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Do You Recognize Me

The more you live,

the less you die

opportunities ahead

You wait for

Hollywood

intelligence

nothing ever

written

the less you die

opportunities ahead

EAGLES

Why not?

Downtown Omaha

Do You Recognize Me
In Four Years, You Won't Recognize Yourself

This Class Doesn't Just Study Current Events. They Make Them.

The Trip Ends
Entering high school as a freshman or sophomore can be an extremely scary but later rewarding experience. In the first week of school many try to memorize the four-sides, adjust to the stairs, avoid the door stops and establish their own “lunch spot.” Central, although great in size, is very easy to adapt to and rich in tradition. As for the students and staff, faces may change but their purpose remains the same. Whether a senior anticipating graduation, a junior nervously waiting to be a senior, a sophomore studying to make the grade, or a freshman getting to know the school, someone has felt the same emotions and experienced the same conflicts, high school is offering you today!

By Jessica Bender and Meg Fangman
Previous Page: **The Stairs:** The typical scene on the treacherous, painful, steep, compact route from one floor to the next.

Left: **Skipping:** Some students like Corey McCune cannot last the whole school day. There are hundreds who attempt skipping every school year but few succeed.

Bottom Left: **LunchTime:** This can be interpreted in many different ways. The shortest period of the day, gossip hour, and even study period, for those who can find quiet from the roaring noise of the lunch crowd.

Bottom Right: **Day is Done:** The best part of the school day. Freedom, fresh air, fifteen pounds of homework, the race to exit the parking lot, and the opportunity to do it all again tomorrow. (all photos: Chris Darst)
Omaha Central Not Athens: Greek Gods Aaron Champenoy and Corey McCune philosophize the outcomes for the class of 1996.

Super Woman: Junior Lei Brown demonstrates her ability to leap large lunch lines in a single bound.

Spirit Week 1995: It is too bad every week couldn’t be spirit week.
The Hippest: Jon Lynch (12), Jake Ortemeyer (12) and Maria Theophiloopoulus (11) are a blast from the past.

How far do some students go to show their school spirit? Many students throughout the week of September 25-29, dressed in anything from their parents old sixties outfits to their ratty pajamaas. Monday, students rolled out of bed and came to school dressed in their robes, nightgowns and slippers, with curlers in their hair and teddy bears in their arms. Tuesday, students appeared in the ugliest, cheesiest, most hideous outfits they could put together. The style of the fifties, with poodle skirts, pink pleather pant suits, and letter sweaters was a common dress. Wednesday, students took a look into their future or came dressed in their part-time job attire. Thursday, everyone showed their creativity. Students and staff went through their closets to find the worst ties ever made. To cap off the week students showed their Central pride. The halls were crowded with Centralites, decked from head to toe in purple and white...
Top Left: The spectators: juniors Pat Maulick, Jason Marshall, Sara Trexler, and Christy Orsi take a break and chat about what's going on after the dance. (photo: Vicki Wiles)

Top Right: Dancing the night away: Senior Gabe Henery and date contemplate life and ignore everything around them (photo: Jessica Bender)

Lower: Country music? We don't think so!!! (Photo: John Hodges)
THE 1995-96 HOMECOMING... football game was held on Friday, September 29. The Homecoming candidates were announced during half-time at the game. The Queen candidates included, Nadia Blazevich, Monique Peterson, Anna Perilo, and Susie Lamm. The King candidates were Aaron Champenoy, Nick Friedrichsen, Parnell Walton, Jeff Driscoll, and Shawn Housh. The Homecoming dance took place on September 30 at the Aksarben club house from 8:00-11:00 p.m. At 9:30 Jeff Driscoll and Sarah Raful were crowned the 1995-96 Homecoming King and Queen. A great big thank you to the cheerleaders and pom squad for creating the perfect atmosphere for “A Night In Central Park.”

By: Jessica Bender and Meg Fangman

The proud 1995-96 Homecoming royalty: King Jeff Driscoll (12) and Queen Sara Raful (12) were crowned during “A Night In Central Park.”

(photo: Viki Wiles)
Oh the places you’ll go........
From the outside, Central may portray a look of tradition whether upside down sideways or inside out. Central can be described in several unique ways with the variety of different races, religions, shapes and sizes. With the ever changing trends today, there is always one goal in mind, great expectations and strong principles. Central’s tradition of excellence is something that will stick with every student for years to come. It is for that reason they, the staff, try and educate us the best they can to better prepare us for our futures...where ever these feet may take us...

By: Jessica Bender and Meg Fangman
“Central’s halls have given me the determination and ability to follow any path I may come across.”

Hannah Renard (12)

“I don’t think I would be very happy in heels...so I’ll just keep my slippers on and try to avoid puddles.”

Jen Houlden (11)

“May my Life be as comfortable and have as much character as these shoes.”

Kelly Seidl (12)
This Bridge
This bridge will only take
To those mysterious lands
Through gypsy camps and
And moonlit woods
So come and walk awhile
The twisting trails and
But this bridge will only
The last few steps you’ll
you halfway there
you long to see:
whirling Arab fairs
where unicorns run free.
with me and share
wonderous worlds I’ve known.
take you halfway there-
have to take alone.

-Shel Silverstein
Above: Sarah Rafal (12) works diligently on an art project. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above Right: Men at work. Seniors Jeff Driscoll, Gene Lucero, Jason Croskey, Adam Rinn and Nick Dubas strut their stuff. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Above: Ahoys mate! Megan Fangman (12) shows her navy pride on career day. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Right: Tommie Cavitt (10), Charlotte Shropshire (12), Courtney Tebo (12), Armond Hartso (12), and Coretta Shropshire (9).
Above: Hmm... Ben Komar (12) wonders how many licks it takes to get to the center of a tootsie pop. (photo: Jacqui Johnson)

Left: “Are we a little hungry?” Kori Leavitt (12) (photo: Kelly Seidl)
Above: My alarm didn’t go off! The dynamic duo didn’t have time to get dressed this morning. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Right: Senior Carrie Parrott reads her book intently, preparing for another one of Mr. Daly’s quizzes. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Above: What do I have in my nose? Senior Eric Chartier entertains his seventh hour lunch table. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Right: "Hey, wait for me!" Senior Michelle Borowiak flags down one of her friends before class. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Right: Jamie Cerone (12) and Christy Orsi (11) take a second to smile for the camera. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Below: Ooh.... Who was that? Seniors Jennie Belmont and Katie Militti do some guy-watching before class. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Left: Sasha O'Connell (12) says “Hold on a minute, while I discuss something with my pal Jenny Foster.” (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Below: Hmmm...Kelly Allen (12) contemplates what comes next in his story. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Below: Sarah Rful (12) pauses for a quick shot after a hard day’s work. (photo: Jenny Foster)

CODY, STACEY
COHN, JOSEPH
CONN, LINDSAY
Corry, Michael
CRELLIN, NICHOLAS

CRISPIN, ANDREA
CROSKEY, JASON
CUSTARD, KELLY
CZARNIK, ANETA
D’ACCIO, MAGINA
Above: Colleen Cleary (12) releases some stress on a Friday night. (photo: Rachel Jacobson)

Above: Steve Gronstal (12) slurps a plate full of spaghetti. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Above: 

DAMEWOOD, DANA DARLING, NATHAN DAVEY, MICHELLE DAVIDSON, MICHAEL DEBOER, CHARLES

DECKER, ANGELA DEWITT, SARAH DIESING, JENNIFER DRISCOLL, JEFFREY DULIEGE, MORGANE
My favorite school memory is...

...when Mr. Doctor did the molecule dance.
-Dave Penn

...when everyone pulled together in the bomb scare.
-Hannah Rennard

...when Mr. Williams told his meatball story.
-Laura Richards
Above: Jenny Foster (12) asks, “Do you understand what I’m saying?” (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Right: Charlie Yin (12) shows off his tennis shirt and says, “Yeah I know its cool.” (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Above: Senior Erika Coates tries to relieve one of those lovely headaches caused by math tests. (photo: Jessica Bender)

Top right: Seniors Dana Damewood and Ginger Emshwiller discuss homework over a quick lunch. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Above: Che Garcia (12) laughs at his attempt to draw a picture. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above: Jeff Baxter (12) remarkably resembles a demon after a long day of AP classes. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)
Below Right: Are we having fun yet? Seniors Jon Lynch, Nadia Blazevich and Early Bryant live it up their senior year. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Below: Senior Sasha O'Connell displays the rare art of milk levitation. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Left: Hold on a minute. Terrance Spencer (12) and Anthony Johnson (12) try to explain how the picture should be taken. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Below: Pie in the face. Senior Mike Corry gets an interesting view of his messy dessert. (photo: Chris Darst)

Below: Y = mx + b. Valerie Newhouse (12) tries hard to remember formulas for her upcoming test. (photo: Mary Baddorf)

ILGENFRITZ, MELISSA
INGRAHAM, MARC
ISRAEL, SUMNER
JACKSON, ANGELINA
JACOBSON, RACHEL

JANSEN, JILLANE
JAROSZ, BRIAN
JOHNSON, JACQUELIN
JOHNSON, JULIE
JOHNSON, KARI
Above: Lindsay Conn (12) does not seem to mind being interrupted as she smiles pretty for the camera. (photo: Mary Hill)

Above Right: Members of the Class of 1996 display their central pride. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Far Right: Latyza Larry (12) works away during study hall. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Right: Jason Croskey (12) rises to save a damsel in distress. (photo: Kelly Seidl)
In 20 years I will be....

"on a mountain in South America."
Sarah Pugh

"a physician in Palestine."
Shadi Bashir

"a female James Bond."
Stacey Cody

Above Left: “What did I do?” Stacey Cody (12) says to herself. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Above: Beth Scanlan (12), Kori Leavitt (12) and Alycia Krayneski (12) attract attention in the courtyard. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Left: Linda Fleming (12) says cheese. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Right: Sarah Dewitt (12) and Jordan Acker (12) feel there is nothing better than a good friend!
(photograph: Jennie Waldmann)

Above: Sasha O'Connell (12) and Rosie Kolven (12) get some studying in during lunch.
(photograph: Jenny Foster)

Above: Joe Wolf (12) is busy staring down a fly on his desk.
(photograph: Jenny Foster)
Above: Seniors Lindsay Conn, Jennie Waldmann, Shawn Housh, and Laura Perry enjoy just being together. (photo: Mary Hill)

Above: Jake Ortmeier (12) does his impression of Fonzi. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Right: Paul Swirzinski (12) is groovin' in the 60's while Jon Lynch is stuck in the 40's in the brought to life version of war and peace. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Below: "Do I dare?" Katie Militti (12) wonders how often they actually clean these things. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Left: The get-along-gang: seniors Andrew Gaylor, Nadia Blazевич, Jamie Stogdill, Grant Hepburn, and Jake Ortmeyer get together for a picture. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Below: Shyla Evans (12) does her best impression of a cheerleader. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Above: Unfortunately, Dave Penn (12) forgot where his mouth was. (photo: Chris Darst)

Right: Life is like a box of chocolates and Sarah Pugh is livin’ it up. (photo: Mary Baddorf)

MITILIER, JOHN
MONICO, DAWN
MOORE, NICOLE
MORA, VICTOR
MORLAN, JENNIFER

MOSS, RASHAWN
MOTACEK, NICOLE
MOTEN, NICHELLE
MUETING, JOEL
MUMM, JEFFREY
Above: Seniors Rachel Jacobson, Colleen Cleary, Jennie Waldmann, Jeremy Evans, Martha Nelson, Laura Perry and Stacey Cody join in a group hug. (photo: Chris Darst)

Above: “Here’s looking at you kid,” senior Casey Brennan seems to say. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above: Parnell Walton (12) is busy typing away...hope he remembers to save. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Above: Angie Nanfito stops to change books between classes (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above: Shadi Bashir (12) looks as if he has been sitting at the computer a little too long. Meanwhile, Cory Olson (12) looks over his chicken recipes. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)
Above: Early Bryant (12) takes a moment to catch his breath before continuing up the stairs. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Below: Michelle Borowiak (12) makes her way across the cafeteria. (photo: Jenny Foster)

PETERSEN, MONIQUE
PETTIT, JOSEPH
PORSEL, JOHN
PRESCOTT, TRISTA
PUGH, SARAH

PULLIAM, CANDIDA
RAFUL, SARAH
REED, AIME
REISER, SALLY
RENNARD, HANNAH
Below: Beth Katz (12) tells it as it is as Shaw Ketels (12) enters "La-La" land. (photo: Laura Perry)

Above: It's been a long day for Carrie Parrott (12). (photo: Chris Darst)
Below: Laura Perry (12) looks cute as a button. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Above Right: “We want to pump you up,” John Cobb (12), Ernest Woods (10), and Dominic Dotson (12) seem to say. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Right: Katie Thompson (12) and Sheila Vanosdol (12) take a break in the courtyard. (photo: Jenny Foster)
Above: C. J. Nebbia (12) snags a cracker between classes. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above: Paul Engles (12) and Tim Barnes (12) discuss the issue of world peace.
(photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Left: Tanya Watzke (12) is busy writing one of those boring college essays. (photo: Mary Hill)

Right: Jason Croskey (12) and Aaron Kaisershot (11) give each other five during passing period. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Lower left: We are the Central class of '96! (photo: Lei Brown)

SHELDAD, RYAN
SHOCHEY, JONATHON
SHRACAR, JON
SITTIG, SARAH
SKIPPER, JOHN

SMEDRA, ANISSA
SPENCER, TERRANCE
SPILKER, VALERIE
STENSON, KYLE
STEINBACH, PATRICIA
Right: Looks like Jeff Driscoll (12) just saw a mouse. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Below: Victor Mora (12) is busy making a masterpiece. (photo: Jenny Foster)
THOMPSON, NICOLE
TIMMONS, TREonna
TOTZKE, CHRISTOPHER
TRAVIS, CRYSTALL
VANCE, SHALYNN

VANOSDOL, SHEILA
VARADI, JANOS
VERZANI, KELLY
VLCEK, RONALD
WALDMANN, JENNIFER

Right: Lei Brown (11) nearly makes Adam Rinn (12) a soprano. (photo: Kelly Seidl)

Above: Kate Ross (12) seems to have waken up on the wrong side of the bed.
(photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Right: John Cobb (12) and Chalina Johnson (11) enjoy one anothers company.
(Photo: Michelle Borowink)
Above: Jennifer Diesing (12) realizes that she forgot her lunch as Charlie Yin (12) leans over to make fun of her. (photo: Jennie Waldmann)

Above: Tiffany Runnels (12) and Dawn Monico (12) share a quick hug before dancing the night away. (photo: Jenny Foster)
SENIOR FAVORITES:

**ACTOR**
- JIM CARREY
- BRAD PITT
- TOM HANKS

**ACTRESS**
- JODY FOSTER
- ANGELA BASSETT
- JULIA ROBERTS

**MOVIE**
- FRIDAY
- ACE VENTURA II
- PULP FICTION

**T.V. SHOW**
- ER
- FRIENDS
- SEINFELD

**BAND**
- INDIGO GIRLS
- SMASHING PUMPKINS
- BOYZ II MEN

**RESTAURANT**
- BURGER KING
- OLIVE GARDEN
- CHILI'S

**ICE CREAM FLAVOR**
- COOKIE DOUGH
- MINT CHIP
- VANILLA
For a week, the halls were adorned with campaign posters and seniors resembled bulletin boards, with campaign stickers covering their clothes.

The votes were counted, and the winners were: Jon Lynch, president; Nadia Blazevich, vice-president; Kori Leavitt, secretary; Sally Reiser, treasurer; and Crystall Travis and Jason Croskey, sergeant-at-arms.

This year five class representatives were added to the traditional list of officers. They were Jeremy Evans, Laura Perry, Martha Nelson, Laura Richards and Jennie Waldmann.

“The goal of the class of ’96 was to get as many seniors involved as possible,” class sponsor, Ms. Vicki Anderson said. “Adding more representatives was a way of increasing class participation.”

The duties of class officers and representatives included planning the senior picnic, senior fundraisers, cap and gown measurement and distribution and planning the graduation ceremony.

The class officers also have the responsibility of planning class reunions for the class of 1996.
Underclass
"It was the best of times.  
It was the worst of times."

