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Job Service slashed from budget

by Chris Bleacher

Students of all ages may have a difficult time finding a job this summer as rumors of the Nebraska Job Service branch in Columbus going out of business become a reality according to Bill Weekly.

Weekly, manager of the Columbus branch of Job Service, said that due to the manner in which congressional cuts were interpreted for Nebraska, there now is a "very good possibility" that the company may no longer be able to operate.

The cuts were either to be in the

area of unemployment insurance, or in Job Service of Nebraska.

According to Weekly, the Columbus branch would have gone out of business some time ago if not for Nebraska's Governor Charles Thone granting a contingency fund to the company. With the contingency extension, the service went into effect until mid-March.

"In the meantime," said Weekly some angry citizens are writing to congress in the hopes that they might reverse their decision.

Weekly said that to students looking for jobs, "it will be

disastrous," especially around detasseling time.

He feels that local kids could turn to the Nebraska Job Service branches in other areas, such as the Norfolk vicinity, "but they can't provide the same . . . service as Columbus can." Weekly added that want ads in local newspapers will not be able to provide decent service either, as "people don't respond to ads . . ." as well.

Until possibly the next administration takes office, Weekly commented, "Once this office closes-it's gone."

Rotary Club selects Kiser for trip

by Susanne Wunderlich

The International Rotary Club has selected Don Kiser, a CHS substitute teacher, to go on a seven-week tour of South Africa, with a select group of people.

Kiser and five other people will leave Omaha April 23 and fly to New York City. After the group reaches New York they will board a plane that takes them to Johannesburg, South Africa. They will spend most of the seven weeks in Johannesburg while studying Africa.

Kiser said he heard from a member of the Rotary Club here in Columbus that they were looking for people to represent Nebraska on a trip to Africa. Kiser had to fill out an application form and complete an interview before he was selected. The interview took place after Kiser had filled out the application form and was selected by the members of

the Rotary Club here in Columbus. After he was selected he was interviewed by the State Governor of the Rotary Club, Robert Perry, and six other Rotary members throughout the state, after which he was one of six to be selected in Nebraska to go.

Among Kiser's traveling companions are Paul McIntash who is the team leader and a Rotary Club member. Toni Pasquale, Stan Worth, Norm Marks and Robert Timms will also be traveling with Kiser. These six people will be living with families in Durban during their stay in Africa. Durban is a city and seaport in the Republic of South Africa. It is also the third largest city in the Republic.

Besides traveling, Kiser said the group will visit schools, businesses, governmental offices, as well as listening to speakers that will discuss African-related topics. The visiting Nebraskans will also be

promoting their state and country. Kiser said the group members will also have to do their homework because when they come back they will be asked to speak to various organizations about their Africa experiences.

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CHS spirit regulated by Big Ten Conference rules

As the boys' section at CHS basketball games get rowdier and rowdier, rules and regulations must be recognized more and more. Cliff Hopp, CHS Athletic Director he would like everyone attending such activities to honor the following Big 10 Conference rules.

1. Signs and banners are not to be displayed at the contest site during the contest. The exceptions are that each school may have one banner which states their school nickname. (Note: No restrictions unless set by a specific school on signs or banners around school or at rallies during the day. However, these must be removed at least an hour before game time.)

2. School flags are not permitted at contests.

3. Musical instruments are to be played only as a part of an organized yell or directed pep band.

4. Pep/stage bands can play

during dead ball only at basketball games.

5. No confetti or other items are to be thrown on the field or the floor.

6. Megaphones are to be used by cheerleaders only. Megaphones being used by members of the student body other than cheerleaders will be confiscated and not returned.

8. Skits performed during the contest should not demonstrate disrespect toward players, coaches, or officials and should not display intimidation.

9. No spirit sticks or noise makers (i.e. air horns, cowbells, whistles, etc.) are permitted. Spirit whistles are to be performed in front of their respective crowd only.

In addition, Hopp said these points are heavily stressed . . .

1. No signs or banners of any kind are allowed, regardless of whom the opponent might be.

2. Cheers which contain profanity are not permissible.

Schedule problems slow pep rallies

Curious as to why there haven't been too many pep rallies lately?

Well there are a few reasons for this. The week of January 4-8 classes were to be run without interruption. Also January 11-15 was the end of the semester which means the semester tests, and classes were not to be interrupted for this purpose either.

