

register

Energy crisis affecting Central

Can a 110-year-old educational institution exempt itself from the current energy crisis? The answer is no. Central, just like all the other buildings around the city and country is facing an energy shortage. As this paper is going to press, the Omaha Board of Education is making plans as to what their policy will be on closing down schools early and making up the time, should the occasion arise.

A variety of people are studying numerous solutions to the question of how to conserve energy, and solve the crisis. To find out just how Central is being affected, a trip was made down to the boiler room, and a visit made to Mr. Elza Tabor, head engineer.

"Complicated"

"The gas that is supplied to Central works on a very complicated basis. Sometimes the school has to run on fuel oil, because the gas is needed in other sections of the city. The decision to switch to fuel oil is dependent on many factors," said Mr. Tabor.

To find out what these factors were, a recent interview with an M.U.D. representative was held. According to Mr. Ben Altman, gas buyers in the city are divided up into two categories—firm and interruptible. Those falling under the former category pay more for their gas than those in the latter category. Central falls under the second heading.

Two projections

Mr. Altman said that a firm customer will always get gas. An interruptible customer will lose his gas some of the time, depending on the weather. Each fall M.U.D. makes two projections for the winter. One is for a normal winter and the other is for a design winter.

This year, the projection for the normal winter is that 25 days the temperature will be between 15 and 20 degrees. This means the interruptible customer will possibly lose his gas for 25 days. In the design winter the interruptible customer may lose his gas for 45 days. This projection though is only if we have an extremely cold winter. One when the temperature would be under 20 degrees for 45 days.

Central, being an interruptible customer, falls under M.U.D.'s schedule 6. This means of the interruptible customers "Central has the highest priority for receiving additional gas, and having their gas supply curtailed for the shortest time," commented Mr. Altman.

"80 gallons an hour"

When Central is told to switch to fuel oil, they draw from a supply tank that holds 7500

gallons. "When Central went to fuel oil last year they burned 80 gallons an hour and came to within two hours of running out of their immediate supply," remarked Mr. Tabor. He also mentioned the fact that Central's boiler was not built to handle fuel oil, and when the switch is made to oil the boiler must be observed closely at all times. The engineering design of the boiler does not accommodate the most frequent use of oil under the safest conditions.

What happens if Central runs completely out of gas and oil? First of all, the school does not fall apart. Rather, for a very high price Northern Natural Gas will sell the school gas. So far Central has never been in this situation, and probably never will, according to Mr. Tabor.

Guidelines

How are the schools trying to cut down on their use of energy? A few weeks ago, Dr. Owen A. Knutson, the superintendent of schools, sent out some guidelines for the schools to abide by. What follows are some excerpts from those guidelines. 1. "Thermostats in offices and classrooms should be set to 68 degrees and gymnasiums and non-instructional areas at 65 degrees during the school day. 2. A reduction of all extra-curricular activities held after school or on weekends should be encouraged.

3. "Keep buildings as closed as possible, not opening windows, using selected entrances etc. 4. Curtail excursion field trips. 5. Use natural light to a maximum in classrooms. 6. Curtail behind-the-wheel instruction in driver education classes."

"Here at Central, the boilers are being shut down as early as possible," proclaimed Mr. Tabor, "and are run only when needed." "The boilers serve many purposes here at Central. They heat the rooms, heat the water, make steam for the steam ovens in the cafeteria, and provide heat for Central Grade School across the street. I hope the teachers will keep their windows closed, and will let me know when it is too hot or too cold in their rooms," said Mr. Tabor.

Above average temperatures

On November 28, during seventh and eighth hours a check was taken of the thermostat readings in Central classrooms. Temperature readings of as high as 86 degrees in room 212, and as low as 70 degrees in room 239 were discovered. All in all, an average temperature of 78 degrees was disclosed. This is a full 10 degrees higher than the guideline temperature set down by the superintendent.

One of the main reasons for the wide variance in temperatures in the rooms is the fact that Central used to consist of many rooms the size of room 215. When these large rooms were divided to make smaller classrooms, nothing was done about dividing the amount of heat these new rooms were to receive. Hence, one room may be very hot, while the room next door is cold. An example of this can be found in many of the teacher rooms along with the bookroom.

Another reason for the variance in temperatures is the thermostats in the building. These devices are supposed to shut off heat when they reach a specified temperature, according to Mr. Tabor. Several of the thermostats do not work properly and were removed, but never replaced. One of the reasons for this is that many of the thermostats are so old the parts needed to fix them are too expensive.

Mr. Tabor remarked that "there are a few rooms in which heating can not be fixed because pipes and machinery are hard to get." An example of this is in rooms 332 and 330. In order to fix the heating system there the floors must be torn up. Therefore the job must wait till the summer.

A further problem plaguing the Central heating system is the fact that the boiler system does

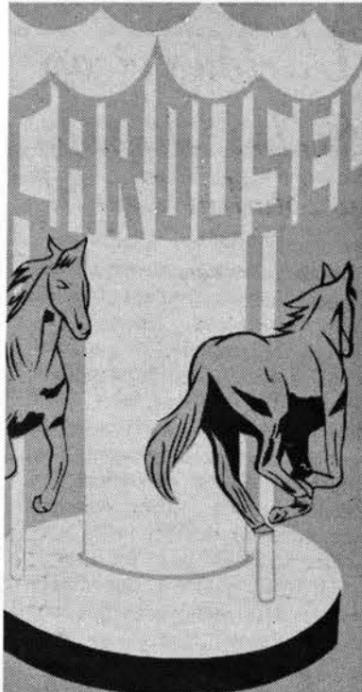
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'Carousel' to start soon

It's coming up! "Carousel," filled with beautiful songs, outstanding dancing, comedy, and drama, will be seen on Central's stage soon. Evening performances are Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15, at 8:00. Tickets for the night shows cost \$2.00.

There will be two student matinees. The freshman-sophomore production will be Wednesday December 12, periods six through eight. The junior-senior matinee will be Thursday, December 13, periods one through four. Prices for those tickets are \$1.00 with an Student Activity card and \$1.50 without one.

