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## Seniors Enjoy Their Last Few Days

Caity O'Rourke  
Staff Writer

Every year Central High School honors their seniors with senior week. The senior class counsel sponsors this event, which includes immersion day and the senior class picnic. Each day of senior week, much like that of Homecoming, is given a theme.

Senior week started on Monday, May 14, with senior citizen day. Central seniors were to dress up as senior citizens. Senior Brian Jessen said, "It was cool seeing Ben Applebaum in suspenders, some people even colored their hair white. I even went to my local nursing home to do some research for my outfit."

Tuesday, May 15, was community multicultural immersion day. For the whole day seniors were excused from school to immerse themselves in their community. "I spent the day at Longlala beach and couldn't have asked for a better day!", said Elliot Looney.

Wednesday, May 16, was Hush Day. Seniors were not to talk to any underclassmen. Any senior who talked to an underclassman had to surrender their badge to the underclassman, then whoever had the badge at 2:00 p.m. received a prize. "Hush day was fun. I got to exercise being a stuck up senior and I didn't lose my badge," said Laura Peterson. Thursday, May 17, was school spirit day and the senior picnic. Seniors wore red and black and attended a BBQ picnic fun fest from 10:45 to 1:00. "The picnic was great, it was one of the last times we had to come together as a whole class and participate in fun things. I loved the egg toss and the five legged race," said Nicole Smith.

Friday, May 18, was college day. Seniors wore apparel from colleges they are going to attend or the school's colors. "It was nice to know that a majority of seniors are going to college and have made it through four years at Central," said senior Carolyn Brostrom.

## Congratulations: Newly Elected 2001/2002 Management team

Lily Bevis  
Zaneta Clark  
Rachel Hopsicker  
Sunny Mims  
Adrian Perryman

Alison Brazel  
Katie Czarniecki  
Caitlin Magistad  
Mickey Nelson  
Aaron Rice

## Prom : *Endless Memories*

Emily White  
Staff Writer

On May 12, 2001, hundreds of well dressed Juniors and Seniors attended St. Paul Central's Prom. The prom was held at the River Center in downtown St. Paul. The festivities began at 4:00pm with the Grand March and ended with the crowning of Prom King, Dan Knappmiller, and Prom Queen, Lori Brintnall, at midnight. The theme of this year's prom was "Endless Memories," and it was put together by Ms. Olson and the Prom Committee.

There were several activities that prom goers participated in, such as carriage rides, pictures, and, of course, dancing. Some seniors, like Caity O'Rourke, felt that while the decorations were nice, the dance floor was too small for the school's size. The only other downside to prom was a lack of music selection. "The music sucked. I heard a couple of songs twice," said senior Angie Korte. The DJ was The Scene and he reportedly did not follow the list of songs the Prom Committee provided him with.

Most couples or groups went out to eat and had post prom parties:

"We had Japanese at Sakura and I had the Samuri Bunto Box, nummy." Karla Myers, 12.

"We had a dinner party at Becka's house, it was a lot of fun. At the dance the music kinda sucked and then we went back to Becka's for an after prom party." Nick Washington, 12.

"We went to dinner after my parents bombarded me with pictures." Abby Grodin, 12.

"We ate at Players at the Mall of America, went to the Prom then our hotel room at the Residence Inn and had a blast!" Donald Brown, 12.

Even the faculty seemed to have a good time:

"All the kids looked nice and everything went great." Walter.

"It was about our twentieth prom together. All the kids looked nice.

It was a lot of fun," Mr. Schluebier.

With everyone having a good time, the seniors applaud the junior class for presenting a memorable Prom.

## Top Ten Seniors for the Class of 2001

Ben Stein  
Anna Langer  
Esther Kim  
Joanna Boyle  
Jenny Hu  
Alan Kwong  
Lindsay Eastwood  
Zibing Jiang  
Audra Otto  
Ryan Zwilling

## Multicultural Festival is a Huge Success

Kimberly Zeller  
Staff Writer

The Multicultural Festival took place in the Central cafeteria on Friday, May 25. The festival is a celebration of many different cultures around the world. Students have stands where they display items from their culture and serve mouth-watering food. Some of the booths include: Canada, which served a meat dish, Sweden, which served Swedish pancakes, Finland, which had gingerbread cookies. Jamaica had jerk chicken and mango smoothies; Monaco had pâtes à choux and bruchella; Mexico had tacos.

The festival also included some excellent cultural performances. Violeta and Gloria Jimenez performed a flamenco dance and the Russian group did Russian dancing, performed by Stephen Haswell-Todd, Peter Bjork, Katie Knopff, Anthony Galloway, Margarita Matveyeva, Peter Blomgren, Heather Heitz and Dina Yushkevich.

Overall, the Multicultural Festival was a success; the only problem is that all the booths ran out of food at about 2:30. The students enjoyed the festival for the most part.

Kelly Nelson commented, "I really liked the music, especially when Calvin Newell got up and started rapping."

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## Seniors Graduate - June 7th -8:00 P.M.

## Drama Board 2001 - 2002 Elected

Noah Berman- **President**  
Hattie Carvalho  
Cyrus Collier  
Jessica Driscoll- **Secretary**  
Joe Kleuh

Ben Levinger  
Kelsey Lumpkin  
Sarah Marks  
Kate Pribyl-**Vice-President**  
Joe Schweigert  
Liz Young

The Drama Board selects, organizes and coordinates the plays and musicals presented by the Drama Club.

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## NHS Torch is Passed at Picnic

### New E-Board

Alexandria Reyes  
Staff Writer

Almost 200 Central National Honor Society members attended the picnic on Friday, May 18 at Como Park. Board members facilitated the election of the committee heads for next year by calling the self-selected candidates to the front of the group to give brief speeches and by passing out ballots.

Executive board members Martin Bevis, Pung-Pung Huang, Yiling Wong, and Joy Moy will be passing torch on to juniors Noah Berman, Joy Moy, Liz Young, and sophomore Anna Bishop.

After the official business, students were free to stay in the picnic pavilion or visit the conservatory and zoo.

"I'm glad the seniors got a chance to know everyone else before we graduate," said senior committee head Lauren MacAfee. "Because of application times, spring semester is the only time of year NHS has sophomores, juniors, and seniors. It was fun to see who will be taking our places."

The current executive board member is putting together a list of colleges that NHS graduates will be attending next year. The list will be helpful for references and contacts for NHS undergraduates.

## Underclassmen Honored

Renee Snaza  
Staff Writer

On, May 16, 2001 at 7:00pm, the Undergraduate Recognition Awards began in Central's Auditorium. The ceremony has been coordinated by volunteers from the Central Parent Advisory Council. Mr. Schlukebier was the night's master of ceremonies and Mr. Oyen's musicians provided the entertainment.

Awards were given out to recognize students accomplishments in their school work. They were recognized for competitions in arts, music, language, mock trial, and AIME chorus. Departments also gave out awards for best students in their classes. The most awards were given from the math departments followed by science, world languages, social studies, English and Quest. Awards were also given to students of business, building technology, ELL, ESL, gymnastics, industrial arts, journalism, juggling club, acting, drama, and theater. Congratulations to our awards winning undergraduates!

Ms. Comeford brings husband and kids with Central students to France.

## French Students Visit the 'City of Lights'

Shelly Gustafson  
Editor-in-Chief

On June 13, sixteen Central students will be saying "au revoir" to Minnesota and "bonjour" to France. These students are involved in a three week trip to France through Central and the Language and Friendship Association. Sophomore Anna Nguyen exclaimed, "I am really excited about everything. I've been counting down the days."

The trip begins with a flight on Icelandair into Paris, France. The students then take a train and travel for a week along the western coast of France. During this time they will visit a number of French towns and sites such as Nantes, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, and Sarlat.

The next week, the students will be divided and will stay with different French families in or near the city of Perpignan. While with their host family, the students may be able to go to the beach (on the Mediterranean), go to a French school, and possibly visit

Spain or Italy. French teacher Mimi Jennings described the family stay as, "the most enriching part of the experience." The majority of the students have been corresponding with their families for months to make the transition easier. Sophomore Elliot Kohl said, "I have been emailing my French friend Vincent and he tells me that 'les filles sont très belle' (the girls in France are hot)!"

The travelers will rejoin on day 15 of the trip, and take a train along the Mediterranean and then up to Paris. In Paris, the students will stay at the Hotel Americain. Their mornings will be spent doing group activities, but in the afternoons they are free to go around the "City of Lights" as they please.

While in Paris, the students will visit many of France's famous sights including the musée du Louvre, Les Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Versailles and L'Arc de Triomphe. They may also see a production at Paris' world famous Opera House. The students leave Paris on July 3 to return home.

The trip will not only be fun and games. The student travelers will need to communicate well

enough in French to get food at restaurants and buy items and souvenirs in stores. In addition, each student will have to "teach" the others about two sites on the trip, and deal with the horrors of both their "système de sécurité" and the Paris metro system.

The cost of the trip is \$2500 and students need \$30 a day for spending. Future trips to Europe through Central include a joint trip between French teacher Ann Kellogg and Spanish teacher Mary Rodriguez to England, France, and Spain. This trip will last 15 days and will take place in June 2002. It is open to French and Spanish students. There is also an annual, week long, trip to Rome open to all students. This trip takes place over Spring Break each year, and interested students should see Mr. Murray.

Central French teachers Mimi Jennings and Jeanne Comeford are acting as trip advisors. The students traveling are: Elizabeth Alf, Elizabeth Binger, Alexander Browne, Lindsey Cacich, Noelle Cotton, Megan De Long, Elliot Kohl, Maxwell Kramer, Vitali Gueron, Michelle Gustafson, Julia Langer, Ellen Le Duc, Joy Moy, Anna Nguyen, Austin O'Malley, and Maureen Olson.

## UN Club to form

If you are interested in joining a Model United Nations Club (like on the *Simpsons*) speak to Mr. Niland in rm# 578 for information. Activities will not begin until next year, but express your interest now.

## Senior Retreat

Caity O'Rourke and Megan Hurley  
Staff Writer

Approximately 120 seniors arrived at Central on Friday, May 4th, to head to the Senior Overnight at Maplewood Community Center. The first task of the night was to sort into "tribes" of 10-12 people. The students came up with tribal names in typical senior style: Zen Badjjen, Duz Duz, Zenatah, Off in the Woods, Koopa Troopas, Ikes & Tinas, Tribal Mafia and 8 Balz. In order to inspire tribe spirit, each group came up with a signature cheer, incorporating their name and a bit of Central Pride.

After a 20 minute bus ride, the groups arrived at the Community Center, dazzled by tiki torches and "Survivor" themed decorations. The students then had freetime to enjoy the facilities of the Maplewood Community Center, which included: two pools, a waterslide, badminton, volleyball and basketball. At 1:00A.M., everyone regrouped for pizza and snacks. After pizza, Social Studies teacher, Mr. Linear showed a movie produced by Mr. Greener of the freshman retreat class of 2001. "It was amazing to observe the seniors huddled together with their friends, watching themselves as freshman, remembering what it was like for them as freshman and laughing at what they had been. They were almost beaming with pride over how they had grown and matured." said chaperone Brian Sewell.