- A Tale of Two Cities
ACHELPOHL, SAMUEL
AGOSTA, VITO

AKERS, ROBERT
ALBERS, KELLY

ALLEN, KELLY
ANDERSON, ANDREW

ANDERSON, BENJAMIN
ANDERSON, NICHOLAS

ANDERSON, THESSA
ANICH, ELYESTER
ANTHIS, JENNIFER
APONICK, WILLIE
ARCHER, DAVID

ATKINSON, LUCAS
AVANT, DANIAL
BACOME, AMY
BACON, MARIE
BADDORF, MARY

BARNHARD, ANGELA
BARR, BRIGID
BAUER, KRISTIN
BAXTER, SEAN
BEAL, ERIN

BEAUDETTE, ALLEN
BECK, ASHLEY
BEHRENS, RYAN
BELL, TROY
BENSON, KATHY

BENTZEN, CHERYL
BERG, SARAH
BLAKE, COLVIN
BLANK, RALPH
BLANKE, ALICIA

BLAZEK, MARY
BLUE, SCOTT
BOARDMAN, ROBERT
BOBKOVAS, BRANDI
BOGACZ, TINA

CLASS OF 97
Below:
Are you taking my picture? Mary Baddorf (11) gives
a sheepish grin when heading out of the
journalism room. (Photo: Jennie Waldmann)

BOLEN, HOLLIE

BOOTH, KENNETH

BOOTH, STEVE

BOYLAN, KIMBERLY

BRADLEY, CHRISTOPHER
BRASCH, MARK
BROOM, EMILY
BROWN, KATRINA
BROWN, LEIGHANNE
BRYANT, CRAIG
BUCKLEY, COURTNEY
BULLARD, CAROLYN
BUNNIMIT, MANIT
BURKHALTER, SHAUNDA
BURRELL, PHILIP
BUTLER, JEREMY
BYNOWIECKI, JAYCEE
CAIN, CARI
CAIN, HEIDI
CALDWELL, DORIS
CALDWELL, TROY
CALIMLIM, CHERYL
CAMMARATA, ANGIE
CAP, DOUGLAS
CARPENTER, DOYIA
CERNY, JESSICA
CERONE, MICHAEL
CHAPIN, MARGARET
CHRISTIANSEN, PAULA
CLANTON, KIMBERLY
CLARK, HEATHER
CLOGSTON, BRANDON
COHEN, JOSH
COLVIN, JEREMY
CONWAY, CARYN
CORCORAN, CHRISTOPHER
EAGLE
COSTELLO, JOSEPH
CROCKETT, CANDICE
CROZIER, BRANDI

CLASS OF 97
Below: “Smile for the birdie!” James Nelson (11) peaks in to see that Matt Hayduska (11) and Quinia Mitchem (11) are selling Central paraphernalia for student council. (Photo: Chris Darst)
Left: A face only a mother could love. This handsome face belongs to Sharif El-Kachouti (11). He and Craig Fuller are playing their trumpets at the first pep rally. (Photo: Chris Darst)

Left: Angie Barnhard (11) carefully performs the color guard routine at the first pep rally. (Photo: Chris Darst)

FUKSA, PATRICIA
FULTON, TERRANCE
FRIEDMAN, ANDREA

GARCIA, CHARLES
GARCIA, DESIREE
GARDELS, EZEKIEL
GARRISON, JEREMY
GARZA, JOSE
GASAWAY, NICHOLAS
GASKINS, JOHN
GAYMAN, THOMAS
GIBILISCO, CHRIS
GIBSON, MARGARET
GIRTHOFER, JOSEPH
GIRTHOFER, ZACHARY
GIVENS, WESTIN
GLASSER, WILLIAM
GOTTSCHALK, STEVEN
GREEN, TIMOTHY
GRIESS, KRISTA
GRIFFEN, DAVID
GROGAN, BERNARD
HALLGREN, JILL
HARDY, WARREN
HARRISON, DAMIKA
HARSHBARGER, CHRIS
HAUBRICH, THEODORE
HAVERMAN, JESSICA
HAYDUSKA, MATTHEW
HAYES, MEGAN
HEADLEE, JOY
HENDRY, GARY
HENKEL, RYAN
HENNINGS, LEA
HENSION, JASON
HERNANDEZ, SARAH
HERNANDEZ, STEVEN
HERZOG, SARAH
HIGGINS, HILLARY
HIGGINS, KATIE
HILL, MARY
HOBERMAN, JASON
HOLM, ADRIAN
HOLMES, HELEN
HOLZAPFEL, JENNIFER
HONIG, ELIZABETH
HOOI, STEFFEN
HOULDEN, JENNIFER
HOURSE, CHRISTINA

CLASS OF 97
Right: “Oh no, I can't remember my combination! Hey, do you know my locker combination?” Ian Thomas (10) (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Above: "Oh! It looks like Snoopy is off to fight the Red Baron once again." Liz Honig (11) reads up on current events. (Photo: Michelle Berowick)

Right: Does Ben Onkka (11) enjoy playing for the crowd at the first pep rally? Looks like it! (Photo: Chris Darst)
Right: Aaron Kaisershot (11) works diligently on his artwork. (Photo: Jenny Foster)
Below: “Who cares what the capital of Madagascar is?” Sonja Shelstad (9) works on the Geography that she might even be able to use some day. (Photo: Michelle Borowick)

Left: Robert Bordman (11) poses by the window. Apparently he enjoys a cool breeze while studying in Cental's intense heat. (Photo: Chris Darst)
TREXLER, SARAH
TURBES, PATRICE
VANARKEL, RYAN
VAUGHN, MARQUES
VENCIL, MARCELLA
WALTER, CARRIE
WARNER, KELLY
WASHINGTON, TOIYA
WATZKE, RYAN
WEES, SHOSHANA
WELFORD, MICHEAL
WELLS, ANDREA
WENBERG, MICHEAL
WHITE, AARON
WHITE, CHRISTINA
WHITTLE, MELISSA
WIECZOREK, DANIELLE
WIEDUWILT, BEN
WEILER, AMANDA
WILLIAMS, AARON
WILLIAMSON, TRINA
WILLMS, JOANN
WILSON, CLARENCE
WOLFE, ROBERT
WORMS, CHRISTOPHER
WORRELL, COURTNEY
WULFF, ERIKA
WYLDES, WAYNE
ZENDEJAS, JOHN
ZIESEL, DAVID

Right: Brandi Jenkins (11) Studies in her oh-so-hot study hall in a way-too-early-for-school August afternoon. (Photo: Jenny Foster)
Andrea Friedman (11) and Sarah Fischer (11) look forward to another day in O-Book. (Photo: Chris Darst)
TIME PRESENT AND TIME PAST ARE BOTH
PERHAPS PRESENT IN TIME FUTURE,
AND TIME FUTURE CONTAINED IN TIME
PAST.”

T. S. ELIOT
Teri Tuttle (10) is in the middle of an important conversation. Sorry we bothered you Teri! (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)

FITCH, TREVOR
FOLEY, ROBERT
FORKER, TENNILLE

FORREST, JESSICA
FORSMAN, JOHN
FRANKS, MICHAEL

FRANZESE, JOHN
FRASER, SAMANTHA
FREED, AARON

FRIEDRICHSEN, JASON
GALASKA, JASON
GEBBIE, BO

GIENGER, MELISSA
GLASCO, ROBERT
GOLDBERG, REBECCA

GRIXBY, DEANTAE
GROVER, MELISSA
GUEVARA, AMLEHT

GUHDE, NICHOLAS
GUTIERREZ, TINA
HAKANSON, TIMOTHY
HALL, PHILIP
HAMILTON, DANIEL
HANCOCK, COURTNEY
HANLON, MARY
HANSEN, AMANDA
HAMON, REBECCA
HARRIS, MEGAN
HARRIS, MICHAEL
HARSIN, KARLEE
HART, JACQUELINE
HARWOOD, LARRY
HATFIELD, KIMBERLY
HAUGER, TARA
HEESE, SIRI
HENGGELE, JOSH
HENDERSON, JASMINE
HERRERA, ISELA
HIGGINS, KIMBERLY
HOBERTH, KYLE
HOEFT, BETHANY

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Cassandra Lathan (10) and Makala Ross (10) try to help Isela Herrera (10) with the computer. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Corina Vaughn (10), Deante Grixby (10) and Jessica Rollag (10) enjoy every minute of their weight training class. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Right: Emily Meyer (11) works to complete her new masterpiece in studio art class. (Photo: Jenny Foster)

Below: Natalie Sundberg (11), Hilary Kyler (11) and Brandy Crozier (11) show their beautiful smiles after a Central pep rally. (Photo: Chris Darst)
Below: Patrice Turbes (11) and Corey Mattea (11) enjoy interesting lunchtime conversation in Central’s courtyard. (Photo: Mary Hill)
Above: Nursiana Andikasin (10) works patiently to complete her schoolwork in the ESL room. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Right: "Cheese!" Toiya Washington (11) takes a break from her work in the library to smile for the camera. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Below: The studious Brookton Zendejas (10) catches up on Spanish before school. (Photo: Jacqui Johnson)

Above: “This is the good life!” Deidre Carter (9) eats her delicious cookies in the courtyard. (Photo: Jacqui Johnson)
Below: Fundraising is such an exciting activity and these students sure look like they're having a good time! Everyone should be so lucky. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
Below: “I didn’t do it!” (Photo: Michelle Borowitak)

Right: “This is my invisible friend. He is going to class with me today.”
(Photo: Jenny Foster)
Below: Kellie Thompson (9) prepares to sew a beautiful dress in her clothing class. Maybe she plans to wear it to Homecoming. (Photo: Michelle Borowiak)

MORGAN, AMY
MORRIS, ANTHONY
MOSLEY, APRIL

MURPHY, KATHLEEN
MYSZKOWSKI, LEAH
NAVARRETE, PEDRO

NEUMANN, NICOLE
NEWMAN, FAITH
NGUYEN, NGHIA

NEILSON, JOSIAH
NIEMEIER, JASON
NWUJU, CHRISTIAN

O'BOYLE, MATTHEW
O'CONNELL REGINA
O'DAY, CHARLES

OLIVER, CHIANTI
ORTMEYER, RACHEL
PADILLA, ERIN

PAPST, MELISSA
PARROTT, EMILIE
PAYNE, SARAH

PEERY JAMIE
PETTIT, LAUREN
PHALEN, JOHN
PHILBIN, RANDA
PONEC, BROOKE
POOLE, SHAWNECA
POPE, COURTNEY

PRATT, CARRIE
PRUETT, HOPE
RADI, CHRISTINA
REESE, JIMOS
REEVES, RENELL
RENNARD, DAVID

CLASS OF 99
Above: David Renard (9) works on his theory test for honors band in the band office. (Photo: Jacqui Johnson)

Above: "This is what I would look like if I had crackers for eyes." Lei Brown (11) goof off in the courtyard. (Photo: Jenny Foster)
Below: Sarah Hovarth (10) cleans out her locker before school to make room for more junk. (Photo: Jacqui Johnson)
Foreign Exchange Students Bring New Perspectives

As every student knows, diversity is one of Central’s most prominent characteristics. Central is home to multitude of backgrounds, accents and customs. This year, we were lucky enough to have six foreign exchange students from various European countries visit our school.
“Ich hatte eine super zeit in Central und ich werde alle vermissen!”

“I Had a great time at Central and I’ll miss everybody!”

-Miriam Fischer (Germany)

“Dieses Schuljahr war die größte Erfahrung in meinem Leben, und ich werde Central und besonders die Marchingband vermißen.”

“This school year was the greatest experience in my life, and I will miss Central and especially the marching band.”

-Sabine Kebschull (Germany)

“Central Lőzeipiskola egy hagyou indeles isis balandos isbola.

“Central High is a very interesting and exciting school.

-Ja’nos Viiradi (Hungary)

“Central ist großartig und ich hoffe, ich kann bald wiederkommen.”

”Central is great and I hope I can come back soon.”

-Stephanie Kaiser (Germany)

“Det les ‘etudiauh seur tres sympa er euveits, j’ai eu l’occasien di mejaire par mal d’aus.”

“Central students are nice and open-minded, and I was able to make alot of friends.”

-Morgane DuLiege (France)

“Central ist einfach eine unglaubliche Schule. Außer den Hausaufgabe gibt er wirklich nichts auszusetzen.”

“Central is just an amazing school. Except for the homework, there is nothing to criticize.”

-Lukas Huber (Switzerland)
Central’s Pet

CLOSED HALLS

EVERYONE knows that Central is the best school in the district, but even perfection is hard to come by.

We at the yearbook feel that these six Central characteristics stand out and are the most likely to cause trouble for the unsuspecting student.

HALLWAY CLOSED

PERIODS 5, 6, & 7

CLOSED HALLS

DOOR STOPS

It really stinks when you forget your lunch and you can’t go through the hall to get to your locker... (photo: Meg Fangman)

If you don’t have an OEA or senior space, you’re out of bed early or out of luck. (photo: Meg Fangman)

The dreaded doorstop: no need for an explanation (photo: Shaw Ketels)

PARKING
Peeves

POP MACHINES  STUDY HALL DESKS

When you need it, you can’t get it. Why aren’t they turned on during lunch? (photo: Meg Fangman)

Stacy Cody (12) demonstrates what happens when you actually try to do work in study hall. (photo: Meg Fangman)

STAIRS

Every day, Central students get a good workout on the 1200 stairs. (photo: Meg Fangman)
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the

world

without

teachers
Students' favorites

At the beginning of the year, students were asked to complete a survey. The survey asked to write in the name of the teacher that they felt should win in each of the following categories.

AND THE WINNERS ARE..........

Best Dressed

Dr. Shawver

Most Challenging

Mrs. Valdrighi
Best (academically)

Mr. Harrington

Favorite (personality)

Ms. Farr
OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW

The 1995-96 school year, as anticipated, was one of dramatic change. The addition of Dr. Gary Thompson as principal, and Mr. Darrel Lahmann as dean of students, proved to be a positive addition to Central High. In his move Dr. T. brought with him many new ideas. This year Central was updated with the introduction of mid-quarter progress reports, senior privileges (Our favorite was the exemption of second semester finals), the defining of school grounds and an iron-fisted crack down on smoking. Mr. Paul Pennington, Mrs. Bernice Nared, and Mr. Paul Semrad, all seasoned veterans of Central, with more than 40 years of combined experience, are teaching Mr. Lahmann and Dr. Thompson a few old tricks.

On any Friday night during football season, you’ll find these dedicated individuals, treasures of Central High, rooting for their eagles........
Administrators

Dr. Gary Thompson
Mrs. Bernice Nared
Mr. Darrel Lahmann
Mr. Paul Pennington
Mr. Paul Semrad
Security Guards

Above: Mike and Dick show just how photogenic they really are. (Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Right: Dick Lyons sits atop the west porch enjoying the weather and uneventful day in the security department. (Photo: Lei Brown)
Secretaries

Above: Linda Kubek, Thomas Covos, Rose Kobza, Deanne Kaffke, Jean Enger, Joan Pilus, Sally Seals and Kathy Thompson

Para-Professionals

Custodians

Above: The custodians we never see: Central's night staff.
(Photo: Chris Darst)

Left: Dave, Mike, Gertrude, and Cynthia: Central's daytime custodial staff.
(Photo: Shaw Ketels)

Cafeteria Ladies

Above: Peggy, Sandra, Evelyn, V, Marcelle, Pat, Thelma, Jodi, Norma, Donna and Leona (Photo: Chris Darst)
Top: Are we having fun yet? Sharon Crawford and Sharon Chipperly.
(Photograph: Michelle Borowiak)
Left: A much needed rest after a hard day's work.
(Photograph: Kelly Seidl)
Right: Ms. Ryan offers her friendly advice to a frustrated student.
(Photo: Jenny Foster)
Below: Mrs. Schuler - Weingarten is always there when you need a smile.
(Photo: Jenny Foster)
Below right: Mr. Waterman sits back and watches the tennis team.
(Photo: Lei Brown)
Top: Push comes to shove. Mr. Blazeovich Mr. Grillo both want their pictures taken.
(Photo: Jack Martin)
Right: Dr. Thompson is welcomed to Central by very our own mascot.
(Photo: Lei Brown)

CRAWFORD, SHARON CUSTARD, NORMAN DALY, DAN DEABLER, MATT DENMAN, BARBARA

DEWAELLE, RAYMOND DIECKMAN, SANDRA DOCTOR, JERRY DUSATKO, JO EUBANKS, STEVE
Left: Mr. Galus sits back and tries to take his mind off of studies schedule.
(Photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Above: Mr. Lahmann works furiously to keep Central students in line.
(Photo: Jenny Foster)
Above: Mr. Harrington loves the spotlight.
(Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Right: Grab partner! Mr. Marsh his class how to dance.
(Photo: Lei Brown)

GRILLO, GEORGE
GOLDEN, MICHELLE
HARRINGTON, JIM
HERBERT, TIM
HUG, LISA

JOHNSON, FAYE
JOHNSON, SONYA
JUNG, HEIDI
JURIN, CAREY
KARPF, AMANDA
Above: Mr. Galus “My way or the highway!”
(Photograph: Leil Brown)

Right: “I don’t do pictures,” Mrs. Wallington, science teacher, says as she tries to grade papers during her lunch hour. (Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Left: Mr. Gillogly takes time from his busy schedule to glare for the camera. (Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Above: She did what? Mr. Fenn is busy gossiping in the typing office. (Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Above: Mr. Daly gives his hands a rest after a busy day of typing.
(Photo: Shaw Ketels)
Right: Dr. Thompson always has time to flash a smile for a camera.
Mr. Blanke, on the other hand, is too shy.
(Photo: Shaw Ketels)

PROSKEL, RENEE

PRUSS, PAT
PSERROS, GEORGE
QUINN, MARGARET
RAWLINGS, JIM
REICHMUTH, BRAD

ROBINSON, CARLA
ROEDER, AL
RYAN, RITA
SAUNDERS, TERRY
SCHELLPEPER, KIM

SCHULER-WEINGARTEN,
BETTY
SHAWVER, JURGEN
SHIPMAN, TIM
SHONKWILER, STEVE
SKOOG, JOAN
Right: What’s going on? Ms. King is still wondering.  
(Photo: Shaw Ketels)

Below: Mr. Waterman still has a thing or two to show senior Jennifer Deising about advanced calculus.  
(Photo: Michelle Borowiak)
"THERE'S NO TIME...THERE'S NEVER ANY TIME!!!!!!"
YOU MAY REMEMBER
THIS QUOTE FROM THE FICTITIOUS
CHARACTER JESSIE SPANO ON THE HIT SITCOM
SAVED BY THE BELL.
AS YOU May
HAVE DISCOVERED,
TRYING TO BALANCE SCHOOL
AND A SOCIAL LIFE,
LET ALONE
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
CAN PROVE TO BE VERY STRESSFUL.
IN THE
FOLLOWING SECTION WE ARE ABLE
TO CONCENTRATE
ON THOSE STUDENTS
THAT DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO
SUPPORT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

..ACTIVITIES
STUDENT COUNCIL'S YEAR IN REVIEW...

