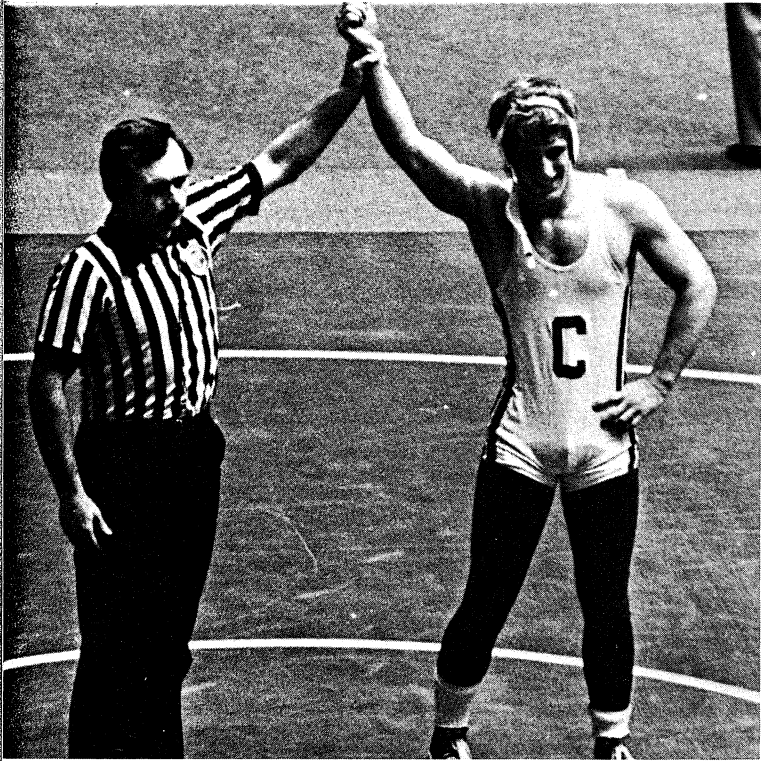


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Wrestlers discover 4th straight championship



Tod Thalken has his right arm raised as he becomes state champ at 155 lbs. Thalken beat Tim Richard of Omaha Tech 6-4 in the finals of the State Wrestling Tournament held in Lincoln Feb. 20. The Discoverers went on to receive their fourth consecutive state championship. (Discoverer photo by Andy Warnecke)

by Scott Arnold
Sports editor

We are the champions! Sound familiar? Well it ought to because Greg Labens wrote it in his sports column last year and for the fourth straight year Columbus is the Class A powerhouse in Nebraska High School wrestling.

Yes, it's four straight for the CHS wrestlers and three straight for Discoverer mentor Charlie Sherertz. Sherertz came to Columbus three years ago facing the tough task of taking over former coach Lanny Neese's job. Sherertz' first title came from a team with a little of Neese's blood left in them but the former two are all his. Sherertz knows how to breed a state championship team, he coaches and develops the wrestling program for the younger kids so he has the ingredients to work with when they become wrestlers under him. Sherertz knows how to mold his wrestlers into championship material.

However, the season had its downfalls too. Sherertz lost a few of the lighter weights before the season started. Sophomore Greg Wilson filled the empty spot quite well however. Sherertz had to dismiss Anthony Wilhelms from the team because of weight problems and John Arlt quit for personal

reasons.

These hindrances occurring late in the season left Eric Abdullah (105) and Brian Hitz (126) little time to qualify for the state qualifying but Abdullah came up just short and Hitz qualified just in time for the state meet.

Greg Wilson is Sherertz' sweet surprise of the state meet.

"I'm proud of all of them, but the guy who came through in the clutch was Wilson. The fact that he didn't win it isn't as important as the

points he accumulated enroute to the finals, he gave us a little breathing room," Sherertz said.

'Not completely satisfied'

When asked if he was satisfied with how they wrestled as a team Sherertz replied, "As a coach I can't be satisfied, the only way I could be fully satisfied is to have 12 state champs. The kids that didn't win probably realize why they didn't, and the underclassmen have 350 to

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Registration for juniors sophomores March 9-11

CHS sophomores and juniors should be ready for registration for the 1982-1983 school year.

On March 3, sophomores and juniors were given registration booklets and general details by the guidance counselors during their P.E. classes. Sophomores who have P.E. classes with Karen Hoops will actually register on March 11, and sophomores in classes taught by Charlie Sherertz will register on

March 12. Juniors will be registered on March 9 and 10, in their history classes.

All seniors should check to make sure course and credit requirements will be met for graduation. Seniors who plan to attend college should be aware of the various scholarships they may be eligible for. A complete list of scholarships and eligibility requirements is available in the guidance department.

Junior raffle is successful money maker for Prom

by Eric Peterson

In spite of early difficulties, the Junior Class Raffle held on Friday, February 5, was a success.

According to Harold Weatherford, junior class sponsor, many juniors didn't participate in selling tickets door-to-door until the last minute. Only five juniors attended a rally held Saturday, Jan. 30 to promote ticket sales.

"When they realized that if they didn't help, not enough tickets would be sold, they got involved and sold the tickets," Weatherford said.

Weatherford estimated that the cost of hiring a band to play for Prom would be about \$600.

The winner of the first prize in the raffle which was announced at a pep rally, Friday, Feb. 5, an AM/FM Pioneer stereo cassette player was Linda Cook. The second prize, a television video game, was won by Jo Micek, while the third prize, a stuffed animal donated by the CHS kitchen staff, was won by Mr. Howard Weisser. Seventeen other prizes were also awarded.

Senior eating habits vary during open campus lunch

by Karl Dierman

Perhaps you have seen someone walking down the hall before 5th, 6th, or 7th period with their coat on. Chances are that they were probably seniors going out to lunch.

Every year around this time there is an exodus of seniors from the building during their free periods. They are using the privileges that they earned. Open campus means more this year than it did in years before because of the tougher requirements in getting it.

