

Central High Times

Volume 87 Number 10

St. Paul, Minnesota

April 2009

IB Middle Years Program one step closer to coming to Central

The program, if approved by MYP representatives, will bring the IB honors program to grades 7-10
Charlie Diamond and Nick Connolly, *Staff Writers*

On Friday, April 17th, Middle Years Program (MYP) representatives Jeanette Lafevers, Pat Deragisch, and Brian Lamb, visited Central to evaluate whether

culture to possibly recommend the school for the MYP program," said Lafevers.

The program looks to make IB honor classes available from grades 7-12 as Central will pair with Ramsey Junior High for grades 7 and 8, if approved by the MYP representatives. During the visit on the 17th, Central was in the "authorization status" of the program, where Central has to "show that we can be a good fit for the program," said princi-



or not Central will be a part of the MYP IB program. "We're a visiting team from New York to fact find and get a feel of the school's

**It's
Spring Concert
time at Central!
Orchestra Concert
Wednesday, May 6th
Band Concert
Thursday, May 7th
Choir Concert
Wednesday, May 13th
All concerts at 7:00
p.m. in Central's
auditorium**

pal Mary Mackbee.

The IB MYP program focuses on five areas of interaction in which "the teachers will plan unit lessons that will focus on one or more of these interactions," said Ms. Karen Peterson. These interactions are approaches to learn-

MYP continues on page 6

NHS inducts 60 new members at April 9th ceremony

Pa Vue, *Staff Writer*

Formally dressed National Honor Society (NHS) inductees attended the NHS induction ceremony on April 9th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Central's auditorium. The ceremony consisted of a guest speaker, Michael McCormick, and a candle-lighting ceremony.

McCormick, a former member of NHS, spoke about his personal experience on microfinance outreaches in Africa. He explained that even with a busy career as a lawyer, he took the opportunity to provide service to encourage NHS to keep performing service.

After the speech, new members were called on to the stage, assembled into four rows, and individually called forward by board members Libby Arnosti (12), Tristan McCormick (12), Steve Quam (11), and Zane Hill (12), to receive their candle and certificate of membership. Inductees returned to their spots with the rest of the new members on stage. After each inductee received his or her candle and certificate of membership, board members lit the candles of inductees on the ends of each row and passed the flame down the row until all

candles were lit. New members then repeated the NHS pledge of membership and were dismissed.

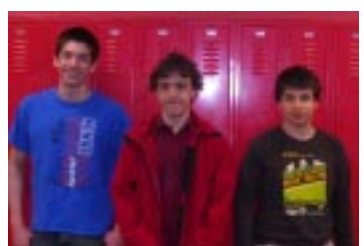
"The ceremony was great," said president Arnosti. "Students took the candle-lighting ceremony seriously and were clearly invested in being part of NHS." She was excited for all the inductees to be part of NHS and advised new members to take leadership and personal responsibility to accomplish the goals NHS has set for its members and have fun performing these goals.

See page 2 for a list of inductees

Econ Challenge team wins State, places 3rd at Regionals

Austin Caulfield, *Opinions Editor*

On April 15th 2009, the Central Economics Challenge team consisting of seniors Daeus Jorento, Jon Schellenberg and Zach Kagan



(pictured above) and Jennifer Wei, took first overall in the Min-

nesota State Econ Challenge competition at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus. They beat the local winner from Moorhead, and moved on to the regional competition in Houston, Texas to compete against the top nine teams from the Midwest/Central region, on April 27th.

At the regional competition, Central fought hard and placed third behind teams from Texas and Wisconsin, which marked Central's best finish in history.

"We are disappointed that we

lost, but very proud of how well we did," said advisor Mr. Cherin about the whole experience.

Central won't be going to nationals in New York, but they will watch another team from Little Falls, Minnesota, compete in the David Ricardo Division for students in general economics classes and one semester economics classes. Central competed to their highest ability and will look forward to next years challenge, where they hope to match this year's excellent results.

Eight M-Team members elected for 2009-2010

Lulete Mola, *Editor-in-Chief*

The new members of the 2009-2010 M-Team were announced over the Central Morning News on Tuesday, April 21st. The rookies are juniors Sandy Chang, Amina Mohammed, Brooks Hier, and Brady Whalen, sophomores Courtney Igbo, Lidya Makonnen, Cameron Vanderwall and freshman Pakou Vang. These anticipated students will be joining current leaders Max May, Sarah Jacobs, Lulete Mola, Javon Jackson, Shahir Ampey and



New members of 2009-2010 M-team

New M-Team continues on page 2



There's nothing like a plate of sardines

Drama Board presents the spring play, *Noises Off*, amid many laughs

Kadra Mohamed, *Staff Writer*

Drama Board's last play of the year, "Noises Off" was a hit. On Friday, April 24th, Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th, Central parents and students gathered in Central's auditorium and shared many laughs for one of the funniest plays that Central High School's Drama Board has presented.

"Noises Off" is a three-act play within a play. Written by Michael Frayn in 1982, "Noises Off" is about a group of young actors who are in a play. That play is about a couple, Frederick Fellows (played by Zane Hill, 12) and Belinda Blair (Sophie Kissin, 12) backstage. The couple comes to an unidentifiable house that is for sale, after avoiding the IRS, and come to see a realtor, (Garry Lejeune, played by Will Quam, 11) and Brooke Ashton Alice McCarthy, 12), in the house "testing the bedrooms." Frederick and Garry do not realize that there are

with the mop and the whisky."

While the cast members are busy slamming eight doors, making sardines and dropping pants on stage, there is plenty of drama behind the curtains. The newly dating couple Dotty and Garry are already having problems. On the previous night, Dotty had gotten drunk and spent the night with the divorced Frederick, which caused Garry to chase Frederick behind stage with an axe.



At the same time, the director, Lloyd Dallas (Patrick Risberg), is also having problems with his girlfriend Vicky. Lloyd sends the stage manager, Timothy Allgood (Eliot Hart-Nelson), to get flowers for her but instead the flowers end up in the hands of someone else. Brooke later forgives Lloyd but then the assistant stage manager, Poppy Norton-Taylor (Marika Proctor), yells out during the play that she is pregnant. Talk about drama.

