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12 Merit Semifinalists demonstrate excellence

Central High School's "Class of 1975" is already beginning to bestow honors upon our school. However, this task was started last year when Central juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT tests. The results of this test showed that Central had more National Merit Semi-Finalists than any other high school in Nebraska.

There were 12 Central Semi-Finalists as compared with only eight at the second place school. These 12 were chosen on the basis of their "selection scores" in the PSAT/NMSQT tests. Central's Semi-Finalists consisted of Richard Bahnke, Brian Gillan, Paul Hodgson, Laura James (who graduated last spring), Jeffrey Klopping, Betty Moses, Carolyn Ogborn, and Erica Olson. Timothy Seaver, William D. Smith, Stephen Wentworth, and Steven Wise were also selected as Semi-Finalists.

"Very Much Elated"

Miss Eden, Central Counselor, was especially pleased with Central's grand showing. "We are

very much elated to have such fine scholars as members of the student body at Central. I am pleased that they brought such an honor to our school. It is a well-earned reward for them."

The highest score possible in the PSAT/NMSQT test was a 219. All Central Semi-Finalists scored over 190, and Timothy Seaver received a score of 210. Six others received scores over the 200 mark. There were 131 Nebraska Semi-Finalists representing 67 schools.

When asked to reveal his feelings toward being selected as a National Merit Semi-Finalist, Tim Seaver said, "I was very pleased to learn of my selection, and I hope to go on to bigger and better things, such as earning a National Merit scholarship."

The requirements for becoming a National Merit Semi-Finalist vary from state-to-state. The highest minimum score in the PSAT/NMSQT tests in any state is 200, while the lowest minimum score in any state is 182. Students who

have high scores that are not quite high enough to enable them to become Semi-Finalists are honored by being named "Commended" students. Nebraska had 285 Commended students representing 111 schools.

National Merit Scholarships

All Semi-Finalists are eligible to become Finalists for the Merit Scholarships. To advance to the finals, contestants must receive an endorsement from Central and must also submit a list of achievements and interests. Factors involved in determining Finalists also include high school grades and accomplishments, leadership qualities, and extra-curricular activities. About 96 per cent of all national semi-finalists will reach Finalist status.

Two types of Merit Scholarships exist. The National Merit \$1,000 scholarship is awarded once upon the student's enrollment in college. The sponsored Merit scholarship is a 4-year award given by various firms, colleges, and individuals.



National Merit Semi-Finalists: Standing (left to right) Stephen Wentworth, Paul Hodgson, Jeffery Klopping, Timothy Seaver. Sitting (left to right) Richard Bahnke, William D. Smith, Betty Moses, Erica Olsen, Brian Gillan, Carolyn Ogborn, Steven Wise. (Not pictured, Laura James.)

Board introduces integration policy



Special transfer form superimposed over bus indicates voluntary integration policy.

In the past year, the Omaha Public School District has used a plan to transfer students from one school to another, on a voluntary basis, in an effort to achieve integration. Eight hundred eighty-four students, 120 from Central, have participated in the Racial Balance Transfer Program.

The 120 minority students who transferred from Central are presently attending those high schools with a small minority population. Eight white students have transferred to Central from other attendance areas. The School Board is trying to make the ratio of majority to minority students in the schools reflect racial makeup of the city.

Of the 120 students who have transferred from Central, most are 10th graders who had never attended Central. Although school officials had hoped for 300 transfers, they were pleased with the first year totals.

Mr. Anthony LaGreca, Central vice-principal, indicated that transfer policy helped alleviate a projected over-crowding of Central. He said that last spring, the projected enrollment would be 2,331, but the actual enrollment is about 2,000.

There has been a transfer policy in the Omaha Public Schools since the 1800's with many revisions up to the 1960's. Many changes were made to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. More recently, the Justice Department started investigating possible segregation in the District.

The Justice Department contends that the Omaha Public Schools was not realistic in assessing the existing situation. The District feels that it complied with the Civil Rights Act. At present, there is a case against the District pending in U.S. District Court.