Nevertheless, it's still Open Campus and it means the same things. It means going out to Burger King, McDonald's, etc. It also means going home and making your own lunch.

However, most seniors are paying the price for an Open Campus lunch. For example, a typical senior might try McDonald's on Monday, Burger King on Tuesday, eat at home with friends on Wednesday, eat at school on Thursday, and go to Pizza Hut on Friday. This would amount to a minimum of \$10 for lunch during the week, twice that of eating hot lunch every day.

Then why, do you ask, do seniors go out for lunch? It's simple, the

prestige of going out to eat while everyone else stays in school is the big thing. Also, many enjoy the food of fast food places better than the hot school lunch.

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There are other things that lure seniors away from school. The thought of having your own menu as well as eating in a comfortable atmosphere other than a cafeteria. Also, if you go home, you can stick a tape in the stereo and sit back and relax.

In addition to these things, there is a new twist to lunch-time this year. There are many students that spend their lunch money on video games at the local arcade. That is always fun once in a while as a change of pace.

So you see how easy \$5 a week for lunch can turn into \$15-\$20. Even so, most seniors still go out. It is a privilege and a tradition and most seniors are using it.

Absences for skippers down 95%

by Rhonda Shipley
Journalism I

Unexcused absences are down from last year under CHS's new attendance policy said Richard Patton, CHS Assistant Principal.

Patton said that last year there were 1,604 unexcused absences first semester as opposed to 89 unexcused absences during the first semester this year. Excused absences are about the same.

He is pleased with the affect of the new policy. It fulfilled his expectations which were to keep more kids in school more often, reduce the number of unexcused absences, expulsions and suspensions, reduce the time it takes

to enforce a policy, and reduce postage expense.

Patton said he wants to keep kids in school so they can learn responsibilities and be prepared for a job later on.

Patton said he believes the people with the best attendance achieve more.

One of the main fears Patton said he had was that under the new policy a greater number of kids would be suspended but this never happened. Last year during first semester there were 18 suspensions, 26 dropouts, and 12 expulsions. This year there were 13 suspensions, 11 dropouts, and no expulsions.

He also said that student behavior, school climate and

student performances have all increased. He believes that the change of policy has "really paid off."

Patton plans to keep the policy although he intends to revise it. At the end of the year he'll have a better idea what to do differently, he said.

He believes attendance will be about the same this semester.

"We're rolling in the right direction," he said. Patton also said, "I think we've got an exceptional group of kids."

Although Patton claims there is little resentment towards the policy, most students say they don't like it and would prefer not keeping it.

LB440 passes

Student school board member possible

by Susanne Wunderlich

How would you like to be a school board member? Well you may get the chance, to if you're a student council president, a senior class representative or a student elected by the student body that is trusted by the students because of LB440, which was passed by the State legislature in February.

During the last Legislative session LB440 was brought to the floor by Senator Karen Kilgarin. LB440 would allow the local school boards the right to appoint a student representative to serve as a non-voting member.

During the first round of debate the Legislature failed to advance the bill from first round to second round. One of the reasons why the bill failed to pass was because voting statistics showed the poorest

election turn out was the 18-21 age group. One of Kilgarin's aides said in a telephone interview that this was wrong because people between the ages of 19-21 are generally out of school. A second reason why the bill wasn't passed in the first round was because if the schools really wanted to they already had the power to select a student member as a school board member. Kilgarin's aide also said many of the senators felt that the student didn't have enough interest in government and school.

In a letter Kilgarin wrote to all Nebraska Student Council presidents she summarized the importance of LB440 in school law:

"LB440 would merely make our law clear that a school board may appoint a student member, who would be a student council president, a senior class

representative or a representative elected by all the students — in short, a representative who had already earned the trust of the students. Moreover, I am sure there are many instances where a school board, and the students, would find useful and necessary the direct communication a student representative would provide. And, I feel that young people are interested in their schools and government, and that we should extend to our young people meaningful opportunities for real participation."

The 13 senators that voted for the bill said they felt it was a good bill. Also they thought that the students should have some say in the school.

On Feb. 3 the bill was brought up on the floor and was passed to the second round because so many people were getting involved.

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Youth center: It's your last chance

by Chris Bleacher

Okay, people. This may well be your last shot at getting a Youth Center.

We went over this before, right? Right. Well, what happened to it? The City Council actually took the idea into consideration. Problem is, it's now being considered by the Public Property and Finance Committee, and may be considered there for quite a while yet. (Shoot for a year or so.)

Some interesting information has cropped up since our last mention of this great endeavor. For one, we have the money (*somewhere*) in city funds specifically reserved for such a project. So why don't we have a Youth Center? Because out of all of the possible areas to organize such a center, no one could decide upon the *right* location, so they just dropped the whole subject. Good, huh?

Well, as I said, this may be your last shot. If given the chance, authorities may well just sit on the idea again until it grows old and kicks off.

Or we could all write interesting editorials (or letters) to various members of the Public Property and Finance Committee to get them up off their duffs (or, to cut the red tape out, so to speak).

Time's a 'wastin'.

A few comments on turning over the books

by Terry Krepel

As you may or may not be aware of, the folks on the Columbus School Board have had to deal with a request by three local residents asking the board to give them a list of everything (and we're talking about *everything*; all textbooks, supplemental texts, films, etc.) that Columbus City School use to educate kids in every grade, K-12.

Unfortunately, there wasn't a list (at least not one big one), and the board wasn't too enthused about making one up. So, the people who wanted the list filed a lawsuit ordering the board to give them one.

The board then got it in gear and superintendent Fred Bellum came up with the idea of putting a copy of "everything" in the library.

What is this leading up to?

Well, under Bellum's proposal, none of the "everything" would have been catalogued or protected from theft, which means anyone could walk away with books, etc. without being caught. (This would come in handy if a student happens to lose his/her copy of it.)

