

Of Central Importance

New Library

"Wow!" said Miss Margaret Weymuller, head librarian at Central, was the reaction of many students as they entered Central's newly redecorated library.

During the summer, the Borchman construction company began the work that was necessary in room 225. Some of the changes made include: new green carpeting, furniture made of myrtle wood, new shelving, and an improved accoustical ceiling. The entire library was also repainted. However, the library will not be completely finished for another six to eight weeks. The cost of the library was approximately \$37,000.

A few other additions have also been made. Study carrels were installed to enable the students' use of audio-visual material. With the use of a microfiche (micro-film in the shape of an index card) a student will be able to view an entire maga-

zine at one showing.

When asked her feeling about the library, Miss Julie Hayden, librarian, said that she was extremely pleased. Miss Weymuller had this to add: "The lively color scheme brightens up the room to create an atmosphere in which the students seem to enjoy studying."

Amelia Brantley, a Central junior, had this to say, "I really like the new library. It's so warm and comfortable. It's almost like home to me."

Central's fall production

If you attend the fall play, "The Night of January 16", a courtroom drama, you may be asked to give a verdict to the case. At the beginning of the play, 12 jurors are chosen out of the audience. The play tells the story of the death of Bjorn Faulkner on the night of January 16. At the conclusion, the jurors are to meet and give a

verdict.

The three act play by Ayn Rand is a courtroom drama, but, "Some of the witnesses are comical" says Miss Penney Rushman, director.

The play will be presented October 27 and 28. The leading roles are Kurt Stecker, Steve Bernier, Karen Andre, Janis Reichstadt, Nancy Lee Faulkner, and Bev Gorelick.

National merit semifinalists

Nine Central students have been announced as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The nine students that qualified were chosen on the basis of their scores on the PSAT/NMSQ test taken last fall.

The Central semifinalists are: Evan Dean, Steve Denenberg, Marjorie Dickey, William David Grant, Kristin Menke, Lyle Peterson, Clark Ramsey, Vicki Werner, and James Williams.

The National Merit Society sends the name of semifinalists to all regionally accredited colleges, scholarship-granting agencies, and other sources of financial aid.

Semifinalists automatically become finalists with receipt of student information form, and Scholastic Aptitude Test results. However to become a finalist, the student must receive a recommendation from the school. Each finalist will receive a Certificate of Merit. From the group of finalists, actual National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen with regard to financial need. The winners are then given scholarships of varying amounts to be used for the college of the winner's choice. Honorary scholarships are given to students who scored high on the test but do not need financial aid.

New A Cappella officers

"A Cappella is much more

than just another club or singing class. It is a very active, alive group that adds much to Central's spirit," said Jan Peterson, after being elected president of A Cappella.

The final results of the election of A Cappella officers were known on Tuesday, September 19. The new 1972-73 officers of the choir are: President, Jan Peterson; Vice President, Kurt Stecker; Secretary, Allison Latenser; Treasurer, Anita Benson; Senior Representative, Mary Gardner; Junior Representative, Larry Myers.

According to A Cappella tradition, the officers not only perform their respective duties, but they also form a choir council. The council's duty is to be the operating organizational body of the choir. It is obligated to help Mr. Robert McMeen, the choir's director, in any way possible, and it plans all outside activities such as parties, banquets, and fund raising projects.

New intercom system ties building together



Mr. LaGreca puzzles over intercom panel board.

Central High made many changes this summer towards the remodeling and modernization of the school's facilities. One of the most significant of these changes was the installation of an intercom system throughout the school.

According to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal, the primary purpose of the intercom system is to improve communications within the school. He also said that it will be helpful in case of emergencies, and it will improve the security of the school. There is an intercom speaker located in every room of the school, in the halls, and even the courtyard.

According to a representative of the Electronic Supply Company, the intercom works on a simple number system. There is a panel board located in the main office, which has each room number with a light next to it. When the intercom button is pushed in a room, that room number will light up on the panel board and the office will immediately answer the call.

The office will be able to call any room on the intercom by dialing the number of the room on a special phone. Dr. Moller said, "The office will try not to use the intercom during classes unless there is an emergency." He also promised not to "listen in" on any classes with the intercom.