The Justice Department feels that schools should be 65 per cent white. The District feels that 75 per cent to 80 per cent is more realistic since the District is 77.5 per cent white. The Justice Department indicated that the District should supply transportation subsidies for students who transfer.

In an effort to evaluate the situation, the District established a committee to make suggestions to the School Board. Among the recommendations for transfer were: childcare availability for students under

16 years old. Health reasons, both medical and psychological and guidance oriented. A position paper was adopted by the Board on each recommendation. In addition the Board examined the integration practices of 28 cities, with and without court action.

To make the transfer policy more attractive and realistic, the Board has agreed to transportation subsidies for students who have transferred. Dr. Rene Hlavac, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Student Personnel Services, said that the subsidy is 12 cents per mile up to 48 cents per day. For secondary students, 1½ miles is subtracted from the distance to the school and the remainder is applied to the formula. There is also a \$200 per year limit.

Dr. Hlavac also indicated that the transfer policy is only a part of the over-all plan. Another project is to re-develop Technical High School into a magnet school for students interested in vocational education.

Regarding the Justice Department, Dr. Hlavac stated, "I'm pretty sure that these programs have enough integration intent to be approved (by the Justice Department and Courts)".

Many persons, including the Future Central Committee, have expressed fears that Central will be lost in the shuffle. Dr. G. E. Moller, Central Principal, when talking about Central's Open School Policy said, "I don't think it (the integration program) changes the picture." Dr. Moller also stated, "I'm hopeful that Central's fine academic standing will be maintained."

School Board considers move of Central's KIOS

In an effort to make Technical High School a "magnet school", the Omaha Board of Education has made a recommendation that one of the magnet principles would be communication. As a result, Central's radio station, KIOS-FM and Burke High School's T.V. station will be transferred to Tech.

In an interview with Mr. Frank Bramhall, studio supervisor and radio broadcasting instructor, he estimated that the cost of the move (including all necessary remodeling) would run about a half a million dollars. When Dr. Owen Knutzen, Superintendent of the Omaha Public Schools, was asked what he thought of the expenditure, he said, "It is a price tag we must pay for an improvement that will better all involved."

If the move is made (contracts have not yet been "officially signed"), KIOS-FM and Burke's T.V. station will share 8,000 square feet. At present, KIOS has 2,500 square feet at its disposal. It is hoped by the

Board of Education that the magnet school concept will increase Tech's enrollment from 400 to approximately 1600 students in a few year's time.

Dr. Craig Fullerton, Assistant Superintendent, believes that the course will become extremely comprehensive, with students receiving background in both T.V. and radio. Students would further receive advice from various businessmen who have related occupations.

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Also, specialized teachers will be transferred to Tech to insure top-quality administration of the program. Dr. Knutzen feels that several teachers are not being used to their full capacity and such a program would enable them to be more productive.

Superintendent Knutzen explained that the Radio-T.V. course will be enlarged from its present one hour course to a multi-period course. He further stated that this would not be a problem when scheduling students as courses will become more flexible to meet these new demands.

As of yet, what will be done with the area now occupied by the Radio station has not been decided. The area has been requested by several departments here at Central. Departments interested include Journalism, Speech-Drama, Music, T.V. Production, and the counselors.

According to Dr. Knutzen this concept of a magnet school will enable Tech to regain their technical excellence. When students find out what type of resources are available to them at Tech, they will come in large numbers, both full and part-time, to get into (and to be able to enjoy) this educational experience.

Evaluate CHS facilities

Let's open our eyes, stop complaining, and look around and see what the halls of Central have to offer. Without getting involved, the full value of school can't be appreciated by the student.

Central's athletic department has now started volleyball and basketball teams for girls. There are many sports offered so that both girls and boys have numerous opportunities to join the teams of their favorite sport.

Enthusiastic workers and participants are always needed in the music and drama departments. Musical, Road Show, and other dramatic presentations are looking for these people.