And then, there's the underlying fact that there should have been a list in the first place. After all, the board *should* know what us kids are being taught. (Note: Board member Sue Lovci proposed that a list be made up and be updated every year. No one else on the board would support the motion. Dare I ask why?)

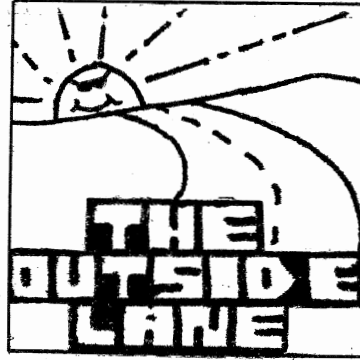
I have a proposal. Why doesn't the board make up a list of "everything", along with a copy or two of each, and keep it filed in the administration building? The board would have more control over it (so it's less likely to get ripped off), and updating it would be a lot easier.

One more thing. The three people who requested the list, Paul Zylstra, John R. Stotts, and Richard Gill, don't even send their kids to public school; they go to an unaccredited school run by a local Baptist church. Why they would want to know about stuff their kids aren't even being taught is beyond me.

I must say, it'll be interesting to see how this turns out.

Don't leave school without it

Author's Note: There is a moral to this story (the last paragraph.) Upon reading it, you will get something very valuable. I think.



by Terry Krepel

Scene: The CHS parking lot.
Time: Lunchtime on a normal school day.

Synopsis: Two typical CHS students decide to eat out for lunch.

"You doing anything over lunch?"

"Nope. Why?"

"You wanna run over to McDonald's to eat?"

"Sure, who's driving?"

"Me."

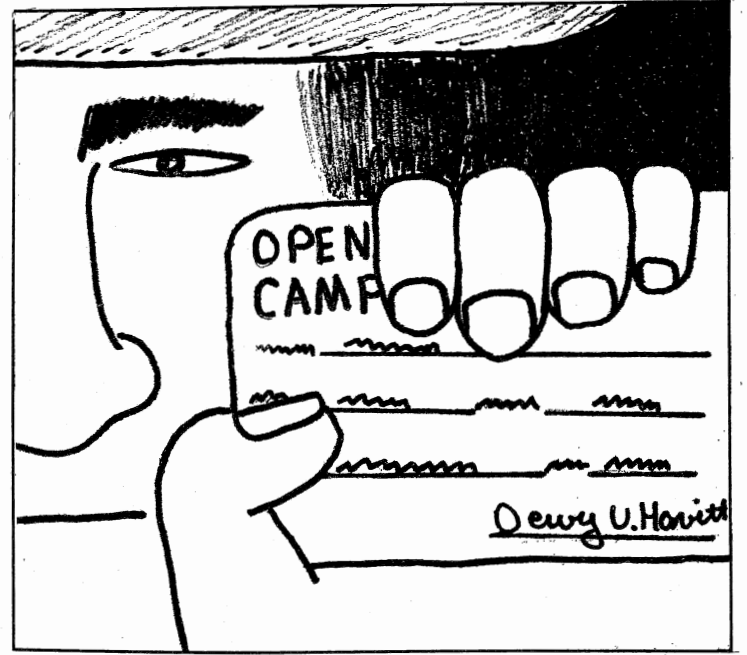
"Okay, let's go."

"Sure. What're you going to order?"

"I dunno . . . a Big Mac, some fries, and . . . omigod, what's that?"

"It looks like Karl Malden. You better stop before you hit him."

"Right . . . oh, _____! Lock the



doors, he's coming over to the car! What are we gonna do?"

"He looks weird with that hat and trenchcoat."

"He wants me to roll down the window!"

"Well, roll it down, idiot. What could he do to us?"

"Look at that face . . . it's . . . it's . . ."

"Mr. Patton!!"

"Hey there, kids, how's it going?"

"Uh, okay, I guess."

"Where are you two headed?"

"To . . . uh . . . McDonald's."

"Do you have your open campus

cards on you?"

"Umm . . . Yeah, let me check my billfold . . . Let's see, driver's license, ID . . . it's not here! I musta left it in my locker."

"Leaving school without your open campus card . . . what would you do . . . what *would* you do?"

"But . . ."

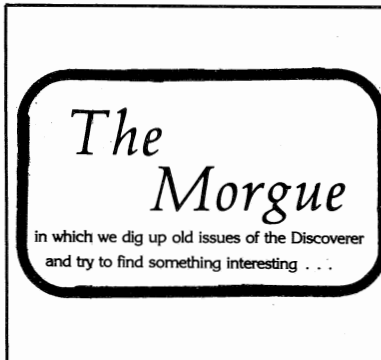
"Why don't you park your car and we'll talk about it in my office?"

"But, Mr. Patton . . ."

"In the office."

"Oh, all right."

"The open campus card . . . don't leave school without it."



Ever wonder why CHSers are called the Discoverers?

Well, I discovered (for lack of a better verb) the explanation in the September, 1941 *Discoverer*. The name was christened to Columbus' first professional baseball club in 1910.

The *Columbus Weekly Telegram* of April 29, 1910, had this to say about the whole thing: "No pet name has yet been given (to) the

Columbus team. Thomas, sporting editor of the *Omaha Bee*, has dubbed the locals the "Discoverers". Possibly there is no reason for it, because this town has always been a live one since it was discovered, and perhaps a rose may smell as sweet by any other name, but there ought to be in the dictionary another name easier to toss around uncerimoniously."

Apparently, there wasn't and as they say, the rest is history.

'If anything can go wrong . . .'

Murphy's Law reflects real world

"If anything can go wrong, it will."

