

Panel discusses base

Last Tuesday, Central High PEP, Parents, Educators, and Pupils, sponsored an open discussion entitled "Whose Dollar Will Pay For Public Education?". A panel of state senators and distinguished finance experts were questioned by media representatives Carol Shrader of KETV, Dick Ulmer of the Omaha *World-Herald*, and David Powers of the Central High *Register*.

Panel members included State Senators Vard Johnson, Dave Newell, and Carol Pirsch. Also serving on the panel were Finance Professor Barry Burton of UNO and Don Schinzel of Commercial Federal Savings.

Among the many items discussed at the program was the ability of the legislature to pass LB 627. The bill, sponsored by Ralston Senator Gerald Koch, would lift the spending lid on local subdivisions of govern-

ment after a period of one year. The bill would also require an increase in the number of signatures needed to force a referendum on a spending lid from 5 to 15 percent. However, an amendment by Senator Vard Johnson would set the figure at 7 percent.

All three senators who served on the panel stated that they were in favor of LB 627. In an Omaha *Sun* interview, Senators Newell and Pirsch reacted in favor of the bill, but with some reservations.

"I don't want to make it really difficult for people to use the referendum process," stated Senator Pirsch, "but a zero base lid is probably unrealistic for any length of time."

In the same interview, Senator Newell said that he was in favor of re-imposing the lid yearly if the voters wanted it. But, he added, he was opposed

to raising the necessary percentage of voters signing a petition from 5 to 15 percent.

Prior to the panel discussion, a press conference was held in Central's Journalism I class. Professor Burton fielded questions from students related mostly to short-term funding of schools as opposed to long-term funding and also questions pertaining to the school tax base in general.

"Taxes should be set on an 'ability to pay' basis," said Professor Burton. "People who have money should pay their fair share, while ones with less money shouldn't have to pay as much."

Professor Burton also stated that he believed that long-term prospects for education include a shift from local to state supported schools, and the use of sales taxes instead of property taxes.

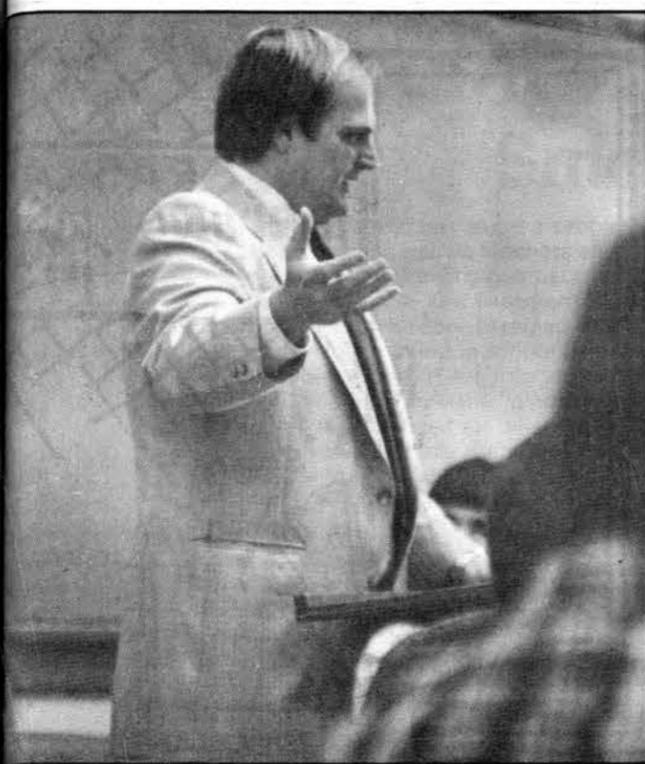


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Professor Burton addresses journalism class

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S.A. presents 1980 Prom

Central High Student Assembly will sponsor "Prom 1980", Spring Prom 1980, Friday, April 11 at the U.N.O. Student Center from 8:00-11:00. Tickets may be purchased before school and during lunch periods on the side for \$8.00 per couple and \$6.00 for singles. Music will be provided by E.T.C. The April 11 date is one of the earliest in recent years, according to Vicki Benning, Student Assembly president, "it is the only time a prom can be held." "There are too many conflicts in the calendar," said

Vicki. "We wanted to have it later, but boys' state track, spring musicals and plays interfered."