The bookroom is now selling tickets for both the night performances and both of the student matinees. A Cappella Choir members are also selling evening performance tickets.



Central course goes agricultural

Is it possible that the CHS eagles will become the CHS cows? Or horses? Or pigs? This is not a satire on students' manners in the cafeteria, but the story of the agri-business course and the FFA club. Both are a great boost for Central's spirit.

The agri-business course, taught by Mr. James Simmons, is virtually unknown to the school. There are eight different fields in the course. They range from forestry to agricultural processing. Presently, the students are studying animal science, a course for those interested in veterinarian medicine and livestock buying. After it is over, the 23 students will pick another field to study.

Besides teaching the eighth hour class in room 132, Mr. Simmons is supervisor of the Agri-Business Department in the Omaha Public Schools. He also teaches at the Omaha Public Schools Two Rivers Farm. Mr. Simmons has a masters degree in Agriculture Education. He is not presently a farmer, but he has been in the past.

Another new addition to Central is the Future Farmers of

America club. The purpose of the club is to promote leadership, and to develop leadership in its members. The officers of FFA are: President, Tony Allen; Vice-President, Debra Miller; Secretary, Rodney Claxton; Treasurer, Tom Tejral; Reporter, Dale Pennington; Sentinel, Howard Hayes; and Parliamentarian, John Schmadeke.

The FFA is currently selling fruit as a fund-raising project by the "C" after school. The fruit comes in a five pound and 40 pound sizes. The fruit for sale include various citrus fruits.

Debra Miller received second place in the All-City FFA Creed contest. Entrants had to recite a memorized speech in front of an audience. This entitles her to enter the state competition January 26th in Brainard, Nebraska.

Members of the FFA also attended a city-wide "barn-warming" square dance Friday, November 16, held at the Two Rivers Omaha Public Schools farm. A queen and king from each school entered in a competition. Howard Hayes and Christine Harrison were the contestants from Central.

Students help in supervision

Every morning and every noon, Central students are helping supervise playground activities and serve lunch for Central Grade Schoolers.

The four supervisors, Cheri Borland, Sue Breeding, Cindy Caron, and Barb Karpf, not only are paid in experience, but also earn \$1.85 an hour.

The girls began work when Central Grade School contacted Central counselor Atley Wedemeyer, asking for students 17 and older to be playground supervisors and to help with meals (the school is a title one school and provides free breakfast and lunch for the students). Mr. Wedemeyer then selected several people he knew would be interested in and qualified for the job.

Although there are no school credits awarded for the help, the girls are paid and receive a lot of experience working with underprivileged children, according to Mr. Wedemeyer.

All the girls enjoy the work. "I would do it for no pay," Cheri commented.

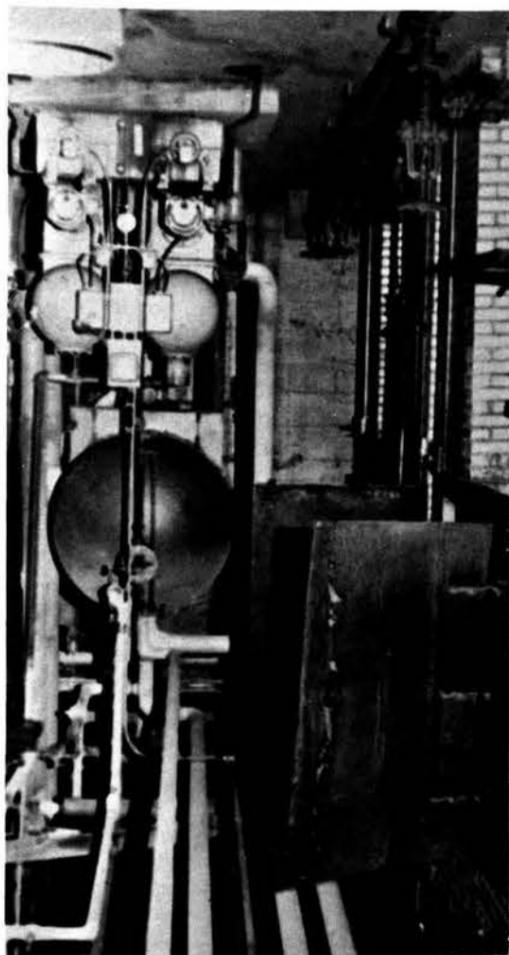
A coincidence exists that all the supervisors are girls. Mr. Wedemeyer explains it was mere "happenstance" that all the aids were female.

Road Show is 'At the Movies'

The theme for this year's Road Show will be "Road Show at the Movies." The theme encompasses all phases of the movie—from its rehearsal in Hollywood to its showing at the local drive-in; its stars—from Charlie Chaplin to W. C. Fields, from Mae West to Shirley Temple, from Rudolph Valentino to Frankenstein; its music—from "Tea for Two" to "Shaft;" and its effect on the public—from Mickey Mouse watches to Burt Reynolds puzzles.

All prospective auditionees are encouraged to try out on acts which will reflect this theme, but it is not a requirement.

Applications will be available in the band room, room 048, the week of December 17-21, the week before Christmas vacation. A list of suggestions for acts will also be available at that time. Applications are due the day after vacation, Monday, January 7, and tryouts will begin the following week.



The heart of Central's energy crisis.

Various views Student Assembly, no Student Council

Four years ago, Central High School had a Student Council who organized dances and voiced their opinion in most social matters which involved the students. However, one year later, the representatives began to feel more of a responsibility to the students' education and future careers. They changed the name of the group to Student Assembly and set a new goal. This goal was not simply to organize social activities, but to go beyond that — to suggest changes in the school curriculum which would benefit the students' education and to broaden their interests by making them aware of what was happening in the community.

Student Assembly still has these goals in minds. It is not just the name of the group that was changed. It was the entire philosophy Student Council stood for. Student Assembly is not a Student Council!

B. J. Koperski

Look into state law

Why must I be subjected to smoke everytime I enter the restrooms at Central? Don't I have the right to breath clean, smoke-free air?