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

Student Council has carried on a tradition of excellence for many years, and once again, this year was no different.

“Our student council works year round to provide opportunities for the community and the school,” senior Olivia Armenta said.

Student council, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Judy Storm, met seventh hour every day, and did a number of involved projects during the course of the school year. With prom being their biggest and most involved project, student council began discussing prom before Central adjourned for winter break.

During the course of the school year, student council sponsored the Red Cross blood drive, the selling of spirit items, canned food drives, and many other activities for the good of the students and the community. They were also involved in an all day state convention held in Kearney, Nebraska, and a few members attended a summer leadership workshop prior to the school year in August.

“I’ve been on student council for four years and I think this is the best year yet,” senior Jeff Driscoll said.

F.Y.I. The student council raised a record $474.00 for United Way this year... this was four times what they made last year! Congratulations!

Above: ATTRACTION! Here they are looking as studious as humanly possible, Jeremy Evans (12), and Chris Darst (11). (Photo: Mary Hill)

Right: The Student Council officers maintain order during their daily meetings with the help of an excellent council. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Above: RAH, RAH!!! Jeff Driscoll (12), and Jon Lynch (12), sell spirit items.

Above: Student Council members display various food products. For many members student council is their lunch hour. (All other photos on this page by Mary Hill)
Above: The 1995 Central High School Student Council shows their spirit for blast from the past day during spirit week. Front row: Christina White (11), Quiana Mitchem (11), Chris Darst (11), Tanya Watzke (12), Gwen Allen (12), Maria Theophilopolos (11), Michelle Cabrales (10), Mike Kelley (11), Mary Hill (11), and sponsor Mrs. Judy Storm Back Row: Tom Coleman (10), Matt Hayduska (11), Early Bryant (12), Martha Nelson (12), Jeremy Evans (12), Kyle Thomas (11), Nadia Blazevich (12), Jed Ortmeyer (11), Jeff Driscoll (12), Jon Lynch (12), and Olivia Armenta (12). (Photo: Lei Brown)

Left: Amanda Hansen (10), is still a vital part of the Student Council. Because of a schedule conflict she was unable to attend daily meetings, but she still contributed greatly. (Photo: Mary Hill)

Yet another profound statement by Student Council's sponsor Mrs. Judy Storm... “A group is only as strong as their weakest member.”

Above: Olivia Armenta (12), proudly displays the fact that she was one of the brave 17-year-olds that gave blood to the Red Cross blood drive. (Photo: Mary Hill)
Among the most respectable associations at Central is the National Honors Society. The organization, sponsored by Mr. Waterman, Mr. Blanke and Mrs. Johnson, decided to make tutoring its main activity this year. NHS members are present in all study halls to assist their peers with difficult assignments.

“NHS members decided to focus on tutoring in order to better serve Central,” Sarah Boro, senior and NHS secretary, said.

Members of National Honors Society must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or above, plus meet requirements in the categories of leadership, citizenship, and community. Because of these requirements, National Honors Society has created a name for itself, both at Central and nationwide.

“NHS is a high honor. Knowing that you are part of the elite makes you want to work harder,” Crystall Travis, senior, said.
Reflecting Back in Time ...

Central High was the first school in the nation to offer the National Honor Society program to its students!

Top: 1995-96 National Honor Society- Back row: Shadi Bashir, Steve Farrington, Sally Reiser, Nate Darling, Sarah Pugh, Tom Bowen, Jan Michael Williams; Fourth row: Craig Fuller, Tanya Watzke, Erin Onkka, Jeremy Evans, Laura Perry, Martha Nelson, Misty Hampton, Jacqueline Johnson, Sarah Boro, Carrie Parrott, Paul Rumbaugh; Third row: Dave Penn, Roland White, Phil Schwanke, Andrew Gaylor, Ryan Shelstad, Julie Otis, Crystal Travis, Sheila Vanosdel, Beth Katz, Laura Richards, Kelly Custard, Hannah Rennard, Gina Duccio; Second row: Kori Leavitt, Beth Scanlan, John Mitiler, Amanda O'Boyle, Susie Lamm, Jordan Acker, Tom Shearer; Front row: Jennifer Diesing, Beth Beninato, Kari Johnson, Jenny Kucirek, Peggy Cheng. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Not pictured: Gwen Allen, Aaron Championoy, Jessica Christensen, Colleen Cleary, Lindsay Conn, Charles Deboer, Sarah Dewitt, Nick Dubas, Sarah Gilbert, Angela Harbison, Kari Hogya, Rachel Jacobson, Kate King, Stephanie Lassek, Cory McCune, Josh Memahan, Sarah Mehe, Michael Munson, Valerie Newhouse, Angela Parks, Kristen Paynez, Anna Perilo, Sarah Rafal, Jill Roberts, Eric Robeson, Nick Spencer, Patricia Steinbach, Jennie Waldmann, Glenda Webb, Matt Whitten, and Charlie Yin.

Above: Crystal Travis (12) is ready to help Shanta Long (10) anytime she needs. (Photo: Shoshana Wees)

Above right: The National Honor Society officers- Jeremy Evans, vice president; Martha Nelson, president; Laura Perry, treasurer; Beth Beninato, sergeant-at-arms and Sarah Boro, secretary. (photo: Jenny Foster)
“LEARNING IS THE EYE OF THE MIND.” THOMAS DRAXE
by: Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

“In decathlon we get to enrich our minds in many different areas of stu
while working together as a team to compete against the best and the
brightest students in the state,” senior Carrie Parrott said.

While a good percentage of the students of Central High School were
still sleeping, Central’s decathlon team was working hard everyday, zero
hour, in room 317 to prepare themselves for regional, state and national
competitions.

With the help of their sponsor, Mrs. Kovarik, and each other, the deca-
lon team strived all year to gain as much knowledge as possible in the
areas of social science, fine arts, language and literature, mathematics,
economics and science. Members also studied information on the United
Nations to help them to prepare for the super quiz.

Decathlon is part of a national organization that brings teams from all
over the United States to match their wits and intellect in competition.
Central’s decathlon team worked very hard during the course of the school
year taking practice tests, giving impromptu speeches, and studying. By
taking their practice tests scores and using their G.P.A’s, the decathlon
team was divided into three different teams: honors, scholastic, and
varsity.

Before the regional competition, the decathlon team often met during the
weekend to study together in order to prepare for the competition. All
decathlon teams were able to compete at regionals which was held on
January 20, of this year. After regionals there are state and national com-
petitions. The decathlon nationals were held in Atlanta this year.

In addition to the team members there were also three alternates. Ac-
cording to Mrs. Kovarik, alternates are a very important part of the team
because often times they are juniors, thus they can be “groomed for the
next year.”

Caroline Foley, junior, summed up decathlon as, “The best! It helps you
answer a lot of questions right on Jeopardy.”

above: Junior Mary Beth Stryker’s true colors shine through...she
loves to learn!!!! (photo by: Chris Darst)
Did you know?
The state of Nebraska has been involved in decathlon since the 1983-84 academic year. During these first three years, the only high schools involved in the state of Nebraska were from the Omaha public school system.

The 1995-96 decathlon team members (from right to left): Mrs. Kvarik (sponsor), Jason Hoberman (11), Jeff Evans (11), Cheryl Calimlim (11), Julie Johnson, (12), Carrie Parrott (12), Caroline Foley (11), Sarah Fisher (11), Jennifer Diesing (12), Ryan Shelstad (12), Stephanie Lassek (12), and Lisa Prosterman (11).

left: HUH? Cheryl Calimlim (11), looks a little confused, but what do you expect... it is 7:00 in the morning! top right: “Don’t mess with us...we’re here for business!” The decathlon team shows their determination. top left: All work and no play? No way!!! Here, decathlon members show their giddy side.

(all photos by chris darst)
Debaters: Leave Their Mark at Central

by Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

“The Central High Debate program is a wonderful opportunity for a student to develop his public speaking abilities,” Mary Blazek, junior, said.

The team, sponsored by Mrs. Bertch, made a lot of progress during this debate season.

The topic debated this year was National Topic Resolved: That the United States Government should significantly change its foreign policy towards the People’s Republic of China.

“Central has the most active and top high school debate program,” Mrs. Bertch said.

The team debated at tournaments almost every weekend from October through April. Among these competitions, three were hosted by Central.

“Tournaments are a lot of work; they’re not easy. But they are definitely worthwhile,” Stacy Rushton, junior, said.

In addition to hosting high school debate competitions, Central also hosted a junior high competition and elementary school competition. The debaters served as judges for these meets.

Most of the debaters agree that this year proved to be a success.
Above: Debate isn't all work and no fun. Joe Girthoffer (11), Eric Robeson (12), and Tim Faulkenberry (11) prepare a speech on Monty Python. Not only do they speak, they have actions to correspond. (Photo: Jenny Foster)

Left: First year debaters. First row: Ashira Jones (10), Dan Dunberg (10) Second row: Charlie Carlin (9) Ryan Lewis (10) Brooke Ponec (9) Brittney Girthoffer (9) Amy Yin (9) Third row; Steve Kotok (11) Mark Steppe (9) (Photo: Jenny Foster)

The New And Improved *O-Book* ’96
By Jessica Bender and Meg Fangman

The production of the *O-Book* began as early as August 17, the first day of school.

The *O-Book* staff had many obstacles to overcome in order to produce this yearbook. For example, Mr. Mike Gaherty, the *O-Book* sponsor for the past thirty-two years, retired leaving a slightly inexperienced staff.

Then came, Mr. Matt Deabler, the new sponsor. He proved to be an exceptional and enthusiastic replacement for Mr. Gaherty.

Another edition to the *O-Book* was a new computer system. Mr. Deabler chose to update the staff.

“This year has been a challenging, but rewarding, year. The staff works well together and was able to put out a great yearbook,” Mr. Deabler said.

The staff is comprised of juniors and seniors who share a common interest in journalism. Although the work is demanding, the students agree that it is very worthwhile.

“Most people don’t realize how much work it takes to create a yearbook. Some nights I stayed after school until eight or nine o’clock in order to make my deadlines,” Jennie Waldman, senior, said.
The Central High newspaper, the *Register*, has upheld a tradition of excellence for almost one hundred ten years. The '95-96 *Register* did not break this tradition.

Published monthly, the *Register* contained articles pertaining to both Central and the outside world. “One of my favorite things about working on the *Register* is that I’m always informed about what’s going on, and I hear different angles of all the stories,” Hannah Rennard, senior, said.

In order to determine which topics will become articles, the staff held meetings, called story sessions, to discuss their ideas in a big group.

Under the supervision of Mr. Matt Deabler, the *Register*’s new advisor, the staff created the newspaper in time for its deadlines.

“The *Register* staff thrives on deadline pressure. It is enlightening to see many kids come together as a team,” Mr. Deabler said.

“We are like one big family. Things can get very stressful during deadline week, but we help each other out,” Erin Beal, junior, said.
1995-1996 Register Staff

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Below: The Register staff- First Row: Kate King (12), Laura Richards (12); Second Row: Angela Parks (12), Thomas Parks (11), T.J. Brumfield (12), Josh Cohen (11), Nick Stender (12), Rachel Jacobson (12); Back Row: Mr. Deabler, Sarah Pugh (12), Cory Olson (12), Jennifer Houlden (11), Caroline Foley (11), Mark Eyman (11), Hannah Rennard (12), Carrie Parrott (12), Les Anich (11), Valerie Newhouse (12), Shadi Bashir (12), Stacey Cody (12), Colleen Cleary (12), Erin Beal (11).
Orchestra and the sounds of music

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

“Orchestra is great because it’s a team thing. Everyone works hard to make everything come together, and we have a lot of fun doing it,” junior Lisa Prosterman said.

The Central High orchestra, under the instruction of Ms. Molly Moriarty, met everyday sixth and seventh hour in room 048. The orchestra was at a record number this year with the addition of many new freshmen and sophomores which made for a very strong group.

Central High School’s orchestra traditionally worked very hard to prepare for the various competitions held during the school year.

The orchestra played for many different occasions during the course of the school year including their concerts held on December 11 and May 6. For the December concert, the orchestra played a rousing rendition of “Sleigh Ride” which has since become a tradition. They also prepared a piece called “Overture on Jewish Themes” and two songs from the very famous ballet The Nutcracker. The orchestra participated in the All City music concert held on February 3 at the Civic Auditorium. Members of the orchestra were required to try out for seating on November 27 and 28.

“I’m in orchestra because in the performance I get a rush from knowing I’m making music. I’m a part of the music,” senior Stephanie Lassek said.

Other activities that Central’s orchestra participated in were adjudication day, the district music competition and small groups were organized to play for specialized events such as the madrigal dinner. Small orchestral groups and solos were able to play in front of judges for a grade at the district music competition. In the past the Central High orchestra, small ensembles and solos have traditionally done very well receiving many superior (1) ratings, which is the highest one can achieve. Central’s orchestra also played in the annual Road Show.

Junior Lisa Peterson said that orchestra has a lot of fun. “I enjoy getting to know the people and playing the music.”

Above: The magic flutes!! Lema Bashir (10), Sabine Kebusch (12), and Emily Anderson (10). Right: Stacy Cramer (9), serenades the orchestra with her cello. (Photos: Jenny Foster)
The Central High School orchestra. Front row: Miss Moriarty (sponsor), Jason Cassady (11), Delana Terhune (10), Dejah Floyd (11), Jenny Sanders (10), Abbey Dinin (11), Christine McCallum (10), Mary Hill (11). Second Row: Jana Gruidel (11), Jon Foresman (9), Jill Zovorka (10), Stacee Nguyen (10), Lillian Nelson (9), Peggy Cheng (12), Carrie Pratt (9), Ben Sommers (10), Stacy Cramer (9), Sarah Methe (12), Stephanie Lassak (12), Sean Baxter (11), Lisa Prosterman (11). Third Row: Heather Kelly (9), Katie Akers (9), Rachael Robertson (11), Rachel Alukonis (9), Tara Bacone (9), Marnie Strobel (9), Connie Totzke (9), Nicole Watzke (10), Lisa Linenberger (10). Emily Anderson (10), Melissa Gienger (10), Lema Bashir (10), Sabine Keibschull (12), Mr. Wilger (sponsor), Tara Hauger (10). Forth Row: Stacy Huff (10), Charles Meyer (10), Charles Hess (11), Sarah Schneider (10), Julie Weston (10), Sarah Wengert (10), Ben Komar (12), Jenny Queen (10), Johann Johnson (9), Lashanti Bishop (10), Erika Coates (12), Michael Munson (12). (Photo: Jenny Foster)
The Central High Band had a very productive year. Whether they were busy with competitions, football or basketball games, or concerts, the band was ready, willing and able to work hard.

The marching band participated in several competitions throughout the fall season, NSBA, the State Marching Tournament, was one such competition. They also played in OMI, Omaha March Invitational.

“The competitions were very rewarding experiences,” Mary Beth Stryker, junior said. “We learned a lot from them. Each time we played at a competition, we improved a little.”

One of the band’s most acknowledged activities was their half-time performances at the varsity home football games. The spectators were impressed with the band’s music and arrangement.

When the marching season was over, the band was split into two sections, concert band and a selected wind ensemble.

The band also played at basketball games. Due to lack of space, only a small pep band could attend each game.

Over the summer, the band members attended a camp at Peru State College. They agreed that the camp had a positive effect on the band.

“We learned most of our half-time show at camp and practiced fundamentals,” Jacqui Johnson, senior, said.

“I think we had a great year. I really enjoyed the pieces we played,” Anna Raful, sophomore, said.
Above: The band is as spirited as ever while waiting for their turn to play during a pep rally. (Photo: Chris Durst)
Jazz band plays it up

By: Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

If you ever ventured down to the basement area by room 048, during ninth hour, you would hear the uplifting music of Central High’s jazz band.

Under the instruction of Mr. Pete Wilger, the jazz band worked very hard during the course of the year to prepare for competitions, concerts and small performances.