Vicki also said that there are many misconceptions about prom.

"Many people have the wrong idea about prom. They think it is only for seniors, but it is really for the entire school."

Much time has gone into the preparation for prom. Student Assembly has been working since the beginning of the year picking a site and a band.

"We looked at quite a few places including the Carter Lake Warehouse, Peony Park, and the Hilton," said Vicki. "Most of the places we looked at were too expensive, and a couple of them had open bar requirements," she added.

Student Assembly is hoping for a good turn-out to help offset some of the costs. However, Vicki says the main objective is to put together a good dance for the school.

"We are doing it for the school. We put up more money than we get out of it."



photo courtesy of E.T.C.

Spring Prom 1980 with E.T.C.

Swedberg finds Brazil enjoyable

Brazil is more home to me than the United States is," says sophomore Mark Swedberg. Mark and the other four members of his family have served as Baptist missionaries in Brazil for nine years.

Work as a team

The Swedbergs "work as a team to establish regular Baptist churches in the cities," says Mark. "There are many missionaries in Brazil. We plan churches, but other people go there for other reasons. Some are members of the Baptist church as part of another mission."

Mark was born in Omaha but lived in Los Angeles before moving with his family to Brazil. Starting when I was five, we lived there for four years. After living in Omaha for one year, we came back and stayed for five more years."

Sunday school

"I really enjoy the missionary work," says Mark. "I teach Sunday school every Sunday in

Portugese and I also help with the young people." As for the constant change, Mark says, "I'm used to it. You have to set up in a new place, but I've got friends in both spots (Omaha and Brazil)."

Portugese is the official language of Brazil. The language barrier is something he learned to overcome at a young age. "I picked up Portugese playing with my Brazilian friends when I was five. I didn't find it difficult because I started so young. My parents had to learn Portugese in a school that teaches Portugese to Americans."

Continuing studies

Mark does not go to a regular school in Brazil but studies by correspondence from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Division of Continuing Studies. "I order books and the courses I want to take. They send me worksheets and tests to work on and I send them back to the university for correcting."

Mark finds the correspon-

dence course more difficult than a regular school. "You have to push yourself. There are no teachers to help you. I'm a pretty good student, but I got a few 2's through the correspondence courses."

Baptist Mid-Mission

Mark says his parents "felt called to the missionary. They both attended Faith Baptist College in Omaha and then applied to be missionaries after they were married." Mark's father is an ordained pastor.

The organization the Swedbergs mission for is the Baptist Mid-Mission, based in Ohio. "One must apply to the Mid-Mission before he may become a missionary. They see if you're qualified to be a missionary or not by asking a series of questions and what you believe in concerning the Bible. They also give you guidelines for living in Brazil."

Traveling

The Baptist Mid-Mission pro-

vides the Swedbergs with the money for their mission and living expenses. When they come back to the U.S. for a year at a time, Mr. Swedberg does a lot of traveling according to Mark. "He gives a report to churches when we come back. He visits such states as Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Colorado." One of the most important things about the Mid-Mission, says Mark, is that "it gives us a reputation because of the kind of mission it is."

Sao Paulo

The Swedbergs first lived in Sao Paulo, one of the largest cities in the world. They stayed there for seven years. "It was polluted and gave me headaches. I didn't enjoy it. I had to go to an American school there, and I didn't meet too many Brazilians," said Mark.

The Swedbergs spent the last two years of their stay in Uberlandia, a city located in the center of Brazil. Uberlandia has a population of 300,000 and is the

"center of cattle country and agriculture" according to Mark. "It is off in the panhandle of the state of Mines Gerais and is the chief city of the area. Everything goes through Uberlandia."

Soccer

During his stay in Uberlandia, Mark spent some of his time at the Uberlandia Sports Club, where swimming, basketball, volleyball, and indoor soccer were available. Soccer is the main sport in Brazil, and Mark played a lot of it last year in his spare time. "I got behind in my school work, so I had to spend a lot of time studying."