Murphy's Law is generally accepted as a fact of life in the real world (the one with people in it). Many books have been written about this law, among which are *Murphy's Law* and *Murphy's Law Book Two* by Arthur Bloch (Price/Stern/Sloan), two collections of how Murphy's Law applies in various situations, or as Bloch says, a listing of "reasons why things go *συοιζα*." Here are a few:

Benedict's Principle: Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

Boling's Postulate: If you're feeling good, don't worry. You'll get over it.

Finagle's First Law (also known as the Chemistry Student's Creed): If an experiment works, something has gone wrong.

The Unapplicable Law: Washing your car to make it rain doesn't

work.

Photographer's Laws: 1. The best shots happen immediately after the last frame is exposed. 2. The other best shots are generally attempted through the lens cap. 3. Any surviving best shots are ruined when someone inadvertently opens the darkroom door and all the dark leaks out.

Conway's Law: In any organization there will be always one person who knows what is going on. This person must be fired.

Finagle's Creed: Science is true. Don't be misled by facts.

Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.

Laws of Applied Terror: 1. When reviewing your notes before an exam, the most important ones will be illegible. 2. The more studying you did for the exam, the less sure you are as to which answer they want. 3. 80% of the final exam will be based on the one lecture you missed

If you are given an open-book exam, you will forget your book. (Corollary: If you are given a take-home exam, you will forget where you live.)

Murray's Rules of the Arena: 1. Nothing is ever so bad that it can't be made worse by firing the coach. 2. The wrong quarterback is the one that's in there. 3. A free agent is anything but. 4. Hockey is a game played by six good players and the home team.

Churchill's Commentary on Man: Man will occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of the time he will pick himself up and continue on.

The Poker Law: A Smith & Wesson beats four aces.

Captain Penny's Law: You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool MOM!

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a bunch of lunch

by Chris Bleacher

Since the start of open campus on March 1, many seniors have taken the opportunity to eat out; either at home or at some fast food service. With all the coming and going, many people — such as, parents, administrators, and even the students themselves — have started to concern themselves with the cost of eating out and with the

nutritional values of the food consumed.

The following is a cost comparison, between the price that would be paid for an item served by the CHS cafeteria and the same item (or closest resembling) and its alternative cost as served and priced by a Columbus fast food restaurant.

SCHOOL LUNCH (A)

Cheeseburger (3 oz. raw meat, 1 oz. cheese, pickles, bun, ketchup, mustard)
French Fries
Green Beans
Apricots (3 halves)
Milk (one cup whole)
Student cost..... \$1.00

SACK LUNCH (B)

Minced ham sandwich (1 oz. meat, 2 tsp. margarine, two slices bread). 24
Carrot sticks (8) 06
Apple 40
Cupcakes (1 package) 41
Soft drink mix 05
Total cost \$1.16

Question: Where do you usually eat lunch?



Larry Jacobs

"I usually eat at Long John Silver's or Burger King."

"Mostly I go home and eat there." Kevin Bouc

"I like to eat at Valentinos." Lisa Bobert

"I go home for lunch and eat bologna or soup or something." Lori Ott



Nick Steinsburger

"I either eat at home or I play video games during lunch."

"Mostly I eat Burger King and Cheetos at a friend's house." Craig Walgren

School Food	Item	McDonald's* Barnies*
.65¢	Hamburger	.54¢
.15¢	Fries (small)	.49¢
.65¢	Shake**	.67¢
.65¢	Pizza (one slice)	
.10-.15¢	Dessert	.26¢-.52¢

*including tax

**item may not be sold separately; price is approximate

McDONALD'S (C)

Quarter Pounder (4 oz.) \$1.10
Regular Fries 48
2% Milk 40
tax 06
Total cost \$2.04

NUTRITIONAL CONTENT

Nutrient	A	B	C*
Protein (grams)	43.4	11.5	60
Vitamin A (I.U.)	2510	3640	15
Vitamin C (milgs.)	16.5	23	25
Thiamin (milgs.)	.37	.32	35
Riboflavin (milgs.)	.87	.25	40
Niacin (milgs.)	522	138	35
Calcium (milgs.)	522	138	35
Iron (milgs.)	5.5	3	25

*Percentage of USDA

At right are listed three menus. The first is an example of all lunch served in the cafeteria, the other an example of a sack lunch (both samples taken from Food Thoughts, an educational pamphlet available through the Department of Education.) The latter may be

compared to a lunch at home. The third is an example of a lunch served by the McDonald's Corporation.

Listed below them are the nutritional values of the same three meals.

Schlobohm has high hopes for theatre production

by Cindy Hansen
Journalism I

include "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The Miracle Worker," and "Calamity Jane."

In addition to "Get Smart," Schultz acted in "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and was student director of the musical, "Two by Two."

Shepherd said he feels if everybody gets their act together and some characters tune into their parts, the play should be good. According to Shepherd play acting is rewarding.

"He's the John Dillinger type, he's constantly wearing a big gun and takes control of every situation. He's the head of KAOS, and he's got a skin head," Puckett said.

"Get Smart" the upcoming play given by the CHS Theater Department will be presented March 8-9 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

"It's a lot of work and a lot of people who are willing to sacrifice nine hours of a week to make a good show," Martin said. Martin added that he'll know if the play is a success after opening night.

Dale Shepherd's part this year is "The Chief."

"You get to meet a lot of trippy people and good looking girls."

Puckett said his favorite scene is the conference between Mr. Big and Smart. Puckett has been in "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and "Calamity Jane."

Ruth Schlobohm, the director of the play, said she thinks the actors and actresses have accomplished a lot and feels the play will be a success.

Sheila Schultz has the leading lady role, Agent 99.


"He's the fatherly type until Maxwell Smart, better known as 86, shows up at which time the chief gets very frustrated," Shepherd said.

Yet another role in "Get Smart" is Mr. Big, played by Bill Puckett.

"But still again, there is lot's of work to be done," Schlobohm said. Andy Martin has the lead role, Maxwell Smart or Agent 86.