Next, the tribes headed for the gym to begin the evening's competition. It began with an extensive relay of hoops, apple bobbing, wheel barrels, tires, passing the orange, and ending with a three legged pillow race. The winning tribe, "Off in the woods", received 20 points, the first points, given of the night. After that, the tribes went separately to the "Survivor Stations": Wheel of Terror, Survivor Pictionary, Banners and skits, in which they could earn numerous points on the way. "At The Wheel of Terror I saw a girl who had to eat herring for 15 points, so I was relieved-I spun and the wheel landed on candy." said senior a-Lia Ballmen. A few hours later each tribe returned to the

commons to present their banners and skits they had made early that night. Judges for these presentations were Mr. King, Mrs. Mackbee and chaperone Mrs. Ryan-Nelson. Highlights from the skits were: Adam Smith and Drew Vanderwert bumpin' and grindin' in front of Mrs. Mackbee; the many imitations of Officer Harper, Gloria, and Mr. Schlukebier. Plus Tim Looney, who played Mr. Butchko, perfectly recreating his personality. "I laughed so hard I had tears in my eyes. The skits were awesome," said Mr. Hansen.

The overnight ended early morning as tribe Zen Badjjen was presented with the first place medals, and a few emotional words from Mr. Schlukebier. "Mr. Schlukebier was saying something about remembering these moments and life after high school. I looked around the room and every senior was silent, as if we were this moment with each other. It was beautiful," said Pung-Pung Huang, Senior Class Council Officer. The students proceeded to cleanup and return to Central at 6 am. The senior retreat was a success thanks to the help of Mr. Schlukebier, Senior Class Council, the teachers and chaperones. Special thanks to Melinda Coffee, April Preston, Lindsey Nelson and Tanea Chain. "It looked like the seniors had a lot of fun, members of the class were bonding with other members who they might not have met. Plus everyone got to eat really nasty food," said Senior Class President Ben Stein.

Seniors put on "Survivor" paint for Senior Retreat

## Senior's Honors Night

Velnisha French-Williams  
Staff Writer

Senior's Honors Night was held in the auditorium on Thursday, May 24, at 7:00pm. The ceremony started with a music presentation including Central Singers and Laura Bantle and Violetta Jimenz performing a violin duet. Principal Mary Mackbee welcomed everyone and the master of ceremonies, Mr. Schlukebier, began the memorable night.

The awards began with the presentation of students with accumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher. Awards were also given to the top ten seniors and National Merit Scholars. Scholarships endorsed by Central were presented to students, including the Patricia "Bunny" Lacy Scholarship, presented by Patricia's father to Rikiee Ellis. Before the presentation of the award, Mr. Schlukebier quoting from the song "In My Life" by Paul McCartney, "All these places had their moments with lovers and friends I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living, In my life I've loved them all," created an emotional moment in the audience.

A few members of the senior class council made presentations after the council was recognized. Ben Stein gave a speech, Eboni Collins awarded the five teachers and Greg Rybka presented the class gift. The five teacher awards for 2001 went to Mr. Butcko, Mr. Schlukebier, Ms. Olson, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Murray. These teachers were chosen by the class as the most influential. Many organizations and subjects awarded students for high achievements.

In perhaps the most memorable moment of the evening, Matt Schmitt was honored for having perfect attendance for the last twelve years. The ecstatic crowd gave him a standing ovation as he went to the stage.

We would like to give a special thanks to the following people for putting together this night:

Mary Mackbee, Principal	
Jack Shlukebier, Master of Ceremonies and Senior Class Advisor	
Paula Sweeney, Honors Night Coordinator	
Steve Olson, Counselor	Linnea Velsvaag, Counselor
Pao Yang, Counselor	Mary Beth Marier, Counselor
Ellen Merlin, Counselor	Department Secretary
Lana Hargens, Counselor	Mary Kreke, Counseling Department Educational Assistant
Twyla Nielson, Counselor	

## Senior Picnic a Blast, but Where Were the Snacks?

Megan Hurley  
Staff Writer

The Senior Picnic took place on Thursday, May 17. Seniors headed over to Griffin Stadium at 10:45 am, the end of third hour. A little over three-hundred seniors enjoyed hamburgers, veggie-burgers, and hot dogs. Although the field was missing some grass, games of football and Frisbee were started. Later, they were relocated so the organized activities could take place. Tug of War was first. This was followed by the egg toss, where partners tried to keep an egg from breaking while throwing it back and forth, increasing the distance after each toss. Next, people partnered up for the three- and five-legged races. The picnic ended with a water balloon toss.

The only drawback to the festivities was the disappointing amount of snacks people brought to share. Each senior, as specified on the ticket, was asked to bring cookies or chips to share with their classmates. However, very few followed these instructions. After this became apparent, Mr. Schlukebier and Ms. Mackbee gathered donations from students as they entered. All totaled, Schlukebier, Mackbee, and senior Adam Bergstrom collected \$74 from students. Bergstrom then took that money to Cub Foods and bought twelve bags of chips and several packages of cookies.

"I spent \$40 on snacks," commented Bergstrom. "I had \$15 in change alone!"

## Reads 25

### Totals Up Reading

Angie Korte  
Staff Writer

During the year, students participating in the Reads 25 had a chance to win prizes every week. For every book read, the participant could put their name into a drawing. Every Friday a teacher drew five students' names over the morning announcements. Prizes given have been fifty dollars, twenty dollars, sweatshirts, t-shirts, books, and Borders gift certificates.

It is a school board policy to read twenty-five books each year, yet many students still choose to not participate. Hopefully next year more students at Central will participate and prove that they really care.

### Book Totals

#### Top Homerooms

**Lanier - 690**  
**Freeberg -516**  
**Colbert -424**  
**Fischer -405**  
**Johnson,M -405**  
**Aronberg -328**  
**Henke -315**  
**Ehrlich -282**  
**Spicer - 264**  
**Hock - 258**  
**Roth -256**  
**Myers -252**  
**Jithendranathan -239**  
**Steiner -226**  
**Beck -220**  
**Vinz -220**  
**Funk -219**  
**Jennings -218**  
**Butchko -215**  
**Brink -209**  
**Wilson - 205**  
**Olson -201**

## M-Team Results Are In!

Alexandria J. Reyes  
Staff Writer

After arduous campaigning during the week of May 7-11, ten students were voted into the Central Management Team for the 2001-2002 school year: Lily Bevis (10), Alison Brazel (11), Zaneta Clark (11), Katie Czarnieki (11), Rachel Hopsicker (11), Caitlin Magistad (10), Suny Mims (10), Mickey Nelson (11), Adrian Perryman (10), and Aaron Rice (9).

Elections were held by student council during the week of May 14-17 in all lunches.

"Campaigning was an unbelievable amount of work," said junior candidate Liz Young. "You thought you'd have more posters than anyone, but when you'd get to school, you were like, 'Oh my gosh!'"

The twenty-two candidates campaigned by hanging up posters in the hallways, stickers, word of mouth, and by the special M-Team Campaign publication of the *Central High Times*.

M-Team members will be selecting their specific positions before the end of the school year.

## Administration

### Profile:

## Mary Mackbee

Angie Korte  
Staff Writer

Central Principal Mary Mackbee has been an inspirational leader in education for most of her life. As a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, she graduated with a B. A. in Social Science from the historic black college, Xavier University. At this time it was the heyday of school desegregation in the south, making it extremely difficult to find

jobs. Mackbee then made her move to Minnesota where she earned her M.A. in educational administration at the University of Minnesota. She also started her career with the St. Paul Public Schools.

Throughout her thirty-four years with the St. Paul Public School, she has been a principal, an assistant principal, a director, and a teacher. For twenty-three of those years, she has been an administrator. Before Central, she was the principal of Harding High School, where she became the first female high school principal. Three years later, in 1987, Mackbee received her first award for Administrator of the Year from S.P.S.C.A. She received this award again this year. Senior Caity O'Rourke commented on Ms. Mackbee's award, "Ms. Mackbee really makes a difference at Central. I'm glad she won the principal of the year award, she deserved it."

Mackbee is the mother of four children and grandmother to four with another on the way. She has even inspired one of her daughters to become a teacher, she will be teaching elementary school here in St. Paul.

Principal Mackbee has been here for 8 years now, and plans on staying a few more. This is the job she likes best, although she says she does deserve a rest.

## French Students Excel at State Competition

Adam Bergstrom and Shelly Gustafson  
Production Editor and Editor-in-Chief

Four buses arrived at Saint Olaf College in Northfield on the morning of Thursday, April 19, each filled with eager Central French students, ready to participate in "A Vous La Parole," a state French language and culture contest held every year. The contest is open to all French students and offers many different categories in which to compete, at various levels of proficiency.

Students arrived at Saint Olaf around 8:30 am, and competition began soon afterwards. Judges listened to songs, poetry, skits, conversations and readings continuously from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, rating the performers on proficiency, clarity, and creativity. Students had a wide variety of things to do before and after their performances. The cafeterias were open, along with game rooms featuring dart boards and pool tables, and the bookstore and general stores were open.

Central sent four French 2 classes; each sang a song as a class. The French 5 class broke up into small groups and performed a variety of pieces, some very complex, while the French 6 class - made up of seven students - performed a very difficult song for the judges. French 3 students performed in a variety of ways including group songs, famous French play scenes, French poems, or some sent in videos of French skits.

As usual, Central students performed extremely well, some even received blue "superior" ribbons while most received red "good" ribbons. French teacher Madame Jennings said, "I am very proud of all the work everyone put it. It showed in the final products."

## Junior Ushers

Eve Lor  
Staff Writer

For the class of 2001 graduation ceremony, there will be ten junior ushers. After filling out an application and an interview with the Senior Class Council, the committee chose the following people: Joe Alton, Tess Bovée, Anna Boyd, Katie Czarnieki, Jessica Hartnett, Katelyn Perry, Kate Pribyl, Frya Thompson, Rose Levy, and Liz Young. These ush-

ers will have the duties of passing out programs, and escorting and directing the seating arrangements during the ceremony.

## Central Choirs Wow Crowd

Shelly Gustafson  
Editor-in-Chief

Central's choral groups serenaded a group of around 100 students, teachers, and relatives on May 17. The Spring Concert titled "I Wish It So" was a collaboration of the Varsity Choir, Minnesingers, Central Singers, and Concert Choir. The concert took place in Central's auditorium and cost \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Ms. Graber, Central's choir teacher and the concert's director, said, "I was really pleased. The kids really go beyond themselves for a performance. I really had a good time." This was Ms. Graber's first year as Central's choir teacher and few would disagree that she has done a magnificent job.

The show began with the Varsity Choir singing *Meyango*. They also sang *Shir Lashalom*, *Kyrie*, *Te Quiero*, and *Build Me Up Buttercup*. The Minnesingers then came on and sang *How Merrily We Live*, *Poor Man Lazarus*, *Sheandoah*, *Come at Dawn*, and *Tonight from West Side Story*. Next the Central Singers took the stage and sang *Sing We and Chant It*, *Il Est Bel Et Bon*, *My Funny Valentine*, *Lullabye*, and *And so it Goes*. The concert finished on a high note with the Concert Choir singing *All that Hafe Life & Breath Praise the Lord*, *Death is Gonna Lay His Cold Icy Hand on Me*, *Silent Devotion and Response from Sacred Service*, *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*, *I'm Goin' Away*, *Moon River*, *The Drunken Sailor*, and finished with *I'll Take You There*. The songs included a number of soloists and instrument accompaniments.

This was the 2nd and last concert of the season, and Central's choir is saying good-bye to 12 seniors. When asked about her hopes for next year Ms. Graber said, "I want to hook my kids up more with the state level. This school has an excellent past and present in competitions."

## Band Put in an Excellent Concert

Danny Fontana  
Copy Editor

On Thursday, May 10, 2001, Central High School's bands and orchestra performed their spring concert. The concert was directed by James Miller and Matthew Oyen. Hundreds attended the concert and seemed pleased by the performances. A total of nineteen pieces were performed by the orchestra, the Varsity Band, the Concert Band, and the Jazz Band.

