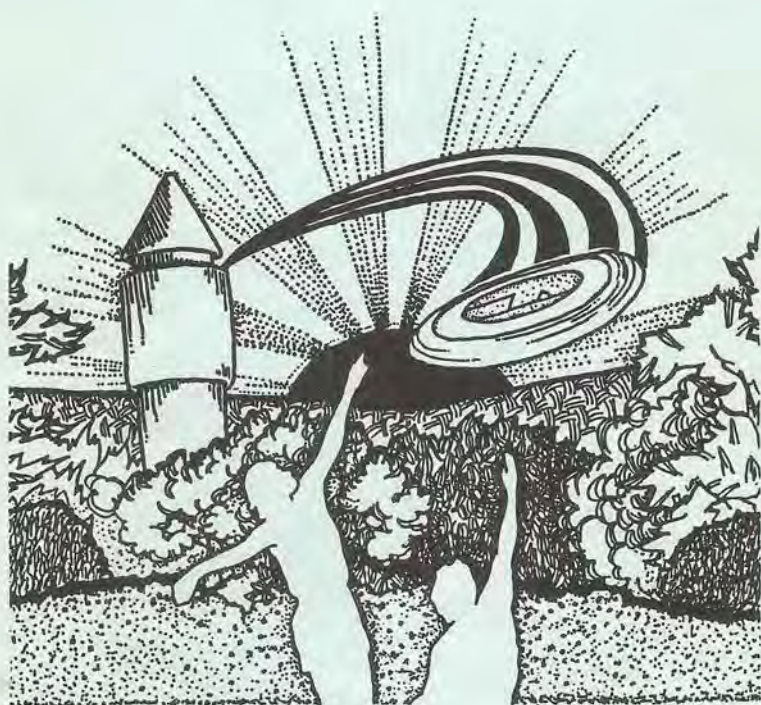


1989
CENTRAL ULTIMATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS



May 13 & 14
Kalamazoo, Michigan



Somewhere on the road

Welcome to the eighth annual Central Ultimate Championships. The Park Hippiies from St. Louis are back to defend their open division title, and Nemesis is back to defend the women's title. Over twenty mens and womens teams from all over the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions are here to vie for the trophies.

Over the years the Centrals have hosted teams from Washington DC, Boston, New York, Pennsylvania, Ontario, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and of course, Michigan. We're glad you made the long trip (see above) to be here this year.

Enjoy your stay in Kalamazoo. Let's remember we're here to have a good time. Honor your opponents' calls, and make honorable calls yourself. Settle disputed calls quickly, so the game can continue.

YES THERE REALLY IS A KALAMAZOO

Kalamazoo is a Potawatomi Indian expression meaning "place where water boils in a pot". The description refers to the rapids at a crossing of the Kalamazoo River.

Kalamazoo was the home of Orville Gibson, of Gibson guitar fame. In the early 1900's Gibson handcrafted mandolins from his own design. His second-story workshop on East Michigan became a hangout for local musicians. Today the Gibson Les Paul ranks with the Fender Stratocaster as the classic rock and roll guitar.

While in Kalamazoo, check out WIDR-FM, 89.1, Western Michigan University's alternative radio station. If you're looking to shoot some pool, head to Waldo's on West Michigan, and ask for Fatty or Floyd.

Some highlights of Kalamazoo's social calendar are the Barking Tuna Music Festival in the spring, the Wine Tasting Festival and Music on the Mall in the summer, and Oktoberfest in the fall.

The tower depicted on this year's tournament design is the water tower at the Kalamazoo State Hospital, Michigan's first state hospital for the insane. It is a landmark for miles around, except you can't see it from the fields we're playing on. Look for it as you drive around town.