The cast members put in numerous hours to make "Noises Off" possible. Said Connor Soles: "The practices were quite quite long, but it was a whole lot of fun."

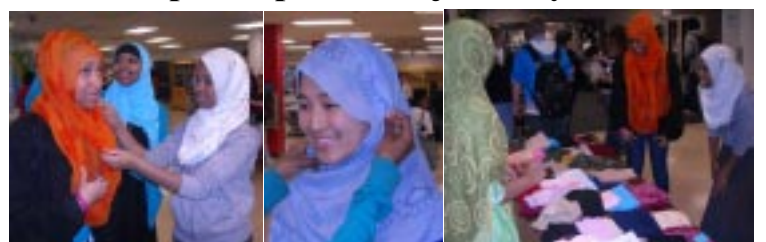


other people in the house, but the maid, Dotty Ottey backstage, makes the sardines and knows it all. Pauline Johnson, who plays Dotty Ottey says her favorite scene was, "The third act, the one



The company of Noises Off

Students participate in Hijabi Day at Central



New NHS Inductees

Emma Abbot, 10	Evan Heberlein, 10	Pa Ngia Moua, 11	Elikem Togo, 10
Sarita Beekie, 10	Claire Hinkley, 10	Paoge Moua, 10	DevinTomson-Moylan, 10
Ellen Breen, 10	Emma Holmes, 10	Xai Moua, 11	Emily Tucker, 10
Caroline Brown, 11	Javon Jackson, 10	Joe Nelson, 10	Cameron Vanderwall, 10
Ella Coben, 10	Zoe Jameson, 10	Alec Nicol, 10	Anny Vang, 10
Nick Cornhill, 11	Nate Kado, 11	Thanh Nguyen, 11	Barbara Vang, 10
Margaret Eby, 10	Tyler Klatt, 10	Nimo Osman, 10	Joe Vang, 11
Aaron Fernandez, 10	Mekea Larson, 10	Ruthie Ritchart, 10	Melissa Vang, 10
Madelyn Fick, 11	Ben Lewis, 11	Maggie Scimeca, 10	Tang Vang, 10
Dan Gilkesen, 11	Sophie Maloney, 11	Heather Snyder, 10	Thao Vang, 11
Lara Griffin, 10	John McCarthy, 10	Kristen Syverud, 10	Yung Jen Vang, 11
Ashley Guillaume, 11	Emma McCartney, 10	Bayley Taple, 10	David Wehrwein, 10
Genevieve Haney, 10	Claire McClave, 10	Nicole Tempas, 10	Lauren Whitley, 10
Madeline Hansmeyer, 10	Natalie Mirinov, 10	Lao Thao, 11	Jake Wythers, 10
Elliot Hart-Nelson, 10	Annie Moua, 10	Tou Thao, 10	

Central Fashion Show goes green

Jacob Althoff, *Staff Writer*

On Friday, April 17th, a fashion show was held in Central's Black Box Theater. The show featured the wonderful stylings of Central seniors Ana Hedenstrom and Shannon Krohn. The stylings were all environmental designs that were meant to promote recycling. Some of the featured items included a polo dress and belts made out of recycled bags.

By the end of the night, over \$250 had been raised. The money will be sent to the Friends of the Earth environmental organization. After the show, Hedenstrom said, "I think it went pretty well. I'm proud of the amount of money we raised."

A few items from the fashion show are still available, and can be purchased in Ms. Houdek's room, 207.

Central students wow Ordway crowds with amazing performances

Jermaine Edwards, *Staff Writer* and Matt Starns, *Arts & Entertainment Editor*

On Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m., Over 120 Central Band, Orchestra, and Choir Students performed in this year's Ordway Honors Concert, which was accompanied by a performance by Central's Touring Theater (CTT) and the Ordway Honors Art Exhibit. All in all, a whopping 129 Central music students participated, 115 performing in the honors band and orchestra and 14 in the honors choir.

Central's Touring Theater (CTT, now in its 37th year performing at Central) put on a hard-hitting

show, with members performing original poems inspired by the Ordway Honors Art Exhibit, which consisted entirely of art created by selected students. Some of the CTT scenes included interpretive dance, compass emotions, and drumming. This was the first Ordway Honors Concert to include theater and student art.

Central Touring Theater's final performance, a student-directed, fifteen-scene show dealing with issues that affect today's youth, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on May 22 and 23 at Concordia College.

AVID breakfast a success

The event showcased AVID students' newly acquired skills to parents
Mohamed Osman, *Guest Writer*

On Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 a.m., Central's AVID classes teamed up to hold the first annual AVID breakfast in the library. The library was floating with delicious food from bagels to donuts, but the food was not what made it so fantastic.



The library was packed with nearly 60 Central AVID students of all classes all showing off their AVID knowledge in the multiple areas of the program. Tutorials were imitated by the sophomore AVID class. The upcoming freshmen portrayed their fantastically organized binders, followed by the juniors showing how philosophical chairs are done. Last but not least, the seniors portrayed the AVID website they had created. During the breakfast, parents got the opportunity to see what skills their sons and daughters were learning in AVID as they rotated around to the different presentations.

As a whole, the breakfast was a huge success. This success couldn't be possible without the help of the great staff who helped organize it. Also, thanks to all the students who participated and brought their parents.

Fresh Force raises over \$100 at Karaoke Night

Sidney Vang, *Staff Writer*

On Friday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m., over 50 students attended Fresh Force's Karaoke Night in the Black Box Theater, a fundraiser for the AIDS Walk. At the event, students competed with each other, singing songs from the 80's, 90's, and current music. Two students squared off in each round, where winners were decided by the amount of noise generated by the crowd — the louder response from the crowd would win. Winners would move on to the next round if won.



The best singer of the night was Maxine Thao, who electrified the stage, followed by second place winner Rachel Kargleder, and third place winners Mee Xiong and Chai Yang. Gift cards to Best Buy and Target were awarded to the winners in the amount of \$15 to first place, \$10 to second place, and \$5 each to the third place winners. The night was a success as well over \$100 was raised.



M-Team accepts eight (from page 1)

Laura Johnson. All will be guided by Social Studies teacher and Student Council advisor Shannon LeClair.

