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You Have To Go (?) To Urinetown

By Sebastian Alfonso (10)

Central's fall musical gives you more than a few things to think about next month as it satirizes such institutions as our legal system, capitalism, bureaucracy, and municipal politics. Beginning in Central's auditorium the evening of November 14th and repeating the next night and following Sunday afternoon, the program also brings a healthy (or unhealthy?) dose of bathroom humor. After all, what would you expect from a musical called *Urinetown*?

The play also parodies Broadway musicals as a form, including *Les Miserables*, *Chicago*, *The Three Penny Opera*, and *West Side Story*.

Urinetown is set in a municipality bedeviled by a twenty year drought. Water has become so scarce that private toilets are no longer an option. Deprived citizens are at the mercy of a single corporation which maintains a monopoly on the town's public facilities.

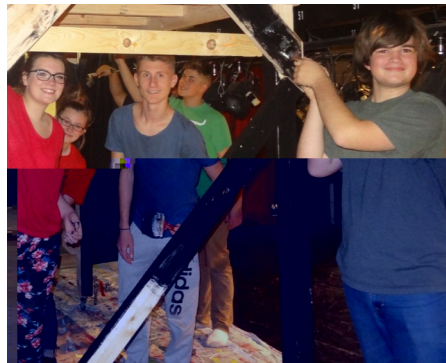
The townspeople must pay taxes and fines to carry out their most private and basic of needs. Out of the mass of the suffering, a hero rises to lead his fellow citizens against the tyrannical regime.

Among many good things the musical has going for it is the choreography. "The dancing is incredible this year," says cast member Laura Christenson (12). According to Stage

Director and Central teacher Ms. Emily Gill, "The dancing is stellar."

"This is a musical you do not want to miss. It will blow your pants out," says cast member Gabriela Nesheim (12). "Everyone should be able to understand some things and question everything," says Will Pratt (10). "Everyone's been working really hard on it and it should be a really interesting musical," says stage manager Lucy West (12).

Will you be there? Don't miss it! Central musicals are great entertainment!



CENTRAL STAGE CREW members work on preparing the set for the musical, *Urinetown*.

What's Up With The iPads?

As of Tuesday, the revised schedule for students to receive iPads is Monday, November 24th, during a special advisory held 6th and 7th hour. *Please be aware: this could change!*

Check out Serena's photos at www.emerald-photography.com Like her on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Emerald-Photography-Serena-Sykes/484938544877856?sk=timeline>

Sadies Is Coming!

By Sheng Thao (10)

Calling all Central students, especially girls! The annual Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held at Harriet Island on November 20th. Make sure you ask your date soon. This year's theme is western/wild west, so try to figure out how both of you will dress up.

Did you know that the idea for girls asking the guys got started back in the 1930s with a comic strip called Lil' Abner? In the comic strip, there was a day in November where all the unmarried ladies got to chase after the eligible bachelors in hopes to marry them. Sadie Hawkins was a girl who was the "homeliest gal in all them hills." Her father was eager for her to finally get married.

Well, Central girls, it's almost November. But you don't really have to get married!

Central Band To Play

The Central Symphonic band, directed by Mr. Matt Oyen, will travel to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in St. Paul on November 11th to play such songs as "America The Beautiful" and "Armed Forces Salute."

The Veterans Day performance is a Central band tradition to honor the men and women who have served and fought for America.

Veterans Day was first known as Armistice Day, to mark the end of World War I. Later the name was changed to honor all American veterans.

Will YOU Help Central Go To State?

The Mighty Minutemen hope that the Simley Spartans don't have a ghost of a chance of winning tonight's Halloween clash at Griffin Stadium that determines which of the two teams makes it to the Section 5AAAAA state championship tournament series. Central goes into the game with a 7-2 record. The Spartans sport a mark of 7-3.

According to Central Coach Scott Howell, "It's exciting. It's challenging. I'm looking forward to it."

Howell regards Simley as being "very good offensively" with a very good quarterback. Defensively, the Minutemen's opponent is also good, with some members even achieving all-state status in the sport of wrestling.

Following Central's Saturday afternoon victory against Hastings, the Minutemen were able to view a game in which Simley defeated St. Thomas Academy. In doing so they, of course, became a little more familiar with tonight's opponents.