Future

The Swedbergs will return to Brazil in June or July for four more years. Mark will return in a few years to go to college at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. His possible plans after college include going to seminary and being a missionary. "I'll probably be a missionary in Brazil."

Head shop creates controversy

Controversy has sparked across the Midwest again with the introduction of a new bill in the state legislature. In Nebraska, the introduction of LB 991 calls for prohibition of the sale, possession or advertising of drug paraphernalia. This issue, proposed by Omaha Senator Pat Venditte, seems to be another case of "right problem, wrong solution."

What started as community-enacted ordinances has snowballed into an almost nationwide effort to ban "head shops." According to Dr. Barry Brown in an Omaha *World-Herald* article, by the end of 1979, nearly 80 communities had some sort of anti-paraphernalia ordinance.

editorial

The communities were spread across the country, following no particular pattern. The only similarities were that they were all "middle-class" communities.

Brown said that the most successful of these ordinances are those that outlaw sale to minors and restrict zoning and licensing requirements for "head shops."

In Nebraska, a poll by the *World-Herald* showed a majority of the citizens in favor of regulation of the shops. The largest majority group against the shops are the housewives with an overwhelming 81 per cent in favor of regulation.

However, as it stands now, the Venditte bill has some serious problems. According to Attorney General Paul Douglass, LB 991 raises questions of constitutionality.

The bill's definition of drug paraphernalia is so broad that it makes the home gardener look like a hardened desperado. Included under the definition of drug paraphernalia are such things as rakes, spades, clay pots, wrapping paper, plastic sandwich bags, and pharmacist's scales. To prohibit the advertisement and sale of these common household items borderlines on violation of the First Amendment.

Even with the regulation of only bong, pipes, and rolling papers, problems still exist. The impact expected by many to come with this bill will just not be there. Too many of these items can be home-made or obtained at a local super-

market. Pot smoking was present before the big head-shop boom, and it will still be a problem even with young teens after the head shops are gone.

The best that this bill can hope to obtain is to destroy the convenience that was there for the head shop patron. However, it won't discourage budding dopers; it will just make them careful shoppers. Several other positive effects are possible with this bill. It could help to deflate the drug flow by taking away the publicity and availability of the paraphernalia. It also takes away one more place for drug users to hang out. It is a step, however meager, in the right direction, but it is no solution.

Judy Yacio, spokesman for PRIDE (Parents Resources and Information on Drug Education), and the whole PRIDE group deserve to be commended for their efforts since it seems their hearts were in the right place. PRIDE has been an avid supporter of LB 991. Let's hope that this is not the only step taken since alternative plans should be considered.

An atmosphere of disapproval . . .

The real solution is not always as easy as it sounds. It should be obvious that if there were no drug market in Omaha then there would be no need for head shops. But the mere fact that the shops do exist is evidence that the drug market is such that it is available to large numbers of people.

To curb the availability of drugs and related paraphernalia, we must have stricter enforcement of current drug laws. The talk and action of reducing the penalty on possession of marijuana has only helped in creating a permissive atmosphere for the drug user. This impression is related to children when they see the displays of bong and pipes in the neighborhood bong shop.

By cracking down on those who are caught using drugs, an atmosphere of disapproval can be created. This is necessary to demonstrate to the children that drugs are not acceptable in today's society. If there is no market for the drugs, then there can be no market for the drug paraphernalia.

letters

Central cagers comended

I would like to congratulate the Varsity Central Eagles basketball team for a fine year of basketball although their 7 wins and 11 losses record doesn't show it.

The Eagles, who were the victims of many close losses, had to put up with numerous accounts of poorly refereed games. One of them was the district finals at Burke.

I myself am a basketball referee, and I did not know that kicking, nearly punting the ball, and hanging on the rim for nearly three seconds was allowed in high school basketball.

Believe me, I've had many judgement calls in my days, but these violations in plain sight make me think that the Eagles should be on their way to Lincoln.