The 2009-2010 M-Team will consist of 14 students. This comes as a surprise, because during the election, the student body voted for three candidates and two were supposed to be appointed by ad-
P I Q W D R O T T E R Z H Y H due to the vote being very close, eight students have been added onto M-Team, three more than voted for.

M-Team wants to be fair and give leading opportunities to as many students as possible. When new members are elected, there are a few things to be considered:

What grades are these students in? Will they contribute to the diversity of M-Team? How close were their votes? And how much are they involved in school activities? Because there were so many students up for election, and because most were qualified, M-Team along with administration decided to elect eight members instead of five.

The new members will be looking forward to a great 2009-2010 school year. "Many changes are happening next year," says current member Sarah Jacobs, "I already get the vibe that all the new members are nice and ready to work hard."

Many Central students participate in Day of Silence

Chenoa Burga-Scanlan, *Staff Writer*

On Friday April 17th, over 75 Central students participated in the National Day of Silence. Students pledged to participate on April 15th and 16th. On the Day of Silence itself, students were not allowed to speak until 3 p.m., when they broke the silence during a picnic at Dunning Park.

National Day of Silence is a way to bring attention to anti-GLBT bullying in schools. Founded in 1996 at the University of Virginia, it has quickly be-

come the largest student-led action in creating a safer environment in schools. Schools are required by law to recognize the Day of Silence, and may be penalized for failing to do so. Last year, more than 8,000 schools participated in the event, held in honor of Lawrence King, a 15 year-old boy who was killed because of his sexual orientation.

For further information on the Day of Silence, students can go to www.dayofsilence.org.

Senior overnight party to be held on graduation night

Mohammed Zain, *Staff Writer*

Attention seniors! Don't miss out on the last fun event of your senior year. The senior overnight party is quickly approaching. The fun-filled night will start at 10:00 p.m. at Central on June 2nd, the night of the graduation. Some of the activities that are planned by the parents for the event are: swimming, basketball, poker, ping-pong, pool, eating tons of food, and much more.

The event will end in the morning at around 5:00 a.m. It is sure to be a blast, and all seniors are advised to attend. It costs \$20 for seniors on free or reduced lunch. The regular cost is \$35 if turned in by May 1st, \$40 if turned in by May 22nd and \$45 if turned in after May 22nd. Permission slips and money should be turned in to Mr. Schlukebier (Room 420) or the office as soon as possible.

Class of '09 Boat Dance



May 29th
Tropical Luau

Senior Honors Night

Thursday,
May 21st
6:00 p.m.

SENIOR WEEK

Community

Immersion Day

Friday, May 22nd

Sr. Hush Day

Tuesday, May 26th

Sr. Picnic

Wednesday, May 27th

Rent-a-Sr. Day

Thursday, May 28th

Sr. Final Walk Out

Boat Dance

Friday, May 29th

Pick Up Caps & Gowns

May 26, 27, 28

Must have a
Passport to Graduation

Graduation

Tuesday, June 2nd

8:00 p.m.

Roy Wilkins

Auditorium

Harrison Berg wins trip to Russia

Mai Cua Yang, *Staff Writer*

On March 21, 2009 at Edina High School, seventeen Central students; Cameron Gemlo, Tatiana Rosario, Iris Smith, Phoebe Ward, Jessica Dudman, Margaret Eby, Jackson Joyce-Lynch, Isaac Kaplan, Grayson Sears, Lucia Arseni, Rebecca Engdahl, Micheal Van Voorhis, Harrison Berg, Alexander Houlson, Emily Neset, Ben Pearce and Sam Perry, attended the Olympiada of Spoken Russian from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The olympiada is a state-wide competition for high school students studying Russian to demonstrate excellence in the language by testing their knowledge. The students are judged by regional teachers and Russian experts.

In the competition, there are many different levels for students taking different levels of Russian. Students may earn gold, silver, and bronze medals for demonstrating proficiency at their level of study. Along with the medals, the top fifteen winners that are chosen get to take part in a summer immersion program in Russia under the American Councils for International Education.

Harrison Berg, a Central senior, won the trip to Russia after a strong showing on the day of

competition. Central seniors Ben Pearce and Sam Perry also had a high enough score to win a trip to Russia, but decided not to participate. Pearce is not able to go to Russia because he takes post-secondary classes, and only students taking high school classes are allowed to go. Although Perry decided not to participate in the Russian trip through this program, he will be going through another program.

Before winning the trip to Russia, Berg went through three commissions in three different rooms, where he was judged by a variety of people. The first commission was an oral examination in which the topic was given by pulling a ticket that named the topic. The second commission was cultural studies, where the topic was also given by pulling out a ticket. Last but not least, Berg presented "Work of Fedor Dostoyevsky," which he had memorized.

Along with fourteen other winners, Berg will be going to Vladimir, Russia in July for three weeks. The main focuses for this trip are language training, history, literature and culture. The fifteen students will be staying with host families and will be exploring and learning Russian culture.

Cycling Club returns with new additions



Mechanics classes are now being offered to help students maintain their bicycles

Austin Caulfield, *Opinions Editor*

Central's Cycling Club is back and ready to roll in 2009. This year, the club offers mechanics classes to help students prep and maintain their bikes for the riding season. Under the advisement of Mr. Cherin, Cycling Club meets on a weekly basis (exact day to be determined) at the bike racks, with a get-out-and-ride mentality.

For more information contact Mr. Cherin in room 461.

Rowing Club starts at Central

Matt Starns, *Arts & Entertainment Editor*

This spring, Central High School has a new and exciting student organization. Central Rowing Club, founded by junior Matt Starns, is a group of Central students interested in and dedicated to the sport of rowing (also called crew). The members meet once a week (there has not been an established weekly schedule, but meeting times will become available as soon as they are known) to coordinate their rowing schedule and discuss related topics.

It is an inexpensive way to get great exercise, meet new people, and build new muscles and new friendships. Start your spring off right and bring your six-pack out of hibernation! New members are ALWAYS welcome, and are encouraged to contact Matt Starns at (651)-587-2868 about weekly meeting times and rowing opportunities.

Multicultural Festival a success

Alex Ethier, *School News Editor* and Lulete Mola, *Editor-in-Chief*

On Friday May 1st, Central students and staff shortened every class to take the last hour off and attend the annual Multicultural Festival. Multicultural Festival is sponsored by National Honor Society. In the earlier days of April, students got a chance to pick a country and represent it in the Festival. Many people work in groups



and spend time painting a booth with their countries' flags and sometimes language. On April 30th, students began preparing their food in the food tech room. "It was very organized and clean," commented Junior Hue Vang.