"She's the assistant to Maxwell Smart. She's supposed to have the hots for 86," Schultz said. "It's great and I'm really keyed, but I sure hope I don't screw up."

According to Shepherd, his character's most desired fantasy is "to kill Maxwell Smart and break every bone in his body to relieve the pressure in his brain."



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CHS'ers are getting smart

by Lori Stone

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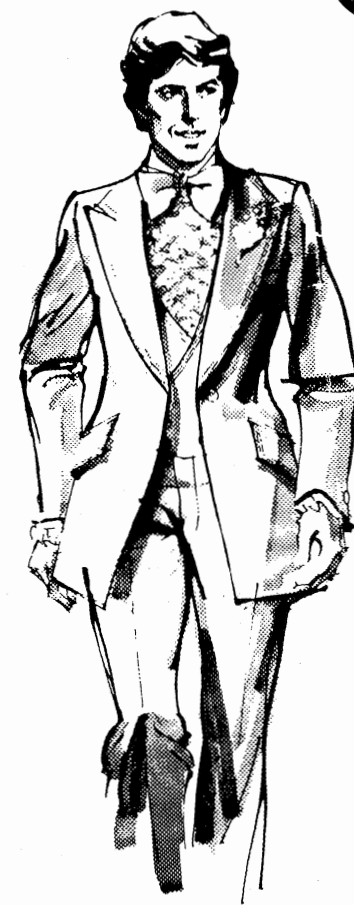
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Students at CHS enjoy acting and putting on plays. Ruth Schlobohm, theater teacher and director of the play "Get Smart" said, "I hope the students enjoy what they are doing and we would be wasting a lot of time."

Some of the students in the play gave their views on why they enjoy the play.

Shelia Schultz a Thespian member said, "The people are great and it's a blast."

Agent 44, also known as Dan Davidchik, said, "I like to act. Actors have the most creative minds and you don't know what's going to happen next."

"I just like to act," Billie Goedeken said.

Tony Robak said, "I like where Schlobohm placed us all and the variety of people that go with the show."

Suzi Averett said, "I like to be on stage."

Schlobohm said, "I'm sometimes too nervous to enjoy the play. I'm concerned with the moves and the lines but something becomes entertaining about the production and you forget that you even directed the whole thing."

Besides the enjoyment of the whole play a lot goes into it. "Every play is its own challenge. Different things have to be accomplished in each play. The challenge is what makes it worth while," said Schlobohm.

Other students mentioned include "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "The Miracle Worker," and "Calamity Jane."

Coach Bartholomew optimistic Golf season just around the corner

by Karl Dierman
and Scott Arnold

With the coming of spring, boys golf season is about ready to start.

The first meet is March 26, and Coach Bart Bartholomew said he is optimistic about the upcoming season. Looking forward to a good season, Bartholomew said, "I think we have some pretty good talent despite our lack of seniors." At the present it looks as though only one senior will play golf this year.

When asked if he was concerned with this year's team's lack of depth, he replied, "No, not at all. I

feel I have six boys that can play . . . I feel very optimistic and look forward to having a team just as good as last year's."

In closing, Bartholomew added, "I'm very eager. I'm looking forward to the coming season.

Practice starts the first of March, weather permitting, and our first challenge will be the Beatrice Invite."

It will be tough to repeat some of the accomplishments of last year's team, though. The '81 linksters garnered a Trans-Nebraska championship along with a second

place finish at districts . . . and a best-ever 6th place finish at the state meet.

The '82 team has lost stalwart seniors from last year . . . Troy Engdahl, Dave Lange, and Ed Fry. But three lettermen are returning. These include three-year letterman Karl Dierman, who took a 4th place medal at Trans and an 8th place medal at state . . . letterman Pat Pensick who took 5th at Trans and 2nd at Districts . . . and Shawn Miller, a two-year letterman.

Promising talent coming up include juniors Scott Arnold and Kevin Hall, along with sophomore Bob Hassler.

CHS mat men . . .

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360 days to do something about it."

At 98 pounds, sophomore Greg Wilson won three straight matches to hit the finals against who else but Paul Blea of North Platte. Blea had already beaten Wilson three times and took him down for yet another defeat. Wilson, of course, got second at a 5-2 loss at the hands of Blea.

At 106 pounds things went pretty well as expected with Steve Jakl of Millard South dropping a 4-0 decision over Sherwood Ellis of Omaha Northwest. Columbus had no qualifier at 105.

At 112 pounds junior Chet Hahn was stuck at the bottom of his bracket with defending state champ Tom Trout of Omaha Gross. It was sure to be a close match but Trout went on to win 7-5. Hahn was then defeated by rival Kevin Rohloff of Fremont in the consolation semi's. Hahn finished fifth at 112.

At 119 pounds heavy tournament favorite Tom Woodward, a senior,

disappointed no one as he roared through all his matches to a 9-3 decision over Bob Risely of Millard North in the finals. Woody finished first with an undefeated season.

Individual performances

At 126 pounds, sophomore Brian Hitz was beaten in the first round and did not place. Hitz had little varsity experience prior to the state meet and did well to qualify in the short time he had.

At 132 pounds, junior Kevin Zuroski and Tim McEvoy of Millard North went into the quarterfinals with matching records. McEvoy, however, came out of the match with the better record. McEvoy went on to receive fifth. Zuroski did not place.

At 138 pounds, senior Dave Staroscik was beaten in the quarterfinals by Bill Holloway of Ralston 5-4. Staroscik did not place and Holloway went on to receive sixth.

At 145 pounds, talented

sophomore Charle Sherertz won two matches by wide margins to reach the finals facing his ultimate rival Wilbert Smith of Omaha Northwest. Smith beat Sherertz 8-2 and Sherertz received second.

