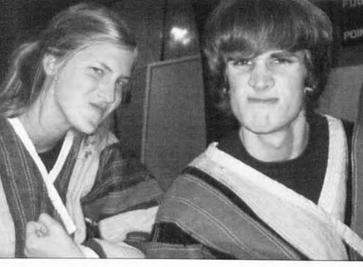


*Officers: Maggie Carli • Courtney • Crystal • Kara • Rochelle • Deanna





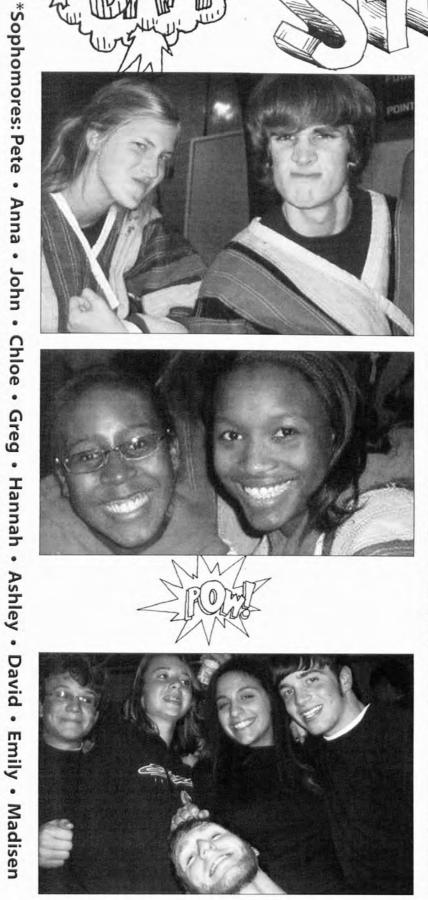














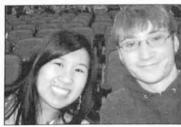
*Juniors: Michelle • Katy • Chelsea • Abby • Will • Sean • Paloma • Adrian • Ben •

The boys tennis team won State. It was led by the state's top doubles team of Dan Grossman and Dave Dinsmore and singles star Jim Crew. - 0-Book 1969.

*Seniors: Mark • Taja • Matt • Kerri • Chardenay • Aaron







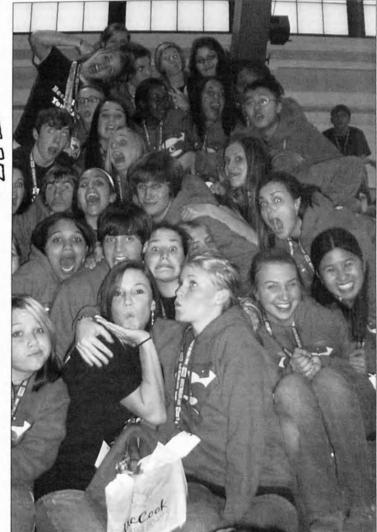








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^{Phili}p • Hannah • Chloe • Jeni • Nonnie • Antea • Maya • Jen

Aaron • Nema • Kevin Kelsey • Jordan • Annie • Sasha • Mai

Student Council - 317

Dan-We're so proud of all you've done & the man you've become. Love, Dad, Mom & Mike







Jaime,
You are my sunshine!
"You are the light
of the world."
I love you.
Mom

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."

-Helen Keller

We love you Theresa, Mom and Dad













Amanda,

The years have passed so quickly. Since the day you were born you have been on a mission of life. Now you have grown into a beautiful, strong-willed, vibrant, intelligent young lady. You will go far in life. Set your goals high and accomplish them.

Congratulations, on all that you have achieved so far.