Cost: \$20,000

Mr. Danny Van Roy of the Electronic Supply Company

said, "The cost of the intercom System was a little more than \$20,000." Dr. Moller said that the intercom system will pay for itself within a few years because the bill for the phone system within the school will be greatly reduced.

The intercom system is responsible for another major change at Central. The offices, such as 33C, 21C and so forth, had to have their room numbers changed to a 3-digit number because the intercom system can operate only with 3-digit numbers for the rooms.

This intercom system has many capabilities: 1) it can sustain itself if all the power in the school goes off; 2) it can work as a public address system; 3) it can pipe AM or FM music into any speaker; 4) and the speaker has so great a range that a person may sit in the room facing the speaker, speak in his normal voice, and the sound will be heard easily on the receiving end.

Many teachers wondered how the button for the intercom in some classrooms happened to be located right in the middle of the blackboard. The intercom speakers had to be placed over the cold air ducts in the rooms, which happened to be located above the blackboard in many rooms. The wiring for the intercom speaker forced the button to be located only above or below the speaker. Since placing the button above the speaker would have made it too high, the button was placed in the blackboard below.

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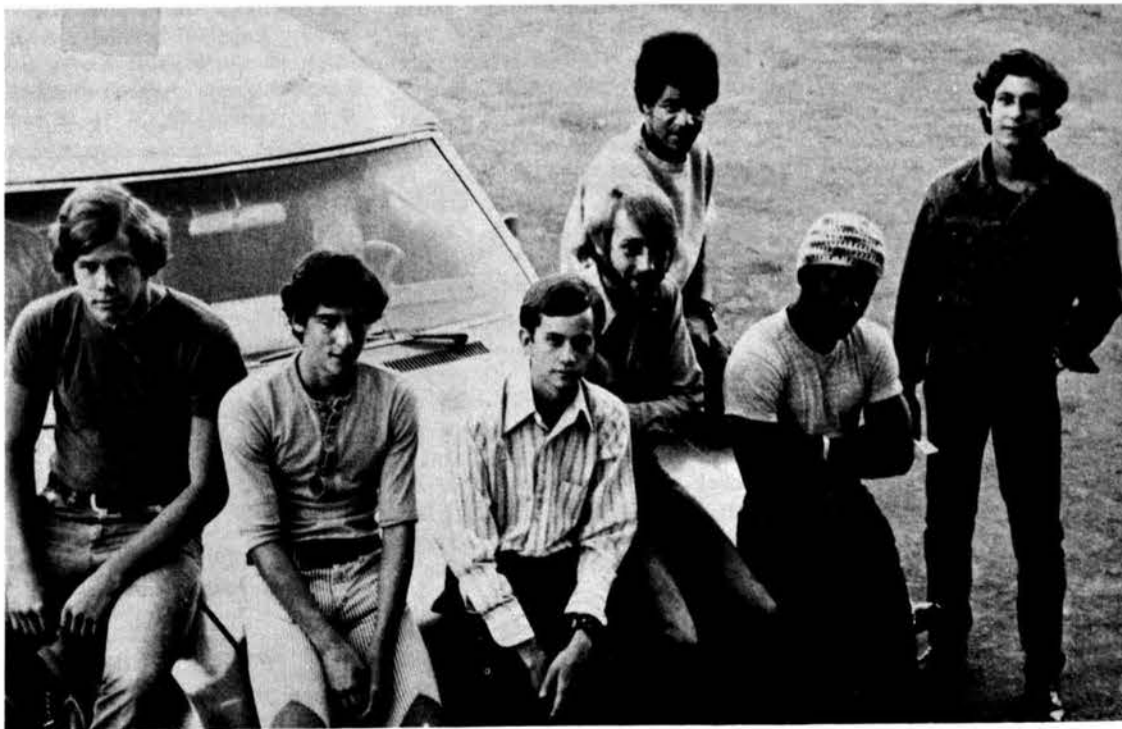
Students nominate royalty

The 1972 Homecoming queen candidates are: Top row from left: Bev Hurlbut, Peggy Kunes, Karen Loch, Judy Koperski.

Bottom row from left: Beth Davis, Lori Willis, Gail Glover.