The jazz band participated in two concerts, one on December 11 and one on May 6. Earlier in the year they played for a good citizenship assembly at Miller Park Elementary. The jazz band also shared their musical talents by playing for a few junior highs during the course of the year.

This year the jazz band was widely represented in the all state program. Senior Frank Brasile and Junior Ryan Watzke were chosen by audition to participate in the all state jazz band. Senior Michael Munson was chosen for the all-state orchestra, and senior Lisa Heller was picked for the band. In addition to the list of their accomplishments, for the past two years the jazz band has had representatives that participated in the UNO all-star jazz band.

Other various activities include the UNO jazz festival, the district music concert and the Central High’s annual Road Show.

“Jazz band has been fun because I’ve learned more about jazz then I ever would have,” senior Mike Munson said.
The 1995-96 Central High School jazz band. Front Row: Ryan Watzke (11), Lisa Linenberger (10), Matt Whitten (12), Zachary Davis (11), Kevin Finken (11), Nicole Watzke (10), Frank Brasile (12), Ben Komar (12), Mike Munson (12), Mary Beth Stryker (11). Back Row: Mr. Pete Wilger (sponsor), Sharif Elkachouti (11), Andy Johnson (10), Zach Clark (9), Jason Stearns (9), Kristoff Berzins (9), and Jenny Queen (10).

Above: Senior Mike Munson chills out with his bass during a jazz band rehearsal.
Left: Jenny Queen (10), plays her trombone with gusto!!
(All photos on this page: Chris Darst)
Many new activities start at Central High School every year. The newly formed literary guild looks like a promising club that won’t disappear in the near future. Under the sponsorship of Mrs. Terry Saunders and Mrs. Kathy Maloney, the literary guild met bimonthly to discuss novels of their choice and to organize various service projects.

A select group of students, who expressed interest last spring, comprised the club at the start of the year.

“One of the main reasons we started it was because classroom discussions were often so tumultuous,” senior Gina D’Accio said.

During first semester, the literary guild got involved in a number of projects. Their main project was a book drive in which all the English classrooms participated in. Posters were placed in the English classrooms along with boxes, announcements were read and some of the teachers offered extra credit to their students to encourage them to donate books. The final result was that the literary guild raised over 1,000 books.

During second semester, applications were available to anyone who was interested in joining the literary guild.

Gina D’Accio summed up the literary guild as “a place where people can go to discuss great literature in a relaxed environment.”
"An incredible experience!"

Senior Stacey Cody defined All State as “a convention of good singers and music teachers who get to demonstrate their talent in their final performance.”

All State took place on November 16, 17 and 18 in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska. Prospective All State participants auditioned to be in either chorus, band, orchestra or jazz band, and the final performance was held at the Lied Center.

Auditions for the instrumental students consisted of playing various scales, excerpts and improvising in the jazz band just to name a few. Vocal auditions were carried out in a similar manner. They were taped for their audition, and they had to sing scales and selected excerpts from their songs.

Some of the many musical selections included tunes such as “Summertime” by George Gershwin in the jazz band, the chorus performed “Ave Maria”, the orchestra played “Hungarian Dance No. 6” by Johannes Brahms, and the band performed the ever popular “Amazing Grace” by Frank Ticheli.

“All the conductors were very charismatic!” senior Valerie Newhouse said.

Stacey Cody best summed up her All State experience as “incredible.”
Although a young squad, the '95-'96 Color Guard amazed its spectators with its dances and routines.

The Color Guard participated in competitions with Central's band. These competitions include OMI (Omaha Marching Invitational), OME (Omaha Marching Expedition) and the State Tournament.

At OMI, the Color Guard received the top rating. It was rated together with the band at their other competitions.

Leslie McCarthy, junior, said that the year began slowly because of problems finding a coordinator. As soon as that problem was solved, they saw their hard work pay off at competitions.

The Color Guard practiced every morning during zero and first hours.

The Color is sponsored by Mr. Wilger. Its captains were Rachael Kellett, junior, and Amy Revenaugh, sophomore.

"This year was great, but we're hoping that next year will be even better," Rachael Kellett, junior, said.
Left: Hilary Kyler (11) steps to the music.  
(Photos: Chris Darst)

Above: Rachael Kellett (11) poses to make a great finish to her routine.  
(Photos: Chris Darst)

Below: Color Guard members twirl their flags at an all school pep rally.  
(Photos: John Hodges)
With the unexpected postponement of the fall musical, Central High's 1996 One Act Plays were born.

"Trysting Place," directed by Miss Kim Zulfer, student teacher, was one of the two plays performed on December 2.

The second play was "Sorry, Wrong Number," directed by Mrs. Peggy Wheeler, Central English teacher.

Mrs. Wheeler said that the only complaint she heard about the plays that they were too short. Otherwise, they were well received by the audiences.

"People were on the edge of their seats during 'Sorry, Wrong Number'," Mrs. Wheeler said.

"It was great working on the One Acts because everyone was so dedicated," Alison Hagar, freshman, said.

"We couldn't have done it without a wonderful backstage crew," Alison Hagar said.

"The One Acts were very successful and a lot of fun. Hopefully, we'll be able to perform something similar in the future," Rachel Shukert, sophomore, said.
The casts...  

“The Trysting Place”

Mrs. Curtis..........................Anna Jane Kerns
Lancelot.............................Alex Wolfson
Mrs. Briggs..........................Rachel Shukert
Jessie.................................Erika Wulff
Rupert................................Jeff Ludwig
Mysterious Voice......................Scott Dall
Ingoldsby.............................Jeff Baxter

Student Director Jennifer Lee

“Sorry, Wrong Number”

Mrs. Stevenson........................Julie Otis
First Operator......................Cece Thomas
First Man..............................David Griffin
George..................................Joe Wojtkiewicz
Sergeant Duffy.........................T.J. Brumfield
Lunch Room Attendant..............Corey McCallan
Second Operator......................Felicia Ellis
Third Operator........................Alison Hagar
Western Union Man..................Delshaun Gamble
Information Person..................Cameron May
Woman at Hospital...................Sonya Voss
Fourth & Fifth Operator............Jason McCarthy

Student Director Corey McCallan

Above: Volunteer Tech Crew members: Front Row: Melissa Brutsche (11), T.J. Brumfield (12), Cameron May (11), Alison Hagar (9), Judy Schaffer (10). Back Row: Shadi Bashir (12), Joe Lupo (12), Kari Hogya (12), Corey McCallan (10), Max Culver (11), Bobby Boardman (11), and Craig Fuller (12). (Photo: Shoshana Wees)

Instead of a stage crew this year, the drama department was fortunate to have this Volunteer Tech Crew. In addition to the One Act Plays, they assisted with the production of the Road Show and The Sound of Music. Creighton Tech director, Bill Van Deest, and his class helped show Central’s tech crew the ropes. They built sets, designed scenes, and worked the stage lighting.
Bel Canto is an all female choir that serves as a transition from Junior Choir to A Cappella.

This year, Bel Canto consisted of twenty-four members. These girls were chosen after a competitive audition last spring.

Bel Canto’s main activity was their performance at the Madrigal Snack. This served as a fundraiser for Central’s vocal music department.

They also performed in Central’s Fall, Winter, and Spring music concerts, and in the Road Show. In addition, Bel Canto Participated in special request performances.

“The group has grown by leaps and bounds from the first year I started teaching. They are a very disciplined group and deserve the respect they receive,” Ms. Lyn Bouma, vocal music teacher, said.

Above: ’95-96 Bel Canto- First Row: Hilary Kyler (11), Teri Tuttle (10), Trista Prescott (12), Erin Jenkins (10), Elly Miller (11), Kari Hogya (12), Angie Barnhard (11), Jenny Link (10); Second Row: Janelle Orange (10), Julie Bush (12), Marisa Ramsey (10), Amy Revenaugh (10), Kelly Porter (11), Anna Jane Kerns (11), Rachel Shukert (10), Jessica Morrow (11); Third Row: Sara Childers (10), Sarah Schrad (10), Tara Wilson (12), Sarah Felix (10), Jessica Dickes (11), Elonie Lewis (10), and Ally Crossman (10). (Photo: John Hodges)
"Junior Choir's talent indicates good vocal music for the next few years at Central," Ms. Lyn Bouma, vocal music teacher, said.

The focus of Junior Choir was to learn choral technique. The singers practiced sight-reading and experienced four-part choral singing.

Junior Choir served as a training choir for A Cappella. It consisted of freshmen, sophomores and juniors and prepared them their next choral step.

Junior Choir performed twice this year, in December and May.

"They are a very strong group of young group of singers. Despite their numbers, they were able to produce four-part harmony," Ms. Bouma said.

Above: Junior Choir- First Row: Ms. Lyn Bouma, Kim Lux (12), Beth Wells (10), Noella Rilantono (12), Tanya Bringe (9), Tynia Brewer (9), Fareeda Muhammad (10), Isela Rangel (11); Second Row: Andi Pederson (10), Shana Renfrow (9), Leia Thompson (11), Sarah Barsell (10), Toshia Chiham (10), April Mosley (9), Chris Nwuju (9), Jody Baines (9), Tara Olson (9), Nikole Winchester (9); Third Row: Katie Higgins (11), Maggie Chapin (11), Takeika Scott (10), Tina Simmons (10), Shayla Wilson (10), Mikala Kearney (9), Emilie Parrott (9), Sarah Carse (10), Miriam Fischer (12), Tegan Fry (9), Manizheh Aarabi (11), Celeste Bueno (9); Fourth Row: Amber Rager (9), Donnie Harris (9), James West (9), Corey McCallan (10), Harley Easton (12), Lucas White (10), Alex Wolfson (9), Matt Smith (10), Jerome Bradford (12), Lucas Stecker (9), Andrea Drake (11), and Keisha Wise (11). (Photo: Lei Brown)

Top Right: Junior Choir members practice hard for an upcoming concert. (Photo: Casey Brennen)

Right: Senior Miriam Fischer concentrates hard on her music book. (Photo: Casey Brennen)
A Cappella sings out strong
By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

The many voices of the A Cappella choir filled Central’s halls everyday eighth hour with their uplifting music. Under the instruction of Mrs. Lyn Bouma, the A Cappella choir worked very hard all year long to prepare for a number of singing performances and competitions.

A Cappella is an auditioned-based choir. Members auditioned last spring in order to qualify for the 1995-96 choir. During the audition, prospective members were asked to sing scales and sight read music. The members were then chosen based on their audition and for a good balance between the different vocal sections. This year the A Cappella choir consisted of approximately eighty members. The choir is comprised of mostly juniors and seniors with a few selected sophomore boys.

A Cappella performed fairly regularly throughout the school year. This year the choir participated in their annual fall, winter and spring concerts. They also performed for Central’s Road Show and united with other O.P.S. choirs to perform in the All City Music Festival. Other events included their participation in the district music contest where members had the option to sing solos or in small groups for a rating. A Cappella also performed a Cantata at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral.

“A Cappella is not just a class where you go to sing, but a place to have fun and learn as well,” junior Sam Achelpohl said.

Mrs. Bouma also added, “This is the third year I’ve been at Central and this was the most focused A Cappella choir I’ve had. I anticipated outstanding performances from them.”
“A Cappella is a class that I look forward to going to every day,” Krista Griess (11) said.
“The Cream of the Crop!”
By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

“Studio Art is a great way for young artists to express themselves,” junior Lindsey Myers said.

Although most of their work was done independently, the 1995-96 studio artists were guided with directions and expectations by art teachers Mr. Larry Andrews and Mrs. Margeret Quinn.

Students who wanted to be in studio art were required to have two years of previous art classes and submit a journal of their artwork to the art department. The art teachers then decided if the student had enough skill, self-motivation and discipline to be in studio art.

Students in studio art participated in several competitions, including the Bellevue University Metro Seniors Art Exhibition, Scholastic Art Awards, Billboards, Youth Art Month and Joslyn Student Exhibition. Various artists also submitted work to Totem.

“Studio art was a great experience for me. I thoroughly enjoyed it,” senior Sarah DeWitt said.
O-book Photographers

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Michelle
Chris

96
Jenny
Casey

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
The oldest section of Omaha High School, Central High School, was held on November 15. The cornerstone ceremony was held in the main auditorium, and the ceremony was attended by the school's administration. The cornerstone ceremony was conducted by the city's mayor. The cornerstone was made of granite and was placed in the center of the building. The cornerstone was inscribed with the school's name and the year it was laid. The cornerstone is a symbol of the school's history and its commitment to education. The cornerstone ceremony was a way to honor the school's past and to ensure its future. The cornerstone ceremony was a way to bring the school community together and to celebrate the school's legacy. The cornerstone ceremony was a way to show the school's commitment to excellence and to the students who attend the school.

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Dimension takes on a new perspective

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

Creative, imaginative and dedicated describe the kind of students that helped make this years Dimension outstanding.

Since 1968, the Dimension literary publication has seen many changes. It was originally published in the Register until 1978 when Mr. T.M. Gaherty began teaching the creative writing classes. Since then, the publication of Central High's literary magazine Dimension has become a huge project for the creative writing classes. With Mr. Gaherty's retirement, the creative writing classes are now being taught by Mrs. Peggy Wheeler who gladly accepted the responsibility of supervising this literary magazine.

Creative writing students began working on Dimension in the latter part of February. According to Mrs. Wheeler, certain things were done a little differently this year then in previous years. Changes in lay-out and format were based on student input. This year Mrs. Wheeler also gave everyone in her creative classes equal responsibility. There was no editor-in-chief, but some students took on the responsibility of being a head of a committee. Every student that wished to participate could be involved in some sort of committee. Committees that the students had to choose from were selection, sales and advertising, lay-out and design, entry (which made decisions on the deadlines), and an art committee.

Dimension is a chance for Central High students to submit their literary essays, poems and stories as well as artwork for possible publication. All students and teachers are able to submit their works, and the final selection was based on the decision of the selection committee.

"Working on Dimension has benefitted my future career as a writer. It has also given me the experience of what it's like to work with a group of people to accomplish a great final product," senior Hannah Rennard said.
The 5-6 Hour Dimension Staff: Nicole Best (10), Lea Platz (11), Mike Kelly (11), Cameron May (11), Katie Glover (11), Jody Sheely (11), Kim Schulte (10) Back Row: Gail Braddock (10), Megan Harris (10), Tony Smith (12), Erika Wulff (11), Steve Kotok (11), Sam Achelpohl (11), Jessica Koenig (11), Josh Petersen (12), Ryan Ellis (11), and Peggy Wheeler (sponsor). (Photo: Lei Brown)

Above: Creative writing students illustrate that not only are they talented writers...they're artists too. Sarah Husky (9), Jon Anzalone (11), and Stephanie Holm (9). (Photo: Chris Darst)

Right: Rebecca Hammond reads a possible selection for Dimension intently. (Photo: Chris Darst)

"Dimension is one of the best opportunities for students to get their work in print." - The Art Committee
The 1995-96 CHS Singers earned the respect they deserved. They had a very busy year putting on many concerts and performances.

CHS Singers is considered the highest chorus in the Central music department. Under the instruction of Mrs. Lyn Bouma, they gave outstanding performances.

The chorus consisted of juniors and seniors who all enjoyed singing. Their hard work was continuous throughout the year.

“In our practices we strived for excellence; in our concerts we strived for perfection,” Jason Hoberman (11) said.

Some of their performances were Central’s annual concerts, Road Show charity concerts, and the District Music Contest.

“CHS Singers has been a lot of fun. We had a really well-balanced group,” junior Ryan McGrane said.
Sing, sing...CHS Singers perform in the Road Show. Pictured is Liddie Thompson (12), Courtney Worrell (11), Karl Richstatter (11), Anna Perilo (12), Ryan McGrane (11), and Cassy Koziol (11). (Photo: John Hodges)

Above: "Come on, we're ready to begin." Phil Medeiros (11), Joe Achelpohl (12), and Damien Thompson (11) are ready to start rehearsal. (Photo: Jenny Foster)
“A Star Spangled Road Show!”

By Mary Hill and Shoshana Wees

Stars, stripes, red, white, and blue and our very own Central students as the stars! Indeed, this year’s Road Show deserved the title “A Star Spangled Road Show.” For 82 years Central High School students have demonstrated their talent in the annual Road Show.

This year Road Show held their performances on February 9th and 10th, and their student matinee was on Thursday, February 8th. Out of the 55 acts that auditioned, 23 were selected in the various areas of instrumental music, vocal music, dance, and drama as well as variety acts. Mrs. Pegi Georgeson said that most of the acts were very polished this year and that “having the applications in before Christmas helped.”

The acts were judged by teachers as well as students. The students that judged were recommended by the guidance department, and the teachers selection was based on whether or not they had been at Central for more than a year. This was to make sure they knew the quality that the Road Show exhibits each year.

Along with the acts selected, there were six large groups that are automatically included each year. These included: A cappella, Orchestra, Bel Canto, Band, Jazz Band, and C.H.S. Singers.

Behind the Scenes:

The acts aren’t the only thing that make the Road Show so special. The stage help, set designers and stage managers all helped in running a smooth show. This year senior managers were Kari Hogya and Crystal Rhoades.