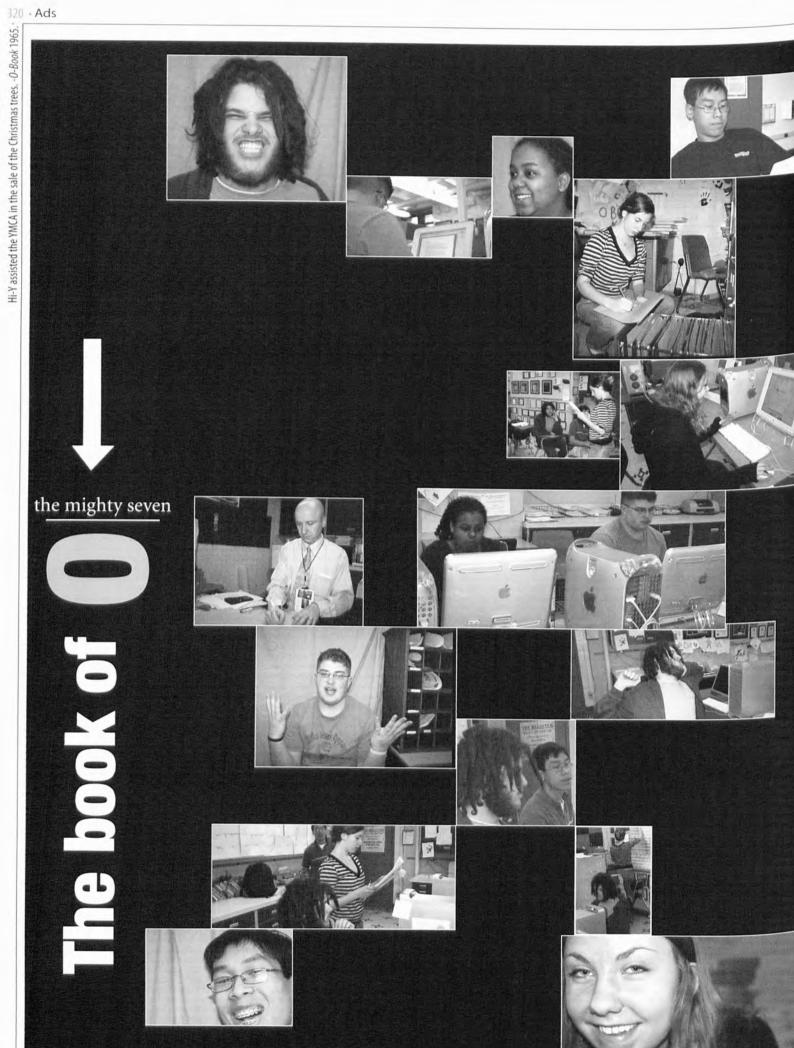
French Club

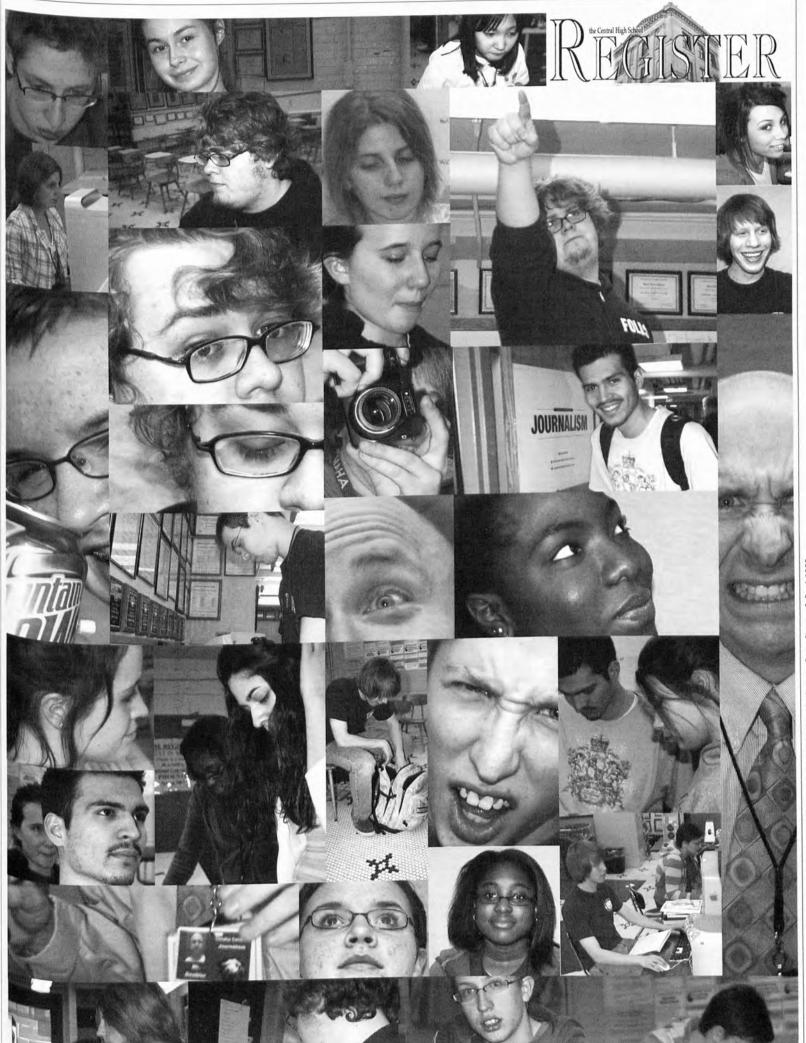






During the first semester alone, Audio-Visual showed over 300 films. - 0-Book 1965.

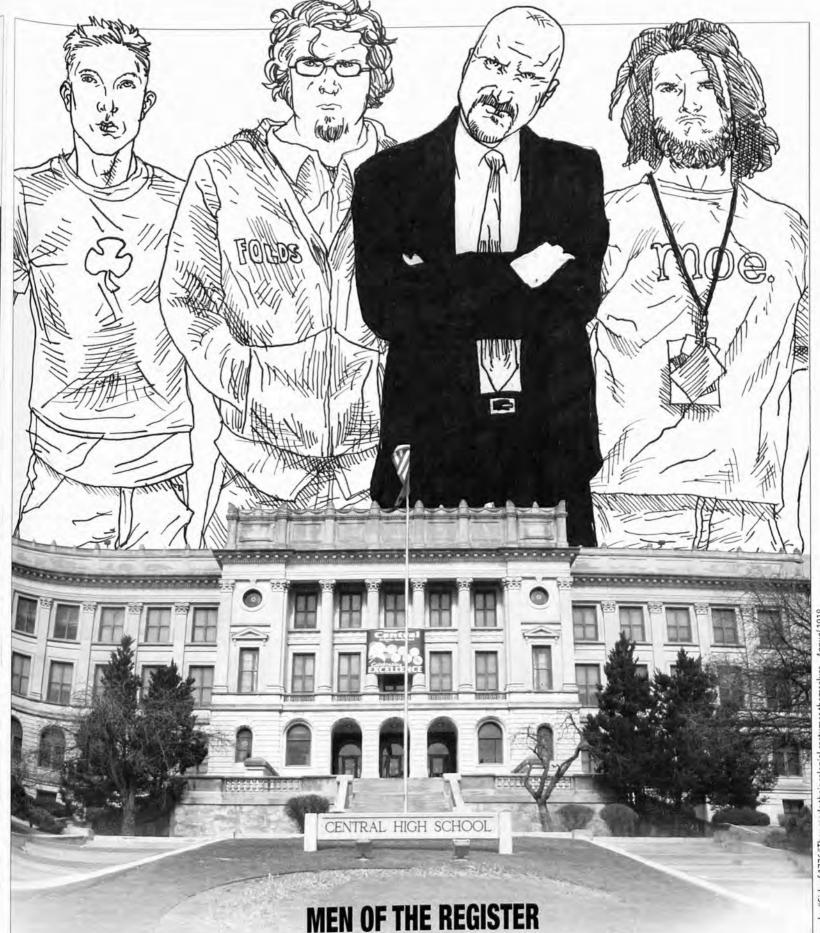




Daniel Weiss was an exchange student from West Germany. He stayed with World-Hearld columnist Peter Citron. -O-Book 1989.

THE VELVET BAG

MYTH BUSTED?



Year of the folk song gargs creampuff stay late character wings blazin' contest shave the melon wash the dreads teeth huge feet king king rockin' the folds heart butterdish state nationals winning journalist of the year action shots nashville denver attitude sweating on the inside dew canada thin mints puking more puking losing weight gaining it back chin hair censorship moe. velvet bag moustache that's what she said coffee bean Bernstein running steal my schtick oh, hello there get off the stage are you my server (turns around) yeeeesssss the snail mile high pop tart chinese food sausage onion the future can't be stopped where's your newsletter tattoo

"100% of the shots you don't take don't go in." -Wayne Gretzky. Dumb is not knowing. Ditzy is having the courage to ask! "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work...I want to achieve it though not dying." -Woody Allen. "Big girls need big diamonds." -Elizabeth Taylor. Faith is believing in something when common sense tells you not to! "Unity and victory are synonymous." -Samora Machel, Mozambiquen, activist and politician. "I gotta work out. I keep saying it all the time. I keep saying I gotta start working out. It's been about two months since I've worked out. And I just don't have the time. Which uh...is odd. Because I have the time to go out to dinner. And uh...and watch tv. And get a bone density test. And uh.. try to figure out what my phone number spells in words." -Ellen DeGeneres. "Our love fern! You let it die! Is that what you're going to do to our relationship? Let it die?!" -Failure to Launch.



Ladies of J-Head High Breaking Stereotypes

LOOKS + BRAINS = POWER

"It is the duty of youth to bring fresh new powers to bear on social progress. Each generation of young people should be to the world like a vast reserve force to a tired army. They should lift the world forward. That is what they are for."

-Charlotte Perkins Gilman, American educator and activist

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what makes a leader what is character what is the purpose of journalism political correctness emotion fear champion multiple times at local state and national level end of a dynasty lead by example sense of humor working like a team unity j-head high largest yearbook ever largest paper ever what's next the world hard work and determination censorship hazelwood trust double-checking quotes the "gargs" food runs dew thin mints caramel delights peanut butter a rich history diversity the future the past the now what's left everything columbia unl nspa cspa nhspa resume transcripts journalist of the year denver nashville adviser editor in chief small in number very big in heart what is possible you haven't seen our best shot yet visuals good & plenty meat Puppets static room 030 late nights scanning personalities coming together deadlines balance social skills not a newsletter mullen backman kline cooper grunke beiber joseph justine wynn swirzinski kosmicki meyer schulte astrika stephanie bob mr. deabler lueninghoener jessing-butz gerhart last day of sales the velvet bag broadcasting future king-king turns 40 most yearbook ad sales ever going for it swinging for the fence real-world journalism the yearbook is journalism immortalized forever attitude the best fighting for what's right the wall caricature pop tarts meetings censorship again jobs on staff don't be a negative support do you believe we do destiny ad revenue money hope fun winning and not winning the rats fish the wilhelms pootie the dreads hoodies the 52 the 80 372 the bling the 40, 100-pound paper blind embossing correct volume of the o-book register scholarships organizational skills better appreciation the best fit time to fly no regrets multiple sections no pain don't give up there's different ways to win there's different ways to show support even more fun hardcore doug meigs hershey bars the dew fridge fourth zero hours seventh eighth hours uv lamination mtv "the paper" raw meat obsession passion

CHANGE THE WORLD

one story, one photo at a time



Ladies of J-Head High, Matthew Deabler, Bob Al-Greene & Stephanie Wilhelm + 325

Helen M. Cain was involved in making surgical dressings and a member of the Knitting Regiment. - Annual 1919

ould or.