The Central student cheering section was very sparse in Saturday's home game against Hastings. Perhaps you can do something tonight to change that. Come to Griffin at 7:00 P.M. and help cheer your team to a state-qualifying victory. Don't forget to dress for the weather. No matter what, look for a cool time!



SENIOR GARRETT GARDNER POWERS ON for part of his 187 rushing yards in Central's 42-34 Saturday section playoff win against Hastings. The Minutemen will be at Griffin Stadium tonight to battle the Simley Spartans and attempt to become the first Central football team to ever go to the state tournament. Will you be there to help them by trying to cheer them on to victory?

Upcoming Events

ELECTION DAY: November 4th—EVERYONE 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER should make their voice heard by voting for such offices as Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, state legislators, and other positions. Polls are usually open until 8:00 P.M.

CENTRAL FALL MUSICAL (URINETOWN): November 14th, 15th, and 16th in Central's auditorium

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE: November 20th at Harriet Island, across from downtown St. Paul

PROFESSIONAL DAY: November 21st—no school for students

IPAD DISTRIBUTION(?): November 24th (note: tentative date)

THANKSGIVING BREAK: November 27th and 28th (no school)

SHE FASHION SHOW: December 5th

How Do I Vote?

If you have turned 18 on or before November 4th, you can do something that you may have waited your entire life to do...you may finally get to help choose the people we elect to run our national, state, and local governments.

To be able to vote, you must register to do so. If you have not already registered, Minnesota allows you to register on the same day of an election. To do so, you must be a United States citizen with a valid identification. A Minnesota driver's license will work fine. Sorry, a Central I.D. card probably won't be accepted.

One way to find where the precinct place where you are supposed to vote is located is to go to pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/. Once you get your ballot, you get to exercise your right to choose whoever you think will be the best people to help lead us to a better future. Vote wisely!

Central Student Spotlight



Serena Sykes (12)

By Aiden Yano (12)

This edition of Student Spotlight features 17-year-old Central photographer Serena Sykes (12). Serena pioneers her own photography business—Emerald Photography—and sometimes takes senior photos for students all across St. Paul. She owns multiple film, digital and antique cameras which help her improve her craft as she travels to visit family.

How long have you been taking photos? About 6 years.

What kind of camera do you use? A Canon 60D.

Where's your favorite place to take pictures in the Twin Cities? The Walker Arts Center Sculpture Garden.

What's your favorite kind of photography? Portrait photography

What kind of editing software do you use, if any? PicMonkey.

What have been your best and worst experiences in photography? My worst would be when I was longboarding and fell landing on my lense, breaking it. My best experience would have to be every time I hold my camera.

What Do Some Minutemen Students Do On Halloween?

Kiara Welch (11): Either I go to a party or I watch my nephews.

Taleahia Mitchell (9): I have fun and play around.

Kamila Oman (10): I go trick or treating, Chipotle canoe and then I watch horror movies all night.

Samira Harare (12): I do not celebrate it, because of religion beliefs.

Moling Xiong (12) I stay home and lay low on Halloween.

Zeynaba Abdi (11): I watch horror movies.

Nasheed Jefferson (12): I go to Valley Scare most years. I party on Halloween in my costume.

Kate Dumiup (10): I hang out with my friends, dress up, and sometimes watch scary movies.

Yeabsira Zeleke (11): I go out with friends and punk on other kids.

Naly Yang (12): I go trick or treating with little kids in Brooklyn Park.

Andy Donnelly (9): I normally don't do much—just hand out candy to kids.

Kapri Menz (12): On Halloween I usually go to parties and head out to Chipotle.

Hafsa Omar (10): I go trick or treating.

Pierce Kostohris (9): My mother takes my sisters and me to some of the oldest neighborhoods in St. Paul to go trick or treating because many of these neighborhoods are said to be haunted.





IF YOU WEREN'T AT HOMECOMING earlier this month, you missed the coronation of (from left) 2014 Royalty King and Queen seniors Poe Maw and Myrah Lee, Prince and Princess juniors Jabriel Lemon and Sophie Skilbred, Duke and Duchess sophomores Will Pratt and Frankie Kukich, and Lord and Lady freshmen Reggie Hill and Amy Lee. Your Mighty Minutemen, of course, won the football game, defeating Johnson 48-20.

Fall Sports Enjoy A Great Amount of Success

By Marcy Damman (11)

Central's football team captured the conference with a record of 4-0. The team goes into tonight's section championship game with an overall mark of 7-2. The game will determine if they go to state.