Many clubs are now forming. The variety of clubs should allow the student enough choice to select at least one club. These clubs range in diversity from chess to foreign language to ecology. New clubs can be formed if the student interest is both sincere and strong enough.

As important as membership and participation is our support of Central's activities, whether it is a football game, track meet or band concert. Without a backbone of support, none of these activities will be totally successful. Each person involved in an activity deserves the support of his fellow students.

Before the complaints become too loud, we should stop and evaluate the facilities for us, the students, to take advantage of. It is the people who are involved who make Central the school it is and will be!

KIOS to move to Tech

Through efforts to make Technical High School a magnet school both Central High School's radio station, KIOS-FM, and Burke High School's television station will be moved there. Hopefully with these two facilities moved to Tech, the school will attract more students throughout Omaha. The move, although in its final procedures, has not been officially approved yet.

We feel that this move will be detrimental to the environment of Central. The radio station is vital to both the students and the programming at Central. It has been an integral part of Central for many years in that it has offered the students a unique opportunity in education.

If the school board is willing to spend close to a half a million dollars to move and provide the facilities of the radio station to Tech, why could they not instead spend this money on improving the facility at Central. It is their hope to try to revitalize Tech, but where is the guarantee that the move will attract 400 other students from Omaha Public School's high schools? Plans call for some new equipment, so that the existing equipment at KIOS will not all be used. Is there no other way to improve Tech? As it stands now, Central students are the only ones trained in advanced broadcasting. These students will be needed when the station is first set up at Tech. A plan is under consideration to teach students from other high schools next semester so that they will be able to broadcast also, but this is not certain.

What about the incoming freshmen and sophomores at Central? The program being offered at Tech includes a comprehensive course in both radio and television. No time period has been set on the course, but if the time is longer than one class period, the students might not be able to fit it into their schedule. This not only includes freshmen and sophomores but also the other students already involved in the radio program.

Where is the justification for moving KIOS to Tech? This move will be harmful to Central, because we will lose a vital part of the school. The programming of Central will also be affected. The taxpayers will pay the price of approximately a half a million dollars to see if a radio station can help revitalize Tech into a magnet school.

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Zorinsky speaks out on issues



Zorinsky speaks

Mayor Edward Zorinsky, Central High graduate, has created much support and popularity for himself and his administration by his open door policy. Making an appointment with the Mayor of Omaha did not have the red tape one usually ascribes to a bureaucracy. On the day of the interview the mayor was as open and accessible as his open door policy suggests.

Register. As a former Central student could you relate any of your fond memories of Central?

Mayor Zorinsky. I always got a big thrill out of the sports events and all the things that make one feel proud to belong to the total overall process of the high school. Even in those days, Central won many State awards as the outstanding year they had last year in winning several state awards. We had a close knit group in those days. I would assume they still do today. I don't think much

soap box

Stop segregation

One day, while walking up the stairs to the cafeteria, another student ran up the stairs in front of me. When he reached the top of the stairs he opened the door and glanced in. Suddenly, he slammed the door and remarked, "Well, I'll be 'expletive deleted.'" I continued on my way, as he went down the stairs as hurriedly as he had come up them. When I reached the door and proceeded to get in line I saw what he seemed to be so upset about. He was black and had come on the "white" side of the cafeteria.

While in line I thought about how silly it seemed, to walk down that whole flight of stairs and go around simply because there were more white students than black students on that side.

To all students: don't self segregate! There's already too much of that without putting it upon yourself.

Kenneth Allen

Fix parking needs

We would like to comment about the student parking situation. This year it has become one of the biggest problems at Central. Students no longer seem to know how to park correctly, making it almost impossible for shortened day students to leave without hitting another car.

The parking lot is overcrowded, and the problem has become worse because of the inconsideration of some students.

In the winter it will become very difficult to avoid hitting other cars because of ice and snow.

at all has changed since I have left Central.