I'm sure these sentiments are shared by many other students. If this is so, why don't the people who care about smoking in the restrooms do something about it?

Ideally, one might simply ask all those students who make breathing in the restroom almost impossible, to please restrict their smoking to their own private homes, or on the street. But unfortunately this will probably prove to be a wasted breath.

It is quite obvious to me that many students at Central don't care one way or the other about respecting their fellow student's right to use the restroom for it's intended use.

Therefore, I am suggesting to the administrators at Central to look into the state law saying that smoking on school grounds is prohibited. Maybe it would be toward everyone's benefit to suggest that if smokers must smoke, they should be allowed

to do so only outside the school building at a given time during the lunch hour.

This is certainly not the answer, but by removing the smokers from the building, perhaps the students who smoke will find it most uncomfortable to smoke in below zero weather, and may decide that smoking just isn't worth it.

Sandra Epstein

Student lists steps to conserve energy

"All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for enough good men to do nothing." These words by Edmund Burke, an Eighteenth century British statesman are most applicable to day.

We as Americans and most importantly as human beings must continue our support for the tiny nation of Israel. Therefore, we must stand up against the Arab peoples who are steadfast in their intention to drive Israel into the sea; and resist the blackmail terms they are giving us concerning oil.

It is up to each one of us to do his part in conservation of energy so the forces of evil who attempt to rule the Middle East will be defeated in their evil aims. Accordingly, I have drawn up six steps for we as students to follow to help the problem.

1. At home turn off all unnecessary lights, and electrical appliances.
2. At night try to make sure that the thermostat in your home is turned down.
3. Form carpools to get to school. If carpools can not be made, take the bus.
4. At school urge your teachers to lower the thermostat in their rooms to 68 degrees, if they are not already.
5. Once you have gotten the temperature in your classroom lowered make sure the windows are closed.
6. Start for school or where ever your destination may be, a little earlier. Use the extra time to drive slower.

By following the above mentioned steps you will be doing your part to conserve the energy. If you have any additional ways in which to save energy, I urge you to submit them in the form of letters to the editor for publication in the next issue of this paper. The energy problem is just not mine or yours, it is OURS.

David Dutich

Basis for choosing shouldn't be brains

Recently at Central, the senior class office primaries were held. One of the problems was that after the first primary, a few names had to be dropped off because they didn't have the proper qualifications.

Who decides these supposedly good qualifications? Even for the office of President of the United States, the candidate doesn't have to be of a certain IQ!

Some people have brains and others have common sense. I would much rather have someone with common sense as President of the Senior Class of '74 than someone with just brains.

Change the qualifications and open the elections!

Carol Treller

There is still time to amend elections

I've about had it with hearing people say class officers do nothing, have no responsibilities, and should be abolished. The thinking on this is based on the past, not on the facts.

In the past, class officers have mostly gotten into the spirit of things by selling their personality or general popularity in exchange for the prestige — not the responsibilities — of the office. This kind of attitude on the side of both the candidates and the voters has robbed any significance from the offices.

However, thing can still be done by the soon-to-be-elected officers. Just their titles alone can help the officers initiate activities and plan general changes—all with the consent of the class and the school administration, of course.

The responsibility of the class, naturally, is to discover which of the candidates would be capable of bringing respect to the offices. The candidates are there; they merely must be voted for.

Rick Hekl

Various Views 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.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Energy shortage 'fires up' Central

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not have complete control over all the rooms. An example of this is in Mr. Jones' and Mr. La-Greca's offices. They must rely on each others rooms to supply heat to theirs. This also applies to some of the teachers' rooms.

Mr. Tabor was questioned as to the possibilities offered in the Register poll concerning conservation of energy at Central. His responses to each of the possibilities follow.

"More energy on Monday"

Concerning going to school four days a week an additional 90 minutes a day was met with a negative response. He said that "the school uses up three times as much energy on Monday heating the building as they do on Friday. Going only four days a week might mean using up four or five times more energy than used on a regular day."

Lowest possible temperature

The next alternative was to lower the temperature of the building to 52 degrees- the lowest possible temperature the building can reach before it hits the dew point. The dew point according to Mr. Tabor is the temperature at

which "moisture starts to form on the walls of the building and the pipes in the building. Plaster and paint start to fall off the walls. Also the pipes tend to harden and this is not good for the system." Therefore, Mr. Tabor strongly advised against this proposal.

Many snags

"The idea of taking four weeks off in January and making up the time in June is the best possible solution," said Mr. Tabor. "This would virtually guarantee us not running out of gas." However, this idea runs into many snags for the school calendar. Examples are as follows: the O-Book staff would miss their first deadline in 11 years. Winter sports would extend into spring, forcing spring sports into the summer, and finally, and perhaps most important this would extend school to such a point that summer school might be impossible to take. For many students who need to take courses over or who want to get ahead this could be a terrible hardship. For seniors it would limit the time they have to get jobs to earn money before college.

There definitely is an energy crisis but a sure-fire solution still remains to be found.

Marsicek also engineer for KETV

Mr. Tom Marsicek, television production teacher, is able to give his students first-hand experience. Since his sophomore year in college Mr. Marsicek has been working as an engineer at KETV during the summer and part-time during the winter.

Mr. Marsicek's duties at KETV as an engineer include running video tape machines, helping with news blocks, and taping commercials. He learns the commercial aspect of broadcasting, rather than as a form of entertainment.

Mr. Marsicek is able to teach his students to look at television with a more critical eye

than the ordinary layman. He is able to make his class more interesting to the students because he is able to give them more explicit examples.

"Once when I was working the projector "Angel in My Pocket" with Andy Griffith on the 5:30 Sunday movie I got in a hurry and threw reel number three instead of number two." His mistake wasn't caught until several viewers called in.

Mr. Marsicek finds working at KETV an interesting job because he gets to work with all sorts of directors, newspapermen, and advertising agencies; and gets to see how television really is.

Clark eulogizes Mrs. Aust



Anne Aust, an English and Latin teacher, who was a member of the Central High faculty for seven years, passed away on November 14. She died of cancer, from which she suffered for four years. The school year, 1971-1972 was her last at Central.