The festival in the cafeteria was a success. Students enjoyed delicious food and a wealth of information from about 50 nations from all over the world. Countries that were represented included



Ethiopia and Eritrea, Italy, Spain, Somalia, Botswana, and Turkey. Popular dishes were sambusa, fried plantains, tibs, and fried chicken. Each sample from a booth was 1 ticket. Mrs. Mackbee sold the tickets in the lobby; two tickets were sold for a dollar.

Liban Kotile commented on the price, "It was cheap for the deli-



cious food that we were served. I bought several tickets."

The fun continued in the auditorium, as there were ongoing performances from around the world. The ranged from a break dance group to a Chinese Dragon Dance. Organizer Sophia Kissin had predicted, "It's going to be really fun." She couldn't have been more right. The Bollywood dancers (pictured below) had the



crowd up and screaming and the Anime Club couldn't have been more entertaining.

The Multicultural Festival is a time for Central to represent its diversity. It gives everyone a chance to come together and celebrate the different cultures of the world. It has been a tradition for several years and one can be positive that it will go on for many more.

Theairra Taylor wins Athena Award

Ben Swanson-Hysell, *Sports Editor*

Theairra Taylor was honored for her athletic achievements with the fifteenth annual Athena Award, given to female high school students in St. Paul. Taylor was rewarded for her four years on the varsity basketball team that won State twice. Taylor won the Most Valuable Player award in the state championship game in the 2007-08 season and was a nominee for Ms. Basketball of Minnesota in 2009. Taylor also is a two time letter winner on the track team, conference winner in the 200 meter dash. She will play Big Ten basketball for the University of Iowa.

Willie Taylor inducted into MGBCA Hall of Fame

Jacob Althoff, *Staff Writer*

Willie Taylor has been inducted into the Minnesota State Girls Basketball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame.

Taylor started his coaching career as an assistant girls' basketball coach at St. Paul Harding and DeLaSalle High School. In his first year as head coach, Taylor took his team, Mounds View High School, to their first State Tournament and finished second.

In 1998, Taylor was hired as St. Paul Central's girls' basketball head coach. Since then, Coach Taylor has led the team to five section championships, four State Tournaments, and back-to-back



State championships in 2007 and 2008. The Minutemen's 2007 season was one of the best in Minnesota girls' basketball history, a season in which the team went undefeated with a perfect 32-0 mark.

Central takes pride in its girls' basketball team and would like to congratulate Mr. Taylor for his accomplishments.

Spring Sports

(continued on page 4)

Track and field sprints toward success

Ben Swanson-Hysell, *Sports Editor*

Central's boys' and girls' track and field teams have been running away with countless conference victories. Neither team has lost a conference matchup, defeating every team in the conference. In a dual meet, the boys dominated Tartan, winning 99-38, but the girls suffered their only loss at this meet, losing by only eleven points.

The boys have sprinted through the St. Paul City Conference, defeating every team by at least twenty points. The girls have seen similar success winning every meet by a minimum of 23 points. The teams had the important True Team meet on Tuesday, May 5, which occurred after this paper went to press.

Girls' golf in full swing

Abdul Ali, *Staff Writer*

The Central girls' golf team's season is in full swing with the Minutemaids currently second in conference behind Highland with 25 points, as of May 4th. The girls have eight wins and a tie so far this season and have many senior golfers playing well. Senior Britany Foster has medaled three times this year. The first medal came on April 14th when she scored 46 points, the second came on April 21st when she scored 47 points, and the third came at the April 28th 9-hole tournament, where she scored 47 points.

Central looks to improve its conference standing in a May 7th meet versus Como Park, Harding and Humboldt.

Girls lacrosse starts slowly

Charlie Diamond, *Staff Writer*

The Girls lacrosse team, otherwise known as The Blizzard, has started its season and is currently 0-4, with three losses being close. Despite this, the girls are still optimistic about their season.

"We are working hard and our skills are developing," said captain Sarah Jacobs, "Our growth is obvious."

The girls had their last two away games in Farmington and the other in Duluth. They practice daily at Merriam Park with their two coaches, with the occasional captains practice on the weekend if they feel like they need it. The varsity players for the Blizzard are Maddie Morgan, Shannon Mazzara, Ellen Breen, Kylie MacMahon, Molly Coleman, Ella Coben, Sarah Jacobs, Anna Forster-Smith, Rosa Berry, Hannah Howard and some girls from Highland.

2009-2010 MMEA All State Ensembles

Congratulations!

Sarita Beekie	Flute	Symphonic Band
Ellen Breen	Flute	Concert Band
Audra Dunivan	Bassoon	Orchestra
Claire Dunivan	Clarinet	Concert Band
Lynn Hodnett	Clarinet	Symphonic Band
Nicole Tempas	Trombone	Concert Band
Claudina Yang	Cello	Orchestra
Charlie Birge	Trombone	Jazz Band
John Mattesich	Tenor Sax	Jazz Band
John Seng	Guitar	Jazz Band

Boys' baseball holds onto first in conference

Austin Caulfield,
Opinions Editor

On Wednesday April 29th, Central's boys' baseball team played Highland Park to determine if Central could tie or win the conference title. It took 11 innings to do it but Central came out on top thanks to a game winning RBI by Brady Whalen, allowing Chase Gunderson to score from third base, winning the game 1-0. With the series tied, Central had the possibility to win the conference title, and thanks to the Johnson Governors, Central is now the team to beat in the St. Paul City Conference. (Johnson beat Highland 12-4 on April 30th)

With an overall record of 8-2 and a conference record of 7-2, Central must win their remaining conference games to win the city title. Central is just clinging to first place in a very tight race with Johnson, who is also 7-2 in conference. Central still has one game that could decide whether or not they win the title. Central will play Johnson on May 13th in what could be the most important game



of the season. Central has been playing well lately, recording two shutouts against conference rivals (Highland 1-0 and Arlington 26-0) and outscoring their opponents 120-49, as of May 5th. "As long as we keep our heads on straight and moving in the same direction, no team will beat us," said senior slugger Ben Nelson. With the title on the line, every game is a must win.