Register. How is your administration working with and for the youth of Omaha?

Mayor Zorinsky. We work with them through trying to involve them in youth programs. When I first took office, this was a very neglected area. This is based on the past performance of how the city government related to youth.

I never turn down a request to talk to youths, because when you come to the question and answer period, you can learn things from the youth of the city that you can't by sitting behind this desk. You are out there on their ground and their environment and that gives them the opportunity to actually confront you visually when they feel they are distant from city government. I think that gives us input that we need that we never had before.

This past year we employed from the city of Omaha, in the Summer Youth Program, 2100 youngsters. I think this is good because it gives them the economic opportunity and capability to make a few dollars for their own spending.

Register. How do you feel about the manner in which the Omaha School Board is handling integration?

Mayor Zorinsky. I think to this point they have approached it in a realistic manner especially with the thought in mind that public involvement is a prime concern. They have accomplished that through their task force.



There can probably be nothing done about the overcrowding, because of the lack of parking facilities, but there are a few minor adjustments that could be made such as:

1. Raising money somehow, to pave, level out, and mark lines on the parking area.

2. Enforcing the fact that the parking must be done correctly.

3. If it is not possible to pave the area then pass out diagrams and/or other information showing areas where parking is and is not permitted.

Cooperation is needed of all students if the parking situation is to become any better at all.

Sylvia Hoffman
 Patty Meyers
 Kevin Herman

The Student Assembly has already taken measures to alleviate the problems incurred by parking in the student lot. In fact, the Student Assembly will begin towing cars today. — editor

The Central High Register welcomes your ideas and opinions. In order for your letters to be printed please bring them to room 317, signed, a week before the Register comes out. If necessary the Register reserves the right to shorten letters.

Register. As the mayor do you feel District 66 and other suburban school districts are ignoring an aspect of education and even life by not actively integrating their schools?

Mayor Zorinsky. I would hate to judge the principal of a school or a superintendent of a school based on what he is doing without my knowing what the capabilities or what the potentialities of integration in a specific school or without knowing has someone been denied access to that school or entrance to that school or has someone, say a black instructor, been precluded from teaching at that school.

Register. What are your opinions on the subjects of white flight and the future of Central as an academic institution?

Mayor Zorinsky. When you say white flight I would have to be shown some statistics. You know everybody says without really knowing what the statistics are.

I think we had an integrated Central when I went there in 1945. We had a very large black population, and we all lived in great harmony. I haven't attended Central recently, but I know they also have a large populous of minority students there now. I don't know to what the percentage differences are today compared to 1945.

I think the problem is that the center of our city is moving further west in so far as the activities available to the people. Maybe it isn't that they are fleeing Central High, maybe it's the fact the residences geographically become further and less accessible to Central High School.

Register. Do you agree with mandatory busing?

Mayor Zorinsky. I oppose mandatory busing.

Register. Do you think it is warranted for the Omaha Public School system to spend thousands of dollars to alleviate the fire hazards at Central?

Mayor Zorinsky. If it was safe for me at Central High 29 years ago, it should be safe today because I don't think anything has changed (reporter's laughter). I do not think we should insist that the school board spend millions of dollars to renovate schools because I think we are to look for a utopia in that area. I do think it is incumbent on the city's fire division to point out these hazards and to go on record as being cognizant of them. Then it should be the decision of the school board, who has control over the monetary expenditures, to make determinations as to how hazardous or not hazardous these conditions are.

Register. What are your political aspirations after your term as mayor?

Mayor Zorinsky. I have no future political aspirations. I don't want to say that I am thinking of precluding any other office either, because by doing that, I would lose the credibility and respect from the people who work for me.

I do not have any further political aspirations as far as becoming a professional politician. I think public service is what it is all about. I think when a person in an elected capacity forgets that he is merely an extension of the will of the people who put him in the elected office, he has outlived his usefulness as an elected official.



by
Ken
Milder

Sport of tennis nets great reviews

Central High School has made a name for itself in many sports over the last few years. Certainly we have achieved state-wide fame in basketball, and now we have ventured into Missouri to play football. Our cross-country teams have also excelled. However, most of us have forgotten about good-old tennis even though Central was runner up in the state two years ago. This reporter has not forgotten tennis. Perhaps because I am on the team . . .