To pay tribute to Anne Aust should be in terms of her own attributes — her kindness, her personal concern, her courage — all of gold. Nothing was dull in her. Nothing was uninteresting to her. She gathered in riches wherever her interests took her, whether antiquity or advertising, worlds human or sub-atomic, the transient among the permanent; and she shared them with others. Her treasures enriched us all, her family, her students, her friends, her fellow teachers. What she gave so freely made any day a birthday, a time for celebration, with laughter and fun. Her gifts seemed always winged, a marvelous, lepidopteran transformation. So we ask for her the same, something golden, bright in flight, and never to be forgotten.

W. Edward Clark
Chairman, English Department

Students favor longer day

The current energy crisis in America is having a wide range of effects on everyday life. Drivers are asked to drive at 50 miles an hour, businesses are asked to lower their thermostats, and stores open seven days a week are asked to stay open only six days a week. At the rate we are going, the educational facilities in this country may be next in line to be hit.

Therefore, on November 28, a cross section of 380 Central students were asked what they would like to see happen if the energy problem comes to Central. The sample question along with the results follow.

As you may know, the country is facing an energy crisis. If Central was forced to follow one of the three following plans to conserve energy, which one would you prefer?

Take off four weeks for semester break in January, and make up the school time in June.

11%

Go to school four days a week, an additional 90 minutes a day.

62%

Continue going to school as we are now, but the room temperature to be brought down as low as possible—52 degrees. This would mean wearing coats, gloves, hats, etc. during school.

27%

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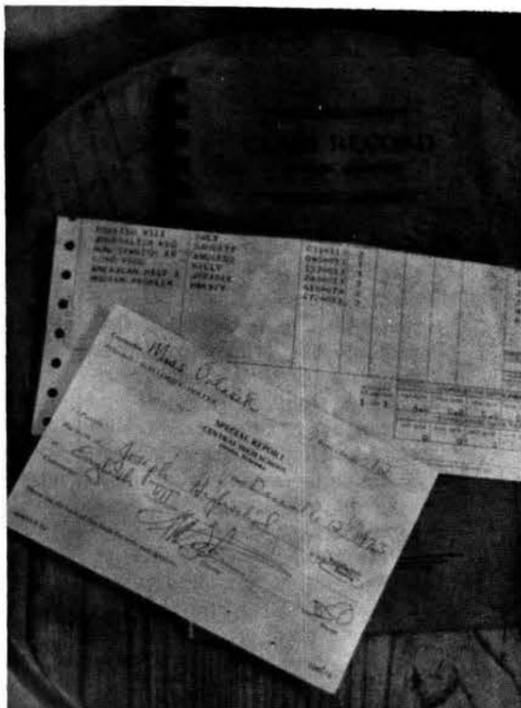
New teaching concept utilized at Central is termed successful

by David Duitch

There is a dramatic new teaching concept currently utilized by several classrooms at Central this year. This concept involves a discussion among the students 20 minutes a week. The teacher-student reaction is unabashedly quite favorable to this concept. What is this all about? The prime mover of this startling new concept is Dr. William Glasser of La Verne College in California who wrote a book entitled *Schools Without Failure*.

As reported in the first fall issue of this paper, it does not mean that Central is going to become a school where no one fails. Rather, as an adjunct to regular class a period of time is set aside where class meetings are held. A class meeting consists of selecting a problem, defining the problem, personalizing the problem, and finally discussing the problem.

During a discussion the student is urged to feel free to express a wide variety of opinions, taking care to respect the feelings of others, and



Teachers don't take grades during class "meetings."

Principle' that there is only one right answer to every question."

"I feel happy"

With very few exceptions the student and teacher reaction is favorable. Comments made by students involved in this program include the following. "After a class meeting (the name the discussion is given) I feel happy because everyone has opened up. I think everyone should open up. No one has been hurt yet by a remark made against them. I feel that I can talk and not worry about being hurt."

Another person stated that "At first I thought it would be boring. After the first discussion though I saw how everyone opened up. People are not afraid to talk about problems that are

bothering them, I think it is good."

One young man said that "When other students talk you get to know about their problems. I think it is good and wish we did it in home-room."

One girl mentioned that she felt glad after she said something in a class discussion. The other students got to know her a little better.

Another sentiment voiced was that even though you talk about a problem, which can not be solved by talking about it, talking does help.

One person felt that if you do not have the power to change something it is no good to talk about it.

No more hostility

Teacher reaction to the experimental classroom procedure evoked a similar reaction to that enunciated by the majority of the students.

"I hope that the enthusiasm that has been generated in my class about this new concept will spread throughout the school, especially with fellow teachers. I think this program has been a great success and is helping the students to better know themselves. If everyone got to know each other, how could there be any hostility towards one another?" This statement voiced by one of the teachers was typical of the teachers' reactions to the new concept.

Privilege

This writer has personally not been a regular participant in these classes but did interview students and teachers along with enjoying the privilege of sitting in on one of these classes. If one could reflect on this teaching experience the following observations might be appropriate. Sometimes we think of school as pass and fail when in reality one of the real challenges of education is to equip us with some of the tools, skills, feelings, and insights that will enable us not only to make a living but also to make a meaningful adjustment to our fellow man.

If you have a chance, get an invitation from a fellow student or Central teacher and sit in on one of these experimental classes. Who knows, you and your teacher might even try it in your class.

Opinion

yet enter into the subject matter with an uninhibited position. The classroom teacher is an observer who listens to the participants neither expressing an opinion nor entering any grades.

Dr. Glasser's key points

Some of the key points Dr. Glasser emphasizes are the following: 1. "Only by eliminating and increasing involvement, relevance, and thinking, will we return education to its original purpose: to produce a thoughtful, creative, emotionally alive student who is not afraid to try to solve the problems the world faces. 2. Open ended meetings help students to think and relate what they know to a subject.