Girls' softball in rough times

Meghan Roegge, Staff Writer

The Central girls' softball team looks to redeem themselves as three conference games remain before section playoffs begin on May 18th. With a conference record of 2 wins and 7 losses, and an overall record of 5-12, the girls have been struggling through a tough season but are still putting up a fight. The team is missing the presence of sophomore captain Natalie Mironov, who is sidelined with an ankle injury, but captains Sam Couper ('09) and Maia Wahlberg ('10) have kept the team cheering through tough times and good, defeating teams from Arlington, Minneapolis South, and Minneapolis North.

The team's defense has been stellar, but the ladies have been working hard with head coach Bernae Gunderson and assistant coaches Ashley Carlbloom, Joe Dempsey, and Nick Arnott, to improve their performance behind



the plate. The toughest challenge the team has had this season has been finding their consistency and rhythm. Currently tied for fifth place in the St. Paul City Conference with Humboldt, captain Wahlberg says her goals for the team's remaining season games are "to come together as a team and play to our full potential."

The ladies' last home game is Monday, May 11th, versus Humboldt at Dunning Field at 4 p.m., so come out to the diamond, have some fun, and show your support for this hard-working Central team.

Boys' tennis to finish tied for second in conference

Despite a dramatic, come-from-behind victory against Highland Park, the Minutemen failed to reach their goals, losing key second-half matches

Charlie Armitz, Editor-in-Chief

For all the effort that went into Central's boys' tennis season, a slight improvement was all that came out.

The boys will finish their 2009 season tied with Highland Park for second place in conference, one year after they finished third in conference behind Highland Park and Harding. To no one's surprise, it was Harding that dominated the St. Paul City Conference in 2009 – the Knights currently lead conference with a perfect 11-0 record (18-3 overall).

The Knights dominated the Minutemen in Central's second match of the season, winning every match except #4 singles, which freshman Ian Shank won without surrendering a single game. Despite performing well in 2008, junior singles star Yowon Yoon and all three of Central's d o u b l e s teams lost in straight sets. At the end of a long day, even senior co-captain Kai Peterson (pictured above) lost his match in three sets.

Immediately following the Harding loss, Peterson and varsity head coach Richard Spicer took action and shook up the lineup. The two decided to move junior co-captain Erik Ducker, who had also lost his singles match in three sets, to play first doubles along with freshman Zack Davis. To fill



the vacant singles position, Spicer called on senior Charlie Armitz, an unproven commodity that had lost two key singles matches at the end of the 2008 season. It was a risky move, but according to Peterson, changes had to be made. "We didn't have the right lineup [against Harding]," said Peterson. "We had too much strength late in the lineup."

Central sent what looked to be a well-balanced lineup into their match against Highland Park on April 15th, which would determine second place in conference. The beginning stages of the match looked grim, just as they had looked in 2008, when Central lost both matches to the Scots by a score of 5-2. The Minutemen's top two singles players, Yoon and Shank, lost their matches in straight sets to the Scots' David Stingley and Maalik Konop-DeFreitas. Central's third doubles team of See Yang (11) and Tong Thao (10) also lost in straight sets, which pushed Central down 3-1, one match from defeat.

Then the Minutemen fought back. After falling behind 5-3 in the third set, Central's first doubles team of Ducker and Davis stepped up their game and won 16 out of the next 18 points – and the match. That made it 3-2, Scots. Then, Armitz, playing at the #4 singles position, came out strong in the third set of his match and finished off the Scots' Ari Feldman 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Tie game.

The Minutemen needed one last victory from their new second doubles team of juniors Justin

Wulf and Dara Fu to do something they hadn't done in three years – beat Highland. And they got it. In a second set tiebreak that provided about as much drama as the Minutemen's entire 2008 season, the two juniors came through, winning the tiebreak 7-4 and the match 6-4, 7-6. To captain Peterson, that match epitomized the team's overall victory.

"I knew we had depth at singles," said Peterson. "We knew we'd need our doubles to come through, and they did."

But to Peterson and many varsity team members, the win against Highland was the lone highlight of the team's first month of play. Although the Minutemen won their next four matches, they failed to beat Harding in a April 27th rematch, then lost to Highland Park four days later, which dropped them into a second place tie in conference. The losses were close, but what may have hurt the most was Central's poor performance in doubles matches. Of the six doubles matches that week, Central won just one.

"Deep down in our doubles lineup, we're not as strong as we ought to be, which has held us back from beating Highland and Harding, and winning conference," said Peterson.

Although the team won't meet Peterson's goal of winning conference, they still have a chance to make it a strong season. Section play begins on May 11th, and with a stronger team than last year, Central will have an good chance of performing well.

Girls' badminton shows steady signs of improvement

Sidney Vang, Staff Writer

Central's girls' badminton team is off to a good start. The team is currently 4th in conference behind Harding, Johnson and Como with a conference record of 6-5 and an overall record of 7-6.

Although they suffered a close 4-3 loss to the Johnson Governors, a match that was decided by two points in the final game, the team has shown much improve-

ment this year. When asked about the team's improvements, assistant coach Andy Brigger said, "Johnson's game really summed it up, since we lost to them the first time 6-1, and only losing to them 4-3 the second time."

With several games left, Doua Thao and Dala Chang still continue to dominate in doubles, and at least six girls have the skills to play varsity singles, claims

Brigger. Students are encouraged to come support their fellow classmates as they fight their way up to first, and



as Brigger said, "We play better at home."

Boys' golf leads close race for conference title

The Minutemen have a two-point edge over Como Park and Highland Park, thanks to a surprisingly consistent lineup

Charlie Armitz, Editor-in-Chief

If you asked boys' golf captain Ian Luby what has most surprised him about the 2009 season, he would talk about little his team has managed to surprise its competition.

That's because for the first time in Luby's career, Central's boys' golf team, coached by Tom Fargo, has played consistently well. With a conference-leading 33 points as of May 4th, and solid performances from all six varsity golfers, the team has put itself in great position to win conference for the first time in 14 years.