This year Paula Presents helped with the set design and Bill Van Deest helped with the lighting.

“With only three weeks, it’s hard to build things,” Mrs Georgeson said. “Besides, tech is not my forte, directing is!”

Above: Will Rogers Follies!!! Red! White! The pom squad performs with huge smiles on their faces. They closed this year’s Road Show with their uplifting number. (Photo: Lei Brown)

Above: We are the Lady Eagles! Lady Stepper Tosha Chism (10) got the crowd going. (Photo: John Hodges)
Below: “Plunge it, flush it, look out below!” Student council members Nadia Blazeveich (12), Mary Hill (11), Jaclyn DiGiacomo (10), Matt Hayduska (11), Maria Theophilopoulos (11), Cara Spoonhour (10), and Early Bryant (12) act out their future professions. (Photo: Chris Darst)

Above: The Tap Trio Anna Porilo (12), Alicia Blanke (11), and Sally Reiser (12). (Photo: Chris Darst)
Upper Right Corner: In the Navy! Shawn Housh (12), Scott Dall (11), and Corey McCallan (10) bust a move for the Road Show audience. (Photo: John Hodges)
Far left: Julie Otis (12), enlightens the audience with her shower experiences. (Photo: John Hodges)
Lower Left: Pretty in Pink Krista Gries (11) plays her flute with Martha Nelson (12) as her accompanist. (Photo: John Hodges)
Left: Bryan Greer (10) sings “One Night in the Desert” complete with cowboy hat. (Photo: John Hodges)
“ROTC taught me how to be a leader and to strive to be the best citizen I can be,” Dunina Brown, senior, said.

ROTC offered students the chance to develop skills and responsibilities in ways different from the “normal” class. Several of these skills were first aid, map reading, weapon safety and leadership theory.

Contrary to popular belief, a military career is not required at the completion on ROTC. For those students who choose to further their military training, they may enter the service with a higher payroll or other benefits.

Students involved with ROTC also had the option of participating in other extracurricular activities such as Rifle Team, Drill Team, Courtesy Patrol, Orienteering and Color Guard.

“My favorite thing about ROTC is being on Courtesy Patrol and earning merits,” Stacy Huff, sophomore, said. The duties of Courtesy Patrol included passing out programs at games and greeting visitors to Central during Open House and other occasions.

Right: Battalion Primary Staff - Jessica Christensen (12), Nick Crelin (12), Chris Robertson (12), Sean Reynolds (11), and Patrick Lawson (11).
(Photo: Matt Deabler)

Right: Kate Ross, senior, had the honor of being selected as Cadet Battalion Commander.
(Photo: Matt Deabler)

Far Right: Central, along with various other schools OPS schools, join together to march in the World War II 50th Anniversary Parade.
(Photo courtesy of Major Yost)
Left: 1995-96 Courtesy Patrol- Brian Wilson (9), Zach Chapin (9), Randy Fryer (9), Sean Reynolds (11), Rachel Ortmeyer (9). (Photo courtesy of Major Yost)

Below: Varsity Colorguard- Chris Robertson (12), Tony Ayala (11), Shawn Finlan (10), Zach Chapin (9), and Nick Crellin (12). (Photo: Matt Deabler)

Bottom: Battalion Secondary Staff- Tony Ayala (11) and Mark Brasch (11). (Photo: Matt Deabler)
Below: Orienteering Team members Chris Robertson (12) and Kate Ross (12) pass the test! (Photo courtesy of Major Yost)

Top: The 1995-96 Orienteering Team’s hard work paid off. Here, they are pictured after a third place victory this fall. (Photo courtesy of Major Yost)

Above: The Freshman Color Guard Team members Andy Buckley (9), Zach Chapin (9), Chris Keyser (10) and Jon Nebel (9) are pictured in their line of duty. (Photo courtesy of Major Yost)

Above: The Color Guard Team looks as sharp as ever for their inspection. (Photo courtesy of Major Yost)
"The Drill Team worked hard and performed well," Major Richard Yost, ROTC instructor and Drill Team advisor, said.

Military-style precision marching was the main focus of the Drill Team. The team competed in several meets this year. Before each meet, the team went through a thorough inspection.

This year there were two Drill Teams, a Varsity level team and a Freshman team. These teams placed first and third in an OPS drill meet.

The team members agree with Major Yost that they had a successful year.
If you want to make the world a better place,
take a look at yourself and make the change.

Michael Jackson
German club gets in touch with nature

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

German club had a strong and active enrollment this year with many events members participated in.

They got in touch with nature through hiking at fontenelle forest, horseback riding and a hayrack ride. Other fun activities included iceskating and bowling.

“It’s a great way to meet people, have fun and learn about the german culture,” junior Mary Hill said.

Many changes were seen in the number of students involved in the club. The club was thought to be one of the largest in the last several years.

“The biggest change seen in german club this year was that the younger, first and second year students were more involved,” said Mrs. Dieckman, german club sponsor.

Mrs Dieckman also added that, “german club provides students the opportunity to experience the german culture that they cannot get in the classroom. They play soccer and make gingerbread houses just like german kids would.”

Sarah Berg, junior, said “she felt that being in german club would help her future plans by teaching her to work with others.”
GNHS Gives Back to the Community

By Karen Kazor and Olivia Armenta

The induction of German National Honor Society members was held October 9 in central's courtyard. The 14 inductees were greeted at the door by Dr. Gary Thompson, Central's principal.

German National Honor Society used a three fold system to prepare the activities that the took part in this past year. The programs were either social, cultural or service-oriented. The society had monthly business meetings and planned four activities to participate in during each semester.

Activities this year included horseback riding, attending a concert by the Vienna Boys choir and caroling at a Lutheran home.

"German National Honor Society helps students become more familiar with the german culture," said Frau Jung, club sponsor.

Frau Jung also felt that the service aspect is very important.

"German National Honor Society is a fun learning experience that helps you get in touch with your cultural side," junior Alicia Blanke said.

Above:1995-96 GNHS officers Front row; Kate Ross (12), Lindsey Schultz (12), Sarah Methe (12), Jennie Waldmann (12) Back row; Nichole Newell (11), Paul Rumbaugh (12). (Photo: Michelle Borowiak.)

Left: 1995-96 GNHS officers Front row; Kate Ross (12), Lindsey Schultz (12), Sarah Methe (12), Jennie Waldmann (12) Back row; Nichole Newell (11), Erica Mullen (11), Dave Penn (12), Ryan Shelstad (12), Paul Rumbaugh (12). (Photo: Michelle Borowiak.)
DECA is Central’s marketing club, and is an association of marketing students. The purpose of the club is to develop leadership skills, social skills and projects. DECA meets these goals through conferences and activities which involve marketing management. The advisors this year were Ms. Wiles, Mr. Gaylor and Mrs. Bunz.

DECA is involved in many activities throughout the year. Social programs included the hayrack ride and dinners. Civic projects involved selling pleasure pac coupon books, Happening books and Nebraska Sports Magazines. Other activities included the Idelman HBO Project, and volunteering for the Francis House and the Salvation Army.

DECA members also participated in the Victory Day '95 parade and souvenir sales. In addition, enough donations were collected to purchase two Victory Day bricks for Central High marketing.
Which consisted of souvenir sales at the parade and Rosenblatt Stadium.

This year, many DECA members participated in professional activities such as the local invite at Millard South, the Fall Leadership Conference in Kearney and the Regional Conference in Indianapolis. Both conferences helped students develop leadership skills, investigate career options and update their marketing knowledge.

DECA members also took part in districts and state and the National competition which was held in Orlando.

Sarah Raful, senior, said "DECA really got me interested in business and marketing. It prepares you for the future even if you're not looking into the field of business. The activities and competitions are fun and teach you a lot."
Math Club Adds it Up

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

"Math club is more than a mere club. It is an odyssey of the gray cells into patterns of chaos and we sell candy," Mr. Waterman, club sponsor said.

Events that the club participated in were the UNL math day, the Creighton University and Northwest Missouri State University math days. In addition to this vigorous schedule they hosted a contest for middle schools. Math club participates in leagues as well.

This year's officers were Jenny Diesing: president, Jennie Waldmann: vice president, Ryan Shelstad: sergeant at arms.

To support their funds for traveling, members sold candy in November. Members also designed their own t-shirts to represent their spirit and commitment.

Above: Jason Hoberman (1), Shadi Bashir (12), and Dakota Bailey (11) display their trophy won at the UNL Math day. (Photo: Karen Kazor.)

Right: Senior Jenny Diesing and Mr. Waterman contemplate the theory of evolution in mathematical terms. (Photo: Megan Fangman.)

Below: 1995 - 96 Math club members: (1 - r) Jennie Waldmann (12), Charlie Yin (12), Jenny Diesing (12), Sarah Fischer (11), Ryan Shelstad (12), Dave Penn (12). (Photo: Megan Fangman.)
FBLA Works Toward the Future

By Karen Kazor and Olivia Armenta

FBLA, the Future Business Leaders of America, is one of Central’s marketing club. FBLA had weekly meetings every Wednesday morning. The club was involved in many activities throughout the year. These included Honey Sunday, haunted house hopping, Toys for Tots, competition day and International Business Day, both held in the winter. The Fall Leadership Conference was held in November and the state competition was held in April.

The theme this year was: FBLA - where America’s businesses finds its leaders.

FBLA provides the incentive for students to get serious about business, their classroom work and their future. It gave members the opportunity to learn about the wide selection of careers available to them through conferences, workshops, meetings, newsletters and magazines.

The officers of the club this year were: president- Kayla Kelley, vice-president - Corey Fitch, secretary- Jill Jensen, treasurer- Bo Gebbie, reporter- Julie Ferris and membership director- Jason Campbell.
French Club Gets Bigger and Better

By Karen Kazor and Olivia Armenta

“French club always had an active, strong and large enrollment,” Mrs. Fellman, club sponsor said.

Mrs. Fellman also added that french club gives students the opportunity to get together socially and in a relaxed manner. They also had a chance to participate in fun intramural competitions such as the annual soccer game. Their activities this year included a progressive dinner, where students traveled to different members house to eat a different course of the meal. They also took part in serving food at the francis house, attending the opera and selling candy. The profits from the candy sold provided scholarships to students who stayed in the french program through their four years of high school.

A major contribution from the fundraising money went to the amity aid, which provides a student teacher from a french university for the third quarter.

A valuable benefit that students received from french club was the leadership experience which will carry them past college and into the real world.

“FRENCH CLUB HAS MADE ME MORE AWARE OF OTHER CULTURES, YET APPRECIATE THE AMERICAN CULTURE EVEN MORE,”

— MARTHA NELSON, SENIOR.
FNHS Reaches Out to the Arts

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

French National Honor Society is an exclusive society of French students with a 2+ average in all courses and a 90 percent or above in three semesters of French. Members also must have twenty points of French activities. The inductions of FNHS members were held on December 12 in Central's courtyard.

FNHS is a social and cultural society that provided scholarships for exceptional French students. Activities this year included attending a French opera, viewing French films and attending French art exhibits as a cross curriculum activity with an art class.

The civic service project this year was an ongoing afternoon with a junior high that consisted of sharing French foods, playing games and participating in French activities. A major event FNHS took part in was the Kearney State college foreign language fair.


(Photo: Olivia Armenta.)

“FRENCH CLUB ALLOWS ONE TO MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AND AT THE SAME TIME EXPERIENCE THE FRENCH CULTURE,”

--- LAURA PERRY, SENIOR
Dr. Thompson appointed student advisory groups for the 95-96 school year from all four grade levels. Representatives met with him approximately once per month in grade level meetings to discuss issues of concern to Central students.

"Principal Advisory Board was a great opportunity to become aware of what’s actually going on in the school and to get both sides of the story from the students as well as the administration," Mary Hill, junior board member said, "It was a good chance to voice our opinions."

Issues such as Central’s visitors policy, student, teacher communication, open campus policy, senior graduation and lunch concerns were discussed early in the year.

“The advisory board gave students opportunities to share their feelings about school and to resolve school problems,” Dr. Thompson, Central principal, said.

Advisory board members were spokespeople for their classmates who came to them with school-related concerns to discuss at the meetings. These problems usually affected a large percentage of the student body. After the issues were discussed, an effort to make changes occurred.

“I believe this organization is imperative in keeping open lines of communication between the administration and the youth of the school,” Jessica Bender, senior board member, said.

1996 Seniors Principal’s Advisory Board

(some students not pictured) Vernell Atwater, Candida Pulliam, Crystall Travis, Jessica Christensen, John Mitiler, Olivia Armenta, Susie Lamm, Anna Perilo, Jessica Bender, Carrie Parrot, Gina D’Accio, Christina Avant, Gina Hanslip, Tanya Watzke, Jeremy Richart, Christian Harding, Sarah Boro, Corey McCune, Traci Rooks, Jeff Baxter, Morgane de Liege, Sally Reiser, Dana Whitmarsh, Jon Schrader, Dr. Thompson, Sarah Pugh, Jeremy Evans, Shannon Reevers, Katie Thompson, Gwen Allen, Jenny Kucirek, Kari Johnson, Jeff Wallersted, Jon Lynch, Eric Chartier, Rob Conner, John Hodges, Beth Katz, Linsie Beck, Nadia Blazeевич, John Cobb, Michaela Kelly, Stephanie Lassik, Kori Leavitt, Angela Parks, David Penn, Monique Petersen, Christian Robertson, Ryan Shelstad, Paul Swirzinski, Liddie Thompson, Jennifer Waldman

(Photograph: Jacquie Johnson)


(Photograph: Chris Durst)


(Photograph: Jessica Bender)
Physics Club Shoots for the Best

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

Physics club was a group of students in honors and A.P. physics classes. The group met once a week on Thursdays to discuss upcoming competitions.

Mr. Frank Marsh and Dr. Bob Wolff sponsored the club and aided the students in projects.

“We were very confident that the students would do well because they had the capabilities and the talent to compete,” Mr. Frank Marsh, sponsor and teacher, said.

One of the projects that the members participated in was a can food race in December. The members collected food for the student council who was raising food for the Omaha City Food Bank. The members raced the cans down a ramp along a carpet for extra credit points.

Another activity was the UNO Car Pull in April. Students were given a small electric motor and asked to construct a car which would pull more weight than the car weighs itself.

The Creighton Field Day was one of the final competitions. Several different concepts were involved and the students hoped to improve for next year.

“Physics club gave students the opportunity to apply what they had learned in class and participate in competitions,” Jill Jensen, junior and club member, said.
Positive Peer Culture, PPC, is a strategy for dealing with the problems of youth.

“Students who have dealt with difficulties in their own lives can better understand the problems of others,” Mike Kelly, junior, said.

Central had four PPC groups this year of approximately ten students under the guidance of a group leader. Group leaders included Ms. Berstein, Mr. Dewaele, Mr. Reichmuth, Ms. Piper and Ms. Crawford.

Central’s PPC program completed a variety of activities this year. In addition to regular meetings, members adopted a low income family with five children between the ages of two and twelve for whom they bought Christmas gifts. Members also served dinner at the Francis Sienna House and volunteered at the Special Olympics.

“Our group learned how to identify problems and how to work toward the resolution,” Jenny Phillips, junior and PPC member, said.

1995-96 members included; Katie Glover (11), Modesto Ayala (11), Jason Galaska (10), Jennifer Phillips (11), Traci Rooks (12), Dejah Floyd (11), Bernard Newsome (11), Mike Kelly (11), Colleen McGinty (11) and Cecil Evans (10).
By Karen Kazor and Olivia Armenta

Spanish club was off to a great start this year with a brand new board of officers. The new officers were Katie Thompson: president, Karen Kazor: programming vice - president, John Gaskins: fund raising vice-president, Andrea Friedman: treasurer and Sarah Rafal: secretary.

“This year the officers and I worked extra hard to make Spanish club have the best year yet,” said president, Katie Thompson.

Activities this year included a Spanish dinner at Julio’s, laser tag, bowling and a hayrack ride with other clubs.

"Mi Casa es Su Casa"

--- Katie Thompson

Left: Juniors Andrea Friedman and Mike Kelley show the tight friendships made by joining Spanish club.

Above left: Juniors Kelsey Keith, Lauren Price - Polson enjoy the company of each other at the foreign language hayrack ride.
Hopes For the New Year

Above: 1995-96 Spanish club members Front row Sheilla Vanosdol (12), Dana Whitmarsh (12), Lisa Slape (11), middle row: Ginny Thompson (11), Katie Thompson (12), Sarah Raful (12), Tanya Watzke (12), Jill Jensen (11), Lauren Price - Polson (11), Mary Beth Stryker (11) back row: John Anzalone (11), Becky Iwen (11), Cara Medley (11), Josh McMahon (12), Steve Hernandez (11), Siri Heese (10), Peggy Cheng (12), Erin McMahon (11), Mary Baddorf (11). (Photo: Jenny Foster)

Left: Spanish club officers: Ginny Thompson (11), Jeff Evans (11), Katie Thompson (12), Karen Kazor (11), Sarah Raful (12), John Gaskins (11). (Photo: Olivia Armenta)
"In the pursuit of excellence the students in SNHS work hard to become bilingual," said Mrs. Anderson, Spanish National Honor Society sponsor.