3. "Problem solving meetings help students learn that although the world may appear difficult, sometimes hostile and mysterious, they can use their brains to solve the problems of living in it. 4. Let us eliminate the 'Certainly

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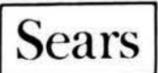
Sears Selects Patricia Robinson for Fashion Board



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Patricia Robinson is very active in school. She participates in the Acapella Choir, Orchestra, Ski Club and Gym. Her hobbies include crafts, guitar, and horseback riding.

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Orators place well in tourney; Nick Newman finishes first

Thirteen students from Central participated in the National Forensic League speech tournament held Friday, November 9, at Westside.

One entry each was made in the original oratory and dramatic interpretation categories. Three teams of duet acting and five extemporaneous speaking entries made up the rest of Central's competitors.

Nick Newman took first place in original oratory. Nick's oration was entitled "Kaput is English," dealing with the abuse of the changing English language. Davida Alperin took second place in girl's extemporaneous speaking.

Other finalists in extemporaneous speaking were Mark Greenberg and Paul Hoffmann.

In conjunction with the NFL speech tournament, a debate was held Saturday, November 10, at Westside. The four man team made up of Kelly Breen, Rose Mary Kudlacek, Mark Greenberg, and Bill Rumbolz took second place in the Junior Varsity division. Paul Hoffman and Nick Patrinos took second place in the championship Varsity division.

"Hopefully the enthusiasm that was gained through the outstanding performance of all individuals will continue throughout the remainder of the Forensic season," commented Coach Linda Dunn.

Student artists hold first sale; Mary Schmidt nets most money

"Because the art club no longer exists, I thought it would be good exposure as well as experience for our art students," Mr. Steve Nelson said in reference to the recent art sale.

The sale was held on Tuesday, November 20 and took place in the Garret, one of two art galleries in the art room, room 425. 32 paintings, mostly landscapes, and three pieces of pottery were displayed.

The paintings were done by Mr. Nelson's eighth hour and Miss Zenaide Luhr's second

hour watercolor classes, and the pottery was done by Kathy Dugan, Donna Ebener, and Jeff Wistrom.

Prices ranged from one to five dollars and the money went to the artists for art supplies.

Mary Schmidt netted the most money according to Gary Brown, manager of the sale. She sold two paintings for a total of nine dollars.

Another art sale is slated for before Christmas and will feature work done by alumni as well as present art students.

Of Central Importance

Students pass FCC test

Twenty-two Central students recently passed a test administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), enabling them to receive the FCC third class radio-telephone operator's license with a broadcast endorsement.

The students are: Sharon Allen, Margie Amster, Mark Bowers, Matt Dean, Tom Diamond, David Duitch, Cynthia Epstein, Rich Erlich, Terry Frazier, Vicky Goessling, and John C. Harris.

Other recipients include: Roger Hylen, Tom Jungbluth, Myron Kaplan, Bill Rumbolz, John Scott, Marvin Skillestad, and Steve Wise. They took the test in October at the Federal Building, and are all eligible to take Advanced Broadcasting second semester at KIOS-FM.

Also, this summer three Central students, Jim Kates, Gary Ostrow, and Anna Wilson, passed the exam and are currently enrolled in Advanced Radio.

Mr. Frank Bramhall, who taught the sixth and seventh hour beginning radio classes, stated he was quite pleased with students who passed the test, which covers basic radio laws and important information needed for radio broadcasting in particular. "We had the best average we've ever had, with better than 50% passing all three elements of the test," said Mr. Bramhall.

Kiwanis choose senior

Bob Schoettger was elected as November's Kiwanis award winner. The Kiwanis committee tries to recognize those students who have never been honored for their services before.

Bob is active in the instrumental and vocal music department at Central, and does service work for his church.

Bob now has become eligible

to compete for the \$250 scholarship that will be awarded in June.

Wagner knows his shots

Perhaps it runs in the family—his father worked as a photographer to pay his way through college, and his brother, Keith, worked on the Register staff as a photographer, in his high school years.

Then again, perhaps it's his pride in his work that makes Alan Wagner increasingly in demand as a professional photographer. To Alan, a photograph is a work of art and should be treated as such.

He's a freelancer and likes it that way. "This way, I can be my own boss, work whenever I want, and for as long as I want."



Wagner poses for a special effect picture.

Alan, who started taking pictures when he was only five years old, using a Brownie box camera, quickly graduated into Topcons and Yashicas through the tutelage of his father and from reading books and magazines.

Now, as a professional photographer, he does passport photos, wedding pictures, portraits, and teaches beginning photographers the tricks of the trade.

Harvey receives award

Mrs. Mary Harvey was given an award for "Contributions to

the furtherance of black culture, heritage and awareness," by the Afro-American Culture Center.

"I felt honored to receive the award. It helps in one's sense of commitment. It's a reinforcement to one's endeavors," commented Mrs. Harvey.

The Afro-American Culture Center is an organization to foster increased awareness of black history and culture. The center maintains a library that will one day be comparable to the Museum of African-American History in Chicago.

It is active in community life and its officers are exceptionally active in community development beyond the call of duty, according to Mrs. Harvey.

Interested students in the organization may contact the executive officers and purchase memberships for \$2.00. "It's open to the public," added Mrs. Harvey.

Classes elect councils

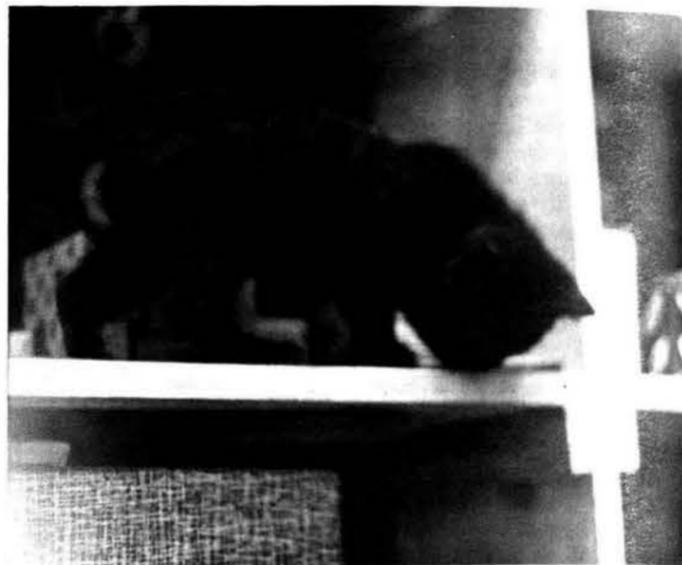
Mrs. Linda Luttbeg's modern problems classes are participating in active city council meetings.