The boys' soccer team finished first in the conference with a record of 10-2. Their overall record was 14-3-1. Their season ended with a second place finish in their section following a loss to eventual state champion East Ridge.

The boys' cross country team finished first at their conference match at Como Park GC. In sections they concluded their season by finishing sixth.

The volleyball team finished third in conference with a record of 8-4. Their overall record was 12-12. In sections, the team defeated St. Paul Academy but was defeated by St. Croix Lutheran.

The girl's soccer team finished first in conference with a perfect record of 12-0. Overall, their record was 16-2. Their season came to an end in section play after defeating Minneapolis Roosevelt but losing to Blake.

The girl's tennis team finished second in conference with a record of 5-1. Their overall record was 7-11. Zoe Klass-Warch made it to the state tournament where she achieved one victory.

The girls' cross country team finished second in conference. At their section meet they finished tenth, concluding their season.

The girls' swimming and diving team finished first in conference with a record of 5-0. At their conference meet they got first, defeating their closest competitors by a wide margin. Central set a new conference record in the 200 Medley relay (Madeline Moberg (12), Isabella Fairman (11), Erin Kennedy (12), and Mary Cerkvenik (11)) with a time of 1:53.05. Kennedy also achieved new conference marks in the 100 Butterfly (56.78) and the 100 Free (53.70). Section competition begins November 6th.

A Central Father and Son Compete Against Each Other

Paul and Jakobi Jackson have much in common. When Paul attended Central in the early 1980s he was, like his son Jakobi is now, a football star of considerable accomplishments. Both men scored several touchdowns as running backs; both played good defense. Paul did a lot of kicking and punting; Jakobi has returned a lot of kicks and punts.

Paul taught Jakobi a large amount of football information as the younger Jackson was growing up and was even involved in coaching his son from third through eighth grade.

The last two years, however, have been rather difficult. That's because Jakobi has been a Central star and Paul's job has been that of a Defensive Coordinator...at Harding.

Imagine the situation when Central played Harding this year and last. On one sideline is Paul, who of course loves his son and wants him to do well and demonstrate his skills for Central. He may also want Jakobi to play superbly for the college scout or scouts who are sometimes in the stands. On the other hand, part of Paul's job is to try to make his son NOT do well.

In turn, Jakobi loves his father and wants to show the skills that his dad has helped him develop. However, when he does do well, at least on offense, Jakobi might help make his father look bad.

According to Jakobi's mom and Paul's wife, Denise Jackson, "It's always a stressful week around the household" when the two teams are about to play each other. "I'm always glad that it's over." However, with family on both sides, "I always come out the winner." According to Paul, Denise sits on the Harding side for one half and the Central side during the other.

For Paul, the situation is a difficult one in part because he wants Jakobi to do well, but also knows that he (Paul) has "a job to do to try to win the game."



FATHER AND SON Paul and Jakobi Jackson and Jakobi's mom, Ms. Denise Jackson

To make things worse, Paul is also coaching against his old school, two of his own former Central teammates (Coaches Scott Howell and Dave Gubbrud), and he knows that his defensive schemes are recorded and accessed by other conference schools.

Jakobi's perspective includes that he has been taught to win at all costs but "I don't try to show up his defense." After all, every time he looks across the field he sees "that one person who got me to the level that I'm at."

How have things turned out? As Paul notes about each Central-Harding game of the last two years, Jakobi "still scored on me [one touchdown per year]. But I've been able to do a pretty good job slowing him down."

Now that the battles are over, both men can concentrate on helping Jakobi get into a good college situation. But the Jacksons have another son, Keylan, a ninth grader who is now a very promising Central football star. Will there be new, big time matches? Probably not—Harding and Central are no longer scheduled to play each other.

Aiden Yano's Music Review

On October 2nd, actor, comedian, writer and rapper Donald Glover aka Childish Gambino released his mixtape: STN MTN with the counterpart EP: Kauai, dropping on iTunes the next day. This release is a very enjoyable listen for fans, taking the audience on an auditory ride through the daydreams of Childish Gambino.

This 18 track project features guest artists: Kari Faux, Young Scooter, Royalty, Christian Rich and, most notably, Jaden Smith. Gambino reached out to Jaden to play the role of The Boy from his last project: Because The Internet, in which the album came hand in hand with a screenplay he also wrote. Jaden delivered some solid spoken word pieces that accentuated the overall theme of Kauai and fit nicely with the personality of Childish Gambino.