The performance began with the Orchestra playing four pieces: *Pelleas and Melisande*, 3rd mvt. *Sicilienne* by Gabriel Faure; *Vocalise* op. 34, no. 14 by Serge Rachmaninoff, featuring Therisa Puerto on the cello; the *William Tell Overture* by Gioachino Rossini. The Orchestra also featured the premiere performance of Mr. James Patrick Millers' original composition, *Elegy*. Mr. Miller, who is a student teacher at Central, was also the conductor of this piece.

The Orchestra was followed by the Varsity Band, who played six pieces; *Overture for Winds* by Charles Carter, *Peace Song* by Timothy Broege, *Urban Scenes I-V* movements by Andrew Boysen Jr., *Fourish for Wind Band* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Cluster*, *Fluster*, *Blister March* by David Holsinger, and *Prospect*; from the Southern Harmony which has arranged by Pierre la Plante.

The show continued with the Concert Band playing six pieces: *An Irish Ayre for Winds* by Warren Barker; *Clarinet Concerto* k. 622, 3rd mvt. *Rondo* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and arranged by Casteel McCathren, the piece featured Rachel Routa on the Clarinet; *Italian in Algiers* by Gioacchino Rossini and trans. by Lucien Cailliet; *Fantaisie* by Georgettue and arranged by Brad Bombardier, featuring Rebecca Gorton on the flute; and the *White Rose* by John Philip Sousa, edited by Harold Gore.

The concert concluded with the Jazz band playing four pieces; *Rumpus in Richmond*, *Blue Feeling*, *Sophisticated Lady* by Duke Ellington, and *Chick on the Grill* by Victor Lopez.

The music was excellent and the show flowed very smoothly. The audience remained intent for the whole two and 1/2 hours of the performance. After the concert, many gathered in Central's lobby and cafeteria for desserts and socializing. Many of the families brought cookies and candies, along with juice and coffee for refreshments.

Overall, Central's bands and orchestra produced an excellent concert that was enjoyed by many.

## Farewell To Teachers

Velnisha French-Williams  
Staff Writer

As the Senior class leaves Central, so do a few teachers who are retiring. Mr. John Dale, Mr. John Rousseau, and Dr. Joe Purvis are retiring at the end of this year. Ms. Cassie Aaronberg is also leaving to return to graduate school.

Mr. Dale has been teaching for thirty years, and twenty of them have been here at Central, where he teaches Integrated Math. When asked how he feels about retiring, he said, "I'm ready to face the challenges of new beginnings."

Mr. Rousseau is also an Integrated Math teacher. He has been teaching for thirty-one years; nine of them at Central. Mr. Rousseau summed up his decision to retire by saying, "It's just time."

Last but not least is the tenth grade administrator Dr. Purvis. Dr. Purvis has been at Central for six years, and worked for the school system for forty-two years. He retired six years ago, but came back to help Mrs. Mackbee. He had only planned to stay for three months, and it has been six years. He said that this time it is final, especially because his wife is retiring too.

Best of luck to all of you.

## Million Mom Marchers for Handgun Safety

Alexandria J. Reyes  
Staff Writer

On Mother's Day, 2001, the second annual Million Mom March took place on the steps of the capitol building in St. Paul to protest the availability of handguns.

A primary issue discussed was the concealed-carry bill, which several Minnesota senators support. In some states like Texas, this bill has already become a law. However, Texas requires that all applicants are fingerprinted, take training that is specific to the type of handgun they are applying for by a state-certified instructor with a state-mandated curriculum, provide five years of residential history, and include juvenile records in an extensive criminal background check. Minnesota does not include all of these conditions.

The Million Mom March in St. Paul was preceded by the one in Washington, D.C. on Mother's Day, 2000. An estimated 800,000 people attended including families from all over North American and celebrity speakers like talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell, members of the Kennedy family, and Courtney Love, who spoke of the role that a handgun played in the death of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain.

Central high school teacher Susan Armstrong was present at both marches and gave a speech at the one this year. She said, "[At Central] we have a teacher-system, walkie talkies, security guards, more student groups than I can count, and a wonderful atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance . . . We can go back to the time when kids settled their problems in a non-lethal way. We know other countries effectively limit access to guns and it works. We have the power to make this happen."

Armstrong also gave a presentation at the "Give Peace a Chance" event at Webster Magnet school on this issue.

Despite the efforts and publicity of the march, there are many groups who are strongly against them. One is the National Rifle Association, or the NRA. Founded in 1871, its original purpose was "to promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis." Over the years, its public views have become more extreme causing President George W. Bush to recently withdraw his membership.

The Second Amendment Sisters, another group that is pro-gun rights, strongly supports the Constitutional right that "a well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." They were at the Million Mom March event at the St. Paul capitol building this year to counter the request for stronger gun control.

The Million Mom Marchers, however, feel that their views are sensible, not extreme. Their protesting applies only to handguns, not to BB or hunting guns. As of now, handguns are the only legally-made products in the United States that aren't inspected for safety standards. The St. Paul marchers are pressing for Minnesota to require all handgun owners to be licensed and registered and to restrict the purchasing to one month.

- **National Merit** •••••
- **Semi-finalists** •••••
- Karen Berglund
- Gregoery Berube
- Bryan Brudevold
- Jennifer Hu
- Zibing Jiang
- Sarah Mroue
- Benjamin Stein
- Trevor Thronveit
- Kanzhu Wang
- Kyle Willet
- Ryan Zwilling
- **Semi-Finalists (Black Americans)** •••••
- Ameera Elrasheedy
- **Finalists** •••••
- Karen Berglund
- Bryan Brudevold
- Jennifer Hu
- Zibing Jiang
- Sarah Mroue
- Benjamin Stein
- Trevor Thronveit
- Kanzhu Wang
- Kyle Willett
- Ryan Zwilling
- **National Hispanic Recognition Program** •••••
- Seth Gandara
- **National Merit Commended** •••••
- Rachel Abbott
- Sarah Andert
- Anne Bantle
- Joanna Boyle
- Megan Cahill
- Adrian Cook
- Lindsay Eastwood
- Elizabeth Ford
- Alicia Granse
- Joanna Greenlee
- Karla Hurtley
- Laurel Johnson
- Esther Kim
- Sarah King
- Nathaniel Kirtnor
- Daniel Knappmiller
- Alan Kwong
- Benjamin Laffin
- Anna Langer
- Alexandra Lindgren-Gibson
- Timothy Looney
- Leora Maccabee
- Maureen O'Brien
- Audra Otto
- William Peine
- Hillary Richardson
- Christa Rutherford
- Matthew Schmitt
- Nicholas Swanson-Hysell
- Yiling Wong

## What's Up With That?

Charlie Cornelius  
Staff Writer

"School's out for summer...school's out forever." These words, sung by the gifted lyricist Alice Cooper, had never before given me much to think about. However, by the time you are reading this very print, I (and the rest of the senior class...or at least some of it) will be within mere days of graduation. We are all nearing an end to our youth, our innocence. This, of course, prompted much thinking (of the philosophical type). The right setting is needed for a good philosophical debate, so I got right to work.

First, I thought to call my good friend and fellow Central senior, Jordan Perry. I inquired about his availability. After getting no clear answer, I outright yelled, "Jordan, let's debate the great questions of man!" He offered little solace, though, as he was watching *M\*A\*S\*H* reruns and wished to not be disturbed. "Never mind friends," I thought. "I can do this on my own."

I decided to get in my favorite sitting chair, with a tasty cream soda in hand. I turned on the fireplace and snuggled with a blanket - wait, it's far too warm for that - check that, I covered myself with ice cubes and turned the A/C on high. Skin cooled to a perfect temperature, drink ice cold (metaphorically speaking, of course. I mean, if the drink was "ice cold," it probably would be a solid, right? It wouldn't even be a drink), I turned on my favorite Marvin Gaye track (which is either "Sexual Healing" or "Let's Get It On," depending on the lady), and was ready for some serious thinking.

Next, I needed a question. Should I use one like "What is the meaning of life?" or "Would they have been as successful with the name 'Cheech and Chong' instead of 'Cheech and Chong'?" How about "What is the true religion, if any?" or perhaps "Why did David Stern have to be such an #\$\$%\* and take away all those first round picks? I mean, really, does he just want the Lakers to win every year, or is he attacking me personally? Why would he...?" All those questions are so provocative, so spellbinding. I decided on the one about "Cheech and Chong."

With everything in place, the discussion with myself could begin. My first thoughts were stagnant and frankly not very compelling. Soon, I began to think of the great philosophic minds. I imagined Socrates, Aristotle, Buddha, and Andrew "Dice" Clay sitting around a room in ancient Greece. I know what you're thinking: "How could you tell them apart?" Well, cleverly enough, they had tattoos on their foreheads. Aristotle had a tattoo that read "This came from nature," Buddha had one that read "This came from nothing," Socrates had one that read "This came from ?" and Andrew "Dice" Clay...well, he didn't have a tat-

too on his forehead. Let's just say that he was fat, slow, and was the only one yelling out "Yo, dese gyros is f\*\*\*\*\* good!" and mispronouncing "gyro" every time.

Anyway, these great thinkers brought equally great arguments to the floor. They looked at the existential nature of the supporting characters and the supposed mysogyny of the lead characters. In the end, all agreed that the superb acting and screenplay was the reason for the success of "Cheech and Chong," not the order of the names.

Throughout this year, this column, titled, "What's up with that?" has (hopefully) shown you some of the stupidest complaints students have made. To be honest, though it wasn't intentional, it has been mostly me ranting. Who's "me"? Well, this column was created, written, edited, typed, rewritten, faxed, researched, catered, defended (though only federally), submerged, and embezzled by Charlie "yes, his ego is that big...what are you trying to say?" Cornelius.

Getting back to the subject at hand, the truth is: not many people complained. Though I threw out staggeringly ridiculous reports for complaints received, I have to say I was surprised by the lack of complaints. This could be due to two things, if you ask me (and you just did): Central is a great school that goes well and the students have little to complain about, or the student population is amazingly lazy. Though I know few of the underclassmen that make up the majority of our school's population, I would have to say the latter is more true.

For this issue, the last of the school year, and the final edition of "What's Up With That?" with me as the writer, few complaints were received. One was an inside joke (even I didn't get it), another two were filled with profanity, one was written by a bigot, and another one...I think I left it on my floor. I looked everywhere and I couldn't find it. I probably just threw it away while cleaning my ro...well, anyway, the point is: I don't have many to print. So this issue, I will include a bunch of shoutouts from me to acquaintances, disguised in "What's Up With That?" form. They, along with the ever-stupid complaints, follow:

"What's up with stupid nail colors. I don't want my girl looking like some rainbow-fingered fool!"

- Anonymous #17, 11

"What's up with Addidas tennis shoes. They look nice, but the thingy on the front is always peeling off and it get's me p\*\*\*ed off!"

- Anonymous #99, 12

"What's up with the Twinkies! I mean, Darn!" (or something like that)

- Anonymous #34, 12

"What's up with Zibing? Is she the hottest girl in school, or what!? I mean...how to write this... 'tis thee that I love, my dear. Check your locker after you read this."

- Hoping you get this when I think you will, 12.

"What's up with the testing in the library. I got like five minutes off, between two three-hour tests. Why did they make they schedule so close together."

- Anonymous #4321, 12

"What's up with ballpoint pens. They always stain my nicest shirts, and I have to pay for new ones. The pen company should have to pay."

- Anonymous # 007, 12

"What's up with you ninth graders? Take this piece of advice: This place will become more fun, trust me. After awhile, the school doesn't even look like a prison anymore."

- Wishing he could do it again, 12.

"What's up with all of you out there? I know this may be getting too sentimental, but I will miss nearly all of you. Yes, even Govze."

Having extended this column far too long, 12.