Miracles are a Basic Concept

When playing a tennis match, many emotions are realized. Fear is a good example. When playing a close match, many players, Jews and Christians alike, will resort to prayer. The tennis court is no place for atheists or non-believers in miracles. Of course, those miracles may never actually materialize, but one must still believe in them.

Another emotion that is often felt on the tennis court is the emotion of sadism. Picture yourself only five feet from an opponent that has been beating you all over the court. Suddenly he mis-hits the ball and it flies straight up into the air and lands on your side of the net. There you are facing this hated rival with a metal racket in your hand and all you have to do to end the match is carefully place the ball right between his eyes. Some people may experience pity, but they are probably winning.

A Loser at Love

Finally the scoring system of tennis must have been devised by some fiendish villain. The reason that this statement is made, is because the word for "Zero" is "Love" and obviously no one loves to be at love. None-the-less, tennis is quite a racket and all participants have a ball.

Of Central Importance

Brown wins top award

Gary Brown, a Senior at Central High School, won two awards over the summer for his "leadership" at an ROTC camp, in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The two awards Gary received were: "Best Leadership in the Field" and "Best Leader" from the Omaha Public Schools. In the first award, Gary scored better than 128 participants and in the second he scored better than 12 participants from Omaha. The judging was based on the following: ability to perform and carry out leadership, how well he handled assigned leadership positions, and how well he assumed positions of leadership he did on his own accord.

Other members of Central's ROTC program who went to the camp are: Kenneth Peavy, Perry Eele, Steve Dosch, Mike Bahan, Mark Bruce, and Robert Ratner.

Choir selects officers

During the week of September 9, A Cappella choir held their annual elections. President of the choir is "note-worthy" Alex Prodywus. Joining Alex on the Choir Council are Vice-president Lynn Casperson, Secretary Adrienne Alston, and Treasurer Diane Zipursky.

Also elected were Senior Representatives Ken Milder and Nancy Walker, and Junior Representatives Doug Allen and Anne Watson.

Room 118 gets facelift

There is something new behind the door of room 118 — new paint, chairs, tables, and carpet. This all adds up to the new location of the Counseling Resource Center.

The center was in guidance counselor Miss Irene Eden's of-

fice which was located in the attendance office. "The new location provides more space and is conveniently located for student use," Miss Eden said.

The new room will contain Miss Eden's office, a conference room for visiting college representatives, college catalogues, expanded career and vocational information, scholarship information, and test forms. "Everything isn't moved in yet," Miss Eden said. "We are still waiting for the bookshelves and telephones to be installed."

Mrs. Judy Stone, counselor's aide, will also be there to assist students in finding materials they need. Mrs. Stone is new to Central this year. She said, "The center is open all day and there will always be someone there to assist students." Mrs. Stone feels the center will be of great benefit to students if they make use of it.

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Students star in "Music Man"

There might not be 76 trombones from Central in the current Playhouse musical "Music Man", but there are eight active members of the cast, crew, and orchestra.

"Music Man" is the story of a traveling salesman who comes to the town of River City, Iowa. He promises to sell the children of the town band uniforms and instruments to form a brass band, but instead only brings trouble. As usual he falls in love with the town librarian, Marian. The ending is happy for all involved in the show. Performances run every night with the exception of Mondays through October 6.

Janet Pugh, playing the part of Zaneeta Shinn, the mayor's daughter, has one of the leading female dancing and acting roles. Janet said, "the show involves people of all ages and everyone is like one big family." She said the cast has been rehearsing between four and five weeks. Rehearsals have run as long as ten hours, but this is not a usual occurrence. Janet stated, "being in 'Music Man' is a lot of hard work, but it pays off."