The students elected a mayor and city council members at large from their individual classrooms. Each student has thoroughly researched a topic in a certain area dealing with problems such as welfare, jobs, unemployment, busing, politics, housing, religion, and social services.

"The people elected are more responsive to the program. The student involvement creates a response also," added Mrs. Luttbeg.

The students not involved on the student council play the role of a definite member of society and actively participate in presenting their related problems to the council for further consultation and consideration.

Chicanos, Indians, blacks, whites, and businessmen are all represented by students taking that particular role to play.



Cat stalking the labyrinths of the boiler room.

Cat makes unexpected visit

During Thanksgiving recess, most Centralites, new and old, were taking it easy, watching television, chatting with relatives over dinner, or perhaps playing a game of touch football. Everyone was enjoying the short vacation—even the cat who temporarily lives in the boiler room.

Cat makes debut

The cat was brought in by one of the shift engineers, Mr. James Merrifield on November 20. It was as much of a surprise to him as it was to the other engineers and custodians.

Somehow, the cat managed to climb in the hood of Mr. Merrifield's car clandestinely. On his way to Central, he heard several meows while stopped for a red light. The same noise occurred again at the next stoplight.

It was then that Mr. Merrifield realized that the cat was in his car. After arriving at Central, he opened the hood and from behind the battery, a scrawny, black, furry kitten appeared.

Mr. Merrifield brought the kitten down to the boiler room and everyone there fell in love with it. They fed it milk and even went out to buy cans of cat food.

On Thanksgiving Day, Mr. Elza Tabor, chief engineer, dropped into Central to check

the building. He also admitted that he was concerned about the welfare of the cat. "There are so many pipes and pumps down here and it could have gotten stuck in any one of them." With this in mind, he took the cat home. His grandson and the kitten played football, and according to Mr. Tabor, "They had a ball."

Just kidding around

Besides the engineers and custodians, the cat has found much to keep it company. It plays with spools of wire and with Mr. Tabor's pen. "Somehow it got a hold of one of my pens and stuck the cap in its mouth. It looked like it was smoking a cigar."

The cat played hide and seek once, crawled into a hole in the wall and journeyed into its labyrinths. Unfortunately it couldn't find its way out, and the hole which the cat had crawled through was barely big enough to stick one's hand through. The only way to rescue the cat was to bash part of the wall in, so Mr. Tabor did so.

"Many people have offered to take the cat home so it will be leaving us soon. It was funny to see even the big, tough roughnecks melt at the sight of it," said Mr. Tabor.

Such is the story of Central's most unique alumnus.

Daly chairs 'Totem' committee

Once a year the Omaha Public Schools provide an opportunity for creative students to see their names in print. This opportunity is called "Totem," and it is the publication of literary works for the Omaha Public Schools.

Central English teacher Mr. Dan Daly volunteered, and has been accepted, as the chairman for secondary schools. Mr. Daly will act as chairman for the panel of judges consisting of high school teachers. Among the judges on the city-wide staff will be student evaluator Beth Barna of Central. Beth was selected by Mr. Daly.

The in-school screening committee handles the entries which have been submitted by the various teachers. The committee's purpose is to screen material submitted and send the screened entries to the city-wide committee.

Teachers on Central's in-school screening committee include English teachers Miss Vir-

gene McBride, and Mrs. Marlene Bernstein. Also on the committee is student evaluator Peggy Brand (also selected by Mr. Daly).

The "Totem" accepts creative writing, translations (including French, Spanish, German, and Latin), artwork, and musical compositions.

All forms of creative writing are judged by Mr. Norman Zinn. The music compositions are selected by Mr. Sam Thomas and art entries are judged by the supervisory art staff.

All entries for "Totem" are being accepted now. Entries must be titled and (if accepted by the screening committee) must be typed and sent with a verification sheet signed by the author.

Entries which have been submitted to "Dimension" (Central's literary publication) are still eligible to be submitted to "Totem." The deadline for the screening committee is January 29.

Shakespeare ladies meet in play

A play that started as a student-teacher's project for her course ended in a major production Thursday, November 29 in Central's little auditorium. The play, *When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet*, was directed by Miss Jeanne Shannon, a Creigh-

ton student.

Women in the one act play were: Karen Berryman (Portia), Rene Lane (Juliet), Beth Nearing (Ophelia), Connie Phillips (Katherine), Valerie Robinson (Cleopatra), and Anne Watson (Desmonda).

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Wrestling to start Thursday

The wrestling season also looks promising. One of coach George Garrett's goals is to have a winning season, something which hasn't come easily to Central matmen in the past.

"We want to have a winning season," Coach Garrett said, "and we want to change the wrestlers' attitudes. We don't have as many men dropping out (of the program) this year."

Quitting was a problem

Quitting was a big problem in the past. Wrestling practices are grueling and giving up is a real temptation. Drills, conditioning, short and long matches, and miles of running constitute a typical practice session. Wrestlers must have dedication to stick with it.

This dedication pays off in the end. A wrestler with all the moves could lose in the third period if his opponent is in better physical condition.

Hopes for state

This year Coach Garrett hopes to take at least four of five wrestlers to the state meet. Coach Garrett said the wrestlers must work very hard, and he hopes they receive lots of support from the fans.

The first wrestling meet is the North High Invitational, December 6-8. Competition begins at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The finals begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Girls' swim team places 12th in State

Led by junior standout Mary Whitfield, the girls' swim team placed 12th in the state swim meet in Lincoln, November 10. It was the first girls' state swim meet to be held in Nebraska. Mary placed fifth in both the 50 free style and the 50 backstroke. The medley relay team of Micheala Mullen, Sue Whitfield, Mary Whitfield, and Barb Horner was the only other Central entry that placed in the meet. They took 12th.