The 1972 Homecoming king candidates are: From left: Rick Elliot, John Dye, Frank Hawkins, Neil Greenberg, Dennis Forrest Larry Butler, Tom Lincoln.

Upcoming events for Spirit Week are: Thursday, September 29—last day for constructing float. Friday: car parade from Central to Berquist at 6:00 a.m. Game time: 7:30 p.m., Central Vs. North. Saturday — homecoming dance at the Prom Town House, 9:00-1:00 a.m., featuring Poppin' J and Man Vs. Man.



Opinion Forum

Students' dream - freedom at last

by Paula Saunders

"I have a dream . . . I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope."

These words were spoken by Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. They were sung by the members of Anytown, Nebr. in 1972.

Anytown, Nebr. was a model society in which men and women of any faith, color, creed, or economic background could come together and live in harmony. I was one of 82 high school students who participated in the program this summer.

To talk to the young people from Anytown, one would be impressed not by the diversity but by the closeness of their goals, their concerns, and their hope for the future.

The Anytowners realized that what is needed in this world is love, wisdom, compassion toward one another, and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer, whether they be white, Chicano, or black.

It is this realization that four Centralites, Stephen Scott, David Alperin, Keith Josephson, and I have brought back from Anytown.

The week-long encampment began June 11. It was located on the Dana College campus near Blair, Nebr.

Each day a daily theme was presented. Who Am I? Who Is My Brother? Who Is My God? What Is a Community? Building an Ideal Community. The discussions of these topics

laid the path for soul-searchers to find themselves as well as their neighbors. It paved the road to building a better world outside the realm of Anytown.

The Road to Peace

In 1961, Sargeant Shriver said of the Peace Corps:

"The road to peace is no highway. It is racked with wars, riddled with mistrust and suspicion. Ruts and potholes of poverty and ignorance are deep enough to bring Atlas to his knees. If humanity ever hopes to pave this road, it must accomplish an understanding deeper and more durable than the world has ever known. The search for the understanding has begun."

This is how the members of Anytown felt about their experience. The ruts in their road were made of cultural and religious barriers, lack of education and experience. It was a hard road to travel, but it was an avenue toward peace. Their search has begun.

Anytown's approach was to involve young people in learning from and about one another through workshops, recreation, discussion groups, and panels. It stressed the individuality of its members, and yet it helped to create a bond of true brotherhood.

"I have a dream that sons of former slaves, sons of former slave owners will sit in brotherhood. This is our hope. Freedom at last; free at last, thank God above when we're free at last."

Opinion Forum is the voicebox of the paper and the school. Students and teachers are encouraged to express their opinions, comments, criticism, and ideas in the form of an article or "letter to the editor." There is a need for more student representation in the school paper. Bring your articles to the journalism room, room 317. All articles must be signed. No names will be withheld. We look forward to hearing from you.

Beat the Boredom

Amateur aircraft spotting, tie-dying, play suggestions

by Kristin Menke

Beat the Boredom is a column designed to inform Centralites of the variety of outstanding entertainment available to them in Omaha. Each issue I will be featuring some of the good things happening out and about in Omaha.

First, for athletic enthusiasts, I remind you that Centrals own gymnastic, cross-country, swimming, and football teams compete weekly around the city. There is no admission charged for most of these events and the combination of school pride and competitive spirit makes for an exciting time. Especially exciting will be Central's Homecoming game this Friday, when the Eagles will ventilate the North High Vikings.

Looking for a little help in History? Try 1776, the old story with a new twist, now showing at the Omaha Playhouse. Performances Tuesday through Sunday until October 8th. Admission for students is \$2.00.

I would also like to mention that the Henry Doorly Zoo will be open 7 days a week until November 1, admission is \$.85. It's a great afternoon for all you "Wild Kingdom" fans.

An interesting "freebee" for your Saturday afternoon would be plane watching at Epply Airport, or better yet people-watching. Take a poll or make a study in the interest of sociology.

My movie suggestion is *The New Centurions*. George C. Scott gives this colorful cop story more than average class. For reading pleasure try *The Exorcist* by William Blatty. It's a simple thriller on demonic possession guaranteed to give you a good case of "goose-bumps". My album pick is Elton John's newest, *Honky Chateau* featuring hit singles *Honky Cat* and *Rocket Man*. Be sure and get it (if you haven't already!).