Pep rallies are usually organized by the head cheerleaders and the

head chantleader. There are a lot of things that go into the planning of a pep rally. First these girls have to get organized and decide what is to be done at the pep rally. After that is done the skits and such have to be approved by Kim Korth, Pep Club Co-Sponsor and then go on to be approved by Vice-Principal Richard Patton.

Pep rallies support all the sports

no one sport is singled out among the others just to be used for a pep rally.

The pep rallies are planned out one by one because there is always something changing in the schedule.

Mona Schoenrock, Co-Sponsor of Pep Club said, "There is a great deal of cooperation and effort among all the squads."

'Section A' returns vigor to CHS

by Karl Dierman

As many of you know, there is an exciting new enthusiasm in the boys section at Columbus High basketball games.

The boys section, known as "Section A", has shown the enthusiasm, excitement, and spirit that has not been seen since Jack Johnson's era as CHS basketball coach.

There are many reasons for the enthusiasm shown. One reason is the success of this year's team. Also, the CHS cagers have an extremely exciting style of play that breeds excitement by itself.

The enthusiasm didn't hit its new level though until after the Grand Island game in Grand Island.

The Islander's crowd was the most vocal the Discoverers had seen. They were the springboard for the CHS boys section.

When asked why the new enthusiasm, Senior Shawn Mueller said "When we saw how the Grand Island crowd got involved, we realized that we should get going also."

The CHS crowd did get going and became the hoopsters' "sixth man" on the court.

"Last year the crowds were stale so this year we wanted to give the team more encouragement." Senior Craig Walgren said.

"Wog" added, "We have a number of guys dressed as Blues Brothers and we have a Super Discoverer. They are there to encourage the team and spark the crowd."

When asked if the new enthusiasm helped the team, coach Al Schnabel said "The crowd is great. I definitely think it helps the team. I do hope it is kept clean though."

Keeping it clean, however, has been a problem. At the Fremont game a number of students were ejected from the building for various reasons. The next week a set of rules and regulations was posted in the office window. Also, strict rule enforcement has been placed on the crowd by the administration.

However, the spirit is still going strong. One of the most enthusiastic fans, Junior Clarey Castner said, "We are excited about the team because they are fun to watch and play close games." Clarey added "The Super Discoverer is sorry if he offended anyone and shall return."

The Super Discoverer is a panty-hosed fanatic with goggles and a cape. He leads the crowd in cheers and is a mascot. Also "Section A" features a group of Sophomore-led "Blues Brothers."

Hopefully "Section A" will stay loud and continue to spark the crowd. They are a definite factor as Columbus' sixth man on the court.

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Faster than a speeding quarterback . . . more powerful than a wrestler . . . Able to leap tall basketball players in a single bound . . . it's SUPER DISCOVERER!!! The Man of Maroon (alias mild-manner Clarey Castner) strikes a pose for the Discoverer. (Discoverer photo by Craig Walgren)

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Reaganomics hitting home

by Chris Bleacher

Reaganomics is beginning to take a heavy toll on high school students. Many find themselves facing large financial problems as their funds for college (through the Social Security System) are being diminished or even completely cut off.

Not to mention the most disturbing budget cut weighing on the minds of local students. That of the closing of the Columbus Nebraska Job Service.

Of course these cuts hurt students, but look at how far our nation is in debt. (Something like one trillion dollars.)

Everyone's toes are getting stepped on lately, and it's not as if we haven't heard from them. The thing is, America has lived without federal benefits paid directly to citizens for as long as 100 years. Maybe longer. Do we *really* need them now? Even at the risk of the rich getting richer and the poor, poorer?

Look at it this way; at least we're not in Russia, where the authoritative powers couldn't care much less what happens to the Russian citizens (unless, of course, they happen to be in the military). At least we are no longer striving to be on our own as Poland now is.

We have a government that tries to look out for its citizens, democrat or republican. That, we should be well proud of.

And if we have to work a bit harder, save a bit longer, to help bring our nation out of debt, we should be glad to do it.

About that little grassy area . . .

by Terry Krepel

Why can't something be done with that little grassy area that this school surrounds?

As of now, it serves no purpose, it is an eyesore, and it must be a pain for the school maintenance crew to mow it.

That swatch of ground has such limitless possibilities, I'm surprised that it hasn't been developed yet. A few examples of what can be done: A fabulous commons area, an amphitheater, a good six-lane swimming pool (as a swimmer, I had to include that) anything could be done with a little creativity.