In the 155 pound match senior Todd Thalken didn't know what to expect from Tim Richard of Omaha Tech. Richard was picked the favorite by the Lincoln paper. Thalken and Richard had never met before and both wrestlers hit the finals with unblemished records. Thalken, however, went out onto the mat just as he always does and hit a couple of his crowd pleasing throws. He dominated the entire match and went on to "upset?" Richard 6-4.

At 167 pounds, senior Rick Podraza was beaten by David Austin of Omaha Tech by a 5-1 decision. Defending state champ Pernel Gatson returned as state champion this season with an untouched record on the year.

At 185 pounds, Pat Galley was beaten first round and didn't get a chance to redeem himself in the consolation rounds. Steve Hanel of Omaha Northwest and crowd pleaser Larry Kohler of Ralston had an exciting finals match in this weight division with Handl coming out the victor 8-6.

In the UNL division senior Leroy Krueger wrestled very well up to the semi's where he was pinned by heavy favorite Stan Parker of Bellevue East. It was relayed by reliable sources that Tom Osborne (Continued on page 5)

Westlers have girl for manager first time ever

by Amy Zywiec

The wrestling team broke one of their traditions this year by having a girl for a student manager. In the past, the student manager had always been a guy. But this year the manager is a girl.

And this girl is CHS senior, Keri Tooley.

Tooley said she decided to try to be the student manager because she liked to watch wrestling and she thought it would be a new experience and a challenge. CHS wrestling Coach Charlie Sherertz said he was a bit skeptical because of possible drawbacks such as how the guys would accept her and locker room difficulties. But Sherertz said he decided that it would be better to have someone that liked the job instead of just taking some one who really didn't want it.

Carrying robe bags seems to be the most difficult job there is to do. But besides doing that, Tooley attends all of the practices. She also gets ice when a wrestler is hurt, tape, shoelaces and any other items that may be needed.

"Sometimes when there is nothing to do I just relax and sleep on the mat," Tooley commented, "it's not really a hard job, just time consuming. Practices are everyday after school for two hours and on meet days I put in a lot more hours."



Keri Tooley

The guys accepted her very well. "At first they didn't say much to me except "I need ice", but now they talk to me all the time and accept me as the student manager."

Coach Sherertz stated, "Not any girl could fit it but Keri did. A lot of guys wouldn't have accepted her well."

When asked about what is the most embarrassing thing about her position she said, "If one of the guys find out something secret about me it gets around the wrestling room so fast you wouldn't believe it. Then they use it to tease me with!"

Seniors and sophomore attend state honor choir

by Micky Behrens
Journalism I

On February 11, six CHS students attended the Wesleyan Honor Choir at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

The Honor Choir is a choir of musically gifted high school students from all over the state. According to Nathan Smith, senior choir member, most of the choirs are made up of seniors, "because they have more musical background."

Because of this, it's unusual to have a sophomore make an honor choir. However, one of the CHS students that attended this honor

choir is sophomore, Jay Augustin. Augustin said he thought it would be hard for him to make the choir, because he is a sophomore. Although, he said, he knows now that he made the choir simply because of his singing ability and not his age.

The most important thing to do to qualify for an honor choir is practice, according to Boyd Bacon, choir instructor at CHS.

"If you don't spend very much time practicing on the music, you won't be very well prepared."

Some of the other people that sang with the Wesleyan Honor Choir are: Mickey Senften, Beth Theilen, Dennis Launderville and Kathy Lococo.



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The application deadline for the summer program is March 15, 1982, and for the year program it is April 5, 1982. Interested students can get information by calling YFU at 515-276-6301.

Four straight for CHS matmen . . .

(Continued from page 5)

id Roger Craig came to watch rker wrestle and were in awe of at they saw. Craig was said to e stated, "Man, that guy is a se." Osborne just nodded his ad. Krueger went on to receive h and Parker, of course, came out top of them all.

'the class act'

The class of the class A had to be tween Todd Thalken, Tom odward, and Pernell Gatson. alken beat Tim Richard, whom had never met before, and who is picked the favorite over TT. alken is a very flashy wrestler, it asks you never have to worry out him. He dominates all of his atches by a longshot, even if he y wins by one or two. Pernell atson, a two-time state champ, is y talented. He's not a crowd aser. He's just plain good. Tom

Woodward has to be one of the most talented wrestlers in high school wrestling today. Woody just doesn't have any weak points for his opponents to capitalize on.

Heavyweight Stan Parker is probably as dominate in his weight class as these three but he's just not impressive. He rarely has to last to the third period (because he pins everybody) but when he does he cuts it pretty thin. He almost got stuck in the third period by McCormick.

Sherertz was fairly optimistic before the tournament, "I felt we had a good chance, there so many things that can happen though. It's the supreme 'pressure cooker.' It's easy for something to go wrong and for someone to panic. I felt if the kids wrestled to their full potential we would win it easily. It takes dedicated athletes to win a state championship, they have to be

willing to pay a price their competitors won't pay. These kids can't quit when the going gets tough and they have to have a singleness of purpose."

Can they do it next year? Sherertz isn't sure.

"Next year could be the biggest challenge since I've been here. Omaha Northwest has two returning state champions, we have none. There's at least one returning wrestler from the finals of every weight class. It's going to be tough for that reason. Both of our champs will have graduated and two of Northwest's three will return."

"I wouldn't rule out a repeat, I'm proud of all Columbus wrestlers. I'm proud of the fact we only had four starters return from last year and we won it. Based on that if we do a good job of preparation it's possible to be contention again next year."

No. 1 ranked Hunters left in dust

Intramurals wound to a close on Tuesday Feb. 23 as High Seven won the championship by beating the surprising 1st Generation 54-30 in the championship game of the post-season tournament.

High Seven was not challenged in the tournament as their average margin of victory was 26 points.