Heather





We have gone so far and have even grown the last four years. We have had good times from We Fly High No Lie You Know This EAGLES!! To the Central vs. North games. What about the 45th Street Crew. Don't forget about the good tears, sad tears, break ups to make ups. How about the time when KK said, "Honestly what do I have to say to her? Hey girlfriend let's go get our nails done." The bad tears always ended with good memories or a DEW! Even though the cops were called, or they said they were called. Some of the bad times were the hardest part of all. RIP Salvador Piña. You will always be in our hearts. We all love you and miss you very much!! 143!! What about our math. HP+KP=CHOCOLATE MILK. Times like this make us know who your REAL FRIENDS are. You never know until it's too late. We worked out our problems without our parents help. No matter how big the fight was, we got over it. The ones we didn't get over were never great friends to begin with. The lunch table was fun, both sides of it, "OMG get your stuff off of the smoke free side." We even had some car trouble. Too many miles, break troubles, it keeps going and going, or the car has too many owners. Even the tickets and the towing. Lara, "Karis your car was towed. I watched them drive off with it." Or even, Ian, "Hey you guys! I'm selling my car and buying another one." Yeah that happened year after year. That is the story of our lives. I wouldn't change these last four years for anything in the world. Yeah we had some bad times, but we did get through it. We laughed, we cried, and then we got over it. As we start our new lives next year we better keep in touch. Once every couple of months go to Buffalo Wild Wings or even hang out on 45th street with the crew. As long as we stay in touch it will all work out! Always remember you start life to end life. Live each day like it's your last, and love everyone around you. Love You Guys!! 2007 What A Great Year!!



Karis







Friends to the end!! 2007!! One love!!

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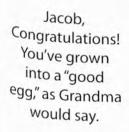
. Jennifer Henning volunteered her time reading to a blind couple and helped balance their accounts. -O-Book 1990.





Em, Emmy, Emily Waldo You have always waited for this moment to arrive. It's your time to fly.

We're so proud of you. We love you. Mom, Brian, Syd and Jack



Love, Mom

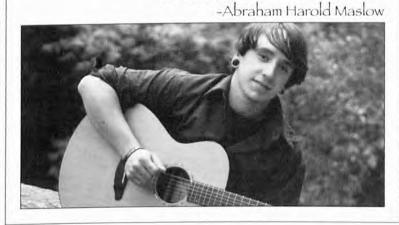


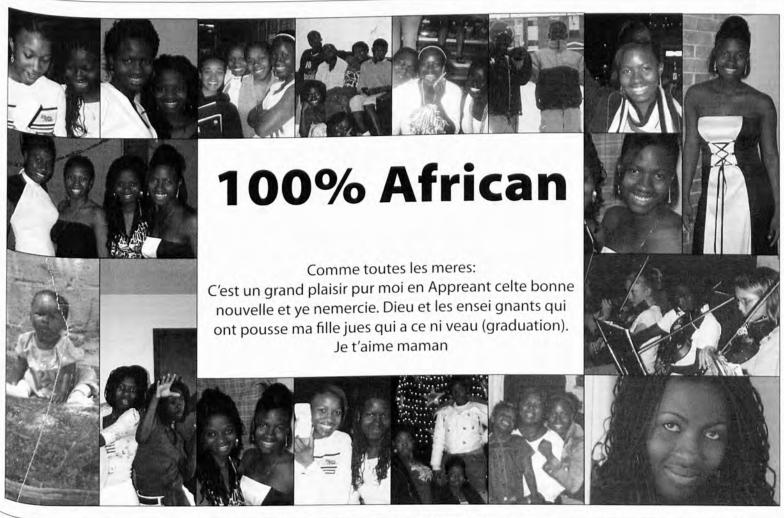


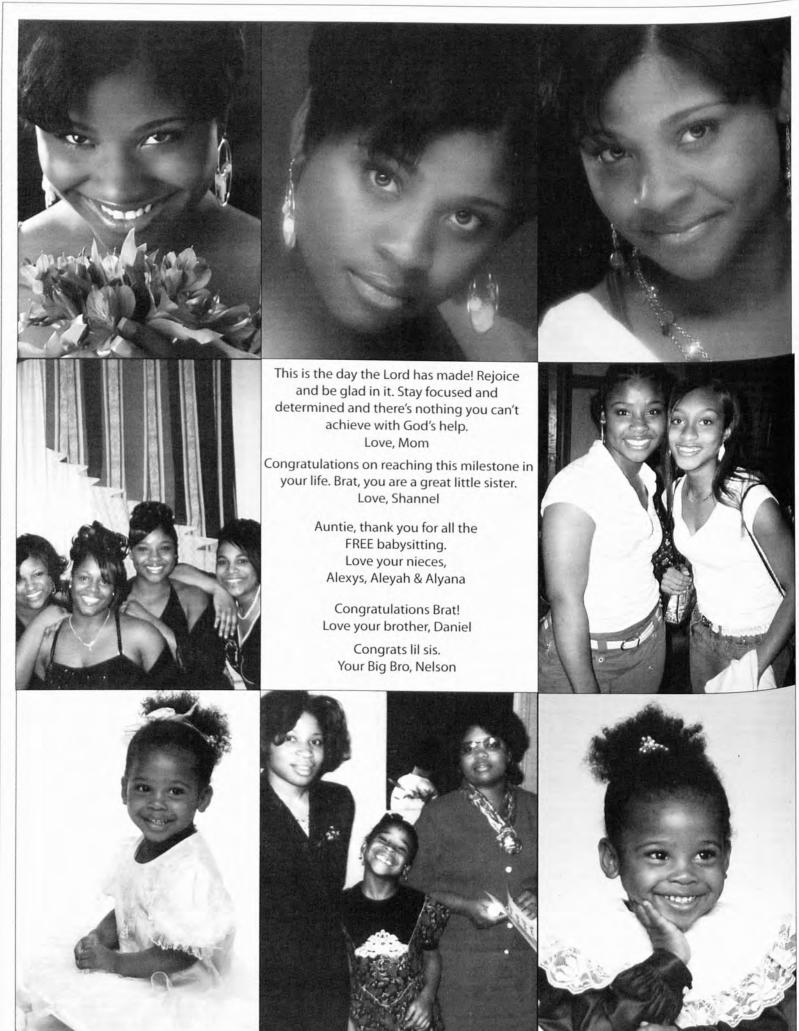
Andrew,
We are very proud
of what you've
accomplished and
we love you very
much!
Mom and Dave

The original call letters of Central's radio station were KFCZ. It was later changed to Know Omaha Central High (KOCH). -0-Book 1928

"A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. what a man can be, he must be."







JROTC 2007



The Tradition Continues

Eight of the 14 societies were composed entirely of girls. Three were for only boys. -Annual 1908





Para mi carnal Juan Gomez De tu hermano Arturo Gomez Hermano, te deseo lo mejor en la vida. Que cumplas todos tus deseos y metas que te propongas porque todas las cosas beunas de la vida solo se dan una vez y debemos saber aprovecharlas. Échale muchas ganas porque te vas a encontrar muchos obstáculos pero tienes que seguir adelante como hasta ahora lo has hecho. Recuerda que el que persevera alcanza. Cuando neceistes un consejo no dudes en acudir a mí porque siempre estaré contigo como amigos y hermanos que somos y tú lo sabes más que nadie OK. Cuídate y que cumplas todos tus sueños.

Atte. Tu Carnal P.D. T.Q.M.