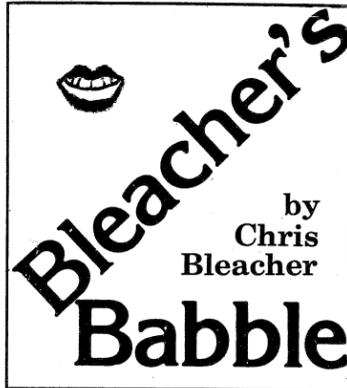
I think I know what the problem is . . . who pays for it? Several years ago, Student Council asked CHS students to submit suggestions and designs for the area. Unfortunately, Stu-Co isn't in the position to do anything with it now, being that they're in debt.

The alternative to Stu-Co footing the bill is the school system footing the bill. But, a) would they; and b) if they wanted to, could they spare the money?

Still, as it stands now, it looks like nothing will happen for a long time. Too bad.

Diary of a commercial addict

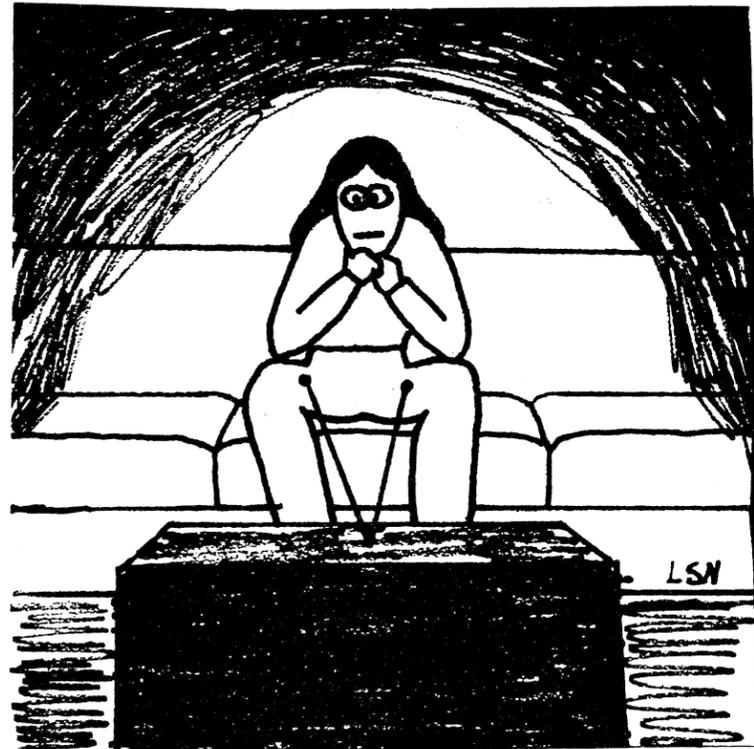
Recently I realized that I was a heavy addict. I couldn't go a day without my usual dosage. T.V. commercials have taken that much control over my life.



I'm sure this is the case with many teens. Even if you sit down to an hour or so of T.V. daily, you're bound to be hooked on the endless ploys to do business with "Biff", break open a jar of "Mighty Frog" or just plain sit and listen to all the super qualities of a company's product.

Let's examine the situation cosely.

First off, are these things realistic? Well, let's put it this way; have you ever stuck your nose down somebody's shirt and yelled "Ring-around-the-collar"? On your way to school today, how many fat ladies did you catch dancing with their cits? When's the last time you held up a foot race to eat a potato chip? If Annette Funacello walked up to



you, would you speak to her of peanut butter?

Keeping these simple thoughts in mind, I should have found it easier, to come off T.V. commercials cold turkey. Instead, I went into withdrawal after missing two commercials in a row. I just couldn't hack it.

I tried listening to the radio; it didn't work. Radio commercials are no compensation for T.V.

I tried to hide the television cord

from myself; the withdrawal symptoms only worsened.

Finally in dismay, I hurled my cat into the washer in the hopes that the machine would sing about how glad it was to be washing with Zap.

Needless to say, that didn't work either.

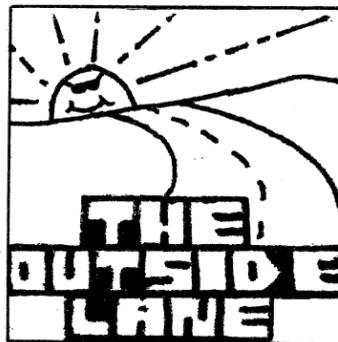
Finally, I gave up my plight, sat myself down in front of the tube, and was greatly relieved.