SNHS took control this year and really made things happen. The primary goal of the society is to raise money for students who go on in Spanish in college.

To become a member of this elite society a student must acquire recommendations from two teachers. The candidate must have completed three semesters of Spanish, earning no less than a one.

I think it's really exciting we've made this an active club again. With the officers working together, the new members felt they were really a part of something. I only hope they continue the society in future years," said Sarah Pugh, senior and SNHS sgt. at arms.

The officers this year consisted of Shadi Bashir - President, Beth Beninato -vice- president, Tanya Watke -treasurer, Sarah Pugh and Jennifer Diesing sergeant at arms, and Sheila Vanosdol - historian.

According to Shadi Bashir, senior and SNHS president, "The society has done extremely well this year. We had the first induction in four years last December. The officers really came together to pull it off."
Film Club Remembers Faces From the Past

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazar

One of Central’s youngest clubs, Film Club follows a script of hard work and dedication.

Members met every Friday to further develop their skills in videotaping techniques, angle use and close-ups. At meetings, members watched films to analyze the techniques used by professionals.

Guest lecturers described the technical aspects of film making and script writing.

“The current members are very dedicated and have a lot of ideas. I hope to increase the membership to add to the creativity and involvement for the upcoming projects,” Ms. Marlene Bernstein, club sponsor said.

The club was allowed 15 minutes two days a week on the Public Access channel. In their time slot, the members told of Central’s activities and interviewed Central students and faculty. The Film club plans to update Central’s archives with a video book of interviews of retired faculty. Expected in the interviews are Dr. G. E. Moller, former Central Principal and Mr. John Keenan, retired English teacher of 35 years.

Above: Nick Anderson (11) and Ms. Bernstein analyze a script, while Philip Hall (10) updates the rest of the club about upcoming events. (Photo: Olivia Armenta.)

Below: 1995 - 96 Film club members: front row (l-r) Stacy Huff (10), Philip Hall (10), Nick Anderson (11), Sidney Carroll (10). Back row: Linda Nguyen (10), Kathryn Schroeder (9), John Morsma (9), Ted Huabrich (11). (Photo: Olivia Armenta)
By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazar

International club has been a committed and growing club for the past few years. The club’s main purpose was to let foreign exchange students come together and share their unique experiences.

“The club is a place for students to get together and talk,” Miss Michelle Golden, the club sponsor and Central ESL teacher said.

Members participated in different activities such as ice-skating, a dinner and attending one of Central’s home football games.

Noella Rilantono, a senior from Indonesia, said she enjoyed International club because she met a lot of people from other countries and learned about their cultures.

“The club provided fun, good times and a chance to learn about many different peoples’ cultures,” Nhia Nguyen said. Nhia added she chose to be in International club to be with her friends and to make new ones.
“Applied design allowed me to make art that I can wear or use. It was a great hands on creative outlet,” Beth Katz, senior said.

Applied design provided students with utilitarian products that are wearable. The class was made up of three major parts: fibers, textiles and jewelry. The fibers unit dealt with weaving and basket making. The textiles unit concentrated on cloth and the basics of surface design, while the first semester spent on jewelry included the use of metals such as copper, brass and silver. A few main projects completed this year included tye-dyed batiking, paper making and book binding.

“Applied design is a way for art students to express themselves through a visual statement,” Mrs. Margret Quinn, applied design teacher, said.

“Actually creating something tangible is fun! Applied design is one of the few classes where you walk away with something. Mrs. Quinn is really relaxed about what you choose to do. Once she gives an idea, she allows you to go your own direction,” Sarah Pugh, senior, said.
African-American History Club
By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

“The purpose of the African American History Club was to better educate all ethnic groups about the accomplishments made by African Americans throughout history,” Ms. Brizendine, club sponsor and teacher at Central said.

Members of the club participated in a variety of activities this year. February was particularly busy due to African American History Month. The club contributed to a community clean-up of Malcom X’s birthsite. Other activities included collaborating with other existing African American History Clubs and planning various programs.

“My favorite thing about African American History Club was the sense of togetherness that I shared with the other members,” Quiana Mitchem, junior and club vice president, said.

Other activities included a Black Film Festival held after school, a soul food taste, and a performance by the UJIMA youth group.

“I feel a strong need to educate our school about the achievements of the African people,” Christina White.

Top: Members of the UJIMA youth dance group performed for Central students to celebrate Black History month. (Photo: John Hodges)

Left: Additional members of the UJIMA dance group entertained students by acting out a play telling of ancestral history. (Photo: John Hodges)
Drama and Thespians Build Character

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

Drama club had an active and large enrollment this year. The club held meetings bi-weekly and participated in many activities.

"Drama club was a great club to join since I couldn’t take the drama class. I was able to use my acting skills without making a huge commitment. All the activities and people made the drama club one of the best clubs in Central," junior, Rachel Roberts said.

This year’s club officers were Kari Hogya (12) president, Julie Otis (12) vice-president, Amy Revennaugh (10) secretary, and Tanya Watzke (12) treasurer.

"Drama club is made up of very diverse people, but is accepting of everyone. The outside purpose of the club is to act. We have tried to become a more unified group this year by doing more outside activities. The real purpose of drama club is to create a way for new and old students to meet new people and make friends that last a lifetime," Kari Hogya, president, said.

The members enjoyed social activities such as the annual hayrack ride, the lock-in, and the Holiday Hunnies gift exchange. The Drama club also went on their annual Spring trip to enjoy a variety of productions and club bonding.

In addition, members participated in a civil project in October by serving as greeters for Super Pops, a day dedicated to the War Years of the 1940s. Many members of the drama club participated in the play and Roadshow this year, including the all-boys dance line. Other members volunteered to serve as stage crew for various Central productions.

The honors society for drama students are the Thespians. Thespian officers this year were Carrie Parrot, president (12), Julie Otis, vice president (12), Kari Hogya, treasurer (12) and Amy Revena, secretary (12).

“Thespians is a way in which serious drama students can get together and are honored for their work,” Carrie Parrot, Thespian president said.

The Thespians held an initiation ceremony in the Fall for new members and gathered many times throughout the year.

Bottom right: 1995-96 Thespian members: front row (l-r) Kari Hogya (12), Carrie Parrott (12), Amy Revenaugh (10), Julie Otis (12), sponsor Mrs. Georgesom. Back row: Chris Darst (11), Kyle Hoberman (10), Melissa Brutsche (11), Vince Bogener (11), Harley Easton (12), Nicki Petersen (11), Emilie Parrott (9), Anna Jane Kerns (11), Anna Rafal (10). (Photo: Michelle Borowiak.)
Below: Carrie Parrot (12) is able to lay down on the job with the help of Amy Revenaugh (10), Kari Hoga (12), and Julie Otis (12).

Above: 1995-96 Drama club members: 4th Row (l-r) Nicki Petersen (11), Damien Thompson (11), Kyle Hoberman (10), David Griffin (11), Vince Bognier (11), Harley Easton (12), Joe Wojtikiewicz (10), Corey McAllan (10), Megan Mullen (10), Sabina Kebeschull (12), Max Kolver, Shawn Housh (12), Scott Dall (11), 3rd Row: Tammy Robertson (11), Rachel Ortmeyer (9), Ben Onkka (11), Hilary Kyler (11), Courtney Worrell (11), Anna Jane Kerns (11), Morgan de Lieuge (12), Miriam Fischer (12), Anna Rafal (10), Jackie Hart (10), Rachel Roberts (11), Eloni Lewis (10), Alex Ramirez (10) 2nd Row: Rachael Robertson (11), Melody Dvorak (9), T. J. Brunfield (12), Brigid Barr (11), Heather Clark (11), Michelle Cabrales (10), Craig Fuller (12), Sally Otis (10), Charles Hes (11), Sarah Felix (10), Jessi Dickes (11), Marisa Ramsey (10). 1st row: Mrs. Georgesen (sponsor), Tanya Watzke (12), Will Ross (9), Joe Lupo (12), Kari Hoga (12), Amy Revenaugh (10), Lacey Pruitt (11), Kim Zulfer (student teacher). (Photos: Michelle Borowiak.)
Minority Engineers and Scientists of Tomorrow

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

MESA brings students together from different ethnic backgrounds. All of the members are interested in furthering their education and pursuing a career in math or science-related fields.

The club held bi-monthly meetings for those interested. MESA participated in many field trips this year including AT&T and Union Pacific. The members listened and learned from speakers in different fields throughout the year.

"MESA honors club is an excellent program because it allows minority students the opportunity to gather and discuss different careers available to them," said Crystal Travis, (12) MESA president.

MESA offers preparation for college through SAT and ACT prep classes and a program is offered in the summer at UNL to give MESA members a taste of math and science.

Top right: President Crystall Travis (12) conducts business as usual at a MESA meeting. (Photo: Olivia Armenta)

Above: 1995-96 MESA officers: president Crystall Travis (12) and secretary Jasmine Henderson (10). Not pictured vice-president Doris Caldwell (11). (Photo: Olivia Armenta)

Rifle Team Aims For the Future

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

“Ninety-five percent of shooting is mental and five percent is positions,” Master Sergeant Carey Jurin said.

Master Sergeant Jurin emphasized that the members of rifle team enjoy shooting weapons but also realize that weapons are dangerous.

With Mark Brosh, junior, as commander, the rifle team, a co-curricular activity met everyday from the beginning of 10th period to 4:30 PM. This year the 14 team members were required to be enrolled in ROTC.

Included in this years accomplishments were varsity’s first place win in the city-wide competition and junior varsity placing in another Omaha area match.

Rifle team is an important sport that teaches mental control. Members of rifle team must have the ability to concentrate for fifty minutes continuously.

Right top: Junior Mark Brasch shows his stuff with a gun at the practice range.

Right bottom: Dan Varkony, sophomore, uses his skills to make a perfect shot.

Above: 1995-96 Rifle Team: Dan Varkony (10), Marcus Brewer (10), Mark Brasch (11), Tony Ayala (11), Andy Schroeder (12), Ray Johnson (9), Jeremy Slovik (9), Zack Chapin (9), Randy Fryer (9). (All Photos: J. Bender)
Boys Volleyball:

"To win the state title," was the main goal of Central's boy's volleyball team. All of the members and coaches were dedicated to the common goal of winning state and going to nationals in San Jose, California.

Coach Reichmuth said that four seniors were key team members. Nick Friedrichsen, Jeff Driscoll, Adam Rinn and Nate Darling, were the core of the team and together provided, the skills needed to accomplish the teams' common goals, Coach Reichmuth said about the possible college prospects.

"We had good hitters and passers," Jeff Driscoll, senior setter said.

The team's quest for state began with practices two nights a week. With the addition of a junior varsity team, the varsity needed new uniforms. The team began selling candy around November.

The junior varsity team was coached by Ms. Wendy Melcher and Ms. Tammy Wade. The main goals of this young team were to improve and build for next season.

"J.V. had a lot of potential. We basically wanted to learn the fundamentals of passing and serving the correct way," Coach Melcher commented. Melcher, also added that the coaches were impressed with the amount of focus on completing drills and working to improve.

"Our main goal was to win the state title, but in the process we became a better team mentally and physically."

- Jeff Wallerstedt, senior
leaders at the net.

Left: 1995-96 Boys Varsity Volleyball members; back row (l-r) Jeff Wallerstedt (12), Nick Dubas (12), Nate Darling (12), Aaron Champion (12), Ryan Lewis (10) and Coach Brad Reichmuth. Front row: James Nelson (11), Adam Rinn (12), Nick Friedrichsen (12), Jeff Driscoll (12), Steve Henderson (11) and John Mitilier (12). (Photo: Olivia Armenta.)

Below: John Mitilier, senior, practices his passing skills during an intense drill. (Photo: Casey Brennan)

Right: Senior Nick Dubas attacks viciously at the ball, while Jeff Driscoll, senior, admires his set and the attack. (Photo: Casey Brennan)

Left: 1995-96 Boys Volleyball members: back row (l-r) Nate Kowarik (10), Nick Taylor (10), Chris Kerres (9) and Jamie Veach (10). Front row: Richie Davenport (9), Sean Sullivan (10) and Cory Beckius (9). Not Pictured: Mike Finley. (Photo: Olivia Armenta)
JCL Celebrates Its 90th Birthday

By Olivia Armenta and Karen Kazor

This past year marked the 90th anniversary of the Junior Classical League. The club members showed their spirit and appreciation for JCL by having a "birthday party."

"The members decided to have a party because they wanted everyone to become aware of the Latin culture," Ms. Rita Ryan, club sponsor, said.

Ms. Ryan also added that Central's JCL club is the oldest in the United States. Many members expressed delight for this because they had put faith into the ability of the club and its members, past and present.

Activities this year included an All City Banquet, in which members throughout the city met to have a dinner. Members also participated in a National Latin Test, a state convention and an All-City College Bowl Contest.

"JCL has been the best experience for me all through high school," Aaron Champenoy, senior, said.

Above: 1995 - 96 JCL members (l-r) front row: Jordan Acker (12), Colleen McGinty (11), Jody Sheely (11), Jenny Sanders (10), Jill Jensen (11), Emily Nguyen (10), Toni Adair (9), Megan Fangman (12), Jenny Kucirek (12), Jon Lynch (12). Back row: (l-r) Emily Martin (10), Matt Whitten (12), Doris Caldwell (11), Andrew Miller (10), Chad Jacobsen (12), Ryan McGrane (11), Aaron Champenoy (12), Chris Tetzke (12), David Rennard (9). (Photo: Jenny Foster.)
With Parties and More . . . .

“It’s exciting to be a part of history here at Central and in the United States,”

- Nick Friedrichsen, senior
“Nothing good comes in life or athletics unless a lot of hard work preceded the effort. Only temporary success is achieved by taking short cuts”

Roger Staubauch
By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

The 1995-96 varsity football team struggled through the first half of the season, yet overcame adversity to win three out of four final games, qualifying for the state tournament.

"Even though there were a lot of injuries in the beginning of the season, many young players proved they could play on the varsity level," senior Adam Rinn said.

One of the season highlights was the Central vs. Columbus game. Central almost toppled the number three ranked team in the state before losing 9-7.

"This near victory proved that if we play to our potential, we can play with anyone," Head Coach Joe McMenamin said.

Despite the loss, the team went on to win the last two games of the season and improve their record.

"State was a good experience... and a nice way to end the season," Coach McMenamin said.

Senior Parnell Walton rushed for 90 yards in the team's loss to Columbus at the state game. Walton, was the fifth leading rusher in the metro area.

Coaches cited other key players, including senior Kelly Allen, who led the defense and senior Laron Rooks, who was the leading offensive lineman. Amongst underclassmen, junior Phillip Burrell led the team in turnover of recoveries and sophomore Deante Grixby leader of the secondary team.

Overall, the team agreed the season went well. Senior Adam Rinn summed it up, "The underclassmen should have a lot of success in the future."
Focus On Future

Opposite page left: Central Eagle, Phillip Burrell runs for yards. Below left: The team awaits the snap. Below, right: Nick Friedrichson and Adam Rinn cool down after practice. (photos: Lei Brown)

Top: First Row: Laron Books (12); Early Bryant (12); Scott Dall (11); Dakota Bailey (11); Josh Neeck (11); Brent Quigley (11); Brandon Chuggston (11); Tim Faulkener (11). Second Row: Robert Jefferson (11); Jack Wheeler (12); Robert Wolfe (11); Nick Duhais (12); Jeff Ludwig (11); Ronaldo Martinez (11); David Echternach (11); Tom Buren (12). Third Row: Kelly Allen (12); Shawn Houns (12); James Akers (11); Michael Davidson (12); Andrew Gayber (12); Courtney Gottfried (9); Jason Galaska (10); Nick Friedrichson (12). Fourth Row: Dylan Johnson (10); Jon Shrader (12); Kaye Axelrod (10); Jeff Rissel (12). Kyle Thomas (11); Paul Rumbaugh (12); Michael Cronen (11); Joe Wolf (12); Luke Donahue (11). Fifth Row: Jeremy Covlin (11); Coach Gollee; Coach Enbanker; Coach Allner; Coach Geoghegan; Coach McDorman; Coach Brown; Coach Stander; Coach Pierson; Coach Wagy. 2nd Row: Ashera Jones (10); Adam Rinn (12); Parnell Walton (12); Zach Girthoffer (11); Stuart Pomeren (11). Front Row: David Schnake (11); Joe Girthoffer (11); Josh Cohen (11); Carlos Nunes (11); Phillip Burrell (11); Hien Nguyen (12); Deante Grisby (10); Victor Mora (12); Thomas Hubbard (10).
Hope Builds For Young Teams

By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

This season, the junior varsity, reserve and freshman football teams showed great improvement. The players proved their ability on the field, while the coaches helped them improve their skills and knowledge of the game to prepare for future success in football.

The coaching staff agreed that injuries on the varsity team impacted the j. v. team’s ability to work together with the same players.

“With players moving up and down it was difficult to know what to expect with the team that was left,” Mark Allner, junior varsity coach said.