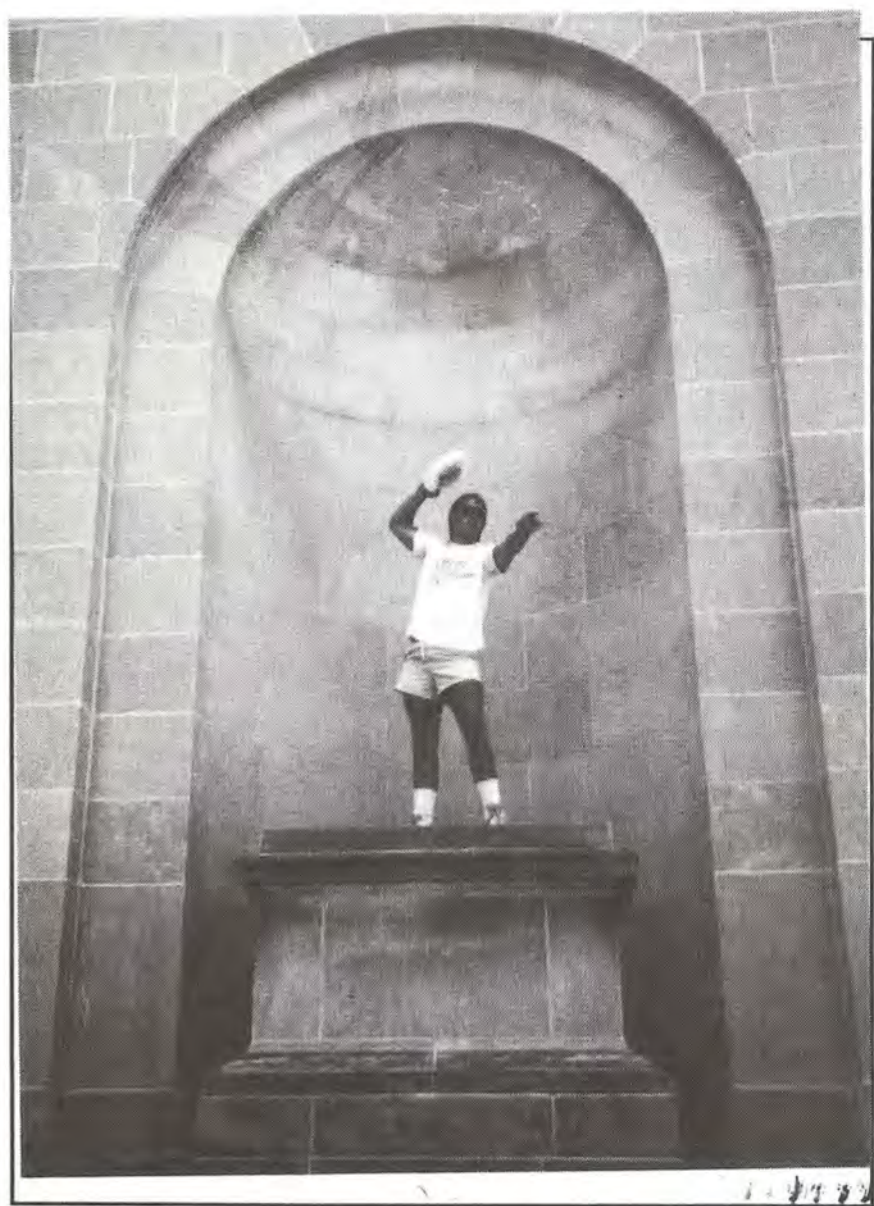
Fatty had a run-in with this opera window at the '87 Centrals



The father of Kalamazoo ultimate, Bruce "Frisbee" Johnson



"Think about it, Murray. ... If we could get this baby runnin', we could run over hikers, pick up females, chase down mule deer—man, we'd be the grizzlies from hell."



"HELMUT"
Kalamazoo Museum of Art



Dave "Little Cypher" Huxell and unidentified groupie



Charlie anchors the last line of defense for the Milkmen at the '86 Poultry Days

TEAM DESCRIPTIONS

OPEN DIVISION

PARK HIPPIES - These radicals broke Windy City's six year stranglehold on the Centrals title. Will they be able to repeat last year's heroics?

WINDY CITY - Jordan didn't make it to the Centrals last year, and the Windy mental game crumbled. His return may well restore the trophy to Chicago.

COFFEE & DONUTS - Despite losing key players every season, the Donuts continue to nip at the heels of Windy City and the Tunas. Faced with a depleted spring roster, they need someone to carry them. Any volunteers?

PHILMORE - This Philadelphia-Baltimore combination finished with a 3-2 record at Nationals in their first year of existence. They feature the Bob Probert of ultimate, Charlie Schwartz, and the 24-hour Deli. Watch out for that fat guy who makes all the bad calls.

MINNEAPOLIS FLYING TERRAPINS - Voted most thrilling team at the '88 regionals, they've become regulars at the Centrals. The question is, did they bring Jimmy the Hostage?

MADISON ULTIMATE - These cheeseheads did a great job hosting the regionals last fall. The highlight was the gushing article in the program about the history of Madison Ultimate. It sounds like they should send Andy Klein to Washington.

JUST SAY NO - With Nancy Reagan out of the White House, this team needs a new name. Perhaps "A Kinder and Gentler Ultimate Team".

GOOD 'n PLENTY - This is another DC area team. If the DC people survive the bus trip here that should be a victory in itself. We think they'll have plenty of good times here in Kalamazoo.

GRAND HAVEN - Grand Haven wins the overall team tan competition. They play thrill-a-minute Ultimate at its finest. Just watch Ricky Lee throw his forehand long.

CZECH - The Czechs are back again. But the brutal regime at Centrals may not be so kind to them.

LAND SHARKS - Toledo is the home of this hard-running team. We're glad at least one team from Ohio could make it. Did they bring some coney's from Tony Packo's?