Unfortunately, my cat still bears a grudge.

Searching for the right college

Picking the right place to go after high school can be, to say the least, an experience.

Beginning with the taking of the ACT, students are bombarded with



by Terry Krepel

mail from colleges and universities all around the country, most of which you've never heard of before in your life.

In order to show what you sophomores and juniors will be up against soon, let me describe two pieces of mail I got the other day from post-secondary institutions.

The first one was from Ozzy Osbourne University. I'm not considering going here, mainly because the envelope had a picture of a headless dove on it, and the stationery used was from the Des Moines Holiday Inn.

And then there was the contents of the letter itself, which dwelled on the subject of rabies. Need I say more?

The other one, however, I'm still thinking about. This is the dean's letter from the brochure of the College of the Great White North:

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Dear Prospective _____:

Good day. I'm Bob McKenzie, Dean of the College of the Great White North, and this is my brother Doug.

Good day, eh. We're just gonna like, take turns at the typewriter here and put our heads together and get you to come here.

Yeah, we got classes like Back Bacon 101.

And Back Bacon 102.

We also have . . .

Wait, _____, you can't say that word!

Aw, take off! Waddaya mean, we can't say that word? We *always* say

that word!

I know, but these are innocent high school students. People won't like it.

Like who?

Principals.

Oh. So, what do we do?

I don't know, eh.

Well, okay, so like, why don't you come up here to the Great White North and we'll tell you what the work is and we'll drink a few of those words.

Sounds good, eh. I think I'll have one right now.

We're running out of paper.

We are?

Yeah.

Oh.

Now, wouldn't that be an interesting place to spend four years?

The Morgue

in which we dig up old issues of the Discoverer and try to find something interesting . . .

Did you know that there are words to the CHS fight song?

Yes, that's right, there *are* words. Looking through the *Discoverer* archives, this reporter found the October 7, 1942 *Discoverer*, and, on the front page, next to stories on cheerleader tryouts and guidelines for air raid drills, were the "new" words to the newly-selected CHS fight song. This is the story, as they wrote it, headlined "This Is Your Song - Learn It!"

"This new 'Fight Song' was born in the third period senior English class taught by Miss Nina McKennan. One morning when the class was discussing problems and the various ways of solving them, Clifford Fitzsimmons suggested writing a new song as a project. A day or two later, a committee consisting of Virginia Jane Walter, Fitzsimmons, Calvin Gloor, Wayne Wolfe and Ted Kenfield congregated in the band room to pick the music. Later, words were added and the song submitted to the student body at the first pep rally of the year.

The story behind the fight song

"Although he will probably disclaim it, Clifford Fitzsimmons has much credit due according to everyone involved. He was the one who brought the idea to the class and kept pushing till it materialized. He also wrote most of the first stanza."

And here it is:

(Tune: Chicago U.)

Fight! Fight! for old Columbus;
Cheer her on to fame
Fight! Fight! for old Columbus;
We will win the game. Rah! Rah!

Rah!

Our gang is out for victory
O'er the friend and foe.
Fight! Fight! for old Columbus;
Come one, gang, let's go. Rah! Rah!
Rah!

Wave the colors for Columbus;
They've been tried and true.
Wave the colors of Columbus;
We are proud of you. Rah! Rah! Rah!
They've led our team to glory;
Old Maroon and White;
Wave the colors for Columbus.
Come on, gang, let's fight. Rah!
Rah! Rah!

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Girls excell at Lady Husker Invite

by Karl Dierman
A strong CHS girls swim team took a 4th place finish at the Lady Husker Invitational swim meet held at the Bob Devaney Sports Complex on January 29. The meet was highlighted by the presence of most of the top girls teams in the state.
Columbus was spurred by the performance of Marcie Herrold. She scored a first place finish in the 100 freestyle with a meet record time of 1:58.26. Herrold also earned a second place

finish in the 100 butterfly. Columbus relay teams also did well as the 400 freestyle team of Kelly Lovci, Kathy Lee, Renee Weisser, and Herrold took a 2nd place finish, and the 200 medley relay team of Chris Lee, Becky Van Dyke, Karen Ablard, and Lovci took a third place finish. There were other lady swimmers that did well. Karen Ablard took a 3rd place in the 100 breaststroke and a 5th place in the 200 medley. Kathy Lee and Kelly Lovci finished 5th

and 6th in the 50 freestyle. Also competing and doing well for Columbus were Senior Linda Gray, who did well in the 200 and 500 freestyles, and freshmen Jenny Lee, Mary Dierman, and Jenny Davidchik. The lady swimmers are now looking forward to the Trans Nebraska meet on February 13 in Columbus and the Big Ten meet in Hastings on February 20. The Columbus girls have to be considered favorites at these meetings.