Lisa Clute also has one of the main leading dance roles.



Janet Pugh portrays Zaneeta Shinn. Photo courtesy of Omaha Playhouse.

She is one of three couples doing most of the dancing. When asked about being in "Music Man", Lisa replied, "there are so many people you have to get along with, but it is a lot of fun."

Central is contributing two musicians to the orchestra, Doug Allen playing trombone and John Harris playing both clarinet and baritone saxophone. They don't get too much of a chance to see what is going on as they are placed behind a large black curtain. The orchestra consists of twenty students mostly high school age. Their rehearsals began August

1. When asked about his feelings in musical, Doug stated that the show is exciting from the standpoint of the orchestra.

The largest number of Central students participating in the show are on the stage crew. These students are Matt Dean, Joel Davies, Kathy Slavin, and Darrell Fluehr.

So, if the shouts of "Ye, gods there's trouble in River City" happen to echo down the halls of Central, one will immediately realize one of the eight members from Central will be reciting the all too familiar lines of "Music Man."

Centralites excel at States

Central representatives to Nebraska Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' States said they felt the week long study this summer of Nebraska government was worthwhile. Representing Central were Jean Ogborn, Betty Moses, Bruce Rips, and Paul Hodgson.

"It was a great experience in practical application of government," Paul said; "participating in government made it most interesting."

At the convention, Betty Moses placed first on a current events exam and was nominated by her peers to be an alternate for Girls' Nation held in Washington D.C. Along with Betty, Jean and Bruce were elected to their unicameral.

Jean said members of the Girls' State unicameral passed some worthwhile laws. Jean said she and a friend sponsored bills concerning the improvement of rape statutes and penal reform.

"You could tell a very big difference between the city and rural girls on the issues of rape and abortion," Jean said. According to Jean, the rural girls were much more conservative on



Boys' and Girls' States participants: (left to right) Alternate Ken Edwards, Alternate Erica Olsen, Delegate Paul Hodgson, Delegate Jean Ogborn, Alternate Brian Gillan, Alternate Diane Zipursky, Delegate Bruce Rips, Delegate Betty Moses.

these issues and stressed agricultural problems more than the city girls did. In spite of their differences she said the girls all got along as friends.

According to Bruce, most legislative votes were split between the city and rural boys. "I felt like a token urbanite when confronted with so many rural guys. The proportion of

city to rural boys was not a true representation of the state of Nebraska," Bruce said.

Betty, who was elected to a board to evaluate Girls' State, said she felt, "like a robot," because the schedule was too restrictive. She said she recommended a time for recreation and the loosening of the dress code.

Hung Up About Your Future?

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Sidelines

by Neal Steinbart

High school sports have been traditionally thought of as a society of lettermen. The term may soon be changed to "letterpersons," for the spectator world is awakening to the increasing prominence of girls' sports.

"Girls have always wanted to compete," explained Mrs. Penny Graham, girls' volleyball coach, "but they never had the opportunity."

In the past, girls participated only in intramurals. Competition between girls of different schools was unheard of.

Intra-city sports for girls in Omaha are just four years old. In 1971, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, and track were introduced for girls. Now in 1974, volleyball and basketball will join the list at Central.

"Girls' sports have been coming, but Women's Lib brought it ten years sooner," reasoned Mrs. Graham.



Girls stand tough at the net

At first many questioned whether there would be interest among girls, but one can easily sense the enthusiasm involved in the existing program. In fact, Mrs. Graham added, "Girls are more interested in sports at Central than boys are."

The question of athletics being "unhealthy" for girls is ridiculous. "It's the best thing in the world for them," Mrs. Graham exclaimed. "Participation in sports doesn't make 'tomboys' out of girls. You can stay totally feminine even with a few broken fingernails."

High schools in outstate Nebraska have already had these "new" girls' athletics just now being started in Omaha. Outstate schools have witnessed the drama and excitement that we are only now catching a glimpse of in girls' sports.