Last but not least, for your next home project, have you tried tie-dying? Start with an old sheet and work yourself up to your own personalized wardrobe! One word of caution: use Rit dye (liquid or dry) and follow directions carefully or you may end up with tie-dyed hair, body, kitchen. . . .

So that's about it for this time, everybody. Until next issue, I hope you'll beat the boredom!

Students learn about gov't during summer

"They didn't just teach you about the government; they showed you how it works." This was an observation made by one of Central's representatives to Girls' and Boys' State, held in Lincoln last June.

Central seniors Marjorie Dickey, Judy Koperski, Steve Denenberg, and Steve Gorelick were among 400 other high school representatives from throughout Nebraska to attend the week-long series of meetings, lectures, and activities.

Judy Koperski gained recognition as the highest scorer on the final exam given at the end of the week.

HAPPINESS IS ATTENDING CENTRAL'S HOMECOMING

Parade — Fri. 6:00

Game — Fri. 7:30
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Meditation, first mini-course coming to Central this year

TM is coming to Central. TM, Transcendental Meditation, will be taught in a week-long mini-course Oct. 9-16.

Meditation is a natural, effortless process which insures the full development of the individual. It is practiced a few minutes morning and evening during which time the body gains deep rest while the mind expands in awareness. TM also develops creative intelligence and improves clarity of perception at all levels of experience.

To bliss out, all you have to do is receive a mantra, learn the meditation technique, and do it twice a day. It's as easy as that.

The physical effects of TM are profound. During TM, oxygen consumption, carbon dioxide elimination, cardiac output, heart rate, and respiratory rate significantly decrease while skin resistance greatly increases.

This results in the body gaining a deep state of rest, while the mind is fully awake. The deep rest provides a basis for increased energy and effectiveness in daily activity. It is due to this deep rest that accumulated tension and fatigue, which restrict the normal functioning of the nervous system, are dissolved in a natural way. The beneficial effects of TM on individual and environmental health are currently being assessed by medical research, particularly with respect to conditions produced by stressful living.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi reintroduced TM to the world. The technique itself is ancient and universal.

Maharishi has a number of notable followers. Among them are: Rusty Schweickert, the NASA astronaut who meditated on his trip to the moon, the Beatles, author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., an astronomer, two army generals, a bushel of distinguished medical men and a peck of humanities professors, and the world's largest international students organization, Students International Meditation Society (SIMS).

TM is rapidly spreading. It is believed that more than 90,000 men and women in the U.S. have received instruction in transcendental meditation.

The Illinois Legislature recently passed a resolution encouraging educational facilities in the state to develop courses in meditation. TM is already being taught and practiced in Canadian schools and in national health institutes.

TM has only been in Omaha one year. Four full time teachers, all personally instructed by the Maharishi, work and live in the SIMS center on 51st and Dodge in Omaha. They will be teaching the mini-course.

One does not have to believe in meditation to gain its effects. If you are interested, inquire about the mini-course when TM comes to Central.

Eden announces upcoming tests

Miss Irene Eden, Central High School guidance counselor, has released the following testing schedule for Central High students for the first semester:

Seniors:		
Testing Date	Test	Registration Deadline
October 21	ACT only	October 2
November 4	SAT only	October 2
December 2	SAT and Achievements	October 26
December 9	ACT only	November 13
January 13	SAT and Achievements	December 7
Juniors:		
October 24	PSAT-NMSQT	Juniors interested in scholarships may sign up for this test
October 4	SCAT-STEP	Required of all Juniors
Freshmen:		
October 17	NEDT	Required of all Freshmen
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Students may obtain registrations for optional tests from Miss Eden or their counselor.

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Eagles Show Promise

The high school football season is in full bloom once again for Central High football followers, and after three games, the Eagle's hold a 2-1 record, a winning record. This year's team will try to lead the school out of the doldrums of eight straight losing seasons. Not since 1963, have the Eagles had a winning season in football.

The 1972 Eagles could be described as, promising, especially after their come-from-behind win against Benson, and their convincing victory over Boys Town.