Mijo, Desde pequeñito he admirado tu alegría, talento y tenacidad para lograr lo que quieres. Eres un gran ejemplo a seguir; no dejes que nada ni nadie se interponga en tus metas. Simpre se tu mismo. Graacias por ser un hijo excelente con tu gran esencia de calidad humana. Soy la mamá mas afortundada del mundo por tener un hijo como tu. Estoy orgullosa de ti y te deseo todo lo mejor. Pido a Dios te bendiga y que guíe tu camino siempre. Te amo mucho mijo. No se te olvide que tienes todo mi apoyo como madre y como amiga. Sigue adelante que te quedan muchas cosas por lograr y descubrir.

> Atentamente Tu mamá Reinalda Carbajal







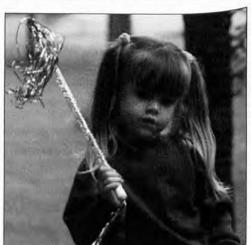






Julia, Best of luck to my favorite daughter.

> Love Always, Mom





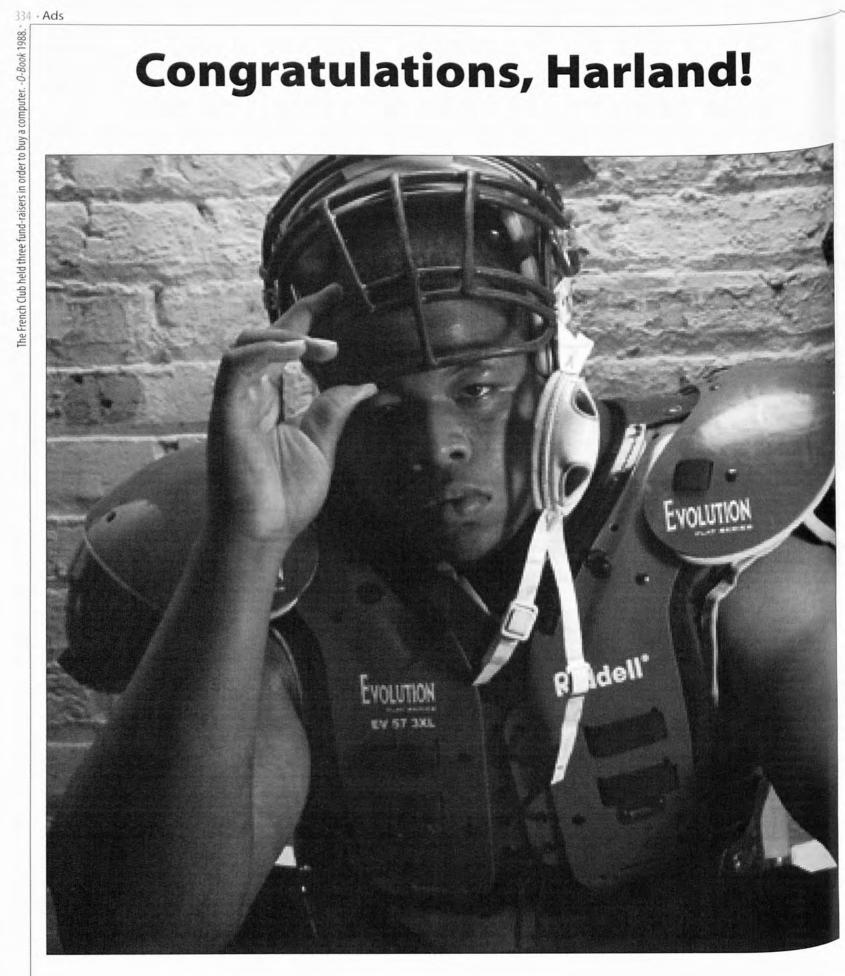
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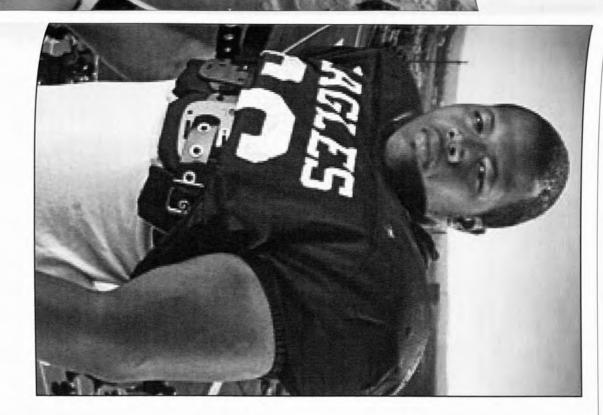
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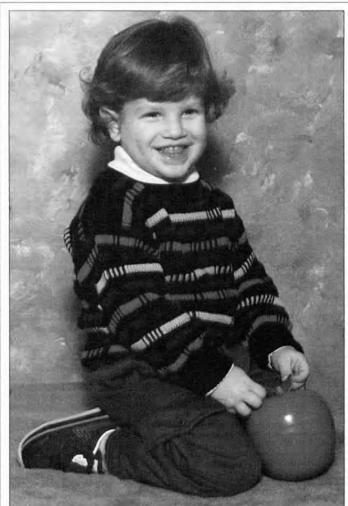
Students in foods class went to J.P. Lords school for the handicapped to observe handicapped children and related eating problems. -O-Book 1984.

Congratulations, Harland!











Patrick,

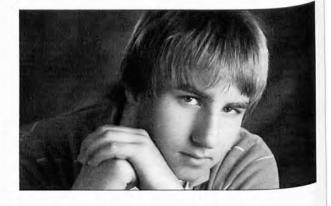
We've gone through Bud, Patrick and Pootie and each phase has been interesting and full of surprises. Through them all you have always remained a kind, thoughtful, and caring person. We are very proud of and all your hard work in journalism and school. We look forward to the next phase, college.

Love, Mom and Dad.



Seth,

From your youngest days, you have always been interested in taking and visiting with others to share your ideas, goals and wishes. Good luck in all your future endeavors as you reach higher and more challenging responsibilities!



May you have many opportunities to display your desire to help others achieve and to demonstrate your philosophy of "אַחְרְיִי" to lead others to their greatest possibilities! We're always proud of you!



Mom, Dad and Aaron (and Stitchy)
May "the luck of the Irish" be with you always.

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WOW, it's hard to believe
that our baby girl is all
grown up. We remember
the first day of kindergarten,
no front teeth walking into
the room looking back with
your eyes letting us know
everything was going to
be fine. And you were right.
You have made your dad
and I VERY proud.
LOTS of LOVE,
Mom and Dad





Rachel-From picking flowers on the river side... and now you've grown into a beautiful lady. "I'm so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Love you too much, Mom





Liebe Laura,
Wir haben dich
sehr verrmisst.
Wir sind stolz auf
dich, dass du mit
deiner eigenen
Kraft dieses
Jahr erfolgreich
gemeistert hast.
Wir haben dich
lieb deine.

Mama, Papa und Anna







Fantastic Year, Michael!

Keep up the great work.



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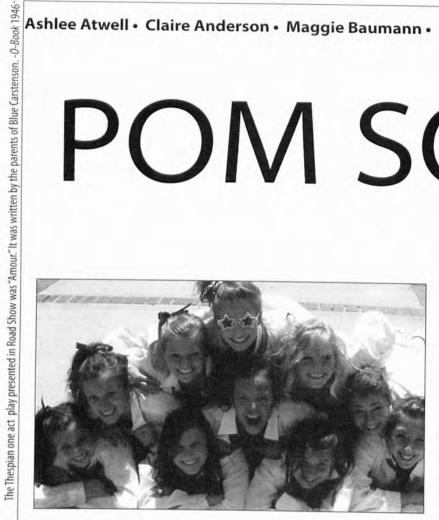




The Chess Club was formed in 1938. Don Madgett and Dave Schenken finished first and second respectively in the city high school tournament. - O-Book 1953.