Cross Country looks to seasons

"I am really pleased with the hard work of the team," said Eagle Cross Country coach David James.

The harriers, led by Senior John Labenz, have run to a 1-2 dual record, a 7th place finish in the Fremont Invitational, and a disappointing 6th place in the Kearney Invitational.

The highlights of the season thus far were the impressive

2.5 mile course time of 13:54 by John Labenz and 14:03 by teammate Keith Schafer while placing second and third respectively behind the top state runner, Pat Colburn.

The Eagles have only one Senior in their top seven runners. "Yes, we are very young and inexperienced, but by mid-season we should be able to qualify for the state meet."

Golfers Tee off

The Girls' Golf team is starting fresh this year. Not one of last year's golfers are returning to this year's squad.

The team opened the 1974 season with a loss to Bellevue in a disappointing show. The match on September 17 at Maple Village saw the varsity team outstroked decisively.

Two days later, Benson found our team much too hot as the Eagles soared. The Central victory proved to be very one-sided against the Bunnies.

"We could have beaten Bellevue with the score we had against Benson," Debbie Farber, Eagle golfer explained.

Though they are lacking experience, Mrs. Jo Anne Dusatko, girls' golf coach, called this year's team very promising. Seniors Debbie Farber and Lauri Peterson and Sophomore Julie Kregnes show much talent for the upcoming season.

Cheerleaders work to win camp honors

During a recent week long clinic at Lake Okoboji, Central's varsity cheerleaders won the outstanding cheerleading squad award. Varsity cheerleaders who attended the clinic were Kelly Ritts, Kim Stokey, Debbi Galas, Susan Whitfield, Laurie Gift, Kim Jensen, Mary Jo Humphrey, Vicki Simonson, Kay Cee Buss, and Mary Whitfield.

Central cheerleaders also won five superior ribbons and one excellent ribbon which earned them the outstanding cheerleading squad award. The cheerleaders were given a spirit stick in recognition of their excellent performance. They were the first Central cheerleaders in ten years to receive these honors.

The clinic involves cheerleaders from all over the country in conjunction with the National Cheerleader Association.

Eagles open season with a win

Eagles shut out Tech

The Eagles opened the 1974 football season with a home game victory Sept. 6 at U.N.O., shutting out Tech 18-0.

While the defense closed off Tech's drives, Central's ground game soared behind the bruising running of Sophomore Phil Bates and Senior John Coleman. Phil earned 84 yards on 13 carries and the game's first touchdown. John's 74 yards on 17 carries helped push the Eagles to 163 yards rushing.

The game was scoreless until Phil's 4 yard touchdown scramble late in the third period. Central later capitalized on a two yard plunge by Gordan Sims and a 43 yard touchdown pass from Mike Bruce to Steve Blair. Phil's brilliant game was ended suddenly, however when a smashing tackle late in the game left Phil with a fractured leg.

The Eagles' solid defense was headed by a stiff front line that hammered Tech to only 106 yards in total offense.

The win was the first regularly scheduled high school game to be played on artificial turf. "I like it much better," Gordan Sims explained, Senior fullback, "It seems that you go faster."

Central suffers first loss

Friday the thirteenth proved unlucky for Central, as the Creighton Prep Bluejays handed the Eagles a 17-0 loss. The 7:30 game at Benson on September 13 was our first defeat in the still young football season.

Central's offensive unit almost always started deep in their own territory. Both senior quarterbacks, Scott Cox and Mike Bruce, tried desperately, but the Prep defense halted all

Eagle girls bring newest sport into CHS: volleyball

Girls Volleyball has been added this fall for the first time to the roster of intra-city sports at senior high schools in Omaha. Much enthusiasm was shown as fifty girls came to the gym to try out for Central's team under Mrs. Penny Graham, volleyball coach.

The girls will play under national rules, the same as boys would, with six players on the court. There will be district play and then a state championship in Scottsbluff.