Steve Sempeck
Basketball referee for the Nebraska
State High Schools Athletic Association.

'Male specimen' speaks out

As a "male specimen" of the student body of Central High school, I wish to ask why you left out the category of males which boasts the largest population: NORMAL. Let me help you if I may.
Type VI. Studious, yet finds time for girls,

goes to football games with friends to cheer on our jocks. Plans to become a high school literature teacher or a doctor. (Not to mention countless other occupations). Cannot bench press two-hundred pounds, yet really doesn't care. The majority of the group has a steady girl and sincerely cares about the feelings of others. "And doesn't the world need more of those?"

In closing, I would like to say that if you merely "call 'em as you see 'em," OPEN YOUR EYES!
James Doughman
Type VI

'Road Show' poetry

A poem — by Mrs. Stommes
Road Show was Great
Road Show was Super
But now I must be
a Party Pooper!

To sign your name on the Make-up Room wall
This is the rule that applies.

Use a magic marker or a crayon
NOT THE MAKE-UP ROOM SUPPLIES!

(Definition of the word LIPSTICK — a tube of rouge to apply color to the lips, not walls; otherwise, it would be called WALLSTICK!)

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Words to Grow by

by Cathy Grow



I will never understand the mature, ambitious person, the one that finishes term papers weeks before the deadline, studies for tests days before they take it, and utilizes study halls to their advantage. There's nothing wrong with it, I just don't understand it. This group has always confounded me and caused me to feel horribly inadequate, for I am a procrastinator first class, and I'm calling upon my fellow beings to unite! For ours will no longer be the silent majority. No more need you feel cowed by the bull people of the world, yours is a noble lifestyle.

I have studied the problem quietly for a very long time. I have been slow and thoughtful in my deductive processes, and I have decided that the procrastinator should no longer be frowned upon. Sit back and analyze the information that I have compiled.

First, I have found that the person who relaxes and does things at a moderate pace is healthier and possesses more sound nervous system. He tends to worry less and therefore reaches his golden years with more hair and less wrinkles. He may not become the president of a bank, but he's still pretty good.

I have noticed that active people tend to look down their noses at the more lethargic of the species, thinking them to be less than they could be in not achieving their highest possible abilities as a human being. Pshaw!!! I don't believe that for a minute, and neither should you. These people seem to think that just because a person doesn't happen to be busy at any given moment, he's wasted the entire day. That's not true. Sometimes it takes me hours to work up to a job. Mom can't ever understand why I get so upset when she asks me to do the dishes on a night that was not previously designated to me. I'm psychologically unprepared.

I guess I probably drive my family crazy. After all, they have to live with me. Take, for instance, the day I missed school because I was ill. My sisters both came home and asked me why I didn't clean the house. How does one explain that time when you're doing nothing? My mother wanted to know why I didn't make dessert, start supper, or at least peel the apples for the stuffing. What could I possibly have done all day? I can only shrug my shoulders. Later on that evening, she tearfully asked why I had to wait until 8:00 at night to do my laundry when I was home all day. I tried to explain that that's the type of person I am, but she thought I was getting fresh.

I try to console my family by telling them that responsibility comes with age, but my voice lacks conviction. They sadly believe. I wonder if lethargy is hereditary or learned? I'll find out that . . . later.

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Viewpoint

Smoking lounge debated

Smoking continues to be a problem in and around Central. Many students, as well as teachers and administrators, are deeply concerned by the growing number of persons smoking in the restrooms, parking lots, and basement hallways.

But what can be done to remedy the situation? One suggestion is to "legalize" smoking in school by providing a designated room or area where students are freely allowed to go. Many believe that this will help eliminate the "smokey" bathroom problem so that restrooms may be used for what they were intended.

However, there are many drawbacks concerning a possible smoking area. First of all, present school policy would have to be amended. According to the 1979-80 Central student guide, "the use of tobacco by students in school or on school grounds is forbid-

den." The guide also states that "possession or use of a controlled substance may result in the recommendation for long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment."