A murderous schedule now lays in the path of the Eagle's, who must play in the weeks ahead, three teams Bellevue, South, and North, which were listed in the World Herald's first Top Ten poll. Central must also play traditional toughies Prep and Tech.

Central's goal of a winning season can be reached if they continue to improve their offense, which in recent years has been hurt by mistakes and fumbles. These same mistakes and fumbles were present in Central's opening game loss to Burke.

Central does have the one-two running punch of backs Chester Bullion, 8.3 average - two touchdowns, and Mike Carter, 9.1 average - three touchdowns, along with a strong defense that has given up only 20 points in the first three games. Who knows, a winning season may not be out of reach after all.

Capallano leads gymnasts

Central's gymnastics team opened their season, losing a double-dual gymnastics meet to Prep and Boys Town, at the Boys Town fieldhouse September 19.

The Eagle's, in losing to Boys Town by only three points, were led by the first, second, and third place sweep on the side horse by Barry Carlson, Mark Blankenau, and Gary Pattee. Team captain Mike Capellano took first place on the high bar, and tied of first with teammate Tom Wolf on the parallel bars. Creighton Prep, led by Kurt Mackie, dominated Central in their dual.

Tennis team undefeated

Central Highs tennis fortunes are on the upswing, as the team swept past their first five opponents, South, Tech, A.L., Bellevue, and Ryan in convincing fashion.

The team consisting of veterans Gary Cohen, Rick Peterson, Jerome Reese, David Duitch, Jeff Armstrong, and Mark Crew, along with newcomers Paul Stultz and Paul Reese, led Coach John Talty to say, "Our team is at least as strong as last year's team."

Mark Crew, defending Metro champion, has a 4-1 record in singles play, while the doubles team of Jerome and Paul Reese are undefeated thus far this season. The Eagle's are readying themselves for the crucial October 3 showdown against Creighton Prep, led by Matt Iverson. Prep was the only team to defeat Central last year. The Metro championship could very well be decided from this match.

Harriers Impressive

Coach Jim Martin's cross-country team, with a strong third place finish in the Metro Invitational, along with victories in their first two tri-meets of the season, are among this year's challengers for the state championship.

The Eagle's, paced by Bill Melton, Andy Holland, Larry Irwin, Frank Hawkins, John Dye, Clyde Stearns, and Joe Markuson, finished third in Metro Invitational, held at Prep, two points behind victorious Prep, and one behind runner-up Fremont. Melton was Central's only medalist with a seventh place finish.

After finishing sixth in the Fremont Invitational, September 8, the Eagle's established themselves as a Metro power, in defeating Prep, Bellevue, and the elements, for the meet was held in a driving rainstorm. Holland and Melton finished second and fourth in the two mile race held at Elmwood. Central gained their second victory of the year in defeating Benson and Tech, as Irwin, Holland, and Melton finished in a first place tie.

all our dual meets and do well in the Metro." The girls are working out every Thursday at Norris Jr. High, with their first meet September 28, against Westside, at the Norris pool.

Golf coach, Mrs. Jo Anne

Eagles run to victories

The Central High Eagle's, coming off two straight victories, defeating Benson and Boys Town, will play highly regarded Omaha North in Central's homecoming game, Friday, September 29, at Berquist Stadium.

North, which has a one win, one loss, and one tie mark, has played far tougher teams than has Central. The Vikings are led by the running of halfback Mick McWhorter, and by the pasing of quarterback Kevin Bruland.

Running Rips Cowboys

Central, behind a devastating runing attack, defeated Boys Town 30-6, September 21, at Berquist Stadium.

Quarterback Spencer McGruder, making his first start of the year, replacing the injured Larry Butler, guided a Central offense that gained 318 total yards, 310 on the ground.

The grind-it-out offense was present the first time the Eagle's had the ball, as ten straight running plays were capped off with a four yard touchdown run by Chester Bullion. The two-point conversion gave the Eagle's a quick 8-0 lead.

Moments later, Bullion's recovery of a Cowboy fumble on their own 34 yard line, led to Jim Tolbert's slashing 17 yard scoring run. They increased it to 22-0, as a 46 yard drive ended with a Mike Carter touchdown. Carter, in the process of making the touchdown, ran over three potential Boys Town tacklers.