Coming into the 2009 season, Luby had expressed concern that

his team's play would remain inconsistent. With only two varsity players returning (Senior Luby and junior Danny Jacobson), the team faced the tough challenge of finding four golfers who could consistently compete amongst the conference's best – Como Park, winners of four out of the last five conference championships, and Highland Park, possessor of the conference's top golfer, Genki Hirayama.

It didn't take long for Central to respond to the challenge. After adding Miles Vieth (12), Clint Sweeney (12), Erik Goodlow (9) and David Saunders (11) to the varsity lineup, the team opened

their season with a victory at the 9-hole tournament at Highland Park National Golf Course. Then, after a disappointing tie with the Johnson Governors on April 13th, the boys responded by crushing Arlington, Harding and Highland Park on April 16th, a match that clearly established the Minutemen as the conference's top team.

But the Minutemen weren't finished. On April 21st, the team avenged its tie to Johnson with a convincing 8-4 victory. On April 28th, Central beat Como Park 8-4, which eliminated the sting from the team's 7-5 loss to Highland on April 23rd. On April 30th, the team held its ground by tying Como

Park 6-6, a match that gave the Minutemen 33 points for the season, two more than both the Scots and the Cougars.

To Luby, the team's consistent success has come as a surprise.

"Delightfully surprising," said Luby about his team's play through the season's first month. "All the new guys have been stepping up."

One might suspect Central's winning ways to be the result of poor competition. But according to both Luby and assistant captain Vieth, both conference rivals (Highland and Como Park) have provided closer competition than expected.

"I don't think we realized how good the competition was," said Vieth. "I thought we'd blow them out of the water."

"It's been more even than I

thought between the top four teams," added Luby, referring to conference powerhouses Central, Como Park, Highland Park and fourth-place Johnson.

With the standings so close, Central will need a strong performance at the 18-hole tournament on May 18th to clinch a conference championship. The tournament's point values double, and according to Luby, "if we win the 18-hole tournament, I don't think we can lose [conference]."

Confidence is certainly running high on Central's boys' golf team. But with so much at stake and so much pressure on one match, nothing is certain yet. Many questions still remain, perhaps none more important than this one: can the Minutemen play consistently when it matters most?

Only time will tell.

Top ten restaurants for Prom

Ganissa Jones, Staff Writer

Prom is almost here! I'm sure you all have your dresses and shoes, not to mention after Prom plans. But do you have any idea what you're going to do after the embarrassing parent pictures and before the amazing dance? Dinner. But where will you go, and with the economy, will it cost too much? Well, the Central High Times is here to save the day. Our editors and staff writers have composed a list of the top ten restaurants from St. Paul that are perfect for after Prom activities. These restaurants are picked based on prices as well how nice they are. Good luck.

1. Forepaugh's - A formal restaurant located in a newly refurbished Victorian mansion. The atmosphere is upscale and romantic with a mix of French and American cuisine to start your Prom night off right. The food is great with medium to high prices that are worth it. Address: 276 South Exchange St. Phone: 651-224-5606

2. St. Paul Grill - Located in the Saint Paul hotel, this restaurant has a casual to upscale environment. The grill serves steak and poultry as its specialties. Its cuisine is American with a new twist. The prices are well worth the food. Address: 380 St. Peter St. Phone: 651-602-9000

3. The Lexington - A restaurant that's sure to give you a formal dining experience. Mainly seafood and pasta is served. Its prices are a tad high but worth the expense. Address: 1096 Grand Ave. Phone: 651-224-7455

4. Kincaid's - A restaurant with an easy going atmosphere but formal feel. There is plenty of seating available for you and your date, including patio seating. Kincaid's is known for its steak and fish dishes. The pricing is a little high but well worth the cost. Address: 1096 Grand Ave. Phone: 651-222-5878

5. Sakura - A sushi restaurant with a romantic atmosphere. With two pieces of sushi per order, the food is fresh. Sakura is conveniently located in the Carriage Hill Plaza. The prices are a lot cheaper than other restaurants. Address: 350 St. Peter St. Phone: 651-224-0185

If you want a more casual atmosphere with still good food, these next restaurants are just the places for you:

1. Cossetta Italian Market - A well known Italian restaurant with a casual, relaxing feel. The prices are really low and the food is always good. Address: 211 West 7th St. Phone: 651-222-3476

2. Chianti - A small Italian grill located in Roseville. The place is casual but still romantic. The food is cheap and exceptional for the low prices. Address: 1611 Larpenteur Ave. W Phone: 651-644-2808

3. Pazzaluna - An urban Italian restaurant located in downtown Saint Paul, across from The Saint Paul Hotel. With a unique atmosphere and great food this is a romantic place to go with good prices. Address: 360 St. Peter St. Phone: 651-223-7000

4. Mancini's - Provides a casual dining atmosphere. Steak and lobster are the major dishes for this restaurant, but prices are somewhat high. Address: 531 West 7th St. Phone: 651-224-7345

5. Il Vesco Vino - This is another casual Italian restaurant with low prices. Patio seating is available if you would like to be outside. Address: 242 West 7th St. Phone: 651-222-7000

Central High Times Poll:

What are you most looking forward to about this year's Prom?

- "A lot of single girls!" - Tom Vang (12)
- "Partying!" - Pam Diaz (12)
- "Having fun and meeting cute boys." - Chariti Hicks (12)
- "Taking pictures, the after prom party, doing my hair, nails, and toes, just spending money in general." - Laura Ngeh (12)
- "Looking pretty in a nice dress!" - Alice Friedmeyer Vacek (11)
- "Maybe the music, there's always the same music, and different styles of clothing." - Gao Kong (12)
- "Me and my boyfriend looking good." - Brittany Lee (12)
- "Having out with my boyfriends." - Farhiyo Abdihoosh (12)
- "Getting my tuxedo." - Liban Muhamed (12)
- "Getting my hair done." - Saron Solomon (11)
- "Spending time with my friends." - Andrew Nguyen (12)

Prom 2009

A Night in Paris



PROM Fashion Tips

Pa Vue, Staff Writer

Pastels and princess jewels were so yesterday. Instead, eye popping shades of color, flirty shapes, and whimsical accessories are going to be seen at the 2009 Prom. Boys do not have their match their dates but the couple should complement each other. Couples usually wear matching corsages and boutonnieres.

What's In?