Secondly, space for a smoking area would be hard to come by because not one room exists that could be used throughout the entire day. Even if a room could be found, proper ventilation systems would have to be installed in accordance with directives from the Fire Department.

Third, but by no means last, proper supervision would also be in short supply. Also, there would undoubtedly be few teachers who would be willing to "babysit" students in a lounge area during the school day.



Maureen Ostronic, Sophomore
"Students should get a place to smoke if they use it right. If students get the privilege, they shouldn't abuse it."



Al Buresh, Junior
"If people want to smoke, they should have a designated area instead of the restrooms. I think it would help solve some of the problems we have now."



Carl Horne, Junior
"I think students should have a place to go and smoke. If they had a place to go, teachers wouldn't have to worry about the students. There would probably be less problems with people sneaking around to smoke."



Carol Lager, Sophomore
"So many people smoke that it would be all right. I think it would really help clear out the bathrooms of all the smoke. The bathrooms are already turning into designated places to smoke instead of being used for what they were intended."

photos by Nick Ewing

Voter participation needed

by David Powers

The hopes and dreams of this nation rest on the shoulders of young America. As inflation spirals toward 18 percent, and Americans continue to be held in Iran, we, as a nation, must reevaluate ourselves and our country. It is time for citizens of this country to make decisions concerning their future by enforcing the right granted to such a limited few... the right to vote.

The article contains opinions of the writer.

On February 20, 150 Central students (mostly seniors) registered to vote. According to Jacqueline Abel, county election representative, Central's registration was the highest of any high school in Omaha. However, if past performances hold true, many of these so-called "Pepsi Generation" offspring will not proceed with the right bestowed upon them by the United States Constitution.

Since 1960, voter turn-out in

general elections has dropped from 63 percent in that year to 54 percent in 1976. These statistics are a staggering blow to a nation that claims to be superior to the Soviet Union. In Russia, the Kremlin boasts of 97 percent voter turnout in general elections. Of course, in Russia, the three percent of the population that does not go to the polls is probably already on its way to Siberia.

But what would it take to get Americans to go out and vote? Probably alot of "good old American patriotism." So far, the 80's have started out reasonably well. The hostages in Iran awakened a deep sense of loyalty in the hearts of Americans. Meanwhile, the Russians invaded Afghanistan and 18 year-olds started packing for Canada. To many, it's Viet Nam all over again, but this time women are going too.

It seems ironic that many Americans scream for rights, but once they get them, decide they really are not worth fight-

ing for. Young people argue that they need the right to vote, they need the right to smoke (and not just cigarettes), they need the right to drink. Ask ten of these "activists" if they would go to Afghanistan and uphold their beliefs and almost certainly, over 50 percent would say NO. But who needs to worry? We already have the most powerful peacekeeping force known to man at our disposal... The United States Hockey Team.

Finally, it's up to us... up to the growing number of Americans entering the job market, entering the colleges and universities of this nation. It's up to people... individuals who are not afraid to speak their minds when they believe in what is right. We can speak our minds by making wise decisions on election day, by voting for candidates who will express our views in Washington, in Lincoln, and even in Omaha. And to the percentage that has the right but doesn't use it, DON'T COMPLAIN!

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Accountants show self-discipline

In most learning situations, you find a teacher teaching and a class learning. But two Central teachers have a reversed situation. Their students are teaching themselves.

Mrs. Eileen Conway and Miss Carolyn Orr instruct business education classes, and three of their students are involved in this "self-instruction" program.

Seniors John Hoburg and Gary Krehbiel are students of Miss Orr and are presently instructing themselves in Accounting II. They have such busy schedules that they are unable to take this subject in a classroom situation, so they teach themselves. Miss Orr checks their daily work and supervises their tests. She makes sure they are keeping up with the normal classwork.

"I feel responsible for these two," said Miss Orr. "All I can do is guide them and make sure they're even with the regular class. If they get behind, it causes me a lot of nail-biting."

Mrs. Conway has only one student who is instructing himself, and that is junior Steve Nelle.