Boys Town opened the second half scoring on a 21 yard touchdown run, but that turned out to be the last time the Boys Town offense would frequent the Central end zone, as the defense, led by Mike Henderson, Paul Tatum, Roger Bellows, Twichell Hudson, Mike Jefferson, and Gary Conway, stifled the Cowboy's for the rest of the game.

Central completed the scoring in the fourth quarter on a 19 yard scamper by Bullion, his second T.D. of the night. Ted Johnson, John McCue, and Dennis Sullivan, led an offensive line that gave Carter, 122 yards, and Bulion, 116 yards, plenty of running room throughout the game.

Dusatko, feels that her team has a good chance of winning all of their matches. The female linkers opened their season against Tech, September 26. Central's home course this year is at Maple Village,



Eagle fullback Jim Tolbert evades 2 tacklers enroute to a touchdown.

Second Half Surge

Central struck twice in the second half on two touchdown runs by Mike Carter, to defeat Benson 12-7, in a come from behind victory at Benson Stadium, September 15.

The Bunnis registered a touchdown early in the first quarter, after a 76 yard return of the opening kick-off. A six yard touchdown pass moved Benson ahead 7 to 0. The Eagles defensive unit then took control and played as if they were part of the Benson backfield. End Mike Henderson and Spencer Danner made countless tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and guard Rocky Lipsman blocked a Bunnie punt.

On the opening play of the second half Mike Carter bolted through a hole in the left side of the Benson line, and raced 50 yards for a touchdown. The try for the extra point failed, and Benson still held on to a slim 7 to 6 lead.

Two and a half minutes remained in the third quarter when Central started their winning drive, from the Bunnie 49. Helped by two fifteen yard penalties and the strong running of Tom Lincoln, Chester Bullian and Carter, the Eagles moved the ball to the Benson two yard line. As the fourth quarter began, Carter took a Larry Butler hand-off and plunged into the end zone. The try for the extra point again failed, but the Eagles were ahead to stay, 12 to 7.

The fine play of linemen Jerry Schulte, Kevin Reddick, Tony Naughtin and Rodger Bellows, enabled Mike Carter to gain 109 yards. Senior end Neal Greenberg made two clutch catches in the second half surge, which helped the Eagles turn the tide.

Devastating Defense

Central's defensive unit far out-shinned the offense in a disappointing 7-0 loss in the

season opener against Burke, at Burke Stadium, September 8.

The Eagle's defensive unit led by Dave Mecesji, Dennis Sullivan, Mike Henderson, and Paul Tatum were in Coach Tom Dineen's words, "exceptional", in limiting Burke to only three first downs and 71 yards total offense.

The Eagle's offense, on the other hand, moved the ball freely between the thirty yard lines against the Bulldog defense, mainly on running plays to backs Chester Bullion, Mike Carter, and Jim Tolbert, but then the mistakes would come, four intercepted passes and 45 yards in penalties.

The two teams battled to a scoreless tie during the first half with both defenses battling hard. After an exchange of punts opening the third quarter, Central quarterback Larry Butler rolled to his left attempting a screen pass to fullback Tom Lincoln.

However, Burke linebacker Kevin Nausler stepped between the two Eagle's for the interception and a forty yard touchdown run. The extra point was good and the score, which turned out to be the final score, was 7-0.

Central was led by the slashing running of Tolbert, 70 yards, Bullion, 67 yards, and Carter, 66 yards. Central's defense won their game, but unfortunately the offense failed to win theirs — putting points on the scoreboard.

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Girls start tennis, swim seasons

The girl's swim and golf teams of Central High, have begun practicing for what could be promising seasons for both. Swim coach, Mrs. Donna Curtis stated, "The girls are working very hard. We hope to win

all our dual meets and do well in the Metro." The girls are working out every Thursday at Norris Jr. High, with their first meet September 28, against Westside, at the Norris pool.