- short dresses to demonstrate long and lean legs as well as shoes
- prints and metallic colors to spice up the Prom outfit
- Empire cut waist dresses - a cut that fits tight under the bust that floats away from the body

What are Central students wearing to Prom?

- "I'm wearing a traditional Asian garment. It's multi-colored, short, and a sort of halter." - Nanda Sutrisno (11)
- "I'm wearing a bright pink dress with sleeves and a classy bow." - Osa Snyder (11)
- "It's red with a diamond broach, silky, and long." - Pisenny Xiong (12)
- "It's strapless, black with a white cut on the front, tight until the hips, and spreads out." - Amanda Moua (11)
- "It's a long gray dress with beads." - Mai Choua Vang (12)

Student Opinion: Why Prom is so special

Ra'Shiah Howell, Staff Writer

Prom to me is the time for all juniors and seniors to celebrate their accomplishments of a long year, and for seniors it's their last dance as a high school student. I believe that all students attending the Prom should enjoy it to the fullest and leave their drama,

Prom Dos and Don'ts

Mai Cua Yang, Staff Writer

Ladies Dos:

1. Do use words like please and thank you.
2. Do be on time. Don't keep your nervous date waiting.
3. Do eat your dinner...remember that the guy paid a lot of money to take you out to a nice dinner before Prom. He won't think you are a pig.
4. Do dance with others at your Prom dance when asked. However, do not abandon your date the entire night.
5. Do make all entrances with your date.

Ladies Don'ts:

1. Don't refresh your lipstick more than one time at the table.
2. Don't walk ahead of or behind your date.
3. Don't wear rings over your gloves.
4. Don't forget to tell your date how handsome he looks.
5. Don't make a scene, you'll mess up your make-up from crying.

Gentlemen Dos:

1. Do ask your lady what color her dress is so that you may match her corsage to her dress.
2. Do escort your date to the date's doorstep at the end of the night.
3. Do wear your best smelling cologne (but don't overdo it).
4. Do pull out a lady's chair.
5. Do stand when a lady stands to excuse herself.

Gentlemen Don'ts:

1. Don't lock your keys in your car.
2. Don't forget to turn off your car lights.
3. Don't seat yourself before your date.
4. Don't be late!
5. Don't forget to tell how beautiful she is.

stress and worries at the door. Don't come to prom stressed out, drunk, high or starting drama, because if you're stressed, you won't have a good time and if you're starting drama you would've wasted your money because I'm pretty sure you're going to get kicked out.

To me, Prom is special because I think it's a good way for juniors and seniors to end a stressful year. And for all seniors it's really special because like I said before it's your last dance as a high school student. Also because you worked hard for four years straight, you deserve one night to go all out and be semi-carefree. I personally am waiting to go to Prom next year as a senior, but to all the juniors going, enjoy the night, live it up and make the most of the night. And while you're there get some pictures taken to remember the night.

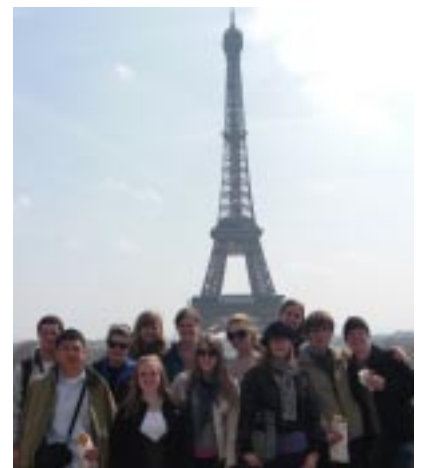
French trip gives Central students a taste of French culture

Matt Starns, Arts & Entertainment Editor

While you were sleeping in and sitting in front of your television over spring break, twelve Central students were in France experiencing culture and furthering their studies in the French language. While you were sleeping in and sitting in front of your television over spring break, twelve Central students were in France experiencing culture and furthering their studies in the French language. While you were sleeping in and sitting in front of your television over spring break, twelve Central students were in France experiencing culture and furthering their studies in the French language. While you were sleeping in and sitting in front of your television over spring break, twelve Central students were in France experiencing culture and furthering their studies in the French language.

Hôtel Mistral in the heart of Paris. They stayed there for four days, visiting the Eiffel Tower, l'Arc de Triomphe, the cathedral of Notre Dame, as well as many museums like the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay. For four days in Paris, the students took a train to the coastal city of Saint Malo, where they spent the day sightseeing and visiting Monte Sainte Michel before traveling by bus to Rennes, where they were introduced to their host families.

The students spent the next six days attending French school, French parties, and sightseeing around the city while each lived with a different French family. The students spent the next six days attending French school, French parties, and sightseeing around the city while each lived with a different French family. The students spent the next six days attending French school, French parties, and sightseeing around the city while each lived with a different French family.



On April 6th, the Central students bade farewell to their French host families and, after a sad goodbye, boarded the train back to Paris, which left amid a flurry of shouts of "au revoir (goodbye)" and "à bientôt! (see you soon)". The students then made the most of their last full day in Paris, visiting the Eiffel Tower a second time and then heading to the Latin quarter, where they shopped for last-minute souvenirs. They then grabbed a subway train to the Avenue Champs-Élysées, where they ate their last French meal and strolled past the brightly lit shops and monuments on their way back to the hotel. The next day the 7th and the Central students were already awake, packing their suitcases and double- and triple-checking them for any forgotten items. After a quick breakfast, their luggage was loaded onto a bus and they drove through Paris for the last time on their way back to Charles DeGaulle Airport. They flew eight hours from Paris to Chicago's O'Hare Airport and to MSP International Airport, where they were greeted upon their return by friends and family.

Student Art

By Macy Salzberger, 11



NHS, Roots and Shoots sponsor Earth Day clean-up



Liban Kotile, *Staff Writer*

On Wednesday, April 23, Central celebrated Earth Day with a school wide clean-up. Headed by junior Starr Brainard, the groups Roots and Shoots and NHS sponsored the event.

"It went really well but not a huge turnout," says Brainard. "But we did get a lot of garbage."

Roughly seven people showed up for the clean-up. The event took place after school and the participants cleaned the fields outside of Central.

"Next year we can hopefully have more events," said Brainard.

With more activities and better turnout, this can surely become a marquee Central event in years to come.