INDIANAPOLIS EAGLES - Last year the Eagles beat the eventual champions in their first game, then completely self-destructed. Watch for schrapnel when you pass their sideline.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - Fresh from hosting the Collegiate Regionals May 6th & 7th, U-M brings collegiate flavor to the Centrals. Hope they brought their pencils and notebooks.

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE - Another entry from the collegiate ranks, K-College has a long history of Ultimate on campus. The future is not so certain.

MOLTEN PLASTIC - Watch out for a Molten Plastic Truck Disaster on I-94 between K-zoo and Detroit.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

NEMESIS - The defending Centrals champs and '88 Nationals qualifiers will find a tough field facing them. Defending their title could prove difficult.

ZEPHYRS - These Philly women are back after finishing second last year. They're probably staying at Laurie Biles parents' house; I hope they don't wake up looking as logy as she does.

FISHEADS - The Fish haven't gathered in a school all spring. If they've been doing their underwater wind sprints, they might end up schooling everyone else.

SATORI - This new DC area team looked quite impressive, and stylish, while winning April Fools earlier this spring. Hopefully they'll don the black-on-black spandex look again.

SPACE DUCKS - Constantly recruiting new faces, the U-M women carry on the tradition. Hopefully they won't quack under pressure in the big games.

THE WAVES - Former Michigander Kath brings this DC team to Kalamazoo. If they're looking for good waves, they should check out the beach in Grand Haven.

HISTORY OF THE CENTRALS

The first Central Ultimate Championships were held Memorial Day weekend, 1982, at Michigan State University. Twelve mens teams and 6 womens teams came to Old College Field on the banks of the Red Cedar River. The location has changed a few times, and we now play two weeks before Memorial Day. But the accent is still on having good clean competition and lots of fun. Some highlights over the years.

1982 - Windy City began their Central Regional dominance by beating the indefatigable Heifers, and the Fisheads won the first of their many Centrals crowns.

1983 - Former MSUer Ted Roach brought a team from Boston, FRAC-29. (They got the name from the license plate of their rental van.) Their 10-man squad provided a thrilling final, but Windy City once again took home the trophy.

1984 - Five straight days of rain provided ideal playing conditions for the '84 Centrals. Two Kansas teams joined the Centrals this time, as well as a Washington DC representative for the third time. Windy City beat



Cypher skies over Deli, then crumbles in a heap



Geir catches *everything*

Full Tilt in the finals. The highlight was the party in a bowling alley in Lansing. Knifer bowling was born.

1985 - Saturday's schedule was played in a park in Lansing, which featured a sewer grate in one endzone and an irate groundskeeper demanding four out of ten fields be cleared immediately. We got all the games in, and Washington DC's Teen Idols lost to Windy in the finals.

1986 - In 1986 the Centrals moved across campus to Fee Hall, where the university stores cadavers. This site is bisected by railroad tracks, and the two best fields run right along the tracks. Once each game a freight train blasts through, deafening teams for the rest of the point. Several attempts to land discs in open baggage cars proved unsuccessful.

Run, Spot, Run came from New York to challenge Windy for the title in '86. Despite a thrilling display of fifty-yard overheads and forehands by Kevin Cande, Windy took home the trophy again. Actually they spiked it into pieces on the field.

After losing to ClubMich in the semi-finals, the New York women's team beat the Fisheads in the women's final. Due to injuries, ClubMich was unable to play in the finals. After much haggling NY was awarded the Centrals Cup, with a fishead stuffed in the top.

1987 - After beating Windy City in the semi-finals of the St. Louis Classic, Coffee & Donuts tried to make it two straight in the finals of the Centrals. But Chicago was fueled by their bitterness and prevailed. No trophy was awarded. Nemesis beat the Fisheads to make it an all-Chicago championship.

1988 - The Centrals moved to Kalamazoo in '88, and were held two weeks earlier. Windy City faced the Park Hippies in the finals. The highlight was the 15-minute thunderstorm late in the second half, sending spectators running for their cars. The Hippies stormed back in the rain, and upset Windy 21-19 to take the title back to St. Louis. Nemesis won their second straight title, beating the Zephyrs in the women's final.

Trivia question: Since 1982, what was the only other team, besides the Park Hippies, to beat Windy City at the Central Ultimate Championships?



Poultry In Motion, 1988 Poultry Days



Don's a big hit with the chicks in Taiwan.

Coffee & Donuts' Don Staub has spent the last 15 months in Taiwan. You may have read his article on the "Far Easterns" in last June's issue of the UPA newsletter. He is due back for this year's Mars tournament, so if you see a pale red-head with scabby knees this summer, welcome him back to the USA.



The little kids over there love the big red-head



Milkmen
1986 Poultry Days



1986 Cypher Open



Coffee & Donuts
Community Outreach
Program



Knifer Fishing



Pillar dreams about being slim