To all of you who have read this column, you should know this: Though I fabricate stories, quotes, and make odd references, the rest is honest. I write what I feel, and I hope you've had as much fun as I have.

## Last Day of School June 12th

## Horoscopes

Kira Moore  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

### Aries (March 21- April 19)

The unexpected should be expected this month. You should have your life planned out right now but there is still room for improvement. Your talents are being recognized. Expect awards, praise and fortune.

### Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

This is your month to indulge your self. Reward yourself with things you like but don't be selfish. You are a giving person, stay this way. Build your confidence between you and others. Things will start to blossom.

### Cancer (June 21- July 22)

Your positive attitude will be found useful this month. You keep yourself on track as well as others. You are like a guardian angel, you watch out for others and you will be rewarded with good luck.

### Gemini (May 21- June 20)

Popularity soars. You are a flirt this month and it attracts many people to you. Be careful and know who are your real friends and who want to use you. Keep one eye open and always be on the look out.

### Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Brainstorm with people in your everyday life. They will help you help yourself. This month you need a change of environment. Go outside and explore the world.

### Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You recently made a big move in your life. You have more confidence now and are trying new things. You have a new taste for life. Enjoy every minute of it.

### Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Your imagination soars this month and attracts many people to you. You are very social and spontaneous. you love excitement and crave living on the edge. You will soon be encountered with an opportunity to fulfill these fantasies.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

This month you have found yourself attached to things. This includes people, material objects and old feelings. Watch your money this month, you never know, that special someone has been noticing you. It could be love.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You have amazing abilities in athletics, academics and social skills this month. Everyone is in love with you. Keep smiling, it's one of your best features an know what you want in life. Your dreams will come true.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You have found your meaning in life and you have never felt better. You have high self esteem and you should be on the look out for opportunities, a new job, a new relationship, these are all things, and more, that you will be blessed with.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Get organized and soon you will be put back on your feet. Right now you could use something new in your life. Try a new hairstyle, maybe a complete make-over will help. Just know that you are beautiful inside and out. This month you have huge sex appeal.

### Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

This is your time. With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, life will throw you some turns. But never fear, they ware the right turns to have. Your life will change for the better. Immerse yourself in life, it may never be better.

## The Significance of the Fourth of July

Chanyah Conley  
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Independence Day, better known as the 4th of July, is a time when families get together, eat BBQ, drink kool-aid, and watch fire works at night. Most people forget what Independence Day is really about.

Independence Day celebrates the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was on the 4th that the Declaration was passed by congress.

The first anniversary was celebrated in Philadelphia and did not become tradition until after the War of 1812.

A lot of other things have also happened on the 4th, such as the digging of the Erie Canal in 1817, and the building of the 1st railway in the country, better known as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in 1828. The laying of the corner stone of the Washington Monument in 1850, and the formal recognition of the Philipines' independence in 1946 all happened on the 4th of July as well.

So this year while families sit and watch the fire works, lets also try and remember all the great things that have happened on this day, and the great things to come.

## Central Shoutouts

To: ChelBel  
From: NiteRider  
Shoutout: Whelps after the "hunting" open some peeps will be found. Have fun with your funny fresh self.

To: Lee Her  
From: Kabao Vang  
Shoutout: Gurl! Enjoy Summer. DON't feel sad and make HPE worth it. Best wish for you.

To: Lee Her  
From: Cherry Vang  
Shoutout: Besta friends for life.

To: Rosie Vang  
From: Cherry Vang  
Shoutout: Besta cousin....Stay cute.

To: Jessyca Gipson  
From: Library Friend  
Shoutout: Hi! Well, this year has been a tough year, but looking back on it you have come a long way girl! I admire you for that! Keep it up and next school year choose your friends wisely!

To: Piere Barnes  
From: Chinezsa  
Shoutout: Piere, you have taught me a lot this year. I greatly appreciated your friendship. Even in my darkest despair you always lended a helping ear. I love you for that! Thanks!

To: Chinezsa  
From: Anonymous  
Shoutout: Babydoll, you are lookin good! I wish I could get a taste of what you cookin'!

To: Metric  
From: Autumn Reid  
Shoutout: I'm not sentimental, but I'm gonna miss you! No worries, this is NOT goodbye. "Be all that you can be." (Or whatever) Love ya!

To: Tia Glass  
From: Good-Friend-4-Ever!  
Shoutout: Thank you for watching out for me with "you know who" And for all those people who you knew were no good. Oh, yeah, and thank you for letting me come over after school to eat peanut butter with butter toast! mmmm! Wisconsin Dells, here we come!

To: Kesha E.  
From: Danny  
Shout out: We don't be leavin' you out you just slow. It's okay though you almost stunned. I'll holla.

To: Grasshopper and dice  
From: Walnut  
Shoutout: It's to bad the man is always noting on the brothers and sisters of the world we are all united by green, day that is.

To: Devin L.  
From: Nick  
Shoutout: I really enjoyed the Saturday we did the Napoleon stuff, especially the Van Part!

To: Tim  
From: Santa  
Shoutout: I'm sorry if I frightened you - one hardly sees so much ghetto booty.

To: Cherry Vang  
From: Your master  
Shoutout: Stay sweet & funny

To: Siem Young  
From: PaHoua Xiong  
Shoutout: Hey! I had so much fun this year - Even though we went through some arguments, I'll still be here for you. Hope to see you next year again!

To: Kou Xiong, and Tchu Lor  
From: PaHoua Xiong  
Shoutout: Hey guys! Hey seniors! Have fun in college! Remember Central and remember me (the girl who likes to laugh a lot in lunch!) Peace!

To: Seven layers Deep  
From: Danny  
Shoutout: You all rock, it's been great. We'll rock college.

To: Jo  
From: Danny  
Shoutout: School has been a blast with you since 7th grade. You're an awesome friend. Have a good time in college. Remember: feel the flow, circular in a circle. "She's running top stand still."

ignated "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion... In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." That first service was held at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia where 5,000 people decorated 20,000 graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers.

No one can be sure which story started the first Memorial day but as it gained national recognition in the late 19th century, it became known as Decoration Day in honor of decorating the graves of those killed in the War.

Almost a dozen cities still claim to be the birthplace of Decoration Day, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; and Carbondale, Illinois. In 1966, through President Lyndon Johnson and the federal government, Waterloo, New York became its official birthplace. Waterloo claims to have the first celebrated Decoration Day in 1866, and ever since then it has made it an annual community-wide event in which local businesses close and residents adorn the graves of soldiers with flowers and American flags.

Several Southern states still have a separate Memorial Day just for the Confederate soldiers that died during the Civil War, usually called the Confederate Memorial Day.

As the years went by, Memorial Day became not just a day to honor those killed in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Civil War, but also soldiers who fought in the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, Grenada, Panama, and Desert Storm.

Memorial Day didn't become a national holiday until 1971. It is officially celebrated on the last Monday in May.

Today, the largest Memorial day celebration is still held at Arlington National Cemetery where small American flags are placed on each grave. The president or vice-president traditionally gives a speech honoring those who died in service for their country and lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

## The History of Memorial Day

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Every year, many Americans welcome Memorial Day as a three-day weekend, a Monday off from work, and as the start of the summer. Few take the time to celebrate this national holiday for its original, historical purpose.

There are many stories that are said to have marked the first Memorial Day. One took place in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania in October of 1864, when a young girl named Emma Hunter was gathering flowers to place on her father's grave. Her father was a surgeon for the Union Army. Nearby, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer was placing flowers on the grave of her son, Amos, a private who died on the last day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Emma placed some of her flowers on the grave of Amos, and Mrs. Meyer in turn placed some of her flowers on the grave of Dr. Hunter. They agreed to meet next year on Independence Day, and to bring enough flowers to pace on the graves of those who had no relatives left to honor them. When they returned the following year, they were suprised to find that the news had spread of their plan and almost 5,000 people came to join them in placing flowers over every grave in the cemetery.

Another story about the beginning of Memorial Day involves Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863. He dedicated a portion of the battlefield as a cemetery for the thousands of men killed in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Perhaps the most common story did not originate until four years after the others. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic declared that May 30 was des-

## Physics Day at Valleyfair

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*Editor-in-Chief*

On Wednesday, May 16, 60 lucky students took the day off to go on the yearly trip to Valleyfair. These students came from Mr. Butchko's, Mr. Knoche's, Ms. Myers, and Mr. Gaalaas's physics classes. Due to a confusion with IB testing, this year's IB physics students were unable to attend the field trip. The group was there from 10 am to 5 pm, and arrived back at Central by 6 pm. On the way, the students had to fill out a worksheet, and complete 24 labs at the amusement park that were relating to certain rides like the Wild Thing and the Power Tower by 3 pm. Lucky for them, the tempermentle weather started off nice with temperature in the 80's and sunny. But by the end of the day, the clouds rolled and it started to rain. Field trip advisor Mr. Butchko states, "I was very pleased with the turnout of the field trip. I feel it gave students a good opportunity to learn about physics and have fun at the same time. They learned so much even Albert Einstein would be impressed."

## Cell Phones and Pagers: Why Are They So Popular?

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*Staff Writer*

Have you ever walked down the hall and seen other students with cell phones or pagers? It seems these days you can not get away from them. That's because so many teenagers have them.

A survey of 500 students was conducted on how many students at Central have cell phones or pagers. 355 said that they had a cell phone or a pager. They were then asked how many people bring them to school. 275 people said they did bring them to school. There were many different reasons why they said they brought them to school. Some of the reasons were: emergencies, friends or just for fashion. One hundred and ninety said they brought them to talk to friends and 47 said they brought them for fashion.

It's hard to believe that so many students have a cell phone or a pager since they can be so expensive. There are many different kinds of cell phone and pager plans that students can have. Some of these plans are expensive and some of them are not expensive. You might find yourself paying a lot of money and then again, you might not. Some wireless companies are AT&T, Nokia, Sprint, and Verizon. 50 people said that they were with AT&T, 65 people said that they were with Verizon, 58 people said that they were with Sprint, 86 people said they were with Nokia, and 97 people said they were with others.

Its not always good to bring a cell phone or pager to school. There are rules and regulations that say you will get them taken away if seen by a teacher or administrator, or it might interfere with your school work. Always take caution of that.

## Basic Standards Scores Improving Yet Flaws Still Exist

Shelly Gustafson  
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Tenth graders throughout Minnesota showed a significant improvement from last year on the 2001 Basic Standards Writing Test. Ninety-two percent of the 66,156 tenth-graders that took the exam this year passed. Researchers are comparing this with the eighty-six percent that passed in 2000. Unlike the math and reading test, the writing test shows improvements across the board, including students with limited English skills.

One reason for the increase could be the question posed. Last year's question as students may recall, "If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be and why?" was marred with controversy. Whereas, this year's question involved writing about a time you learned something, or to discuss the qualities of a good teacher or the person they would spend the day. Educational leaders have been quick to jump on the outstanding increase. Many have noted it as amazing news considering the eighth-grade math and reading tests have shown steady or declining results generally. In a prepared statement, state educational commissioner, Christine Jax said, "The written composition test works. Our schools and teachers are getting basic English composition skills to students."

The writing test is arguably the easiest of the basic standards test. Since there is no right answer, no time limit, and no minimum requirement. Passing students wrote anywhere from a few paragraphs to a few pages on their assigned topic. Students must simply prove they can write a clear message in English, with a beginning, middle and end. Officials see it as basic skills needed to function after high school. The test is also used to show if students are on track for the Profile of Learning graduation requirements. Critics of the test are warning people to not get to excited. They say the writing test is the easiest for teachers to instruct their students on how to pass.