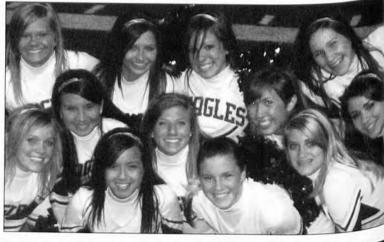
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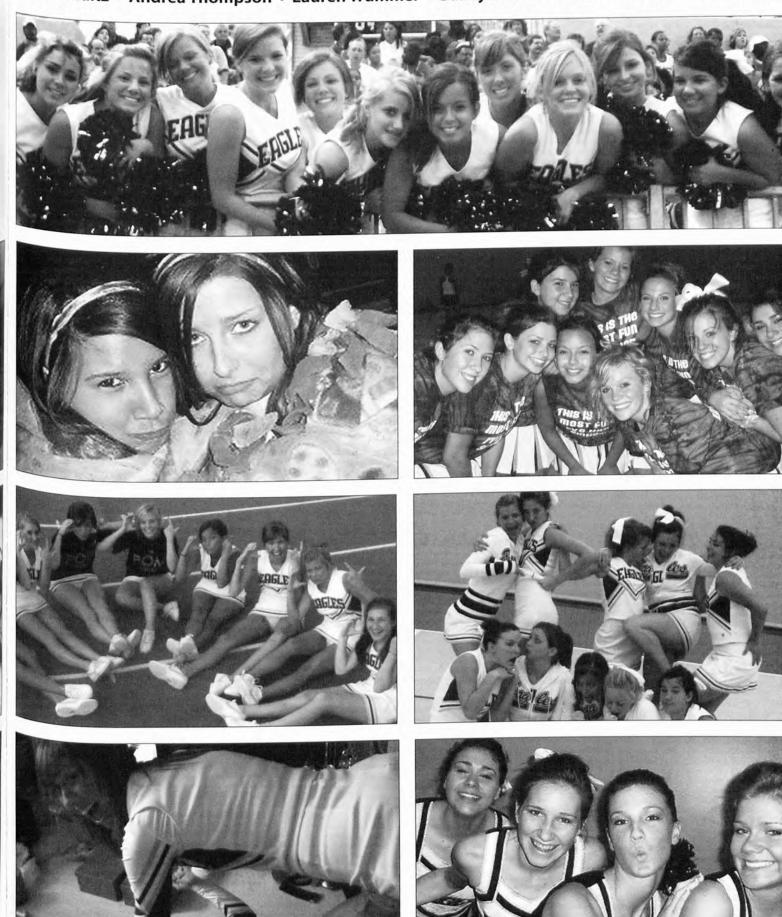








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The Business Club was founded in November 1925. It acquainted members with Omaha businessmen and business methods. -0-Book 1926.



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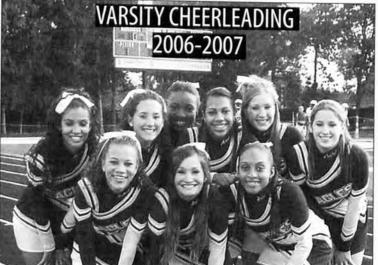


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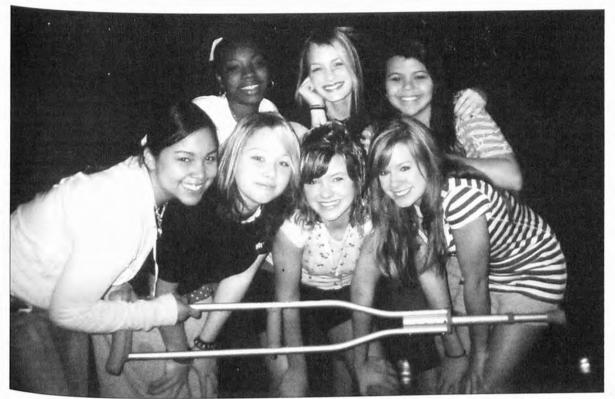








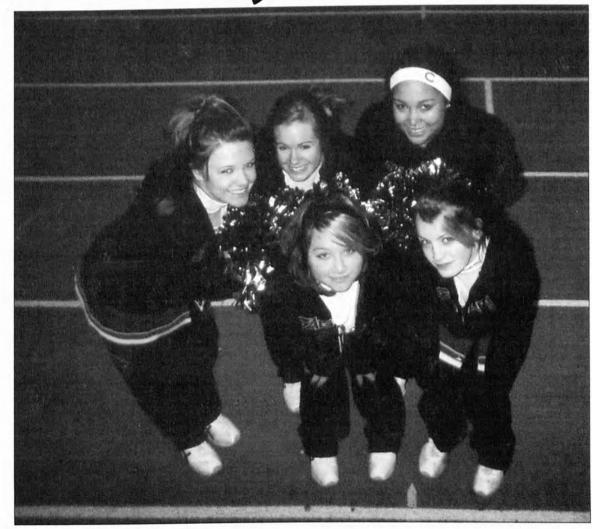




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uture Nurses attended a tea at Methodist Hospital, where members were taken on a tour. -0-Book 1967.



Are You Ready?.?

Freshman Cheer





Freshman Cheer Captains: Alexis Page & Olivia Bishop





Kristy, you have grown into such a beautiful young lady. You are very special and unique. You have a heart of gold. Have faith in yourself as we do and you will attain whatever you set your mind to. We are so very proud of you and we love you very much.

Dad, Mom and Amy



Brittney-Congratulations to our little "pooter" that transformed into a beautiful, intelligent woman so quickly that it was like magic before our eyes. Your journey has only just begun and we know that the seasons of your life will be filled with greatness, but remember that you have made us very, very proud and you will always be in our hearts and no matter where we are, we will be with you.

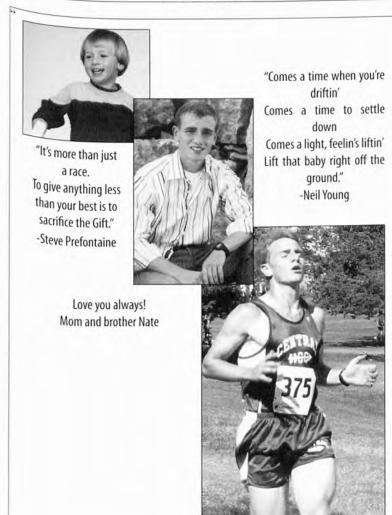
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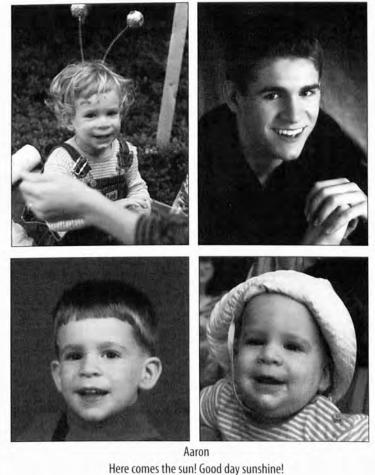