Despite setbacks, Coach Allner was optimistic.

“You would think with a record of 1-6 the season didn’t go well, but guys who never played before showed a lot improvement,” Coach Allner said.

“That’s all junior varsity is about, improving and getting experience on the field.”

The freshman and reserve teams also made their mark. The reserve team won six games while the freshman team had a competitive season too. There are high expectations for Central’s upcoming varsity teams.

“The teams have shown a lot of improvements, and the future of central football looks bright,” junior Mike Kelly said.

Above: Freshman Ian Bell fights off a tackle to get a few extra yards.

( photo: Chris Darst)
Left: Jon Schrader anxiously awaits wreaking havoc on the opposing team. (photo: Jenny Foster)

Above back row: Shannon West (9); Matt Harless (10); Emil Moses (10). 4th row: Cody Shevlin (10); Sherman Smith (10); Randy Ward (10); Ryan Brown (10); Brian Ketelson (10); Jason Friedrichson (10). 3rd row: Sean Owens (10); Jon Dunson (10); Coach Gallus; Coach Eubanks; Marcus Brewser (10); Chris Markel (10). 2nd row: Brandon Kowskie (10); Bob Hruska (10); Cecil Evans (10); Brad Capellupo (10); Ian Thomas (10); Jim Leuschen (10); Kenny Rogers (10). Front row: Adrian Oropeza (10); Daniel Hamilton (10); Aaron Frees (10); Larry Harwood (10); Lamare Fuller (10); John Adams (10); Jason Reagan (10); Tim Williamson

Below: top row: Mitch Anderson (9); Johnathan Mitchell (9); Michael Smith (9); Michael Kush (9); Jacky Smith (9); Matt Brown (9); Josh Thied (9). 4th row: Brendan Williams (9); Ryan Loweery (9); Jermaine Dunn (9); Ian Bell (9); Brian Wilson (9). 3rd row: Jimos Reese (9); Ryan Garrison (9); Coach Pserrros; Coach Wagy; Chris Allen (9); Matt Womaeque (9). 2nd row: Doug Graber (9); Larohn Minifield (9); James Medlock (9); Johann Johnson (9); Mike Sheehan (9). Front row: Jonathan Nebel (9); Neal Duffy (9); Matt Davidson (9); Jeremiah Thomas (9); Jay Rose (9); Josh Humphrey (9).
Top: Steffen Hooi (11), a member of the all state softball team, makes the play at second base. (photo: R. Crossman)
Bottom left: The team’s seniors show their Central pride. Seniors: Katie Thompson; Kelly Custard; Martha Nelson. (photo: R. Crossman)
Bottom right: The team sits, and shares that Eagle spirit! (photo: Kelly Seidl)
Grandslam Season

By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

“This was the best season Central has had since softball has been a sanctioned sport,” Head Coach Norm Custard said about the 1995-96 girls’ varsity softball team.

The team achieved a 17-12 record, and qualified for state.

One highlight of the regular season was the team’s shut-out victory over Millard South, the number one ranked team in the state.

“We had a lot of potential at the beginning of the year, and everyone’s natural ability helped pull us through games nobody thought we would win” junior Steffen Hooi said.

At the state softball tournament, Central lost their first game to Millard North 2 to 0; won their second game against Westside 4 to 3; then lost their final game to Millard South 13 to 3. The team finished the season ranked seventh, the highest finish ever for an Omaha Public School softball team.

“The key to the season was the total team effort put out by all the players” senior Katie Thompson said.

Losing only three seniors, the team looks forward to building a strong softball dynasty for the years to come.

Above: Catcher Rhiana Mays waits to steal. (photo: Kelly Seidl)
Left: back row: Coach Kozak; Coach Custard. Second row: Nicole Langfeldt (11); Kelly Seidl (12); Ally Crossman (10); Kelly Custard (12); Rhiana mays (10); Cari Cain (11); Katie Thompson (12) First row: Elizabeth Monaghan (11); Cheryl Bentzen (11); Nicole Duffy (11); Steffen Hooi(11); Martha Nelson (12); Sirena Montalvo (11).
JV softball has been a great stepping stone and has taught me team unity and skills for the future.

sophomore Deanna Leavitt

Above: Deanna Leavitt (10) makes the out on first base.

(photo: Cheryl Leavitt)
Towards victory

Above: Central takes its turn at bat. (photo: Jen Holden)

This year's junior varsity softball team can be described as young but determined. With only three returning junior varsity players, the girls had to adjust to working together as a team.

Coaches Cheryl Tieger and Mike Ripa, both teachers at Central High School, said they agreed that the team improved 100 percent from the beginning of the season to the end.

"The girls really developed their skills and learned to work well together," Coach Tieger said.

Although the team only won four games, the girls were never shut-out and usually kept the score close.

"We showed a lot of promise throughout the year but we just could not close-out some of our games," junior Cassy Kozoil said.

Overall the team agreed that the season was a lot of fun and a learning experience as well.

"The team had a great time and became close throughout the year," junior Jessi Cerny said.
Despite injuries, the 1995-96 varsity tennis team pulled off a winning season. The 7-2 record was achieved even though a lower back problem sidelined the number one singles player, freshman Stuart Waters, for two weeks. Halfway through the season, the number one doubles player, junior Jason Hoberman, was taken out by a hip injury.

"I was glad that my injury didn't prevent me from playing metro and state," Stuart said.

The team placed seventh at Metro and ninth at State. Senior Charlie Yin placed second at Metro and fourth at State. "This was a great season to finish up my high school tennis career," Yin said.

Freshman Stuart Waters made his mark too. He placed fourth at Metro and lost in the quarterfinals at state to the defending state champion in a close match. "This year I felt no pressure, being a freshman, but next year I expect to do even better," Stuart said.

Coach John Waterman has high hopes for the team's future. The team members agree, "Tennis is life!"
Smashing Season

Left: Senior Charlie Yin completes his final tennis season. (Photo: Chris Darst)

Back Row: Charles Carlin (9); Randy Ochsner (11); Jason Hoberman (11); Omar Nazem (11); Nila Wentsumegi (11); Charlie Yin (12); Dave Penn (12); Coach Waterman.
Front Row: Brandon Schultz (9); Stuart Waters (9); Charles Meyer (10); Chad Powell (10); Nick Eakins (10); Ben Tepl (10); Jeremiah Schultz (9).
by Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

Hard work and positive attitudes led to a successful season for the 1995-96 Lady Eagles Golf Team. They achieved an even record of 4-4 against other Omaha high schools in regular season play.

In addition to these matches, the golf members also attended local tournaments. Megan Fangman, senior, was a medalist at the Abraham Lincoln invitational. The team finished eighth at Metro.

“We had a good season with a lot of young players who showed great improvement,” Coach Dusatko said.

“Shoreline was a nice course, but the team really missed Elmwood,” Sarah Berg, junior, said.

The team had to adjust to a new home course, Shoreline, because Elmwood was undergoing renovation. The team agreed that Elmwood’s location was more convenient.

Strong team unity was very evident this year.

“I thought it was a fun season, many new friends,” Lei Brown, senior, said.

The girls along better Omaha teams.

The team they look forward to improving their record next year.

Furthermore, the girls said they plan to practice and improve their skills for next season.
Top middle: 1995-96 Girls Golf Team: Front Row: Sarah Berg(11), Rachael Slosberg(10), Alicia Blanke(11), Back Row: Lei Brown(11), Meg Fangman(12), Kara Spoonhour(10), Hannah Rennard(12), Stacy Cramer(9), Coach Dusak.(Photo: Shoreline golfer)

Left: Kara Spoonhour(10) practices her swing for the upcoming hole. (photo: Lei Brown)

Above: After a hard day on the golf course, Lei Brown(11) takes it easy. (Photo: Megan Fangman)
has a run-away

Left: John Zendejas (11) picks up his pace to help Central finish well at Metro.
(Photo: Jane Fischer)

By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

Hard work and motivation led the 1995-96 cross country team to a successful season. The team members put in intense hours during their grueling practices, showing their will to succeed.

“This year, more than past years, team members are more committed, more focused and are training hard all year round,” head coach Tim Shipman said.

Many young members of the team showed their potential while the seniors demonstrated steady leadership. Annika Carlson (9) won the Bryan Invitational for freshman. Junior Tim Rivera qualified for state, becoming the first boy from Central to qualify for State in six years.

“I felt the season went well,” Rivera said.

“I liked the atmosphere of the cross country team,” senior Tanya Watzke said.

Senior Josh McMahon also saw the importance of team unity.

“This year’s team had a lot of fun, success and teamwork; and with so many young runners, they have a lot of excitement to look forward to,” he said.

With the team’s youth and impressive outlook on the future, they are destined for competitive seasons in the years to come.
season

Above Left: Annika Carlson (9) stretches in preparation for the race to come.
Above Top: Back Row: Tim Hakanson (10); Jeremy Reichart (12); Josh McMahon (12); Matt Miltner (10); David Rennard (9). Front Row: Sarah Fischer (11); Jill Carroll (9); Monique Peterson (12); Todd Jacobson (10); Annika Carlson (9); Jameson Reichart (9).
Above: Monique Peterson (12) in full stride.
(All Photos: Jane Fischer)
The 1995-96 Girls' Varsity Volleyball team underwent many positive changes this season. With the new coaching style of head coach Brad Reichmuth, the team had one of its best seasons yet with a 7-12 record.

"There was a major transition to a new coaching staff which was sometimes difficult at practice," senior Traci Rooks said, "but everyone worked through it and we ended up with a very competitive team."

Coach Reichmuth said he agreed that the team quickly became a competitive threat.

"I knew Varsity had a lot of athletic ability, and it wouldn't take much to make a big difference," Coach Reichmuth said.

A few highlights of the season were the team's win over Millard West and a very close loss to Westside.

"We competed well with some top ranked teams. Team unity played a big role in our success," senior Beth Scanlan said.

Three key players received acknowledgement for their outstanding performances during the season. Senior Beth Scanlan was named to the All-Metro team and senior Nadia Blazevich and junior Quiana Mitchem were named to the honorable mention All-Metro team. Overall the team had a very successful season gaining a lot of learning experience.

"I had been excited about the season from the standpoint that we had become a better team skill-wise than we had been at the beginning of the year," Coach Reichmuth said.
the way for the future

"I think this team really set the mentality for the teams in the future."

Coach Reichmuth

Left: Rebecca Baines (10) reaches to spike the ball while her teammates prepare for the return. (Photo: Kelly Seidl)
Below, left: Cara Steffensmeier (9) slams the ball through the opposing teams blocks. (Photo: Casey Brennan)
Below: Beth Scanlan (12) smashes the ball as her fellow eagle teammates cover her attack. (Photo: Casey Brennan)
The Eagles’ impressive volleyball talent carried through to all levels this year, with the junior varsity, reserve and freshman teams all having successful seasons. The teams’ records, however, did not fully reflect the fundamentals and skills the players picked up.

The junior varsity team had a shaky beginning but worked through their difficulties to produce a successful season.

Although the team lost their first eleven matches, they pulled together to end up with a 9-15 record and kept a positive attitude throughout the season.

“One thing I was very impressed by was that the players never let up. They kept working hard in practice, determined to improve and work for the win,” Coach Wendy Melcher said.

The players also learned about earning and keeping a playing spot.

“It’s not just your athletic ability, but a positive attitude and the will to work hard,” Coach Melcher added.
Although the reserve team had an overall record of 0-9, the team felt it was a good learning experience. "Despite a tough schedule, the reserve team kept a positive attitude and continued to improve throughout the season," Coach Anderson said.

The team agreed that the season was a lot of fun, and they improved their individual skills greatly. "Volleyball allowed me to make new friends and helped me to learn a lot about the game," freshman Meghan Gibilisco said.

The freshman team had a successful year with a record of 8-10. They also had positive performances at all of their tournaments. The team placed third at the Roncalli tournament and made it to the semi-finals at the OPS freshman tournament.

"We had a great season and a lot of fun," Coach Wade said.

The team showed improvement throughout the season and revealed great potential for next year. They had excellent leadership, thanks to coaches who taught the girls to be complete players. The coaching and hard work will pay off in the years to come.
Top: Seniors Laura Perry, Sarah Boro, Crystall Travis, and Leila Roberts bond with the Eagle. (photo: Lei Brown)

Above left: Kelly Allen (11) claps her hands to show her school pride. Above right: Dunina Brown (12) shows her school spirit as she leads a cheer. (photos: Michelle Borowiak)
Varsity Cheerleading: Spirit Soars

By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

Years of practice and countless hours spent together molded this varsity squad. The squad had developed a strong bond with each other through summer practices starting at 6:00 am., to cheering at all varsity home and away games.

“Cheerleading is a great experience because of the close friendships that have been formed throughout the years,” senior Laura Perry said.

The girls also attended a summer camp in Okoboji where they won many spirit awards.

“The squad really learned a lot from our participation in the camp,” senior Chrystall Travis said.

The varsity cheerleading squad was made up of both juniors and seniors this year. This change made it possible for younger girls to advance to the next squad earlier than was possible in the past.

“I like this change because it’s best for the squad to allow the most talented girls to participate on the varsity level regardless of age,” senior Chrystall Travis said.

Along with cheering at varsity games and attending camp, the squad cheered at pep rallies, organized spirit weeks and helped plan Homecoming and Pom Squad.

“The girls were a wonderful squad this year and really helped bring a lot of school spirit to Central,” sponsor Ms. Proksel said.
This year’s junior varsity cheerleading squad attended summer camp in Okoboji.

“Camp was a lot of fun and we won many spirit awards too,” co-captain Karen Kazor, junior, said.

After attending camp, the squad cheered at junior varsity football, basketball and volleyball games. The squad members also acted as timers at Central swim meets.

“This squad was very dedicated in supporting all the junior varsity teams,” sponsor Ms. Renee Proksel said.

This year because of downsizing to three cheerleading squads, the junior varsity squad was made up of both sophomores and juniors.

“Everyone worked well together, forming a wonderful squad,” junior Mary Beth Stryker said.
JV and reserve show

Spirit for years ahead

By Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

The 1995-96 reserve squad agreed hard work combined with a lot of fun described their cheerleading experience. Since the squad was made up of freshman and sophomores, the girls worked especially hard to learn the cheers. They also learned how to work well as a group.

“Cheerleading is a great way to meet friends,” sophomore Alison Hager said.

The squad attended summer camp at Okoboji and went to morning practices that started at 6:00 a.m.

Although cheerleading is a lot of fun, we also put in a lot of hard work and time,” sophomore Nicole Driscoll said.

Above: (From Top) Jessica Stanek (9); Jasmine Henderson (10) 4th Row: Melissa Blair (10); Mikayla Ward (9). 3rd Row: Vanetta Bailey (10); Alison Hager (9). 2nd Row: Ashley Ingram (10); Regina O’Connell (9); Stephanie Putnam (10). Front Row: Amber Auch (10); Amanda Backora (10); Jennifer Quandt (10); Nicole Driscoll (9)

Above: (From Left) Shoshana Wees(11) and Karen Kazor(11) show their school spirit.
Everybody Dance Now

"Being on Pom Squad has taught me to be a leader, as well as work with a group," -Sarah Berg

Top: Pom Squad entertains the crowd during a pep rally.

Above: Sarah Berg (11); Lindsey Myers (11); Alicia Blanke (11); Sarah Raful (12); and Karen Kazor (11) show cheerleading and Pom Squad bonding.

Right: Anna Perilo (12) smiles at the crowd.

(photos: Michelle Borowiak)
The 1995-96 Pom Squad promoted school spirit and pumped up Central’s athletic teams. The squad attended camp at the University of Nebraska at Kearney last summer.

“At camp we really worked hard, and the squad’s talents came together,” sophomore Jaclyn Di Giacomo said.

The squad took second place for their home routine and received many other awards such as the leadership award and the superior team award. Seniors Anna Perilo and Kari Johnson were two of just a few dancers selected to participate at a dance camp in Paris.

For the first time ever, Pom Squad offered a Kiddie Dance Camp for girls in grades 1-6. This fundraiser helped promote Central as a school and developed the young girls’ dance skills.

“The squad worked very hard and really took charge of their responsibilities,” Mrs. Skoog, Pom Squad sponsor and Central High English teacher, said.

The squads responsibilities also included planning homecoming with the cheerleaders and dancing at all the pep rallies and home varsity games.

Co-captains Sally Reiser and Kari Johnson, both seniors, agreed, “This year’s squad has shown great enthusiasm, tremendous leadership skills and has worked hard to boost Central’s school spirit.”
Gymnastics improves by leaps

The 1995-96 Girls’ Gymnastics Team had a strong sense of dedication and a competitive mind-set. The team won most of their duels and placed fifth at State. At the Metro tournament, junior Kelly Allen placed third on beam, and junior Tiffany Taylor finished eighth on the floor exercise.

“As a team we had a very productive year and got a lot accomplished,” junior Tiffany Taylor said.

With a new coach Randy Mitsunabi, Central joined with North High to form a team of twelve members consisting mostly of freshman. The girls said they agreed that their skills improved due to team members helping each other through their routines.

“There was a lot of team unity, even though we went to different schools,” junior Kelly Allen said.