Humboldt High school showed one of the most significant increases of a seventy-five percent pass rate compared to fifty-eight percent a year ago. Principal Steve Lindberg says, since their academic probation in 1999, they have focused much of their attention on increasing tutoring opportunities and improving attendance. Superintendent Pat Harvey has pointed to improvements in attendance throughout the state as a reason for the improvement in achievement.

The number of seniors posed to not graduate do to the basic standards tests has increased signifi-

cantly this year over last year. Higher expectations, students now need 75% to pass compared to 70%, and the addition of the writing test have been the main reason given for the increase. According to figures released on Wednesday, April 19, 3 thousand seniors have not passed either the reading or math test, and 2,000 more have not passed the writing. These numbers are expected to decrease significantly with the "last chance" testing scores and the elimination of many special education students. Last year at this time, 1,200 students were in danger of not graduating, but only 150 were denied their diplomas.

The basic standards tests are not without flaws, however. Students may recall last year's incorrect scoring of the math test causing many students to fail when they should have passed. This year the Data Recognition Corp. of Maple Grove, Minnesota has acknowledged they incorrectly scored 1,800 of 580,536 of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment writing tests. The Senate Education Committee also recently passed a ban on early exams. The ban would stop last year's decision to allow students to take the math and reading test before eighth grade. Scores for the younger students in math showed a 38% passing rate compared to 72% for eighth graders. In reading, younger students had a 52% pass rate compared to 79% in eighth grade. The bill will now go to the Senate and if passed could be implicated in the 2001-2002 school year. Another problem facing Minnesota's educators is how to educate the students that have fallen so far behind. In the past few years the St. Paul and Minneapolis School Districts have sent thousands of students to summer school. In St. Paul approximately 14,000 students, or 1 in 3 enrolled in the public school system, were expected at summer school last summer. Many of them because they had not passed the basic standards tests. Studies have shown that no more than half of these students pass the test when given to them at the end of the summer. Director of the state Office of Educational Accountability, Mark Davidson said, "For interventions like summer school that are short, they'll work for kids that are a little bit behind, but not very far." The question for law makers in Minnesota has now become what will work.

## Weapons Bill Remains Concealed for Now

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In an almost split decision vote, the Senate voted Tuesday, May 15, to attach an amendment onto the much debated Pariseau Bill. The bill, which is otherwise known as the Personal Protection act or the Concealed Weapons Bill, was designed to make it easier for Minnesotans to gain permits for handguns. It was pulled by its creator, Senator Pat Pariseau, R-Farmington, after the Senate voted 34-32 in favor of attaching an amendment onto the bill.

Under current Minnesota law, applicants have to prove that they have an occupational or public safety need to carry a loaded weapon in public places, therefore limiting access. Police chiefs also have broad discretion over issuing permits. The Pariseau Bill would require sheriffs to give permits to citizens who pass criminal background checks, who have no serious mental illnesses, and are trained in the use of the weapon. The Amendment, offered by Senator Steve Murphy, D-Red Wing, would require more training for permit applicants, raise the minimum age from eighteen to twenty-one, order statewide data collection on the permit process, retain police chiefs and Sheriffs' discretion over issuance. It would also allow all denied applicants an administrative appeal. In all, twenty-nine democrats and, five republicans voted for the amendment, while eight democrats and twenty-three republicans, and one independent voted against the amendment.

The bill followed fierce political debate. Each senator recieved a warning letter from the NRA (National Rifle Association) that said that if the senator voted against the bill, they would be voting against the NRA members in their district. Many opponents of the concealed-weapons bill protested in front of the capitol. Opposition to the bill also arose from Minnesota's major police organizations, local chapters of the million mom march, and other gun control activists.

Opposition bled into the senate as well, accentuated by a two and one half hour emotional debate within the senate. Senator John Hottinger, DFL-Mankato, reasoned that the issue was not primarily for personal protection, but, as put in the *Star Tribune*, for "plummeting gun sales in a nation saturated with firearms." Hottinger was quoted

## Historic Brutal Killing Finally Resolved

Kate Litzenberg  
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On May 1, a jury of ten Caucasians and six African-Americans, convicted Thomas Blanton Jr., 62, former Ku Klux Klan member, of first degree murder. He was on trial for the September 15, 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama that killed four young African-American girls. He was sentenced to life in prison.

That morning in 1963, before church service, began, a dynamite bomb exploded outside, killing the four girls inside the church: Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley, Addie Mae Collins, all 14, and Denise McNair, 11. By the end of the day, riots had broken out and two more teenagers were dead.

Before the bombing, the 16th Street Baptist Church served as headquarters for meetings and rallies of Civil Rights activists. After, it symbolized the struggles of the Civil Rights Era and helped reinforce efforts against segregation. This event sparked a stronger and more widely supported Civil Rights movement in Alabama, but also cried for justice for the murder of the girls.

For thirty-eight years this landmark case went without closure. Under the pressures of segregation in Birmingham, no person was convicted or even charged with the murders of the four girls for many years thereafter. The initial FBI investigation brought four Klansmen into the circle of

as saying that, "The handgun industry wants to get out of its financial trouble." Senator Mady Reiter, R-Shoreview, countered that the Pariseau Bill would help Minnesota defend itself from the immigration of outside criminals from Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, into Minnesota. She also cited specific examples of domestic abuse victims who may have averted tragedy by carrying a loaded weapon. Senator Linda Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Parl, read a letter from a constituent who wanted to show her support for the bill by asking that it be passed so they could, "turn our neighborhood around." To this, Senator Scheid said, "What in the world does that mean? It's pretty scary to me."

In an "all or nothing" attitude, the bill, which was passed by the House and endorsed by Gov. Ventura, was pulled from the Senate floor after the amendment was passed. Pariseau viewed the amendment as an attempt to kill her proposal. Pariseau will attempt the bill again next year and was quick to note that all two-hundred and one legislators will be up for re-election next year. This bill now joins the multitude of bills that have yet to be passed by the Senate. Almost no new bills have passed since Jesse Ventura became Governor.

suspects: Robert Edward Chambliss, Herman Cash, Bobby Frank Cherry, and Thomas Blanton, yet none were charged with the crime. In the 1970's the case was reopened and Chambliss was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison, where he died. The case was reopened in 1980 and 1988, with no additional charges, then reopened again in 1997 resulting in the indictment of Blanton and Cherry on four counts of first degree murder and "universal malice." In intervening years, Cash died and Cherry was found to be incompetent to stand on trial because of dementia. Prosecutors appealed the ruling on Cherry.

In the latest opening of the case, the FBI revealed evidence that had been withheld since J. Edgar Hoover was FBI director thirty years ago. Among the FBI evidence were tape recordings of

Blanton discussing and planning "the bomb," and testimony from Mitchell Burns, a former Ku Klux Klan member and paid FBI informant. None of the tapes included testimony of Blanton admitting to the crime.

Prosecutors that first reopened the case in the 1970's were outraged that these men were allowed to go free for almost four decades due to FBI negligence to come forward with the evidence. Although there is no simple excuse for the FBI's failure to reveal these documents in the 1960's, FBI spokesman Craig Dahle denied the FBI had deliberately delayed justice.

Blanton has already begun his appeal, asking for a new trial. The defense based the appeal on more than a dozen issues, including the secretly recorded tapes that the jurors were allowed to listen to.

Editor' Box

## Baseball Team's Dream Comes True

Bobby Gotch  
Sports Editor

After defeating Cretin 2-1 at Cretin on May 3, 2001, Central lost only its third game of the season on May 17, 2001 to Cretin 15-7. By far the biggest highlight of the season was defeating Cretin, which handed Cretin its first loss in 57 conference games. "This team is special," said junior Luke Garafola. "I mean everyone dreams of beating Cretin in Baseball, and our dream finally came true."

The Minutemen are ranked in the top ten in the state after compiling a 15-4 record. After defeating Edina early in the season and having tough losses against Como and Harding, Central bounced back to defeat Como and Harding in the second opportunities. Central defeated the last team to beat Cretin in conference, Johnson, 5-4 on Thursday, May 17. Even after making four errors, the Minutemen used great pitching and timely hitting to defeat the Governors. Led by senior captains Alex Faulken and Nate Hunkins, Central won the St. Paul City Conference Public School title. The Minutemen are looking forward to the playoffs and maybe getting the chance to play Cretin again. In the first meeting, senior Leang Sarin pitched a five-hit, one run complete game. Junior Darrin Hubbard hit a two run home run in the top of the sixth inning, which turned out to be enough to beat the number one team in the state.

## Athlete of the issue: Jacob LeDuc

Bobby Gotch  
Sports Editor

This month's athlete of the issue is senior Jacob LeDuc. Jacob is a three year captain of the Central Boys' Golf Team. LeDuc was also a two year captain of the boys' hockey team. He is currently ranked eleventh in the state. Recently he finished second in the conference meet behind the number six ranked golfer in the state. LeDuc participated in the state tournament as a sophomore, but missed the tournament as a junior. Jake has also been named

## Badminton

Dan Brill  
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**Coach:** Mr. Reinhardt  
**Captains:** Monica Kumar, Dahlee, Eileen Yang  
**Key Players:** Bridgette Wilson, Me Thao, Nancy Thao  
**Record:** 3-9

It all comes down to this, the final days of the season. All the team has worked for what comes down to this. The state tournament is the 21st through the 23rd of May.

The team has had a solid season, going 3-9 in regular season matches. The team did well in the city tournament as well. Nancy Thao and Mee Thao placed 4th out of 21 teams. Coach Reinhardt feels that the girls are prepared for state and he expects them to do well. Reinhardt is satisfied with how well the team has done.

The team is getting excited about the tournament and they are looking forward to showing everyone what their made of.

"I'm so excited, I can barely stand it!" said badminton fanatic Brian Hoyer.

Led by captains Monica Kumar, Pahlee Lee, and Eileen Yang, the team wants to go out with a bang. For all those Seniors, it's their last chance.

*Update:* In the State Tournament for Girls' Badminton several players did well. They are Me Thao, Nancy Thao, PahleeLee, and Eileen Yang. They came within one game of winning the semi-finals.

all conference the past three years in golf and honorable mention in hockey.

Along with being great in sports, Jake also excels in academics. Jake has a 3.8 GPA and will be attending the University of Iowa. LeDuc is going to school to be an engineer. "Iowa has one of the best Engineering Departments in the country," said LeDuc. "Jake is a leader, he's just one of those people you know is going to do well in life," said Jake's hockey coach Jim Munkwitz. On May 22, LeDuc finished third in the section meet shooting a 77 on one of the worst days so far this summer to qualify for the state tournament. LeDuc started off four over after the first

## Track and Field

Piere Barnes  
Staff writer

Central's Track and Field team had a perfect season this year defeating all city conference schools.

They began the season defeating Highland Park 14 to 118 and Como Park 12 to 119 on Wednesday April 18. They continued the season beating Cretin Derham Hall 36 to 101 on April 25. On May 2 they met against Arlington and Johnson High schools. "Beating Arlington was not that easy, they're kinda good." said Senior sprinter Erick Ballard. They continued their winning streak by blowing out Harding and Humbolt on May 9.

The track team also went on to win the conference relays with 112 and with Arlington coming in 2 with 102. "I have never been so scared of losing in my whole life." said Sophomore long jumper Shawn Hudsin.

The coaches that led the Track team to this perfect season were: Head Coach Payne, sprinting and high jump coach Graves, discus coach April Helt, shotput coach Hodge and last but not least coach Delene Vernell Thomas-Sanders.

Coach Thomas-Sanders attended Central High school 1975-1978. As a member of Central's 1977 and 1978 State Track Championship teams, her individual accomplishments included: City Conference first place finishes in the 100 meter hurdles and long jump events, and two second place finishes in both events at the 1978 Minnesota State Track Meet, plus she was a member of the 1978 State record 4X100 meet relay team. She has also been an assistant Track and Field coach at Central since 1984.