STN MTN carried a heavy, yet careful, atmosphere reminiscent of his attitude and delivery on his previous mixtape: R O Y A L T Y. DJ Drama and Gambino put out some solid tracks here like the hard-hitting A**Shots (Remix) feat. ROYALTY or Candler Road, a song released on his Soundcloud a month previous to the release that features a beat switch up halfway through that reflects the two opposing sounds of STN MTN and Kauai.

This tape was uncharacteristically lacking in production by Gambino himself, choosing to opt instead for somewhat lower quality instrumentals. Lyrically speaking, the content was nothing exciting, but that was essentially Gambino's goal in this tape: to showcase what his sound would be like if he were a true Atlanta rapper rather than the unorthodox artist he is today.

Kauai takes on a more laid-back, sunshine-and-seagulls feel that transports the listener to Gambino's Hawaiian paradise with songs like Sober or Late Night In Kauai, featuring Jaden Smith. It's a real contrast from STN MTN, singing about relaxing in a tropical island with a beautiful girl over light synthy beats rather than rapping about being the best rapper in Atlanta on 808-heavy instrumentals with Southern hi-hats. While there are times where Gambino goes into a quicker delivery like on the song Retro, the focus is more on his singing and monologues to paint the mental image of this Pacific island.

Loyal listeners of Childish will most likely enjoy this release as it holds most of the pieces that fit into the product characteristic of Childish Gambino: generic singing and vocals, entertaining lyrics with varying delivery and somewhat unorthodox production. While these elements would probably appeal to the majority of Gambino's listeners, people who look to this for their first taste of him may not like what they hear. (Aiden is a Central senior and Editor of this paper.)

BONUS: HERE ARE A FEW CONCERT WORDS FROM BEN XENOS (10): Featured Concert: Peter Hook and the Light, Fine Line Music Cafe, 8:00 P.M. November 15th, *10/5 stars*: Hello y'all! This week I'm writing a shortened version of my column, because this isn't 2nd grade and we all know how to share. I decided to highlight one concert and that is the prolific Peter Hook! The Joy Division and New Order member is coming to the Twin Cities, where he will be performing songs from the albums Unknown Pleasures, Substance and Low Life. One of the most talented bass players in music, Hook will no doubt astound audiences as he always has. His live shows are one of the most electrifying out there and will be a great experience for anyone. If you are going to only one concert this year, my advice would be to make it this one. Cheers!

A New Club for You?

By Sheng Thao (10)

If you've been wondering about Central clubs, here is some information on five more clubs that you can join!

SHE is a female empowerment group that meets twice a month on every other Wednesday. Its eight board members plan events to grow as leaders and for a stronger community. SHE is having a fashion show on December 5th. Last year they raised \$300 for Women's Advocates, Inc. This year they plan on having clothes or toy drives to donate to children and women, also they want a support system for high school students!

Fresh Force is a community service club. It meets Tuesdays in Room 2307. The group plans to volunteer in nursing homes on Thanksgiving and Christmas and to do bell ringing for The Salvation Army. They also plan to raise money for charities. Recently the club did a walk for breast cancer.

Student Council members meet every other Thursday with all members and with executives every Monday morning. They organize things like dances and our recent pep fest. They are currently working on things for the Sadie's dance and for a blood drive.

CHASA is a club that works on preserving the Hmong culture. It meets on Thursdays. CHASA members play a lot of traditional Hmong games. The club has events coming up like the New Year at Harding. They are also working on Central's New Year celebration with CACC and would also like to fundraise money for events.

Do you love to act? Join **Improv!** Improv meets every Wednesday in the Black Box theatre from 2:15 P.M. to 3 P.M. Improv also works on theater skills and wishes to work more on script work. Improv wants to have a show for families and friends soon.

Visitors From France

Central served as a temporary place for experiencing American culture for a group of French students earlier this month when a group of about twenty-five of them arrived from Caen.

While here, one of the many things French students did was attending our football game with Highland. "The American football game was awesome! The atmosphere was amazing," wrote Charlotte Sebire and Pauline Foucher. "I think the match was pretty impressive," wrote Arthur Gate, who also indicated that "It's funny because they hit each other like rugby."

The French students were also here to form friendships with their Central host students. Next spring, some hosts will go to France for about 10 days.

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