Three Central students going on Argentina trip this June

Mai Cua Yang, *Staff Writer*

When school ends on June 9th, three Central students (Krystal Wimmer, Bliia Xiong and Maria DeLandreau), along with Spanish teacher Mrs. Simon, will be going on a wonderful two-week long trip to Argentina from June 18th to July 1st. They will be meeting in Texas along with other schools on the 18th and will head to Argentina from there.

During the trip, these students

NHS Committee Heads 09-10

Executive Board

President: Steve Quam

Vice President: Elliot Hart-Nelson

Treasurer: Anna Forster-Smith

Secretary: Lily Sand

Social Events

Charlie Birge, John Seng

Children's Committee

Susy Wu

Literary Magazine

Marika Proctor

Fine Arts

Linnea Swanson

Ben Dutcher

Max May

Volunteer Committee

Laura Johnson

Chris Karmer

Tutoring and Monitoring

Cameron Vanderwall

Ella Coben

Environmental Committee

Claire Dunivan

Christian Cline

Book Club

Maggie Scimeca

Student Council to place mural inside of Central

Abdul Ali, *Staff Writer*

According to M-Team member Sarah Jacobs, there have been a couple recent setbacks with the Student Council mural project.

Earlier there had been a proposal to include have two murals, one going in the school on one of the walls and the other going in on the Marshall Avenue sidewalk. After a committee meeting on April 23rd, it was confirmed that one mural would be placed inside of Central High School by the end of the year. Student Council has now decided that the second mural will be placed in a park, which is undecided at this time. The mural in the park is part of a community service project and will be installed sometime next year.

Ms. Mackbee wins Herbie Award

Kasha Thao, *Staff Writer*

In honor of great hockey coach Herb Brooks who led the U.S. Hockey team to an upset olympic victory over the Russians, the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce created the Herbie Award. This award, now in its sixth year, is given to individuals and businesses that are enterprising, resilient, bold, inspirational and ethical.

Principal **M a r y M a c k b e e**, who has been at St. Paul Central High School since 1993, was awarded this year's Herbie for her involvement with Bloomington YMCA, Face to Face, and Big Brother/Big Sister of Greater St. Paul

Mackbee was asked for her thoughts on receiving the Herbie Award. She said, "I was really surprised. I didn't know it existed, a parent nominated me. I'm honored but shocked and surprised." Mackbee will receive this award on June 10th, at a luncheon in downtown St. Paul hosted by the St. Paul Chambers Foundation Board.

"It's nice to be likened to him and all things he embodied. He was a great person, and an excellent role model," said Mackbee.



Student Council Blood Drive Friday, May 15th

Students age 16 and older and 110 lbs or more are eligible to donate blood
www.redcross.org

Movie Review: *I Love You, Man*

Alex Ethier, *School News Editor*

Writer/director, John Hamburg has given us the early 2000's classics, "Meet the Parents" and "Zoolander." This year, he worked his magic on a romantic comedy called "I Love You, Man." Considering that the premise is extremely unlikely and awkwardly presented (so much so that it easily could have crippled the entire film), the movie is actually quite good.

The picture starts when the main character, Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd), has just become engaged to his girlfriend, Zooey Rice (Rashida Jones). Everything is copasetic until Rice discovers that her fiance has no male friends. None at all. Which, according to the movie, raises the question, 'Who will his best man be?' The answer happens to be a quirky man named Sydney Fife (Jason Segal).

At this point, we lose track of the plot and the movie becomes surprisingly enjoyable. Klaven and Fife an extremely interesting and amusing dynamic as they spend most of the movie with each other discussing love, life, and music.

Looking past all of the cameos (Lou Ferrigno and the Canadian power-trio, Rush) and the good humor we've come to expect from Hamburg, there isn't much plot to be found. But that's okay, because this movie was a lot of fun. It's definitely worth seeing if you have some free time. Just don't expect to be talking about it for years to come.

2009-2010 Student Council Candidates

Class of 2010

- Hannah Strasser
- Anna Forster-Smith
- Yung Jen Vang
- Megan Pera
- Caroline Brown
- Anna Johnson
- Maia MacNeal
- Venera Balidamaj
- Padee Vang
- Molly Coleman
- Ashley Guillaume
- Kadra Mohamed
- Shannae Brewer
- Niambi Burns
- Lily Sand
- Le'yema Walker
- Steven Hardy
- Frances Harris
- Aria Weatherspoon
- Besty Robertson
- Kelly Thao
- Rob Degidio
- Ellen Senf
- Linnea Swanson
- LeDarian Horton
- Aaron Allen
- Cheyenne Carter

Class of 2011

- Alec Nicol
- Angela Nguyen
- Amelia Smith
- Aaron Fernandez
- David Wehrwein
- Melissa Vang
- Annie Moua
- Maddie Morgan
- Nancy Weeks
- Emma Holmes
- Hana Zemedu

Class of 2012

- Philantha Lee
- Zachary Biessener
- MaiCha Lee
- Daratu Mohamed
- Brian Mitchell
- Amos Cole
- Megan Brennhofer
- Breanna Jackson
- Perrin Jackson
- Marian Morgan-Sawyer

Students
vote for
3 candidates

Elections will take place
May 11-15 during all 3
lunches

MYP visit a success (from page 1)

ing, community and service, health and social education, and environments and human ingenuity.

"The overall goal of the program is to focus on the approaches to education and student responsibility for the students education using a holistic approach that is also centered on intercultural awareness and communication," said Peterson. To promote the MYP program possibly coming to Central, posters have been put up around the school showing the areas of interaction.

The majority of the funding going into the MYP program will go towards training teachers to successfully be able to create lesson plans that relate to the five interactions. Teachers' training will cost approximately \$900 per teacher, and Central plans to train eight teachers over the summer for a grand total cost of \$7,200. Fortunately, Central will be partially reimbursed by the district

and none of the money going towards the teacher training will come out of other budgets.

While visiting Central to evaluate it for the MYP program, Lafevers, Deragisch and Lamb toured the school and conducted interviews with teachers and other staff members. "I was very impressed by the knowledge of the teachers, the MYP posters in the hallways, and the administrators hospitality," said Lafevers. "We believe we have done our best to meet the standards of the program."



MYP representatives Lafevers, Deragisch and Lamb