A varsity and junior varsity team face their first game September 24 against Westside. The squads were cut to about fifteen players on each.

Gymnasts look to top

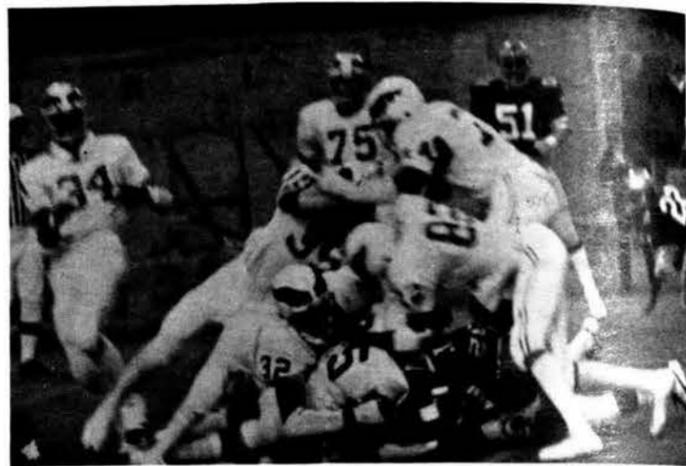
The Central High Gymnastic team began their 74-75 season with an opening loss against '74 state champion, Creighton Prep.

The team, coached by Mr. Kocourek, has eight returning letterman and is led by top scorers Steve Jones and Sylvio Reboloso, both juniors.

"We improved 400 per cent last year, and I believe that if we can improve just as much this year we will have a good team," Coach Kocourek said.

Coach Kocourek explained that a particular gymnastic event is scored by setting a maximum number of points that are possible.

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Eagle defense piles up Tech

the Eagles' drives.

The defense submitted to first and third quarter touchdowns, and a second quarter field goal by the Bluejays. But the Central squad showed that they don't give up, as the defense held Prep on fourth down and goal to go from the 2 yard line in the fourth quarter.

An Eagle cheerleader, Kim Stokey, found that football is dangerous not only for the players. Kim suffered a fractured leg as a wide punt return play ended out of bounds and in the cheerleading squad.

Fumbles prove costly

Central had a rough night against Kansas City Lincoln on Sept. 20, as the Eagles fought to a 34-6 defeat.

Gordan Sims, Senior fullback, capped Central's third quarter touchdown drive with a two yard plunge. The march was 53 yards in six plays.

The Eagles couldn't hold on to the ball. Four fumbles in the first half and one in the second halted drives and gave Lincoln

good field position.

The statistics proved that Central was tough. The Eagles had ten first downs while Lincoln had eight. The total yardage in offense was about equal, as Central pushed for 275 yards and Lincoln to 273.

Senior Mike Bruce started at quarterback for the first time. Mike hit three of twelve passes, all completed to Clayton Bullard, Senior receiver. Senior Scott Cox took over the quarterbacking position later in the game.

Central gained the opportunity to play this Kansas City team because Boys Town dropped out of our schedule. Dr. Don Benning, Central athletic director, contacted many mid-western high schools searching for a team with last weekend open, and finally found Kansas City Lincoln available.

Our team left from Central at 9:30 a.m. and headed for the 7:30 p.m. game. The bus finally arrived home at 3:30 Saturday morning.

Tennis Serves win in first two matches

The boys' tennis team opened with two wins before dropping their third match, posting a 2-1 dual match record for the Eagles.

On Thursday, September 12, Senior Jeff Miller won in split sets against Doug Stuva of Bryan to push the Eagles to a 3-2 margin over the Bears. Junior Fred Hussy and Senior Dave Schmidt also posted wins in

their singles matches to create this narrow edge.

The Eagles then whipped the North Vikings 5-0 on Sept. 16. Dave Schmidt, Jeff Miller, and Junior Stuart Kolnick won in singles, while Seniors Ken Milder and Jim Urban combined with Mark Kresel and Fred Hussy to net wins in the two doubles matches.

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