William Alexander

We are proud of you and we love you, Mom, Dad and Emily





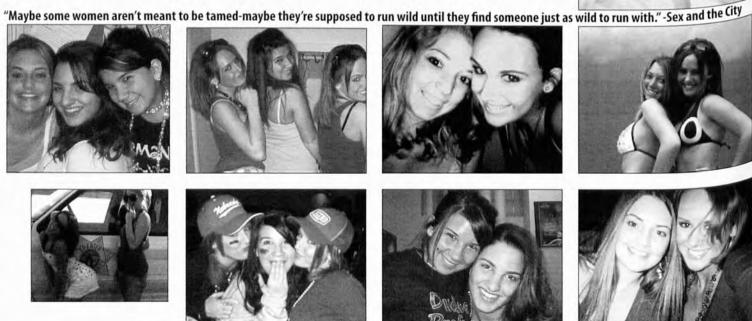


Love, Mom, Dad, Sam Babette & Buster

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." -unknown

"People are always going to talk, so let's give 'em something to talk about." -Bonnie Raitt, Something to Talk About



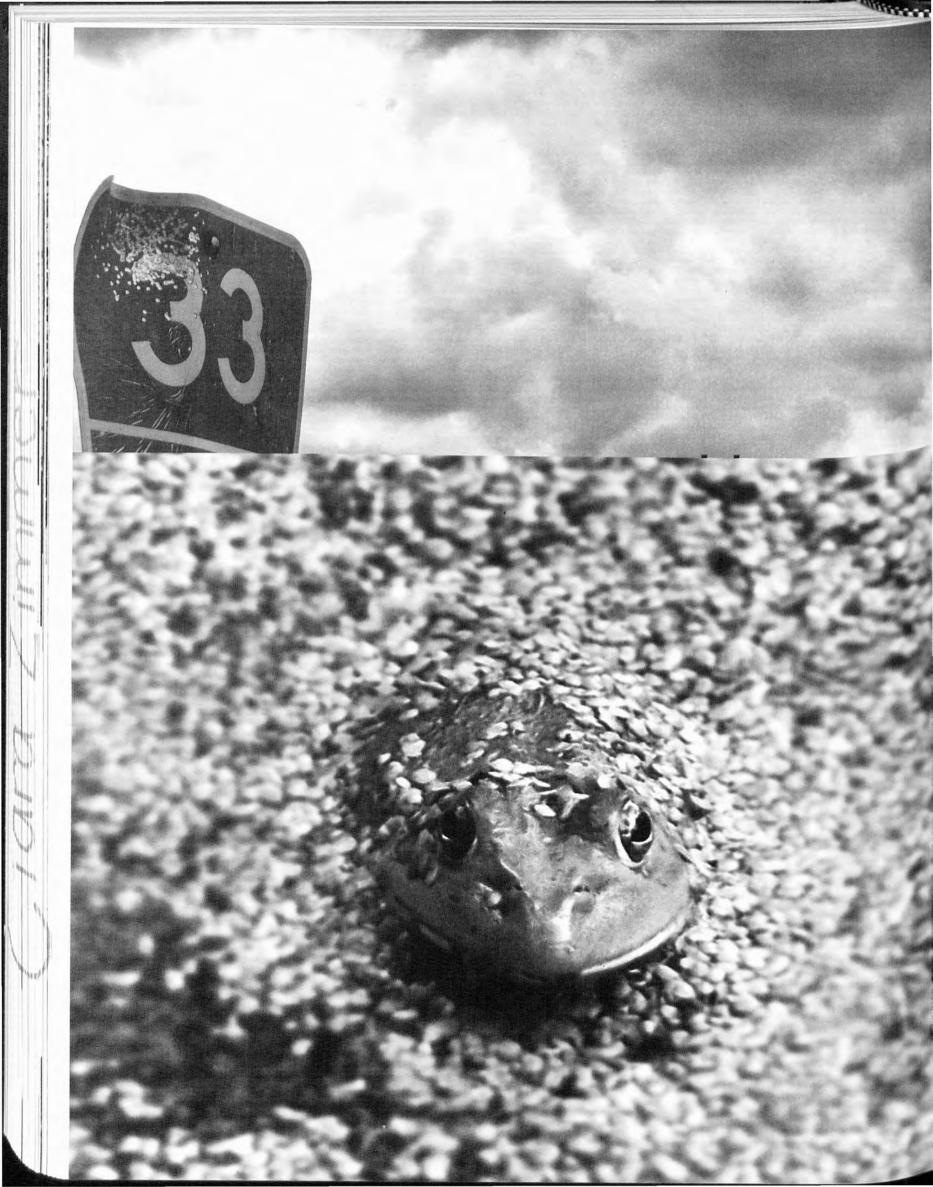


"Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun!" -Colleen C. Barrett



^{*Black}bird singing in the dead of the night, take these broken wings and learn to fly. All your life, you were only waiting for this moment to arrive, you were only waiting for this moment to be free." -Beatles, Blackbird

"All the trouble we could get in so let's screw this one up right." -Jack's Mannequin, Holiday from Real



Static something special.







Congratulations Stephanie Wilhelm!

You have grown into a true lady. You are passionate, compassionate and intelligent. Your dedication has paid off. Enjoy life in NYC and at an Ivy League. We know you will succeed in anything you put your mind to. May God and fortune follow you wherever you go.

Love, Dad, Mom, Stephen & Astrika



Congratulations, 2007 Seniors



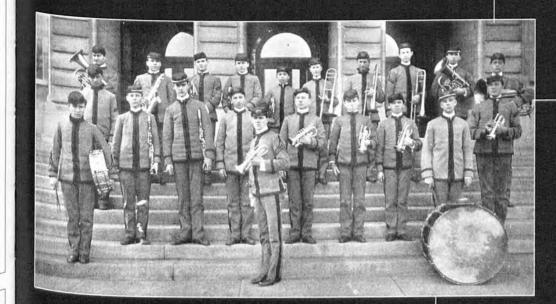
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Defining our present and past. Every person, every moment culminates into the rich history of CHS. With it, we sharpen the lens that defines us.



1904 Cadet Band. There was often an ROTC band among the military companies in Register Annuals. A drum corps was first organized under Professor William Wedermeyer, director of the Army band at Fort Omaha in 1894-1895. Photo courtesy of Annual 1904.

1st Lieutenant and Sergeant-at-arms James McCulloch, 1905. Uniforms were first provided to the cadets in the 1893-1894 school year, resembling those worn during the Civil War. Photo courtesy of Annual 1905.





1905 Girls Basketball Team. This was the third time the class of '05 won the distinction of being the nterclass champion. The championship was decided at the carnival held at YMCA on March 25. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1905*.

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Priscilla Alden Society. A group of freshmen, with the aid of faculty advisers, formed this society. They named it after Priscilla Alden because she is an example of modesty, courage and wit. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1919*.



Commandant Frank A. Cook. The first commandant of the corps was Lt. Julius Penn from Fort Omaha. He instructed the students in drills and military topics.