Kiser selected for trip

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Kiser stated that his foreign language background isn't a reason for his selection, but he added that it will probably come in handy. Kiser said most of the African people he will meet are English speaking. He said that the people there also speak Afrikaans Dutch which is a African language. When asked why he was selected Kiser said that the Rotary was looking for people who work well with other people. He also added that they were looking for people who could live in flexible places.

In addition to his African tour Kiser will be touring Arizona. This fall we won't be the only students that will be going to school. Kiser said he has also been accepted to graduate school. Kiser will be attending the International Management school in Arizona. The school has a one-year program for people that are bilingual or people that have the ability to speak two languages. One can study things such things as foreign marketing and public relations. Kiser said he has wanted to attend this school for a long time.

Youth alcohol problems topic of panel discussion

by Eric Peterson
The growing problems of drinking and alcoholism among teenagers were discussed Tuesday, January 26 at a panel discussion held in the CHS auditorium. The panel, which was chaired by CHS Principal Robert Dierman, included members from outside the Columbus area who have had first-hand experience with teenage drinking problems and their prevention and treatment.

Eppley Unit. They explained how they became addicted to drugs and alcohol, and got to the point where they didn't care about anything else. Finally, their parents took them to the Eppley Unit, where they underwent treatment that has helped them to stop using drugs and alcohol.

Speaking first was Jane Berger, the program director of the Eppley Chemical Dependence Unit in Omaha. Berger outlined the treatment process used by the Unit, which includes a 50-day full-time inpatient program and two to three months of part-time outpatient counseling. Berger stressed that for the treatment program to be successful, the patient's parents must be involved. Berger said that drug and alcohol abuse among teenagers is a growing problem. "The problem is there, and we need to be aware of it, rather than trying to avoid it," Berger said. The next speakers were Diane and Chris, two teenagers who are currently being treated at the

Steve Knittle, an inpatient treatment counselor at Lincoln General Hospital's Center for Youth Alcoholism, spoke next on his experience with the treatment of alcoholic adolescents. Knittle said the Center, which can handle 20 inpatients, has a waiting list of 40-50 people. He said that most of the patients aren't there because they want to be cured, but because they want to please someone else, usually a parent. By the time they get to the center, Knittle said, the most important thing in their life is to be stoned. Alcoholics get drunk because they are afraid and are running from someone or something. Knittle emphasized that alcoholism is a disease, like cancer, that can strike anyone. Alcoholics should not be punished or blamed, but treated as people with a disease that can be cured, Knittle said.

Cagers back on the right track, beat Warriors 77-57

The Discoverer basketball team is "back into the swing of things" and music can once again be heard in the lockerroom. The hoopsters came off of three heartbreaking one-point losses with a 77-57 drubbing of the Schuyler Warriors. Todd Moon contributed 10 field goals and went four for four from the line to lead the team with 24 points. Also sparking the Discoverer offense were Jay Bullington and Jim Tarnick with 16 and 14 points respectively. Taking top honors in assists was Tom Alt with nine, Pat Pensick obliged with

seven points. Jim Tarnick crashed the boards bringing down 12 rebounds. John Louis followed with nine rebounds. Despite the spark of "Section A", the team had been a little discouraged due to the close losses that had preceeded the Schuyler game. It was suggested by the Columbus Telegram that Coach Schnabel was in need of a lucky rabbit's foot. The sophomores obliged the Telegram plea and rewarded Schnabel with one before the Schuyler game. Schnabel kept it in his pocket during the game.



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Wrestlers trip Spartans 46-6

by Amy Zywiec

The Columbus matmen traveled to Lincoln East, January 19, and took one more step to winning another state championship, winning 46-6 over the Spartans.

Brian Hitz, who usually wrestles for the junior varsity squad at 126 pounds wrestled on the varsity team to get the first pin of the night against Keith Lavin, in 1:15. Co-captain Todd Thalken who wrestles 155, had a pin in 3:53 against Rick Jones. Heavyweight Leroy Krueger pinned Tony Holecheck in :58 seconds. The fastest pin of the night came from the 185-pound Pat Galley in :48 seconds against East's John Frashiem.