The tournament was an exciting one as there were many upsets and close games. The 1st Generation, who upset the powerful and previously unbeaten Hunters in earlier tournament action, beat the

talented Athletic Supporters 44-38 in the semi-finals. Their cinderella dream was then ended by High Seven in the finals.

It was a good year for Intramurals as many CHS got involved, and there was plenty of enthusiasm and exciting play. Intramurals were well organized by sponsor Larry

Anderson. He was assisted by members of the CHS basketball team who officiated, and a few senior girls who kept stats and ran the clock.

Final Standings

team	record	off. avg.	def. avg.
1. High Seven	7-1	40	27
2. 1st Generation	4-5	31	33
3. Athletic Supporters	4-4	36	33
4. Hunters	6-1	36	27
5. Kamm-O-Flage tie	5-2	32	25
Doobies	5-2	30	29
7. MTXE	4-2	29	28
8. Boilermakers	3-3	29	26
9. Clash	2-4	26	29
10. Basketball Jones tie	1-5	26	33
0-10's	1-5	21	33
12. Spooner II	0-6	12	44

Individual Scoring

ppg	avg
1. Karl Dierman	18.3
2. Dan Wallin	12.0
3. Mike Whiting	11.0
4. Bill Puckett	10.7
5. Jim Kamm	10.4
6. Todd Lindquist	10.0
7. Jeff Becher	9.8
8. Troy Paben	9.6
9. Chuck McCarthy	9.4
10. Kevin Drummond tie	9.0
Mike Freeman	9.0

Swimmers 1st and 4th at Big Ten

by Karl Dierman

Both the boys and girls swim teams did well at the Big Ten swim meet on Saturday, Feb. 20 in Hastings.

The girls team took their 3rd consecutive Big Ten championship. They dominated as they beat the next closest team Hastings by 112 points. The victory was a total team effort as all the girls contributed. Junior Kelly Lovci scored wins in the 50 freestyle with a time of 26.45 and the 100 free with 58.73. Junior Marcie Herrold cruised to a pair of wins and meet records. She won the 100 free with a time of 1:59.85.

Herrold also set a meet record in the 500 freestyle with a 5:20.05. Junior Renee Weisser set a meet record with her time of 2:21.31 while winning the 200 individual medley.

The relay teams did well as the 200 medley relay team of Chris Lee, Karen Ablard, Herrold, and Kathy Lee, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Jenny Lee, Kelly Lovci, Linda Gray, and Renee Weisser both won their races.

The boys finished in the middle of the pack as they swam to a 4th place finish. They were led by their 200 medley relay team of Pete Hoffman, Steve George, Craig Walgren, and

Scott Adkisson who took first place with a meet record time of 1:46.33.

Also, sophomore Pete Hoffman took a first place medal in the 100 backstroke with a 1:00.42. Both the boys and girls are now working for the state meet in Lincoln Feb. 25-27.

Girls scoring: 1. Columbus 297 2. Hastings 185 3. Scottsbluff 177 4. Grand Island 134 5. North Platte 110 6. McCook 105 7. Norfolk 90 8. Fremont 70.

Boys scoring 1. Hastings 238 2. Norfolk 230 3. Scottsbluff 192 4. Columbus 177 5. North Platte 109 6. Grand Island 99 7. McCook 80 8. Fremont 44.

Stuco members visit Norfolk High

by Karl Dierman

Feb. 10, ten CHS Student Council members traveled to Norfolk to visit Norfolk High as part of a student exchange that is being worked between the Norfolk and Columbus High Student Councils. The exchange, which is in its first year, went over well as all the Columbus students enjoyed themselves and benefited from the trip.

Columbus students who made the trip included seniors Larry Jacobs, Kelly Lovci, Lori Ott, and Karl Dierman. Juniors who went were Chris Lee, Heather Jenny, Kathy Lee, Susi Averett, and Janet Jones. The only sophomore was Marilyn Lucera. The sponsor for the trip was student council advisor Chris Dixon.

The purpose of the trip was to share ideas as well as to improve relations. Also, it was to experience the different methods and attitudes of another class A high school.

The students saw many differences between the two high schools. For example, Norfolk runs an eight period day with 50 minute class periods. This has increased their learning time, but according to Mr. Doran, Norfolk Vice Principal, it has made it very difficult for the students to get into all the classes that they want to take.

Also, Norfolk has home room every day. This takes place before third period and is eight minutes long. Most Norfolk students think that the home room is a waste of time. At NHS the classes are larger in size than they are at Columbus. NHS has approximately 200 more students than CHS, but their enrollment is down over the last couple of years.

Some good points from a student's view about Norfolk High is that students are only required to take a minimum of five classes as compared to six at CHS. While seniors only have to take three classes. Also seniors have open campus for all free periods, and

juniors have it for their lunch period.

While in Norfolk, most of the Stuco members got a chance to test the NHS school lunch. CHS students don't know how lucky they are with the lunches they get. At Norfolk there is no choice of main dish, only two other items besides the main one, no combo line, no malts, no salad bar, and the portions are smaller than what CHS offers. However, it does only cost 90¢ to eat.

When asked what differences between Norfolk and CHS stood out to her, senior Lori Ott said "The kids

seem to have more freedom in the school, but they don't seem to have as much class choice. Also, the school is newer than CHS."

Norfolk students will be traveling to CHS on March 24.

"When the Norfolk students come here they will see a different school, and different methods," Chris Dixon said. "The trip was successful for our kids as they saw a different school and they improved relations which was the purpose of the trip."

The trip was a success and the CHS students were well received by the very hospitable NHS student body and administration.

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Students express differing opinions toward the phantom of the auditorium

by Terry Krepel

Depending upon who you talk to, there may or may not be a ghost in the CHS auditorium.

Angie Morrison thinks so, recalling a time when one of the grates in front of the stage "fell for no reason."

Marilyn Kucera doesn't think so. "Who would haunt this theatre?"