With such a young group of girls, the gymnastics team expects to do even better next year.
and bounds

Below, left: Kelly Allen (11) maintains a precarious perch. Left: Cori Mallenby (11) shows off her flexibility. Below left: Cori Mallenby (11) and Kelly Allen (11) reflect the team's unity. Bottom: The team stretches to warm up before their meet. (all photos: Mrs. Allen)
Top: Cari Cain (11) perfects her butterfly.

Upper middle: On your marks, get set, GO! Abbey Dinin (11) State qualifier, off to a good start.

Lower middle Back Row: Nate Bullington (9), Chris Darst (11), Eddie Piatt (10), Karl Richstatter (11). Middle Row: Zach Johnson (11), Nick Stender (12), Ryan McGrane (11), Coach Mike Steele. Front Row: Coach Kat Laughlin, Neal Duffy (9), Gabe Johnson (9), Luke Stecker (9).

Bottom Back Row: Erin Quinlan (10), Cari Cain (11), Brooke Kelly (10), Brandi Crozier (11), Tegan Fry (9), Abbey Dinin (11). Middle Row: Tiffany Taylor (11), Coach Kat Laughlin, Kerri Inserillo (9), Jodie Baines (9), Kiley Kane (11), Jane Swirzinski (9), Nicole Neumann (9), Nicole Duffy (11). Front Row: Jessica Cerny (11), Sarah Fawcett (9), Mary Blazek (11), Meghan Duffy (9), Jenny Link (10), Erin Jenkins (10), Sarah Schad (10), Fawn Peterson (9), Coach Mike Steele.

Opposite page: Eddie Piatt (10), full of Central spirit and ready to win. (all photos: Lei Brown)
The 1995-96 swim team showed a huge improvement from previous years. The team had eight different events qualify for state. For the first year ever the team was coached by Norris Jr. High music teacher Mike Steele and Central business teacher Kat Laughlin.

"The team was a lot of fun to work with, and accomplished a rewarding season," Coach Laughlin said.

The boys had a record of 5-2, losing only to Prep and Millard South. The boys also placed second at the O.P.S. Invite.

"The season was an incredible turnaround from the past couple of years," junior Ryan McGrane said.

The girls team picked up many new swimmers which gave them a better opportunity to score well at meets. The girls had a 3-4 record and sent two relay teams to State.

"We had a lot of young swimmers with a lot of room for improvement," junior Abbey Dinin said.

Everyday after school both teams practiced at Norris Jr. High. The practices were a lot of hard work combined with a lot of fun.

"Our practices ranged from kickboard fights and water polo to intense workout sessions," junior Zach Johnson said.

Overall the team agreed it was a very progressive year and with only one senior on the team, they are looking forward to more success in the future.
Varsity basketball soars and scores
by Sarah and Andrea Friedman

Opposite page top: Back Row: Coach Behrens, Luke Denney (11), Corey McCune (12), Robert Jefferson (11), Brandon Myers (11), Keenan Wright (12), David Ziesel (11), Coach Archie. Front Row: Djuan Johnson (10), Kenny McMorris (11), Galen Morrison (11), Ryan Behrens (11), Gene Lucero (12), Ralph Blank (11).

Left: Galen Morrison (11) pushes past his defender to shoot the ball. (photo: Lei Brown)

Top Right: Keenan Wright (12) soars high to grab the rebound. (photo: Lei Brown)

Bottom: Ryan Behrens (11) looks for a teammate to pass to at districts. (photo: Lei Brown)

Opposite page: Kenny McMorris (11) eyes the ball in anticipation of his next move. (photo: Lei Brown)
The 1995-96 Varsity boys’ basketball team was back in full force, running and slam-dunking over their opponents. The team achieved the second most wins for the past ten seasons ending with a record of 12-10.

“This was a great season, the way that we played makes the wait for next year even better,” junior Kenny McMorris said.

Although the team started off the season 2-3, they regained their composure placing third at the Holiday tournament. The Eagle’s went on a winning streak after the tournament, being ranked at third in the state. However, the team dropped out of the rankings after several consecutive losses.

“It was a good season, but it could have gone even better if a few bounces and calls would have gone our way,” senior Corey McCune said.

The team ended the season on a high note by making it to the district finals.

With so many young players the future looks bright for Central basketball. The team plans on practicing hard during the summer to improve on their skills and team play.

“Many of the juniors have been playing on the varsity level for three years, their senior year should be a successful one,” Coach Rick Behrens said.
The 1995-96 junior varsity team, despite pre-season predictions, had a very successful season.

"No one expected us to do very well so we surprised a lot of teams by our strong play," Coach Dan Archie, Central High physical education teacher, said.

The team, made up of mostly sophomores, had a winning record of 9-7.

The players agreed that they learned how to play the game and compete on a higher level. Practicing with the varsity team every day allowed the JV team to improve their fundamentals.

Overall the team agreed the season was very productive and a good learning experience.

"Although there were ups and downs, the team put it together by the end of the season," Coach Archie said.

This year's reserve team achieved a successful year with hard work and dedication. The team scrimmaged with the freshman after school and went through rigorous practices which helped the players get in shape for their games. The team's hard work paid off at the reserve holiday tournament, where they placed second.

"The team played well, showing their level of ability was extremely high," Coach Stan Standifer, physical education teacher, said.

The players agreed that they really came together at the end of the season becoming a difficult team to beat.

"We really learned a lot from Coach Standifer which made it easy for us to improve," freshman Jason Latta said.
The 1995-96 freshman boys basketball team had its best season in ten years with a final record of 6-8.

"The quality of the players this year was incredible, many of them will be able to play on the junior varsity and varsity teams in the future," Coach Tim Herbert, special education teacher, said.

The team started the season off with a four game winning streak. A major highlight was the team's double overtime victory against Lewis and Clark. As the season progressed minor injuries occurred and the team had trouble sustaining quality play through four quarters. However, the team agreed that the season was successful and most important, a lot of fun.

"It was hard to get to know everyone on the team but at the end of the season we were all good friends," freshman Mike Finely said.

-Dane Foster
"This team has laid the foundation for the future success of the girls’ varsity basketball program,” Coach Dave Felici, Central High physical education teacher, commented about the 1995-96 girls’ varsity basketball team.

Although the Lady Eagles had a record of 4 and 14, the team felt they closed the gap on a lot of top ranked teams.

“Even though we didn’t have a winning record, the team maintained a positive attitude and strong unity,” junior Quiana Mitchem said.

During the season many of the players worked hard on their individual strengths and weaknesses. The team agreed that the players improved on all aspects of the game.

“I saw improvements in every one of the players,” Coach Felici said.

One of the most impressive statistics the girls accomplished was an accumulative 3.6 grade point average.

“Not only did we work hard at practice, but everyone tried hard to maintain good grades,” junior Emily Broom said.

With an outstanding coaching staff and young, improving players, the future girls’ varsity basketball program is destined to succeed.
REDIETNS FOR SUCCESS

Opposite page top: Nicole Benson (12) sails above the defense to make a shot. (photo: Lei Brown)

Opposite page bottom: Sarah Deacon passes while on the run. (photo: Michelle Borowiak)

Top: Traci Rooks (12) drives past unsuspecting Millard West players. (photo: Lei Brown)

Top left: Back Row: Stacy Huff (10), Coach Felici, Barndis Hilson (9), Nicole Benson (12), Coach Anderson, Coach Pserros. Middle Row: Quiana Mitchem (11), Jennifer Phillips (11), Erika Mullen (11), Cassandra Lathan (10), Danielle Wieczorek (11), Emily Broom (11), Rhianna Mays (10). Front Row: Denna Leavitt (10), Traci Rooks (12), LaVonda McClinton (10), Joey Davis (10), Elizabeth Monaghan (11), Sarah Deacon (11).

Bottom right: Emily Broom (11) guards the ball while she looks for an open teammate.
The 1995-96 girls' junior varsity team worked hard and kept focused to produce one of their best seasons yet.

"We doubled our wins from last year and played many competitive games," Coach Kristi Anderson, Central English teacher, said.

This was Ms. Anderson's second year of coaching the junior varsity team.

"It was really fun to work with this year's team because everyone kept a positive attitude throughout the season," Coach Anderson said.

The team agreed that the hard work and discipline helped them to succeed in their games over the course of the year.

"It was a long and hard season but we stuck together and competed well," sophomore Denna Leavitt said.

One particular highlight of the year was the team's victory over Bellevue East. Elizabeth Monaghan (11) led the Lady Eagles to the win, scoring twenty-six points.
This year a new girls’ reserve team was added to the Central basketball program. The addition of a reserve team gave more girls a chance to play and prepare for the future. The team still felt they accomplished many goals throughout the season.

“We worked very hard throughout the year which enabled us to greatly improve,” sophomore Amanda Hansen said.

Above all, the team agreed the season was a lot of fun and a good learning experience.

“This was a great group of girls and I wouldn’t trade the team for any other in the city,” Coach George Pserros, Central High math teacher, said.

The 1995-96 girls’ freshmen team was definitely a force to be reckoned with.

“There was a lot of excellent talent and hard work ethic on this years team,” Coach Bob Carlson, science teacher, said.

A few of the season’s highlights included the team’s second place finish in the freshman girls holiday tournament, and their wins over Bellevue West and Lewis and Clark.

“With all of this team’s potential, they should have a lot of success in the upcoming years Coach Carlson said.
Wrestlers hold their own

by Sarah Fischer and Andrea Friedman

From 6:00 A.M. practices and countless hours of running, to pinning their opponents for the win, the 1995-96 wrestling team worked hard to achieve one of their best seasons yet.

The team was coached by Central High biology teacher Gary Kubik. Although the team started the season with a full lineup, by the end of the year injuries persisted, leaving only seven wrestlers. Four of these wrestlers, known as “the Four Horsemen” had at least thirty wins a piece and all qualified for State, including: junior Vito Agosta, senior Gabe Lawrence, junior Ladarius Murry and sophomore Josh Buckles. Vito placed fourth in the 119 lbs. weight class at State and Gabe took fifth in the 112 lbs. class.

“The Four-Horsemen had an ideal season due to the high standard of work ethic we set for each other,” senior Gabe Lawrence said.

Three of the four State qualifiers will be back next year, making Central a real threat for the future.

“With so many young wrestlers we are very optimistic for next year,” Coach Kubik said.
“What people don’t realize is that in wrestling, giving 100% is only average. It’s the extra you put in that really counts.” - Vito Agosta
The 1995-96 Central High powerlifting team proved that hard work in the weight room pays off. The team captured the State Powerlifting Meet with fifty-two points in the overall competition. Five Central lifters won their weight class at State: sophomore Lamar Fuller (132 lbs.), senior Hien Nguyen (148 lbs.), sophomore Deante Grixby (165 lbs.), junior Damion Sayers (198 lbs.), and in the open women’s class junior Kelly Allen took first place. Central also had three lifters placing second at State: junior Vito Agosta (132 lbs.), sophomore Jay Axelrod (165 lbs.), and senior Carlos Nuno (220 lbs.). Senior Hien Nguyen was awarded the outstanding lifter award for the light class.

“I was very impressed with the way the team completed at State,” Coach Joe McMenamin, Central High physical education teacher, said.

The team agreed that State was a very uplifting experience!
IN ABOVE COMPETITION

Left Back Row: Stuart Poyner (11), Phil Schwanke (12), Larry Harwood (10), Jason Galaska (10), Scott Dall (11), Laron Rooks (12), Brandon Cloggston (11). Third Row: Aaron Freed (10), Cody Shevlin (10), Jason Rogan (10), Jay Axelrod (10), Carlos Nuno (11), Zach Girthoffer (11), Mike Cerone (11). Second Row: Bethany Wells (10), Kelly Allen (11), Hien Nguyen (12), Bob Akers (11), Early Bryant (12). Front Row: Vito Agosta (11), Josh Buckles (10). Not pictured: Damion Sayers (11), Phillip Burrell (11), John Cobb (12), Deante Grixby (10).

STATE WINNERS:
- KELLY ALLEN
- LAMAR FULLER
- DEANTE GRIXBY
- HIEN NGUYEN
- DAMION SAYERS

Above: No pain, no gain! Laron Rooks (12) completes his squat. (photo: Andrea Friedman)
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YOU ALWAYS MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE.  
KEEP MAKING YOUR DREAMS  
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funny,  
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wonderfully,  
Dad, Mom, Chuck, Bo,  
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May your Sweet Dreams Create...

A Lifetime of Gentle Realities.
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A friend is someone...

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From The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

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We are all so very proud of you, & know that you are headed for great & wonderful things. Follow your dreams. We love you always, always & forever!
Mom, Dad, Jessica, & Christopher

And the song, from beginning to end, I found in the heart of a friend.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Love you guys.
Mary

Martha--
You have excelled in so many ways...
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Congratulations!

We are proud of you. Through your diligence you have achieved much. You are a beautiful person, inside & out. We pray for continued success in college & in your life’s calling, knowing you will make a difference in the lives of all you touch.

Love always from,
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Jeremiah 29:11-13
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Mom & Dad, Mouse & Fisher-Naughter

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Jacqui,

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Juliana Shannon Bonner McSwine,
Remember as you go through life’s dark tunnels, there is always light at both ends. (Luke 14:24)
May God always be with you. Love, Mom


Dear Katie,
Congratulations! You finally graduated. We have been through many great memories together, I’m glad you ended up being my older sister. We have shared practically everything. You’re not only my sister, but also my best friend.

Love ya, Ginny

To Katie,
You’ve set a goal for yourself since you were in the 4th grade. To be a “Doctor.” You’ve studied hard & always kept your grades up to an A-1 student. Even though we’ve had our mother & daughter spats; I still love you with all my heart. Now you’re all grown up & planning to leave home & soon be married one day. It’s hard for a mother to grasp that all at once. Tears come to my eyes to see my once-little girl graduate.” I wish for you, the best of happiness in the world & much success in college. I’m very proud of you. I love you dearly!

Hugs and Kisses, Mom

KATIE,
I KNOW THAT I HAVE’NT TOLD YOU ENOUGH THROUGH THE YEARS HOW HAPPY & HOW PROUD I AM OF YOU. THE HARD WORK TOWARD YOUR GOALS IS YET TO COME, BUT NEVER GIVE UP. YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE.

LOVE ALWAYS,
YOUR DAD

You can grow up, change, & move on, but you can never really forget. Thanks guys ~ Krisi ~

Congratulations
Adam!
We are so very proud of you!
Good Luck!
Love,
Mom & Dad
A Very Special Daughter

The last 17 years are past in time, but will never be over in our memory. The love that we have for you cannot be measured, it is higher than the heavens. You are a Treasure. We are excited for what the future holds for you, but will miss having you daily in our lives. Continue to fix your eyes on Jesus, it is eternal life to know him. Seek for wisdom as for silver, search for it as for hidden treasures. Do not grow weary in doing good, you will reap a harvest if you do not give up. Work for the harvest that lasts forever, the things of life that moths and rust cannot destroy. Have as your ambition to be pleasing to the Lord and to someday hear the words, "Well done My good and faithful servant," then you will know more than this life has to offer. We love you, Jill Renae Roberts and desire the Lord’s very richest for you.

Mom & Dad

CENTRAL HIGH FBLA
Central Wrestlers on “Top of the Nation.”

By Sarah Newell & Christina White

Six Central students traveled to Estes Park, Colorado this past June for the “Top of the Nation Wrestling Camp.” Chris Worms (11), Emeldo Martinez (11), Randall Ward (10), Mike Guterriez (11), Vito Agosta (11) and Gabe Lawrence (12) attended the camp with head wrestling coach Mr. Gary Kubik.

The primary focus of the camp was to prepare for the 95-96 season. They trained for six hours, which were broken up into three two hour sessions, throughout the day. Vito Agosta, who attended the camp for the second time thought the change in environment helped the restlers concentration. He added, “Working out with wrestlers from other states gave us an edge on the competition in Nebraska.”

Mr. Kubik said that the camp was a great place for athletes to get exposure from collegiate scouts, while building upon thier present skills. Kubik affirmed “It was a mixture of a reward and a learning experience.”
The Marketing Program recognizes student's interest in being a leader at Central High School. The marketing course, Deca, the marketing club, and the marketing internship program offer students valuable experience and opportunities while in high school.

Students enroll in Marketing as a junior elective course. It is offered at 7:00 a.m. (zero hour) through 5/6 hour daily. The course is designed to complement any field of study students may currently be pursuing--college prep, business, industrial technology or a combination of any of Central's programs. Understanding how economics, product development, business ownership, sales and management operate in today's global world, gives students the competitive edge in future endeavors. Also available is a course in Fashion Marketing which follows the fundamentals of marketing while adding the flair of the fashion industry. Designers, history, trends, men's/women's apparel, buying, display and retailing are among the topics explored.

Marketing Internships involve over 130 local businesses which provide employment opportunities in basic marketing skills. Internships also provide assistance in setting future goals from three qualified coordinators, as well as developing useful employment skills, work ethics, and a network of business people in the community who can help with future plans. Marketing Internships also allow students to earn money while receiving high school credit.

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