There were two superior decisions at the 112 and 119-pound classes, from Chet Hahn who sup. dec. Chris Ott 16-4 and Tom Woodward who won 18-3, against Steve Palmer.

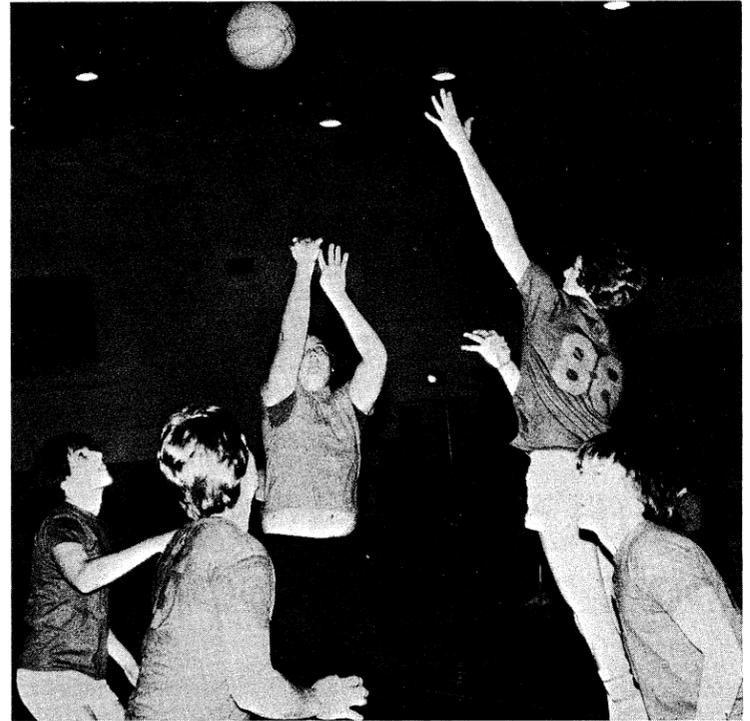
Greg Wilson, Anthony Wilhelms, Charlie Sherertz, and Rick Podraza won their matches by regular decisions respectively. While Afzal Abdullah and Brent Nyffler lost to their opponents, each by one point. Greg Wilson had an outstanding match as well as Anthony Wilhelms. Both are working to get down to their usual weight classes.

Wilson wrestled at 105, but was about four pounds under. Coach Charlie Sherertz said that being four pounds under weakened Greg a

little, but he still won 4-0 against Don Hilligoss. Wilhelms wrestled at 132 against Roy Houser who is rated 6th in the state, to win 5-0.

Coach Sherertz also said that Afzal Abdullah and Brent Nyffler wrestled against good varsity people, but couldn't get the draw or win. He also stated that it's a good situation when he can have junior varsity people fill in for varsity wrestlers when they are sick, injured or having trouble making weight.

Making weight has been somewhat of a problem at times this year for the Discoverers, but shouldn't be a problem after their last dual against Fremont since they'll only have to make weight once a week.



The Clash attempt to score during intramural play. Pictured left to right: Tim Schilling, Jim Kozak, John Weilgus, Mike Jenny and Jeff Barnes.

Look for 7-3 record

Sophs reign over Norfolk

by Scott Arnold

The sophomore basketball players avenged an early season loss with a 64-38 pounding of the Norfolk sophs on January 28. They went into the game with a record of 3-3 and broke even to hit a 4-3 record.

Coach Mark Mueller said he was pleased with his players' accomplishments throughout the game.

"The team as a whole had 21 assists, that in itself shows a lot of individual unselfishness," Mueller

also added, "We played well at both ends of the court, but I feel that our defense 'made our offense.'"

High scorer for the team was Marty Sipple with 15 points. Don French and Scott Spale with 13 and 12 points respectively. Marty Sipple and Brad Scheidegger led the team in assists with 5 apiece. Don French led in steals with 2.

French commented, "We played control ball like a team should... we were also more relaxed for this one. I'd like to see us go 7-3."

Joe Kobus added, "Coach Mueller seems to be happy with the win, and so are we, our main goal now is to win the next 3 games and finish with a 7-3 record."

Dave Barr also commented, "The whole team contributed to our offensive attack, on the other end of the court French crashed the boards to make a good defensive game possible."