The track team is looking forward to winning the region finals on May 31 at Cottage Grove Park, and would like everyone to attend.

*Update:* Central also won the conference finals on May 24, 200 to Arlington's 150." Even in the cold rain we da bomb," said Erick Simmons varsity hurdler on the track team.

five holes, battling tough winds and rain he finished six over. LeDuc will be participating in the state tournament for the second time in four years on June 5 and 6 at Bunker Hills. LeDuc is also a finalist for the Dave Winfield Minority Student-Athlete Award for his excellence in academics and athletics. The award will be

## MN Twins: Team of the Future?

Bobby Gotch  
Sports Editor

The best start in Franchise history. Who would have ever thought the Minnesota Twins would be off to their best start ever? Having the lowest payroll in the Major Leagues, the Twins have the second best record in baseball, and are in first place in the American League Central. After winning the World Series in 1987 and 1991, the Twins haven't had a winning season since 1992. The Twins have a better record than teams such as Boston, New York, Toronto, Texas, Cleveland, and Chicago. With these teams being the playoff contenders of years past, could this be the turning point of the Minnesota Twins franchise? Could the Twins be the next New York Yankees? Well that's getting a little carried away, even though the Twins have their best record in franchise history (32-16) its still too early to say the Twins are good enough to be the team of the future. The two biggest questions for the Twins coming into this season were starting pitching and lack of power. So far the Twins have three of the top four pitchers in earned run average (Joe Mays: 2.30, Eric Milton: 2.48, Brad Radke: 2.80), and as for power the Twins have almost doubled their home run total at this point in the season last year. The Twins recently took three of four from the Kansas City Royals and two of three from the New York Yankees. Probably the biggest surprise on the roster is Doug Mientkiewicz. Mientkiewicz is hitting .390 with nine home runs. In two stints the past two seasons with the Twins, Mientkiewicz has two home runs. Mientkiewicz is also a league leader in RBI's. Look for the Twins to have at least two representatives in the All Star Game in July.

## Girls' Golf Completes Successful Season

Kris Mayrand  
Staff Writer

**Coach-** Mr. Brink  
**Captains-** Krisite Maruyama, Sarah King  
**Key Players-** Kristie Maruyama, Sarah King, Megan Harwood, Sarah Hedberg, Anna Langer, Joanna Boyle

The Central varsity girls' golf team finished their season with regional competition at Phalen golf course, which took place on Thursday, May 24. Kristie Maruyama, a senior with a score of 95. Central did not qualify as a team.

Overall, the girls' team had a good season with a victory over rival Cretin. Although, next season the golf team will be rebuilding because all six of the teams' starters are seniors.

presented on June 10 at the St. Paul Radisson Riverfront.

LeDuc was born in South Korea but was adopted and brought to the U.S. by Gary and Ellen LeDuc. "Ever since I was five year's old, I knew golf was my sport," said LeDuc. Good luck at state Jake!

## Boys' Golf Finishes Season at Regional Golf Tournament

Kris Mayrand  
Staff Writer

**Coach:** Mr. Fargo  
**Captain:** Jacob LeDuc  
**Key Players:** Jacob LeDuc, Noah Gagner, Kris Mayrand, Steve Rousu, Ben Rosenthal, and Joe Marinac

The golf season came to a close for most of the Central Boys' Golf team on Tuesday, May 22 at the regional golf tournament held at Keller Golf course. Unfortunately, the Central team failed to qualify for the state tournament as a team. However, senior captain Jacob LeDuc managed to shoot a six over par round of 77, the third lowest individual score and qualified for The State Tournament as an individual despite the miserable rainy and windy conditions. The High School State Tournament will be held on June 5 and 6 at Bunker Hills Golf Course in Coon Rapids.

The official scores of the Central boys were: Jacob LeDuc 77, Ben Rosenthal 88, Noah Gagner 90, and Joe Marinac 94. The two remaining players Kris Mayrand and Steve Rousu were disqualified for walking off the course after twelve holes. Steve Rousu commented on The Regional Tournament, "They were horrible conditions, and we shouldn't have been expected to be able to complete our rounds."

## Boys' Tennis

Dan Brill  
Staff Writer

**Coaches:** Rick Spicer

**Captains:** Jackson Gehan, Dan Brill, Drew Vanderwert

**Key Players:** Evan Foster, Tom Cornelius, Charlie Cornelius, Jackson Gehan, Dan Brill, Drew Vanderwert

**Record:** 6-1 Conference, 9-2 Overall

All that's left for the boys' tennis team is the individual tournaments. The season ended Thursday, May 17th with an upsetting loss to Harding in the sectionals. Overall, the team had an outstanding conference record of 6-1 and an overall record of 9-2. Several matches were cancelled due to weather, but the team still played quite a bit.

Although the team did not win the conference title, one of the season's highlights for the team was their wonderful effort in the match they played against Cretin. Coach Spicer commented on the loss: "We were in every match, we went there to play and we almost pulled it off." Later, captains Jack Gehan, Drew Vanderwert, and Dan Brill led the team to the Saint Paul Public Schools championship. The captains were very proud of the way the team did.

The younger players will have to step up next year, because, not only are all three captains seniors, but three other varsity players are seniors as well.

All the players are very excited about the last week of the season; the individual tournament. The tournament will be held at South and Sibley High Schools on Thursday the 24.

"There is no stopping me, I'm going all the way, I've been dreaming about it," said senior captain Jack Gehan. The players are hungry and looking to stop the tears from Harding.

The team's philosophy throughout the whole season was to try hard and always do your best. The team will try to do that by advancing individuals to the state tournament.

## Star Athlete Injured

Linnea Olsen  
Guest Writer

Alanna Carter, a great athlete for Central was injured on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at a track meet at Totino Grace High School in Fridley. During warm-ups for the long jump, Alanna "hit a board perfectly, but then hesitated and landed wrong." She landed with all her weight on her right leg, which instantly fractured her femur. The force put on her leg was the same as running at full speed into a brick wall with one leg straight out.

The injury happened at 9:00 A.M. that morning, and Alanna was in surgery by 8:00pm that evening at Regions Hospital. Here, the doctors said that she took it better than anyone one they had seen before.

She has to have a metal rod in her leg for one year, at which point she will under go another surgery to have it removed. Alanna was on crutches for around two and a half weeks after the accident. She will have physical therapy, starting in June, and will be out of all sports for another two and a half months. Alanna said, "I'm glad because I thought I would be in a cast for six months but, it's going to be only the summer."

Alanna is looking forward to recovery, and playing basketball for Central next year.

## Central Softball

Laura Monaham-Rial and Kim Zeller  
Staff Writers

The 2001 Central Softball season 2001 has now ended with good outlooks for next year. The varsity team finished with a conference record of 5-15. The JV team's record was 6-8 and the C-squad's record was 2-12.

There are three seniors leaving the varsity team: Melinda Coffee, Kira Moore, and Leah Mollin-Kling. Melinda commented, "Overall it was a good season, we were able to have fun and work hard at the same time. Have fun next year guys!"

Despite the loss of these players, we still have many talented athletes. With key players returning such as Kim Zeller, Mayda Miller, Maggie O'Rourke and Audra Thimmisch-Gill, and also many young players stepping up, next year it should be a good season. Coach Funk said, "With the core group of people coming back, I'd see us in the top five."

Freshmen Catherine Marinac commented, "We had our ups and downs, but overall we pulled together against the tough teams. In the end, we learned to play as a team." The Central softball girls had fun and worked hard. They are already looking forward to next year.

## Molly Barker Wins Athena Award

Laura Peterson  
Staff Writer

Each year, an outstanding female senior is chosen to represent her school, exemplifying both athletic and academic achievements. The Athena Award is bestowed upon a student nominated by a coach, and selected out of many other students. This year, senior Molly Barker was given the award.

Molly has shown excellence in the three sports in which she participates, as well as in her school and extracurricular activities. Molly has been running since 7th grade, and when asked to comment, she said, "I started out running just as a sport to do, but as I got better it was really rewarding. I wanted to keep improving and pushing myself." Molly has been a part of Central's cross country running team since 7th grade. She has participated in the state cross country meet five times, and has been an all-conference award winner for cross country three times.

In the winter, Molly skis for Central's cross country ski team. She has been a part of the varsity ski team for five years. She did not ski this year because she was training to improve her track season. Molly is a four-time all-conference track winner. She placed ninth in the state for the mile and two mile events.

Next year, Molly will be attending Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. She plans on running cross country and participating in both indoor and outdoor track. She commented on receiving the Athena Award, "I was really excited! It combines athletics and academics. It ended up being a bigger deal than I thought it would be, and I got lots of phone calls." Molly has been a member of Central's National Honor Society for three years. This year, she was also the head of the social activities committee for NHS. She is also an active member in her church youth group at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

"Molly deserves to win the award because she worked so hard and sacrificed so much," said her best friend, Rachel Abbott.

Seniors Megan Strom, Nina Ziebarth-Pavlovich and Lindsey Nelson show they are tough Powder Puff girls !

## Seniors and Freshmen Win Powderpuff Game

Laura Peterson  
Staff Writer

One Friday, May 11, Central's Student Council held the 2001 Powderpuff Football game. Senior girls joined forces with freshmen and took on the team consisting of junior and sophomore girls. It was a beautiful, sunny day to enjoy the tail-gating, which started at 2:15 in Griffin Stadium. Students had the opportunity to purchase hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and pop. Student Council chair-member of the Powderpuff committee, Aemelia Tallen remarked, "The game and tail-gating were huge successes. About 50 girls showed up to play, and lots of boys were there to cheer them on."

The game consisted of two twenty-five minute halves and a half time. The game was flag football and refereed by Steve Scroggins. Junior Carla McHattie said, "It was a lot of fun once we got the game organized and moving." The score was tied at zero until senior Ester Bedard scored the one and only touchdown, allowing the freshmen and senior team to win the game. The senior and freshmen team enjoyed their victory as the end of the second half approached. Everyone seemed to have fun at the game. Senior Nolan Hoistad was given the opportunity to comment on the game, and remarked, "I never thought cheerleading would be so hard."

## Ex- XFL

Bobby Gotch  
Sports Editor

\$70 million!!! The XFL lost the WWF and NBC a total of \$35 million a piece. The Xtreme Football League which was launched on Feb. 3, 2000 folded after one year of existence. On May 10, 2001 the XFL which was founded by the World Wrestling Federation and NBC folded because of low ratings. The first game between the Las Vegas Outlaws and New York - New Jersey Hitmen drew 9.5 overnight rating, by far the highest during an XFL game. On March 17, the XFL received a rating of 1.6, which was believed to be the lowest prime-time rating for any program on one of the three major networks (ABC, CBS, NBC). During the 43 game season the league sold a total of about one million tickets. On April 21, 2001 the XFL drew a rating of 2.1, believed to be the lowest rating on the three major networks. The "Million Dollar Game" between Los Angeles Xtreme and the San Francisco Demons sold 24,153 tickets in the 90,000 Los Angeles Coliseum. UPN and TNN, the XFL broadcast partners, just could not agree on a position that would save the league. Even with the 70 million dollar loss, all 400 of the XFL's players were paid. Many XFL players have been invited by NFL teams to try out for their squads including XFL MVP Tommy Maddox.

## Student Opinion: Gas Prices

David Bensussan  
Photo Editor

If you own a car, then you know how expensive gas has gotten. I drive a car that only takes Premium Unleaded (92). It also only gets 14.8-15.3 miles per gallon. Gas for my car has ranged from 1.70-2.05 dollars a gallon.