Steve participates in a different program than John and Gary. He found himself moping along with the regular class, so he asked Mrs. Conway if he could instruct himself. With her approval, he had worked so quickly that presently, he is in the third quarter of his second year in Accounting (Accounting II). This is a large leap from Accounting I in September.

Mrs. Conway had no objections to Steve's aspirations. "I thought it was kind of neat that he wanted to do that. I felt he could because he's really self-disciplined. I don't offer much help because half the time he

figures it out himself. With Steve, it's like putting a puzzle together for enjoyment."

Mrs. Conway and Miss Orr agree on one thing. "It takes an extremely self-motivated and disciplined person to instruct himself," said Miss Orr. They feel that it is necessary for the "self-instructor" to be totally involved. Because of this, they accept few students in this program. Miss Orr said, "I've had a few students in the past, and most of them do well. They usually receive 1's or 2's, but I've even had one student fail. If they had been in a classroom, they probably would have received a 1 or a 2."

The most negative aspect of this program is the absence of class interaction. Both teachers feel that members of a peer group help learning.

Centralites attend Cotillion

April 13 will be a very important date for seven senior girls at Central High. The event is Cotillion, a debutante ball sponsored by the Omaha Links women's organization, whose president, Bertha Myers, was formally a counselor at Central.

According to Mrs. Charles Dickerson, chairman of Cotillion, the ball is an annual event. "Each year we (the Links) contact all of the high schools in Omaha and have application information posted," she said. Mrs. Dickerson also said that the requirements for participation are that each girl be a non-parent, nonmarried senior.

The seven participants from Central this year are Vicki Benning, Dawn Brown, Leslie Douglas, Gina Dorsey, Denise Jimerson, Kim Melton, and Arlett Moss.

The event itself is a traditional one with a traditional program. It includes biographical background on each girl, a group dance, a pairs dance with the participants and their fathers, and a traditional waltz with the girls and their escorts.

"We have our own choreographer to help with the dances," explained Vicki Benning. "We practice every Sunday," she continued. "It's really helped me to become closer to my father." Mrs. Sondra McSwain, the choreographer, is from the Omaha Junior Theatre.

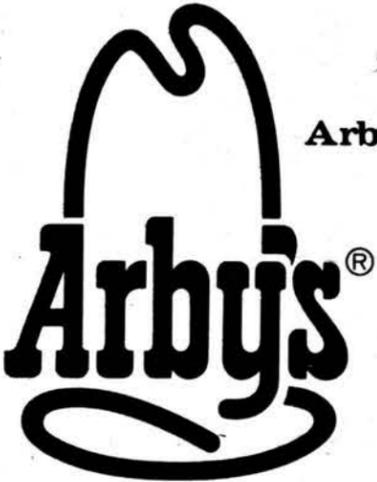
The winner of Cotillion is determined by the girl who sells the most tickets and she receives \$100 and a scholarship as a prize. After the ceremony, there is a dance

with this year's live music provided by ETC.

Leslie Douglas said she was really glad she got involved in Cotillion. "It gives me a chance to see old friends again," said Leslie. She also said that it was a good experience for seniors. "I've learned new things about myself and the community I'm in," she added.

"There are 33 girls participating in the ball, and every high school in Omaha will be represented this year," said Mrs. Dickerson. "The Cotillion is the Links' biggest function of the year, and we've always had a good number of Central students involved."

The Cotillion is open to the public, and tickets will be sold at the door.



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Central students to tour through Lions' exchange

This summer, ten Centralites will have the opportunity to visit Europe with Lions Club International.

Lions Club is a world-wide organization, mainly famous for projects dealing with sight. But Lions Club also sponsors an exchange program with foreign countries. High school and college students from almost any country can travel to another country that has Lions Clubs.

The exchange students visit the country of their choice, and in the country they live with a host family. The majority of the host families are members of the Lions Club. The host family acts much like a regular family; they supervise activities and provide food and entertainment. The exchange students will spend about six or seven weeks with their host families before returning home.

A group of approximately 50 students from Nebraska will visit Europe, and 10 from Central are a part of this group. The two seniors and eight juniors will leave Omaha on June 30 and will visit London for three days. From there, they will depart to stay with their host families.