The sophs next challenge will be with the Hastings Tigers on Feb. 11, they hope to be 6-3 after traveling to Hastings.

Intramural's fifth year proves to be best ever

by Tom Ek

Intramurals have been dribbling on for three weeks now and the sponsor of Intramurals, Larry Anderson said he's very pleased about the way it has been going. Anderson said that there hasn't

been any trouble with any of the teams yet and he hopes there won't be.

Intramurals have been in existence for five years and Anderson said that this is the best year ever.

There are two divisions in Intramurals and the way Anderson went about dividing the teams was to have every team play the same amount of games. The only problem with the Intramural system so far has been the girls wanting to play Intramurals. Anderson said that he had nothing against girls playing but it was impossible to schedule them this year because there were too many teams already playing. However, one way the girls could play in future years is to have their own division.

So far in Intramural play the teams stack up like this: In Division I, **Kamm-o-flage** would have to have a slight edge over **High Seven** and **The Hunters**. After the arrival of Karl Dierman, **High Seven** plays like a new team. However, the **Hunters** are probably the most likely contender of the two. Also keep your eyes on the **Athletic Supporters** as they have only lost to the **Hunters** and **Kamm-o-flage**.

In Division II the **Doobies** would get the nod. But don't leave out **MTXE**. This young sophomore team has a lot of talent. Close behind are the **Clash** and the **Boilermakers** who are in a dogfight for a chance at the title. It should be a tight race to the wire.

Wrestlers rated No. 1; 42 straight dual wins

by Scott Arnold

Our Discoverer wrestlers have proved why their team is ranked 1st in the Class A ratings. Every CHS varsity wrestler is rated in the top six of his weight class in the latest Class A ratings.

Here's how CHS wrestlers rate:

98 lbs.	Greg Wilson	4th
(Rated 2nd is Chris Perrone who John Arlt beat 15-2 in last year's 98-pound championship)		
105 lbs.	John Arlt	1st
(Arlt took 1st at 98 last year . . . rated 2nd is Steve Jakl who handed Arlt his only loss last year — Arlt pinned Jakl in the state semi-finals in 5:17 last year)		
112 lbs.	Chet Hahn	2nd
(Rated 1st is last year's 105-pound state champ Tom Trout — Hahn beat Trout 10-6 and was named "Wrestler of the Meet" at the Millard Invitational)		
119 lbs.	Tom Woodward	1st
(Woody took 3rd last year at 112)		
126 lbs.	Anthony Wilhelms	2nd
(Wilhelms took 4th as a 119-pounder at state last year — Rated 1st is Shawn Knudson who took 5th at 112 last year — look for a battle between these two wrestlers this year)		
132 lbs.	Kevin Zuroski	1st
(Zuroski wrestled some varsity last year and finally has a solid varsity position this year — he has looked very tough so far this year)		
138 lbs.	Dave Staroscik	6th
(Rated 1st is Shad Carpenter who took 3rd at 138-pounds last year)		
145 lbs.	Charlie Sherertz	2nd
(Rated 1st is Wilbert Smith who has handed Sherertz his only loss so far this season — Sherertz beat Smith earlier this season in the Bellevue finals)		
155 lbs.	Todd Thalken	2nd
(Rated 1st is Tim Richard, a very talented wrestler who beat Kelly Person in semi-final wrestling at state last year)		
167 lbs.	Rick Podraza	5th
(Rated 1st is last year's 155-pound state champ Pernell Gatson — Gatson beat Thalken's foe Tim Richard 10-9 in the finals of the state meet last year)		
185 lbs.	Pat Galley	3rd
(Rated 1st is last year's 3rd place winner Steve Hanel — rated 2nd is Larry Kohler. An intimidating wrestler who defeated Galley in dual action vs. Ralston earlier in this season)		
HWT	Leroy Krueger	3rd
(Rated 1st is last year's state runner-up at hwt Stan Parker)		

The team, of course, is rated 1st in all of Class A wrestling. No team has come close to challenging our wrestlers yet this season. Trailing the Discoverers in the rankings are Omaha Northwest, Omaha Gross, Bellevue West, and Bellevue East, who are 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively. Last year at this time Columbus had just climbed back atop the Class A ratings and had knocked previously 1st ranked Hastings all the way down to 5th. Hastings had stunned Coach Sherertz and his matmen at the Kearney Invite by beating them out for 1st place by 2½ points.

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