I think that these prices are outrageous. The highest I have seen in Minnesota is about 2.05 dollars a gallon. Although these prices are high, people in parts of Asia are paying 5.00+ a gallon. So, we are actually pretty lucky. For Minnesotains though, we are paying too much.

The prices also tend to jump up and down. They change about every 2-4 weeks. The most they have changed that I have seen in a week is about 5 cents. Rumor has it that gas prices are going to sky rocket to 3.00 dollars a gallon this summer. If that happens, I am going to be biking most everywhere I go, because it seems that every time I get cash it goes right in to gas for the car. After a while that starts getting really annoying. If you want to avoid having to pay those high gas prices, and still use a car just get a car with good gas mileage and one that does not take Premium Unleaded. Let's hope that those prices don't move too far over the summer, unless they go down. Good luck!

## Gas Prices on the Rise

Cassandra Brown  
Staff Writer

With gas prices going up and down, consumers are left stressed and confused. One day the gas price would be at a reasonable price, then you look at it again and it's gone back up. One cause of this havoc is because in some countries their slowing down on the drilling. They are not drilling enough oil to meet the supply demand. Because of that the gas price rise higher. Right about now the gas are leveled to were their not moving. That doesn't count for the summer. The plan for the summer is to rise the price of gas 2 to 3 dollars. As of now the average amount of money is \$1.63

to \$1.75 per gallon. Now just imagine those going up...it's ludicrous

Many students believe it's going to interfere with the money they're trying to save for college and other expenses. Tasha Williams a Central senior says, "It's crazy, it's too expensive now a days. Because of this it has caused me to have two jobs and one of those pay checks goes just towards my gas tank." This issue has been getting a lot of attention, but not from everyone, not as much for people with newer and smaller vehicles. Take Mr. Fargo for example, he says, "It's not a good thing, but I don't have to worry about it because I have a little Suzuki that only takes \$8.00 to fill up."

On the other hand a Central student Phillip Stallings who has

a Pontiac Sunfire says, "It takes me \$20.00 to fill up my tank. It's hard because I'm not trying to spend that much money on gas alone when I have other expenses to worry about."

In a situation like this people may say to go to a little gas station and it would be cheaper, but by then you're wasting your gas trying to find the lowest rate and you're also taking a risk of worrying about the gas being watered down. So you might be better off by going to your local gas station and spending about the same amount of money.

So in theory you seem better off buying smaller vehicles that takes less gas to fill up rather than a mid size to a large vehicles that would be a gas guzzler.

## World Famous Religious Figure Visits Twin Cities

Carissa Philippi  
Staff Writer

His Holiness, the fourteenth Dalai Lama, came to visit Minnesota for the first time. It is amazing that he has not come to Minnesota sooner because Minnesota has the second largest population of Tibetans in the United States. There are currently approximately 1,000 Tibetans in Minnesota. The Dalai Lama was met with a warm welcome, selling out each of his speeches.

In one of his speeches titled "Compassion and Peace in the New Century," the Dalai Lama spoke positively of the future generations. He had three main points when he spoke to the audience. The first was that we are all human beings, no matter our race, creed, or nationality. The second point he touched on was that every religion has the potential to help people, whether one is Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, or Jewish. The third was that we should pay more attention to everyone in the world and their problems.

After finishing his speech, the audience could ask questions. The one question that stuck out in my mind was "Are you upset at the Chinese?" He answered with a polite smile, "Yes, sometimes." This reaction made the whole audience roar with laughter. He went on to say that even though he felt anger toward the Chinese, he did not let this emotion control his life. "The main goal in life," he explained, "is happiness."

In order to achieve this happiness, he told the audience, we should not let any of these negative emotions control our lives.

The Dalai Lama's speech was moving, and yet it had such a simple message: If everyone, no matter their religion, could be compassionate and happy, we would all live better, more fulfilling lives.

## Central High Times

### Editorial

## Student Involvement- A Big Joke?

As Central students, we love to say how supportive we are of our school. Put us at a Central vs. Highland -or even better- a Central vs. Cretin football game and we will scream our support until our faces turn blue (or red and black as the case may be).

However, when it comes down to it, we really do not support the different groups in the school. Students on sports teams will run around the school the day of a big game, handing out flyers for students to come cheer them on. The same is true for other school organizations before a big event. We advertise over the P.A. system, in the hallways, in the school newspaper, even on classroom chalkboards; but does anyone really notice?

A big example of this are the yearbook polls, where each class gives their fellow classmates titles, such as "biggest gossip." The problem with these is that they are supposed to represent the opinions of a given class, but only around 20% bother to vote (this changes depending on the grade). The same goes for "Royalty" voting. The truth is, students who do not think their vote will change a thing are deeply mistaken. It is simply that the same people vote every year, so the same people are

honored.

Student Council events arguably have the best attendance records of all school sponsored events. However, recently they have had trouble getting their events off the ground. Most notable is the Spring Fling, for which they sold only around 300 tickets, resulting in its cancellation. Even more depressing is the number of students who dress up for the school's "dress-up days."

The problem with events sponsored by school groups is that it is generally the same people going to all the events. They rarely reach out to a group of students that have not already been involved in their organization. This is especially a problem with Student Council since their whole point of existence is to support student involvement and promote school unity.

By "supporting our school," we also mean supporting the people in it. A recent example of this is the M-Team elections. Walking behind someone in the hallway, watching them tear down their fellow student's posters, and being helpless to stop it is one of the many reasons we have chosen to speak out on this issue, which, by the way, is a long time coming.

Now before you go off screaming "hypocrites... hypocrites," let us make it clear: we are not claiming to be the "perfect" students as far as supporting Central

events. In all honesty, it often is like pulling teeth to simply get an event covered. We are only pointing out a problem and hoping a solution can soon be found. The real problem in all of this is that there may not be a definitive solution. Realistically, what else can organizations do? While some events are not advertised enough, others -M-Team elections come to mind-are advertised so much they almost become a nuisance.

Word of mouth is truly the answer to this issue. The most attended events are the ones that everyone is talking about. Take, for example, Prom, where two months before a huge majority of the student body did not know when or where it was. By the time the event took place, however, few students were not aware it was going on.

There is a large gap between over-involvement and no involvement and many Central students need to discover ways to get themselves involved, in one way or another.

## And the Oscar Goes to...

Linnea Olson  
Guest Writer

On Wednesday May 9, 2001, Central Drama Club hosted their Oscar night to honor members of the cast and crew that have done a wonderful job with this years drama productions. Oscar night included dinner, music from the *Little Shop of Horrors* band, and other musical numbers performed by; Emily Weiss, Noah Berman, Marty Bruggeman, Meng Vang, Joe Schweigert, and Joe Klueh. Some of the awards given out were; the life time achievement award for Anna Yust, nicest and coolest guy ever award for Marty Bruggemann, they know me at Home Depot award for Nick Lalla the builder of the plant and the joint award of show stopper for Meng Vang and Marty Bruggemann. The evening included great food, and music and over 50 awards given out. Drama club Oscar night isn't one to miss.

Drama Club has recently elected their new board members for the 2001 - 2002 school year, and has already assigned their new members positions for the up coming year. The new board members are Noah Berman as president, Kate Pribyl as vice president, Jessica Driscoll as secretary, the other board members are; Hattie Carvalho, Cyrus Collier, Joe Klueh, Ben Levinger, Kelsey Lumpkin, Sarah Marx, Joe Schweigert, and Liz Young. The new Drama board has already been working out the details to make sure there is a fall play and a spring musical for the 2001 - 2002 school year

## Art Moves

Dan Brill  
Staff Writer

This summer, a program called "Art Moves" will be available for students. It allows students to express themselves through several different artistic media like theater, dance, or visual arts. Students will be incorporating these styles to show a theme of Respect.

The program will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm - 10:00pm, from June 19 - July 26 at Central High School. To sign up call the Central Community Education office at 651-632-6020.

## CD Review: 2000 Watts

Laura Monahan-Rial  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, May 22, Tyrese's new CD, *2000 Watts* was released in stores. Tyrese had previously released a self-titled CD in 1998, which was very successful and went platinum. He also received Grammy nominations and numerous other honors for his first CD.

*2000 Watts* is a great CD that includes various styles in each song, giving each one its own appeal. Tyrese also puts his own style into each of his songs, which is what makes his CD such a good one to buy. The song being played by radio stations currently, "I like them Girls," least represents his style, but it was the song chosen to promote the CD.

The CD features other artists in three of his songs. One of the three is a song with Snoop Dogg featuring Mr. Tan called "Just a Baby Boy," from a video soon to be released titled "Baby Boy." This is a great song, that pulls Snoop Dog and Tyrese together to make an interesting combination. Tyrese also has Jermaine Dupri and Sole featured on his album.

Tyrese writes and produces his own music. Tyrese's new album proves his excellent talent and musical ability.

## Adam's Room Wins Battle Of The Bands

Kareem Mroue  
Staff Writer

On Friday May 25, Central's National Honors Society held a Battle of the Bands, with performances by numerous high school bands including Lucid Groove, Adam's Room, Down in Front, Space Monkees, 3 for All, and Look Down. They all competed for the top two spots that would win them \$200 in Mars gift certificates for 1st place, and \$100 for 2nd place. The doors opened at 6:00 p.m. and for a mere \$3 students could enjoy four hours of great original tunes.

The band Adam's Room won 1st place by putting in a stellar performance.

The Battle was held in the Central auditorium. There was a good mixture of music ranging from acoustic rock, to some pretty heavy punk. It all came together to make an unparalleled night of music.

## Video Game Review: Conker's Bad Fur Day

David Bensussan  
Photo Editor

*Conker's Bad Fur Day* is a great game for Nintendo 64 (N64). It is an NC-17 game, because it is gory, raunchy, and has use of alcohol in it. Although it sounds crude, it is not as bad as it sounds. It is about a squirrel who gets drunk with his friends and wakes up in an open field. He also becomes king of that place (where he wakes up). The object of the game is to go through these levels and go with the story. There are funny spin offs of movies like: *The Matrix*, and *Aliens*.

Although I am not very good at the main game, I love the multi-player games. There are about six or seven different games. My favorites are: *Beach*, *War* (colors), *Total War*, and *Tank*. In *Beach* you can either be the Refugees running for Paris, or the Tediz trying to stop the Refugees. That is very fun. In *War* (colors) you have to capture the other teams flag. The only thing about that is that there are Snipers and other people out to kill the person running with the flag. In *Total War*, you just get weapons and kill the opponents for points. You can choose the settings to your liking.

The whole game is fun and the graphics are good, the characters' mouths move with the words. If you like what you just read, I highly suggest renting, the *Conker's Bad Fur Day*. For those of us that like different characters for the multi-player games some codes are: eastereggsareus, and billymillroundabout. Enjoy the game!

## Book Review: Bless The Child

Sarah Feinwachs  
Copy Editor

*Bless The Child* is a well written work. The topics involved in the book include exorcism, reincarnation, Kabbalah, Christian mysticism, Black and White magic, as well as Egyptian magic. Written by Cathy Cash Spellman, *Bless The Child* is a very interesting and fast reading book. Once you start the book you won't be able to put it down until the very last page. It leaves the reader wanting more.

*Bless The Child* is a story of Maggie O'Conner and her fight to keep her granddaughter, Cody, alive. Maggie's daughter, Jenna, shows up on Maggie's doorstep; with a ten day old baby and tells Maggie to take care of her. Jenna leaves to pursue her drug addiction, and Maggie is left to raise a new-born baby all alone. Maggie loves and cares for Cody; she raises her for three years; before Jenna comes back with a rich husband to claim Cody. Legally, Maggie can't object to Jenna ripping the child away from the home she loves. Jenna and Eric, her new husband, take Cody into an expensive life style. They live in a mansion in Greenwich and own only the finest of things.