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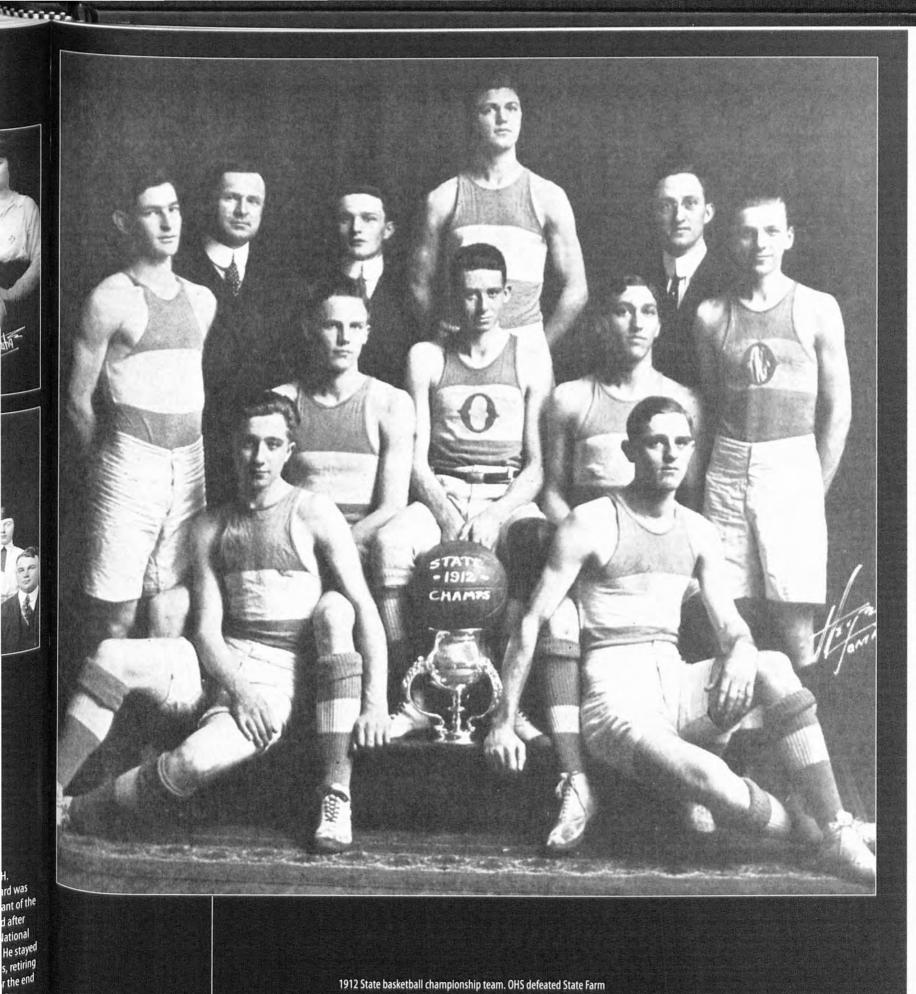
Student Council. It gained open halls for the student body. However, its activities were hampered due to flu, war and lack of a president. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1919*.



"Uncle Sam's Boys in Camp" was a play the Glee Club performed at Fort Omaha in 1919. As seen above, there was blackface involved. Blackface was a style of theatrical makeup that originated in the United States. While actors would cover their faces with black paint to darken their skin, they would accentuate their eyes and lips with lighter paint. Such over-the-top portrayals of blacks would become part of American theatre and looking back on the time period it's hard not to see blackface as being blatantly racist. Photo courtesy of Annual 1919.



Commandant Frank H.
Gulgard, 1920. Gulgard was
the first commandmant of the
official JROTC, formed after
the passage oft the National
Defense Act in 1916. He stayed
at Central for 33 years, retiring
almost a decade after the end
of World War II in 1953.
Photo courtesy of Annual 1920.



1912 State basketball championship team. OHS defeated State Farm 51 to 11 in the first game. In the second game, OHS won 30 to 28 versus Geneva. In both games, Burkenroad scored the most points. OHS won 25 to 5 versus University Place, 5, which was unable to score a field goal. OHS earned its title by defeating Omaha South 22 to 8 in the final game. The team was presented with a silver cup and their individual silver medals. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1920.*

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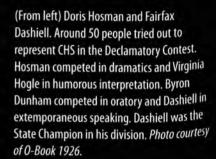
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Our History

Here's just a few things that happened in the past.



Herbert French, president of the Lincoln Society. It was formed in late 1902 in order to study debating, oratory and literary work. A new feature of the society was studying Parliamentary law with the Browning Society. A couple of mock conventions were held along with regular meetings every other Monday. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1904*.







The 1911 football team. Sixty boys tried out at the beginning of the season and around 30 to 40 went to practice daily. The first game ended with the score tied 0-0. Neither team was able to score because of the muddy conditions of the field and the pouring rain. *Photo courtesy of Annual 1912*.

Miss Central as formally presented for the first time at CHS at an all-girl masquerade party. Eighteen girls were nominated and nine became candidates after primary election. Betty Nolan won the title. She wore a purple coronation robe and a crown. Almost 1,000 girls attended the party. *Photo courtesy of O-Book 1935*.







Members of the 1876 Class. Front Row. Addie Gladstone and Stacia Crowley. Back Row. Esther Jacobs, Nelia Lehmer and Fannie Wilson. Crowley taught English literature. Blanche Deuel, the valedictorian, died soon after graduating. Margaret McCague married a clergyman and moved to Massachusetts. Photo courtesy of Annual 1916.

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Evans and Garrotto were members of the wrestling team. It was the only major Eagle athletic team to maintain its top position in the Inter-city League. It won State and four individual State titles. Photo courtesy of O-Book 1946.

Leslie Brown learns about computer terminology. Students took zero hour classes including chemistry, which began at 7:30 a.m. and was a 40-minute class. Photo courtesy of O-Book 1984.







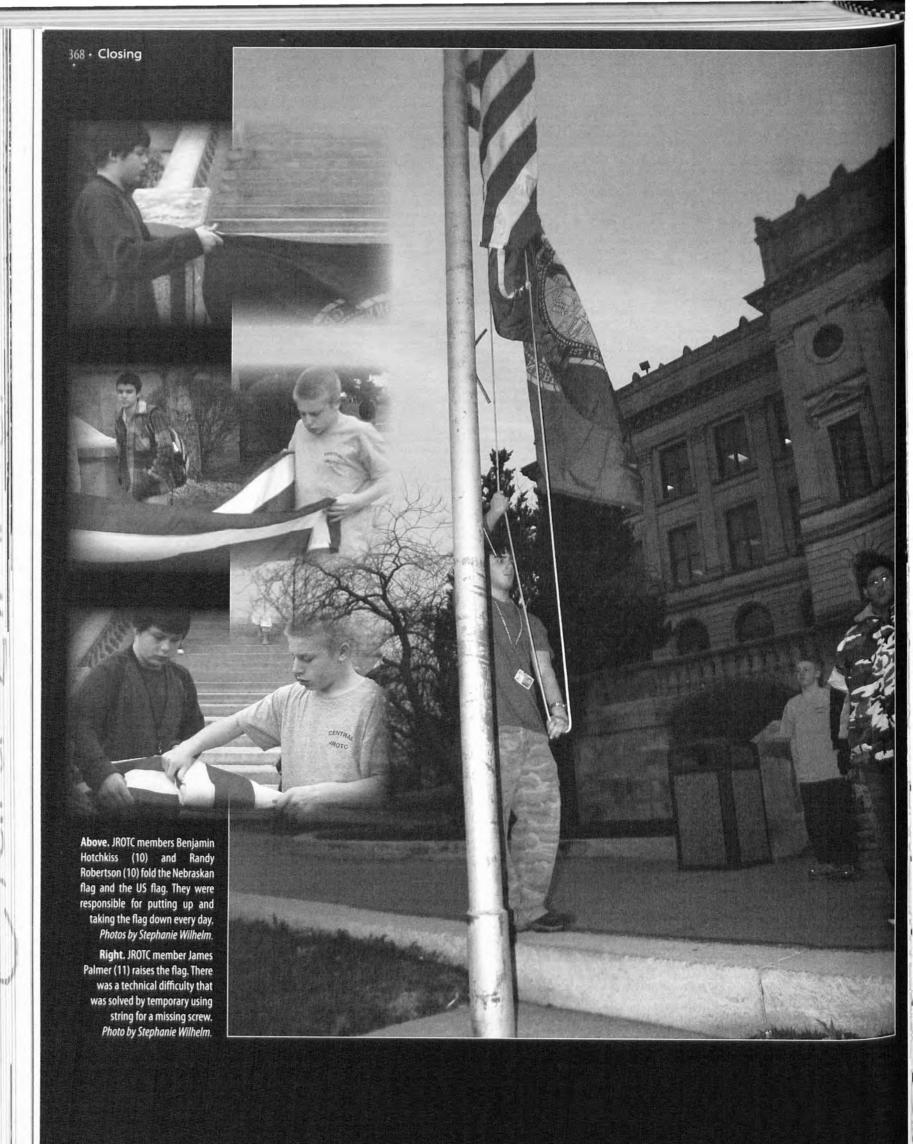
Eric Gilmore follows in the footsteps of the Road Warrior by wearing the latest in auto wear. Other trends included longer hair with decorative barrettes. Some students shaved unique designs into their hair. Students spent

a lot of money on tapes and records.