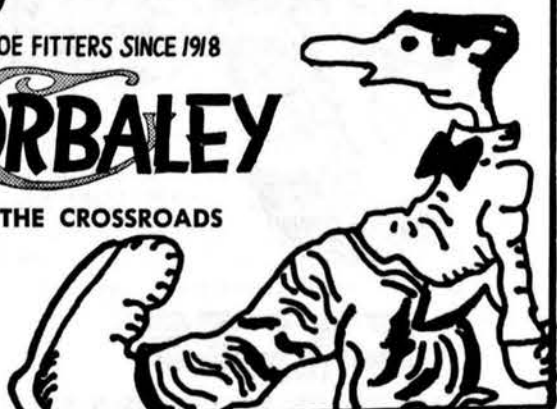
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Students tour abroad

"French drivers are among the world's worst! The people drive like maniacs all over Europe — the pedestrian watches out for himself. American girls are constantly followed by foreign guys. Drug laws are too strict." These were some of the comments made by Centralites after returning from a summer in Europe. The travellers include Lisa Lewis, Kim Priesman, Jerome Reese, Jayne Hubenka, and Karen Caniglia.

Everyone who went was asked to comment on European fashions compared to ours (hair length, clothes, etc.) entertainment, how Europe stands on issues such as drugs and ecology, and their opinion of Americans.

The general response was that dress in Europe is much like in the U. S. although perhaps a little more conservative. Blue jeans are rarely seen except on American tourists. Women in Spain and Italy are especially conservative. They don't wear shorts or short skirts, and girls still go on chaperoned dates. In France the people disapprove of long hair, but in England the men wear their hair stylishly layered.

For entertainment European youth go to concerts, theatrical productions, and museums. Boys play soccer but call it football.

Lisa and Kim commented that discotheques were everywhere, as well as movie theaters and American movies.

The drug laws in Europe are extremely rigid. In Spain possession of marijuana carries a six to twelve year jail sentence. "In France they are totally against drugs," remarked Jerome, "But all kids smoke cigarettes."

The European opinion of Americans was varied; in all countries there were people who were friendly and ready to help, but there were also some anti-American feelings. Jayne remembers seeing "U. S. murderers get out of Vietnam," written on the side of a building in England.

"In France they dislike American tourists because of accents, cameras, and flashing money," Jerome commented. Karen got this impression that, "We're (Americans) stupid, but were all rich."

Pilling, Luhr travel to outer Mongolia

Miss Zenaide Luhr and Miss Ruth Pilling ventured into the ancient Asian land of Mongolia for six weeks during the summer months. Mongolia is located in South-Central Asia, the crossroads of the ancient world. Art influences of the Chinese, Persians, and Asians remain in that area. Miss Luhr has been inspired by Asia since her high school days. She was the one who thought of journeying to the Asian continent.

Miss Pilling and Miss Luhr lived on the Gobi Desert in a yurt, a type of tent used by the nomadic Mongolians since early B.C. A familiar sight to see would be herds of two-humped camels roaming the desert, as we would envision cattle grazing on the Nebraskan plains. Miss Luhr stated that the Mongolians are nomads, friendly, but an undeveloped breed of people. Wealth is measured by the number of animals a man owns. The Mongolians are short, swarthy, and have Indian-like faces with oriental eyes.

Miss Pilling and Miss Luhr also visited the Sand Dunes and Altai National Park, where haing, large herds of yaks and cattle, can be seen moving. There is also an ice glacier in the park that never melts. In the capital of Mongolia, they visited a museum that displayed ancient arts of their own culture from 1500 B.C. and dinosaur eggs, which two Americans attempted to steal years ago.

Miss Luhr brought forth much of the Mongolian culture, as much as can be said about it. Mongolia is sparsely populated and has been Communist since 1922. They are greatly influenced by Russia, and are now using the Russian alphabet for their gutteral language. The people wear the native dress, except for government officials, who wear Western attire.



Exchange student
Kees de Leeuw

de Leeuw thinks America 5 years behind in ideas

"The distances are a bit big for somebody without a car. All the people live more spread out . . . so much commercials on the TV . . . the people are friendly and helpful . . . no open campus on the high schools.

"America is technically five years ahead, but in their ideas mostly five years back."

This was how Kees de Leeuw answered questions about his first impressions of Nebraska and America. Kees is a foreign exchange student from Holland going to Central this semester.

Since he's already graduated from a Holland high school, Kees is at Central mainly to learn some American history and to meet people. At term's end Kees plans to get into social work to learn about America's problems firsthand.