Shelia Schultz is a believer. "During the musical ('Two By Two'), when the lights were on in the pit for the band, one of the lights (for seeing the music in the otherwise dark auditorium started to flicker on and off. Then stopped, and it never happened again."

Theatre teacher Ruth Schlobohm is skeptical. "The only ghost in here is the one who messes with the lighting."

Bruce Zimmerman said he actually saw the ghost when up on the catwalk leading to the spotlight. "It was a big one. Scared the _____ out of me."

Suzi Averett feels that every theatre has its Hamlet. Entering the theatre at Platte College once, Suzi recalls, "I heard footsteps on the catwalk. And there wasn't a soul in there."

Regardless of the actual presence of a ghost in the auditorium, there is The Story. Compiled from talks with a few seasoned veterans of the CHS stage, The Story goes like this:

When the auditorium was being constructed some twenty-odd years ago, a construction worker fell to his death from a steel girder in the roof. And, some say, he is still buried down there somewhere, under the stage, in those infamous tunnels.

The Story has yet to be verified. Not a lot is known about the ghost, if there is one. But people would love to find out more, like Liz Laux: "Personally, I'd like to know the guy."

Tunnels may be host for pranksters, even ghosts

by Chris Bleacher

Could the tunnels that run beneath the auditorium be a hiding place for possible pranksters, even ghosts? Maybe.

However, a recent investigation of these tunnels reveal no such person (or thing) trying to pull the leg of the CHS players, who seem to have been hit by a series of unexplainable events. (But then again, ghosts can't be seen, can they?)

Upon ducking into the tunnel entrance one may have second thoughts about the whole expedition. A clutter of chairs and tables are arranged in stacks for storage purposes and these must be threaded through.

Then comes the actual tunnel. For maybe a hundred feet, the walls are lined with various stage props, including two easy chairs (rockable, yet) and a television. If indeed there is a ghost, he or she might find this a comfortable living room.

After this living room, it's all tunnel (and all shadows.) There is one light at the end of the concrete hall, just about when the extension cord to your light runs out.

At this point, the breeze that has been blowing steadily past, has become a strong, cold wind. The end of the tunnel may, however, be a solution to this mysterious wind, part of the ghost stories that have been stalking CHS.

There is a metal grate against the end wall. The breeze is quite obviously coming from this area. What lies beyond the grate? Who knows. Maybe our ghost is just some kid who found his (or her) way into the tunnels through the grating. Then again, maybe the grate is there to keep something in.

Ghost stories shadow Scotus halls: Student recalls mysterious encounter

by Chris Bleacher

Editor's Note: There's a rumor going around about a ghost at CHS. Well, here is a story that's all fact, and it took place at Columbus Scotus High School on a Monday night in April. The student who witnessed this event would like to remain anonymous; his name in the story has been changed.

Dean had just finished play practice for the night. It was a dress rehearsal, and after he got out of his costume he headed for his locker. He glanced down toward the end of a hallway and, seeing someone down there, he stopped to take a closer look. This time he saw nothing.

"It scared the _____ out of me." So Dean ran back to the play director, who took the time to calm him down.

Still curious as to who or what he could have seen (and taking it to have been a 'who') Dean went

outside and looked down at the nearest exit from the hallway in which he saw the figure. At first he saw nothing; then he watched someone walk in that same exit. When he stepped back inside the school, he noticed a light in a classroom along that hallway that "wasn't on before and couldn't possibly" have been on then.

Dean left for home and thought nothing more of it until three days later, when he was again rehearsing for the play.

This time, he was in a room by himself, practicing his lines. "I heard someone knocking on the door . . . they knocked three times", and at that point, Dean said, he looked to see who was knocking. "No one was there."

So, Dean went back to rehearsing, figuring someone was "fooling around."

A few moments later Dean said he

heard a noise. "I looked across the gym", said Dean, "and I saw someone go through the doors . . . I chased him."

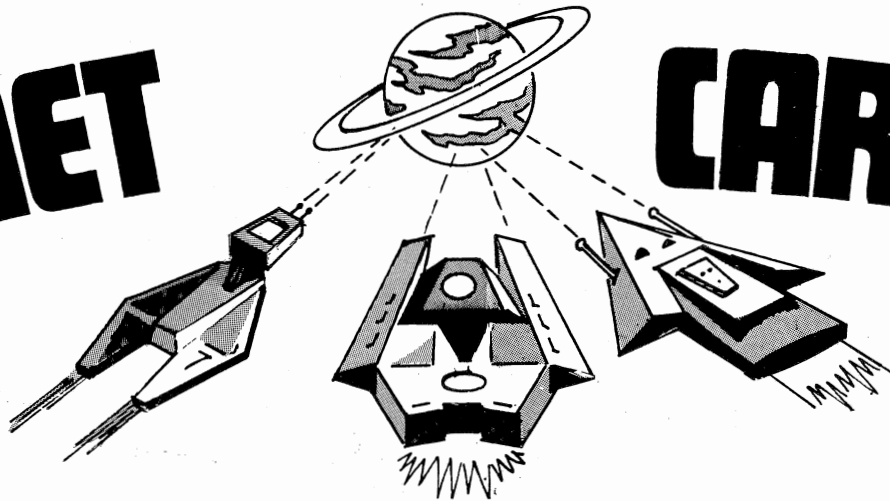
Dean said the figure he was chasing looked at first as if it was wearing a robe of sorts. (There were no robes used for the dress rehearsal.) At second glance, though, Dean said he was chasing a "black, shadowy figure."

During the entire chase, all the doors the two passed through locked behind them, and when Dean came to the end of the hallway and found no one there (with no other possible escape) he had to "bang on the doors" and "yell" for somebody to let him out.

"Nobody was ever found," said Dean. "I'm not saying I saw a ghost . . . I'm not saying I saw anything, but . . . Strange things happen at school but nobody thinks anything of it."

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