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The Register staff was forced to drop two of its regular monthly issues due to the enforced let-up during the coal strike. The Register has a high standard of excellence and tradition Winning 11 Best of Shows. Photo courtesy of Annual 1920.

National Honor Society members. The society for the fourth consecutive year gave 10 scholarships to graduating seniors throughout the country. Lloyd Richards was one of the highest-ranking pupils in the nation to take the general aptitude test and was therefore eligible for the scholarship. CHS also had a Junior Honor Society with three chapters. Photo courtesy of O-Book 1949.



Closing ***

The freshman who started a baking company for charity. The sophomore who went to London with his band for a competition. The junior who worked at her family's law firm. The senior who immigrated here to escape war. The teacher who spent his time competing in marathons. The snow days. The fire drill during the middle of weather. The constant emergence of lawsuits and law. Every single day was a new opportunity to focus our energies on our passions. We cannot gain back these days, but we can reflect back on what has occurred in the past. It is this focus that helps us discover who we are, what we are about and what this school is about. We learned more than integration and grammar. We learned about helping others and diversity. Classmates helped explain different cultures and brought first-hand knowledge of disasters and tragedies. Many of us were concerned about dressing the part whether it was for a college interview or a job interview. Others focused on studying for exams inside and outside of school and earning the mark in their extracurricular pursuits. Athletes garnered much attention through national signing days and going to State. With constant changes in the student body and the size of the school, we were constantly seeing and learning new faces. Everyone was focused on supporting the school and the students within. Our hearts and focus will turn toward these years here where we defined ourselves and each other.



Front Row. Karis Perry (12), Stephanie Wilhelm (12) and Lucy Schroeder (12). Back Row. Patrick O'Malley (12), Joshua St. Helene (12), Jomarcell Nguyen (11) and adviser Matthew Deabler. Photo by Bob Al-Greene.

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We focused on the many details and parts of the book. We recall learning each other's strengths and weaknesses in order to help each other out. We remember late nights and Saturdays. We examined the school behind our cameras in order to understand more fully what the year was about. Each staffer focused on other people throughout the school and community. From losing three people at semester and gaining two more at the same time, we finished strong. The best learning took place by simply jumping in and trying all areas of journalism. We helped each other out and focused on what we could do today.

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connecting past staffs

The publication, staffs have changed throughout history. From owning stock to the largest book ever, each year was defined by a new theme, a new goal. It was through the effort of past, current staffs we were able to focus our attention on the past, present and future.

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Schad, A. Romm and A. Carlson.
Photo courtesy of 1926 O-Book.





John Olney, President of the *Register* Joint Stock Company. The *Register* had until 1902 been owned by two seniors. In 1905, all 800 shares were sold. *Photo courtesy of Annual* 1905.



1953 O-Book Staff.

Front Row. Tirro, Greenberg, Veret, Alberts, Grossman, Seefus, Engle, Hannibal and Marley. Second Row. Goldstein, A. Fellman, Turner, Holler, Zweiback, Lewis, Staley, Moyer and Fisher. Third Row. Johnson, Estrada, Frank, Kaplan, Gordon, Shapiro, Hubenka, Levine and Olsen. Back Row. Mosford, Warren, Belman, Farrell, D. Fellman, Taylor, Okun, Katz, Raduziner and Mrs. Crabbe. Photo courtesy of O-Book 1953.

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From the editor in chief

This year was defined yet again by HEART, stress and Dew.

While the composition of the staff was constantly changing and remained small in numbers, it remained large in dedication.

The staff and I would not have been able to produce this without the help of Mr. Deabler who guided us in all matters from journalism to our future goals.

Our summer was spent at a yearbook workshop. In the fall, we traveled to Nashville for Nationals and went again in April to Denver. This was all in the hope of producing the best and largest yearbook this school has ever seen.

Wings and Dew became the diet here. Every once in a while, someone tried to create a health fad. That never lasted long.

Even when we were behind, the thought of what we have and will accomplish kept us going.

We kept focusing on what we can do today. We had and developed a "Right Now Plan."

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General Information

The *O-Book* was printed by Jostens Inc. 29625 Road 84 in Visalia, Cal. The 372 pages were submitted to Jostens on a CDs and DVDs and were printed on 100-pound matte paper stock. To help support the 100-pound paper, we needed to use a special, reinforced binding. We had over 30 pages of color. The cover was custom-made with Maroon Leather 490 colored material. The cover had Mission grain in select areas. Parts of the text on the cover were blind embossed. Gold Foil 380 was used for the swirls on the cover and the text on the spine. The blur on the word "blur" used Pale Gold 328 through a silk-screening process.

Interstate Studios was responsible for taking all the underclass and faculty mugs. Photographic Enterprises and Bezy Photography provided the sport group shots.

The faculty and the students paid \$25 for this 372-page yearbook, which is arguably the lowest price for this size of book in the nation. They had the option of paying an extra \$10 to have their name engraved on the cover.

Thanks go to adviser Matthew Deabler. Without his help and dedication the book would never have been printed. We also want to thank our Jostens representative Mike Carl and our Jostens consultant Stephanie Gimlin for all their help.

Theme Development

Focusing the Blur was the theme of this publication. We chose to use this theme in various ways. Folios are in gray. On the left page of a spread, folios are on the upper left corner. On the opposite page, they are on the bottom right corner. The left side tells what section the reader is in and the right side tells the reader what the spread is about. Both sides include a quote from past *O-Books* and *Annuals* in order to reveal more about the past so we can focus on where we choose to go.

The sections were renamed to carry out the *ing* in the word "focusing." The words we used helped explain how all the faculty, students and community were connected through their daily activities.

We decided on the theme Focusing the Blur because we wanted to show how we need to sharpen the lens on the details in order to understand the whole picture. We might not have known what others did in the past until now. What we do today is a reflection of that past, just as what we do tomorrow is a reflection of today. The theme can be carried out in numerous parts of the book including text, photos, graphics, people and the non-physical things.

Fonts

There were only three families of fonts used for this publication. The cover used Snell Roundhand and Myriad Pro. The headlines were in Snell Roundhand and Adobe Casion Pro. The deck font was Myriad Pro Semibold SemiExtended. Adobe Casion Pro was the body copy font. All the captions used variations of the font Myriad Pro.

Equipment and Programs

5 G5 Apple computers

6 G4 Apple computers

3 G3 Apple computers

1 G4 Apple server

1 HP 4050N Laserwriter

1 Epson Stylus C62 printer

1 HP Scanjet 3500c scanner

1 Asanti hub switch

2 Nikon Coolpix cameras

1 Canon Rebel camera

1 Minolta 35mm camera

1 Minolta camera

2 compact refrigerators

1 Tappan Spacesaving microwave

1 GE microwave

1 Mr. Coffee Coffeemaker

1 Haier oscillating fan

InDesign CS2

Adobe Photoshop CS

Microsoft Word 2004