No time

"There was no qualifying time for the state meet," said swim team coach Donna Curtis. "I eliminated the choices by selecting the girls who placed in metro. Those are the ones I felt would do well in state."

State swimmers

The girls who went to state are: Mary; Sue Whitfield, 50 breaststroke; Marty Evans, 50 breaststroke; Stef Schrein, diving; the 200 free relay team, Debbie Berka, Gina Felici, Debbie Galas, and Barb Horner; and the medley relay team.

Jim Urban shows horse sense

Every weekend starting in November, when the mornings are crisp and cool, the North Hills Hunt Club meets to go fox hunting. The group hunts on land that has been donated to it by farmers in the Ponca Hills area. Among the members of the elite invitation-only riding club is Central junior, Jim Urban.

Contrary to popular belief, the hunt club does not let a fox loose just for the sake of the hunt. Jim explained that there are two ways of hunting; drag hunting, and natural hunting. When drag hunting, a canvas bag with concentrated fox scent on it is dragged around, leaving a scent for the hounds to follow. When hunting naturally, the hounds try to pick up the scent of foxes who inhabit the area.

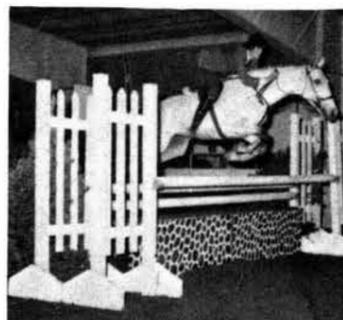
"If the hounds catch the fox, they'll kill it. Usually, though, they don't catch it," Jim said. "The foxes are pretty smart. They know where we can and can't go, so if they feel like getting rid of us, they go across the boundaries. Then, we have to call the hounds off. Some of the farmers put up fences because they don't want the hounds to scare their cows or run over their crops. Occasionally, we'll hunt deer. The hounds aren't trained for that, but sometimes they'll pick up a deer's scent and follow it."

Jim and his horse, Shennandoah

doah, also compete in horse shows, throughout the country, traveling as far as New York, and as near as Des Moines to ride. One of the major problems for Jim in showing is his size.

"I'm not built for riding. Most riders are 5' 6" to 5' 8". I'm 6' 1" and have very long legs. A person with long legs doesn't look as good on a horse as a person with shorter legs."

His size dictates the kind of horse Jim has to have. His first horse, Coin Legend, wasn't tall enough for Jim, so once in a while Jim knocked down jumps with his own feet. Coin Legend was 16 hands two inches tall at the withers, and Shennandoah is 16-3. (A hand is four inches.) Although there is only a one inch difference, Jim pointed out that his new horse is more filled out than Coin Legend was, so Shennandoah is the better horse for him.



Jim Urban on Shennandoah

B-ballers look for good year

Central's basketballers are expecting a good season. Coach Jim Martin hopes to have better depth than last year as well as a more solid defense and a better height average.

"There's a fair chance that this could be the best team I've ever had", Coach Martin said. "We have Charles Lewis as our captain and he'll provide poise in that respect. We also have Mike Ashford who is a two year letterman. We expect Mike to be our quarterback. Several other men could very well develop poise and become leaders also".

Despite not having any players over 6'3", Central should not lack for scoring. Scoring leaders should be Charles Lewis, Mike Ashford, and John C. Johnson. Last year's team relied too much on Dennis Forrester for consistent scoring, but this team seems to be more balanced.

"As far as offense is concerned, we are hopeful of more fast breaks", Coach Martin said. "John C. is especially good on fast breaks and we have a lot of quickness, both in hands and feet".

Rebounders abound at Central this season. Lewis, Ashford, John C. Johnson, Kevin Buckner, and Sylvester Pierce all rebound better than average and should give Central balanced power on the boards.

On defense, Coach Martin expects his team to use the press much more than last year. The press forces opponents into mistakes in their own half of the court. Naturally, these mistakes can be converted into points for Central.

The team plays the same home schedule as last year, but now the tough contests are away games. Coach Martin expects Prep, North, Boys Town, and Westside to give Central its toughest opposition. The home slate is also rough, featuring Ryan, Tech, Lincoln East, and Lincoln High.



Cagers prepare for first game

The early season is highlighted by the Holiday Basketball Tournament, December 26, 27, 28, 29 and January 2.

Central is seeded second in their eight-team division and Coach Martin commented, "I think we have a good chance of winning it". But the Eagles must beat Rummel in their first game and possibly Prep, the top seed in their division.

Central plays its first game December 26 at 5 p.m. If the Eagles continue to win, they can achieve first or second place. If Central loses, it is possible to reach only third or fourth place through the loser's bracket. See the World Herald for times of future games.

Mr. Charles Mancuso, Civic Auditorium manager, noted several points which will be of interest to fans who attend the tournament. For the first time, no cheerleader or Eaglette passes will be allowed. The student body is to sit opposite their team. Students are to use the exits adjacent to the ends of the court. Bands will be placed on the ends of the court.

Tankers hope for big season

Coach Brian Watson expects good performances from Central's swimmers this season. "I'm hoping to beat the same teams we beat last year and some other ones, too", Coach Watson said.

The team is practicing much more than in previous years. At the end of November the total distance swam was over 21 miles, or about 3,000 yards a night.

The well-balanced team is made up of 15 swimmers and three divers. There are eight returning lettermen. The team balance was created by the acquisition of two transferees.

Mark Haley, a junior from Benson will be eligible for the second semester and should be a leading scorer for the team. Another junior, Steve Spratlen, from Creighton Prep, should be a fine addition to the diving team, said Mr. Watson.

The juniors seem to be the most competitive in the swimming events. Paul Hodgson, Mark Blankenau, Mike Fauth, and Brian Gillan are already hitting their top times of last year. Gillan was the team's high scorer last season.

The seniors on the squad will be counted on for additional strength. Tracy Connor, Darrell Gruber, and Larry Schmitz are all two-year lettermen.