Eric is the head of a satanic cult called Maa Kheru. The cult believes that Cody is the messenger of the Isis Amulet - a stone believed to be the source of goodness in the world. Cody is needed to materialize the Isis amulet so Maa Kheru can destroy it. They also intend to materialize the Sekmet stone, which is believed to possess evil and belong to the devil. Each member of Maa Kheru participating in the materialization has their own selfish agenda; and plans to let evil take over the world once they have the Sekmet stone in hand.

Maggie wants desperately to save Cody from the fate that she fears awaits her. The police refuse to get involved, and Child Services also will not get involved so Maggie is forced to take Cody's life into her own hands.

The topics involved are very interesting and educational. The variety of topics are touched on in creative ways, and has something within them that just about everybody can relate to. The writing is very descriptive, and paints a picture so that the reader can see the entire book played out very clearly. I highly recommend this book to anyone who's interested in a good read.

## CACC Talent and Culture Show

Faye Yang

The Central Asian Club talent/ assembly show was held Friday, May 18, 2001 in Central's auditorium. The show began at 7:00 PM and

ended around 9:30 PM. The opening was introduced by hostess Lee Vang directing the fashion show from the students. Outfits from at least ten different South East Asian Cultures were shown.

Following the fashion show, there was a skit about a tourist whose visiting the Easter Countries of Asia. While the tourist visited these countries she had the opportunity to meet the King of Thailand, sumo wrestlers in Japan, the hill tribes, and watch a Korean dance in South Korea. Then the tourist went back to America.

After the skit the assembly, talents from students were performed. There was a variety of performances from singing, to dancing and chanting from Kao Yee Xiong. At the end of the talent show, there was a special dedication out to the senior class, Pang Xiong, and Allen Thao sang a farewell song al the seniors.

Overall the Central's Asian Culture Club talent/assembly show was a success, but there were some technical problems. The audio was not working properly, which caused many problems with cassette tapes, this made the night look very unprofessional. The advertising for the assembly was also poorly done, because there wasn't enough.

I personally thought the assembly was great, it just needed a little more organization of the talent show. The talents were great, and the viewer were a good audience. The stage was nicely done, and the light were neat. It was a great show.

## Play Writing Festival

Autumn Reid  
Staff Writer

The Central Touring Theatre Playwriting Festival will be held on Thursday, May 31 in the black box during 5th and 6th hour.

The Central Touring Theatre usually consists of plays and skits that are created through improv. The playwriting festival allows students to script, direct and perform their own plays. Briana Furlong, a junior and member of intermediate acting stated, "When you script plays, you get a chance to see how your writing changes from being on the page to being performed by actors."

Cold readings and staged readings will be performed of plays by playwrights Anna Boyd, Sarah Feinwachs, Valerie McIntosh, Ashley Osiowhemu, Autumn Reid, Antonio Rich\*ardson, and Metric Giles.

## A New Image

Dan Fontana  
Copy Editor

*Grand Hair and Beyond* is a not so new hair salon with an entirely new look and feel. It is located at 1674 Grand Avenue in the same strip mall as *Ace Hardware* and the *Ruminator Bookstore*.

*Grand Hair and Beyond* recently changed its name from *Jerome's Hair Fashion* to accompany its new face. The entire store has been revised and the floor plan changed. These changes were made to give the salon more space for products which is what its new focus is.

*Grand hair and Beyond* is very much into crowds of all ages. They are trying to attract more of the younger crowd. They have put ads in school papers for deals at dances like prom.

The store has increased its product line to about 20 new products. They now carry many name brands and number one products in America. The products range from gels, hair sprays, and pomades to shampoos and conditioners, even to products designed to naturally grow back lost hair.

The store had its grand reopening correspond with the *Grand Ole Day*'s parade on June 3.

## Dance Club Review: Club Cancun

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Club Cancun on Fridays are off the hook. It's an 18+ party and the cover charge is \$8.00. Dress code is strictly enforced, that means no baggy pants. Club Cancun is located on Rice Street. It opens at 9:00 P.M. and ends at 1:00 A.M.. People don't usually arrive until 10:00.

When you arrive there is sometimes a line, but just have your money and ID ready and you'll get in. The dance floor is always packed and it gets to be a little hot. Since it's 18+, you might have to watch out for people who are 21, they tend to be under the influence of alcohol, so try to be safe.

If you are single, you will be lucky to find someone because it's packed with lonely singles like you. The last dance ends with a slow song and everyone finds a dance partner. Club Cancun is a fun place to go to, so make sure you go and find out.

## TV Review: Moesha

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Moesha comes on every Monday at 7:00 PM. It comes on channel 9, which is UPN. It is a show about a teenage girl named Moesha, and her family. It shows all the trials and tribulations of a teenage girl growing up. It first aired 4 year ago, and has been going strong ever since. It is a very good show to watch. It has a lot of interesting points. It makes you think about life, and what is has store for you. Although the show is make believe, it still covers real life situations.

# Art Corner

## Free Concerts

### Friday 6/01/01

The *Sugar Divas* a Central band are playing with *2/3 Nephilim*, and *Look Down* at 7PM at *Eclipse Records*

### Saturday 6/02/01

*Leolo Ferone*, *Grickle Grass*, and *Deje Blue* at 7PM at *Eclipse Records*

### Sunday 6/03/01

Grand Young Day at the Turf Club at 12PM  
*Soul Asylum* at 4PM playing at Grande Olde Day

### Monday 6/04/01

*Joe & Peder* at 7PM at *Eclipse Records*

### Tuesday 6/05/01

*Pocket Genius* at 8 PM at the 7th St Entry  
*Ointment*, *Candystore* and *No Good* at 7 PM at *Eclipse Records*

### Friday 6/08/01

*Klosterman* and *Bible of the Devil* at 7 PM at *Eclipse Records*  
*Toriano Sanzone* at 4Pm at *Radio K*

### Saturday 6/09/01

*Peal*, *End Transmission* and *Matin Devaney Band* at 7 PM at *Eclipse Records*

## Multi-Cultural Festival

## Why Things Happen The Way They Do

By Eddie Etim

If you had everything you wished for,  
Would you really be happy after you had it?

If your life was all happy with no sadness,  
How would you know it was happy,  
If you didn't know sadness?

If you never lost,  
How would you know how great  
It feels to win?

If you could only have true love with no heartbreak,  
How would you know it was true love,  
If your heart never had to break?

This is why things happen the way they do,  
Everyone needs a little bad luck,  
Just to know what good luck is.

## Restaurant Review: Chipotle

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We rushed out of the hustle and bustle of St. Paul's Highland area, only to find that our restaurant pick, Chipotle, was the busiest place on the block. The Chipotle Mexican Grill is a popular restaurant chain, famous for their enormous portions, with locations throughout the country. Many Central students frequent the Chipotle at 2082 Ford Parkway, to enjoy such entrees as: steak, chicken, carnitas or vegetarian burritos, fajitas, or tacos.

While waiting in a line that stretched nearly out the front door, we were able to check out the all around atmosphere of the restaurant.

Chipotle has friendly, bright lighting, and an open eating area with plenty of tables. The non-stop chatter of satisfied customers and the faint music made us feel welcome. As the line moved along, we noticed the interesting interior of the building. The ceiling has a strange geometric shape, with varied lengths of lights, and the trash receptacles look like rockets.

When the time came for us to order, we decided to get chicken burritos and bottles of juice. You watch as the food is being made (without gloves!) and pick exactly what will go in it. The helpings are extremely generous, yet the cost for a meal: including a burrito, a drink, and chips with salsa is under \$8.00. In our case, we did not order the chips with salsa, but we were charged for it anyway. The cashier was quick to give us chips and a choice of three different salsas, although it would have been better to just get the money back that we were overcharged.

There were few places to sit, as the restaurant was quite busy, so we chose a spot by the window with a nice view of the parking lot. Once seated, we enjoyed a very filling meal. A chicken burrito consists of a giant flour tortilla with grilled chicken, a choice of pinto or black beans, cilantro-lime rice, sour cream or cheese, and salsa. This entire combination has a very delicious, unique taste. We also had Chipotle's "medium" salsa, which is made with roasted chili-corn, to eat with our chips. To wash it down, a bottle of Nantucket Strawberry-Watermelon juice was perfect. On the way out, we agreed that the food was wonderful, and well worth it.

## Romance Quiz

Kira Moore and Nina Allen  
*Arts and Entertainment Editors*

This is a quiz to test your romance level between you and your loved one. It sees if you and your sweetheart are really meant for each other. Keep in mind that this quiz is just for fun. Please do not take it seriously. It's just for fun. Enjoy!

1. You are walking down the street and you come across a flower shop. The first thing you remember is your crush loves pink roses. You...

- A) Buy them a single white daisy
- B) Buy them 3 dozen pink roses
- C) Keep on walking

2. Your idea of a perfect date with your sweetheart is...

- A) A walk through the park
- B) A romantic candle light dinner
- C) McDonalds

3. You have been seeing your honey for a month now. You celebrate by...

- A) You take them to Perkins for dinner
- B) You take them on a paddle boat ride and you bring your guitar along to serenade them with a song you wrote
- C) You feel its not worth celebrating

4. You are out with your hunk of burning love and you want to give them a smooch. You go about it by...

- A) Asking if you can kiss them
- B) Moving in slowly and making it memorable for the two of you
- C) You make it quick and fast. You just want to get it over with.

5. Your darling has bad breath, how do you confront them? You...

- A) ask "have you been eating chee-tos?"
- B) offer them a mint
- C) hand them a bottle of mouth wash and a tube of toothpaste

6. You see someone of the opposite sex stripping down naked, you...

- A) Cover your eyes but peak a little
- B) Completely cover your eyes because you are not interested. You only can think of your lover.
- C) You look with eyes wide open

7. You see your steady flirting with their "ex", you...

- A) Think it's okay because you still flirt with your "ex"
- B) Are jealous but trust your mate

C) Don't care, you want to break up anyway.

8) What song best describes your relationship with your lover...

- A) I Drive Myself Crazy
- B) This I Promise You
- C) Bye Bye Bye

9) You are walking down the hall and you accidentally bump another person's butt. You...

- A) Think about it but remember you love your lover's butt
- B) Think nothing of it
- C) Wish your darlings butt felt that good

10) You are out with your friends and meet a sweet hottie. You...

- A) Ask if they would like to meet up again but just as friends
- B) Talk about how much you miss your honey who's working
- C) Flirt with them and hope that something comes of it, so you can leave your boy/girl.

Now the truth about you and your sweetheart is about to unfold. If you picked mostly A's then you are type A, mostly B's equal type B, and mostly C's equal type C.

The Types:

Type A:

In your relationship you find equal amounts of love and hate. You find yourself lost in a day dream about this person but at the same time you remember little things he/she does that really annoy you. You are in a healthy relationship. You don't smother your sweetie with too much love but just enough where the both of you know how each other feels. You know how to give each other space but you also know how to give each other sweet sweet loving.

Type B:

You are head over heels in love! You have spent a lifetime looking for your soul mate and now you have found them. You are mad dog crazy about this person. They are on your mind 24/7. Everything reminds you of them and you are so in love with them that you want to do crazy things for them like going to their work and surprising them with flowers. The feeling is mutual between you and your mate so be careful of being too obsessive. Just know they love you too. You are very lucky!

Type C:

This is the worst thing that's ever happened to you. You and your lover need to go separate ways. Staying together will cause unnecessary stress for the both of you. You are still young, get out while you can and start over. Love comes and goes. Right now you need your space, maybe you should take a break from the dating scene. Go out on your own and discover the real you.