He also hopes to tour the U. S. before he flies home next July.

Among differences Kees noted between America and Europe were the driving laws and drinking laws. In Europe, because people drive so much faster, you must be 18 to have a license and it's much harder to get. According to Kees, a car isn't necessary to most students in Holland, because the towns are much smaller. He also said there are no age limits on drinking in Europe. In Nebraska, Kees won't be old enough to to but a drink until after he leaves.

He is here through the International Christian Youth Exchange. An American student spent a year in Kees's home through the same program

Trip to Japan 'People' in concert opens eyes of Koperski

Among the many Centralites to go abroad last summer was Judy Koperski, who enjoyed a three week visit to Japan. The trip was one sponsored by the Sister City Association, and awarded by the Junior Achievement Program in Omaha to two outstanding Achievers each year.

The majority of Judy's trip was spent in Shizuoka, Omaha's sister city, attending various meetings, luncheons, and public affairs. Some time was also spent in sight seeing, including a boat trip and tour of the Mt. Fuji area.

Judy was the house guest of three Japanese families during her visit. This enabled her to learn a little about Japanese life style. "Discipline is a word to describe the people of Japan," said Judy. She also said a great emphasis was placed on artistic, but simple beauty in their homes and possessions.

When asked about the educational system, Judy described it as being very strict and rather expensive private schools. The students attend classes from 8:30 until 3:30, with mandatory club meetings the remainder of the afternoon. Uniforms are required and girls are forbidden to wear cosmetics, curl their hair, or speak to boys in public. Judy felt that although students were not happy with this situation, they were bound too tightly by family honor and tradition to initiate any change.

Judy also commented that the role of the woman in Japanese culture was one of total subservience similar to America 100 years ago. She admits having some difficulty subduing her outgoing nature to suit Japanese standards.

Speaking on exchange programs in general, Judy feels they are of immeasurable value to world relations and wishes more students could be involved for educational and social benefits. Judy summarized her summer experience by saying, "It really opened up my eyes."

Two years ago the Central auditorium was filled with students at an assembly. However, no one heard the usual yawns, the turning of pages, or the ever-present rumble made by voices of students constantly talking to their friends. Instead the students in the audience were clapping their hands to the strong beat of loud modern music made by about 25 young musicians on the stage. Definitely not the average assembly.

"Up With People," a singing group that travels throughout the world, presented a concert at Central when they were on a tour stop in Omaha. The group will return to Central again on October 2, to give a similar performance, except this time the cast will include 130 young people.

Up With People is a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to communicate to audiences their ideas of brother-

hood and love through their music, according to Randy Ferguson, a member of the cast.

The actual program is centered on brotherhood — regardless of skin color, religion, or economical conditions, understanding of our fellow man, communication, and unity. Up With People has been commended for presenting a very entertaining show that is a "realistic accomplishment in human relations," said one high school principal.

Up With People has three different casts on separate tours involving a total cast of 340 members from 20 different countries. They write, produce, and arrange their own show.

When travelling, the cast members stay in local homes. Reasons for this procedure include a chance to get to know and share with individuals and to cut down on tour costs.



Judy . . . outstanding achiever

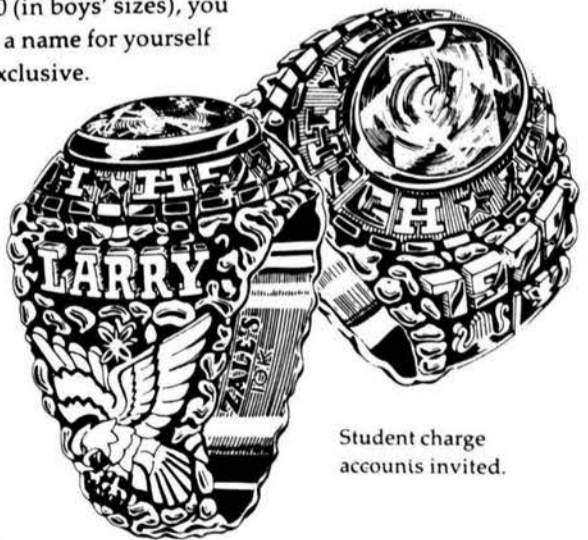
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