Rounding out the roster of swimmers are two sophomore prospects, Charles Loomis and Greg Reischlein.

Central's diving team should be better than it has been for years. Sophomore prospect Brad Dollis, transfer Steve Sprattlen, and letterman Dale Ellefson should score well. The team is counting on the divers to give it extra points that could mean a victory.

The first swim meet of the season is Friday, December 7 at McMillan. Central should win this one against North and Tech.

The second meet is against T.J. and Boys Town at Boys Town. The Eagles should take this meet, too.

Gymnastics ends

Five Central gymnasts qualified for the state meet, November 30 - December 1, but all of them were eliminated in early competition.

Coach John Kocourek and his gymnasts didn't expect to win any events, but they hoped for at least one man in the top ten in an event. The competition was fierce and too hot for Central to handle.

Phil Farber was entered in the high bar event. Mark Lewis and Barry Carlsen were entered in the side horse event. Tom Wolf and Sylvio Reboloso competed in the parallel bars and still rings respectively.

Kocourek's coaching pays off
Coach John Kocourek coached the Eagle gymnasts to one of their best seasons in a long time. Most of his gymnasts will be back next year, so Coach Kocourek should have even a better team.

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Students travel to dig artifacts

"A highly successful trip. Many artifacts were dug up by the students. The television coverage was great." These words echoed by Mr. Creighton Steiner, anthropology teacher here at Central, summarized last months anthropology field trip.

Over 45 students participated in the all day trip to Genoa, Nebraska, some 150 miles from Omaha. Leaving before sunrise and returning just after sunset, the adventurous students had nothing but good things to say about the trip.

One young man said, "I liked it a lot. I hope we can go on another one. It was exciting finding artifacts, especially the

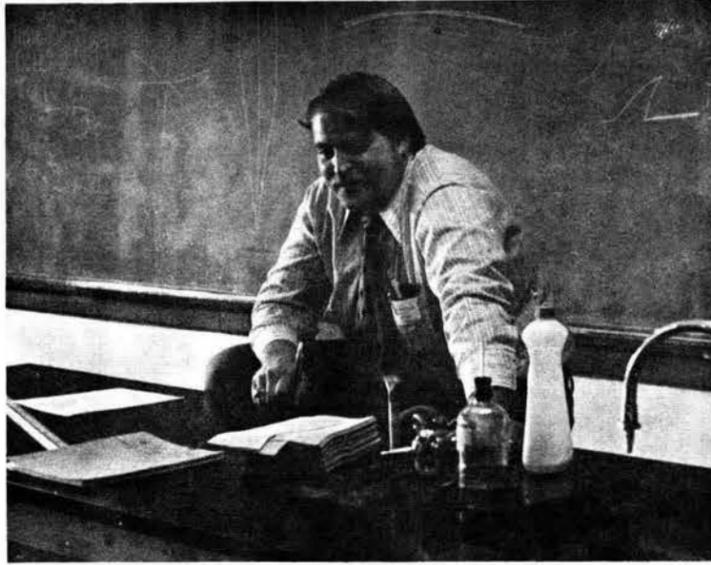
arrowheads."

"A real good experience. I think everyone should go on one of these field trips. Mr. Steiner really helped us a lot on the trip. I only wish we had gotten back earlier," voiced a senior girl.

"It was different," said one junior who went on the trip. "I never did anything like it before in my life."

Prior to the trip, Mr. Steiner lectured his classes on how to look for the artifacts, and what rules to observe. Each student was advised to bring a spoon so they would be able to scrape off the dirt from the artifact.

The many discoveries found by the novice anthropologists are on display now in the trophy case opposite the science department.



Steiner lectures class on artifacts.

Concert given at orphanage

The Central High Band carried out a two-year tradition when it played a concert for children of the St. James Day Care Center on Wednesday, November 21.

In order to perform, members of the band were released from school for sixth, seventh, and eighth hours. Songs played included "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "You've Got A Friend," the school song, and "The Candy Man." In between numbers, demonstrations of how various instruments sound were given.

Following the short concert, the band distributed candy, then split up into small groups. Each group was assigned to a different room and there the children had the chance to become better acquainted with the band members and their instruments.

Mrs. Barbara Fennell, volunteer co-ordinator for the center, said, "The concert was wonderful and we really appreciate it. The kids get no opportunity to see and play instruments, so this will be a memorable experience for them."

Steve Orand arranged the first concert last year when he, as chairman of the band's community service committee, was looking for a project for the band to do. "My only hope," said Steve, "is that someone will carry out this program after I leave."

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Biology teacher constructs TV, falls off ladder painting house

"It hurt, but it was good pay," commented Mr. Dave James, Central biology teacher. Mr. James was referring to his job this summer. During the summer, Mr. James painted four homes, including the homes of Mrs. Elaine Krumme and Mrs. Bertha Myers—both Central counselors.

While painting the home of Mrs. Krumme, Mr. James fell off a ladder, falling 15 feet onto the cement. He fractured his arm and received a cut on his forehead. As therapy for his arm, Mr. James practiced opening a door.

Though it still pains him to speak of the accident, he did say that his insurance fully covered the entire incident.

Undaunted by his painting debut, Mr. James announced his plans to paint this summer with Mr. Richard Redlinger, Central kinesiology and gym teacher.

James builds set

One of his other meaningful

experiences this summer was the construction of a 25-inch color television set. Mr. James assembled the set from a kit during his spare time.

According to Mr. James, the kit required only 14 nights for assembly. On that claim, Mr. James remarked, "Unreal . . . no way—it took quite a period of time."

Mr. James noted the advantage of assembling from a kit is that he is now able to fully service the T.V. himself.

Mr. James acquired his electronic prowess some years ago when he assembled (also by kit) a complete stereo set. He said, "There isn't much difference between the T.V. and the stereo. In fact, they each took me about the same amount of time to assemble."

As to his plans for the future, Mr. James announced he doesn't plan to assemble anything "kit-wise," because, for the most part, he doesn't think it's worth the amount of time.

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