The 10 Central students include Tiffany Franklin, Sherry Soares, and Juli Welk, who will visit England. Debora Bazemore and Busy Schenken will travel to France. The others Deborra Lofton, Anne McCormick, Jon Schmidt, Darryl Wagner, and Tami Zaleski, will visit Germany.

Long ordeal produces 'Young and Gay' cast

The Central High Spring Play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" will be presented to the public on April 26 and 27. However, production work on the play, beginning with auditions held during the week of March 3-7, will span a period of approximately 2 months.

Auditions were held for three days with time out for one snow day. Over sixty people tried out for the show, with the majority of competition coming from the women. Callbacks were then held on March 7. Callbacks are a form of auditions where the director has filtered out some of those who tried out.

The whole process is a long, tedious, tense ordeal which is as hard on the director as it is on those trying out. Much of the time is spent waiting, watching, and listening to others read. Then more waiting is done over the weekend until the final cast list is posted. On March 10, the cast was announced.

Playing the two female leads are seniors Betsy Krin and Carol Knoepfler. David Tieglund and Sam Johnson will star as Leo McKoy and Dick Winters. Other cast members include Tom Bertino, Margaret Whedon, Debbie Pierce, Kathy Hekl, Jim Doughman, Gina Dorsey, Sherry Freads, Scott Barker, Grant Gier, Maurice Karpman, Marty Johnson, Kathy Kennedy, Jennelle Davidson, Daryle Brown, Jon Schmidt, and Greg Combs.

Student directors for the show are Lisa Wiley and Ricky Garza with Scott Rosenbaum as the assistant director. Prop, costume, makeup, and publicity committees have also been established. Those interested in working in any of those areas should contact Mrs. Pegi Stommes in room 045.

"The secret to having a good show," said Mrs. Stommes, "is in picking the right cast."

Centralites head to Lincoln

Boys' and girls' state will be held in Lincoln from June 8 until June 14. Representing Central at state will be Lisa Shoning, Molly Carlson, Sam Johnson, and Daryl Wagner. The alternate representatives include Debra Lofton, Diane Swoboda, Eric Johnson, and Roger Olson. Over 400 junior students, from Nebraska high schools, will attend this governmental workshop offered by The American Legion training school. The main purpose of the workshop is to instruct students in good citizenship and good government.

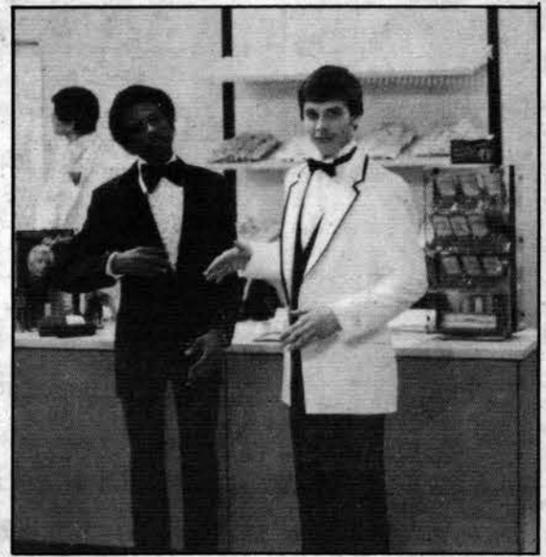
Studying makes up a large part of the workshop; however other activities are planned. "When I went to state last year," commented senior Grant Gier, "We held a pentathlon, and played softball, volleyball, and basketball." Band and choral activities are also offered.

The workshop is set up just like the Nebraska Unicameral. After breaking up into parties, Federalists and Nationalists, the students decide upon their platform and run for office in the mock legislature. They have campaigns and then hold an election. The highest position is governor. The student who is elected governor comes back the following year and governs the proceedings.

"When the workshop is finished, it is hoped that the stu-

dents will return with a better sense of how the government operates and how to conduct

themselves like good citizens," said guidance director, Miss Eden.



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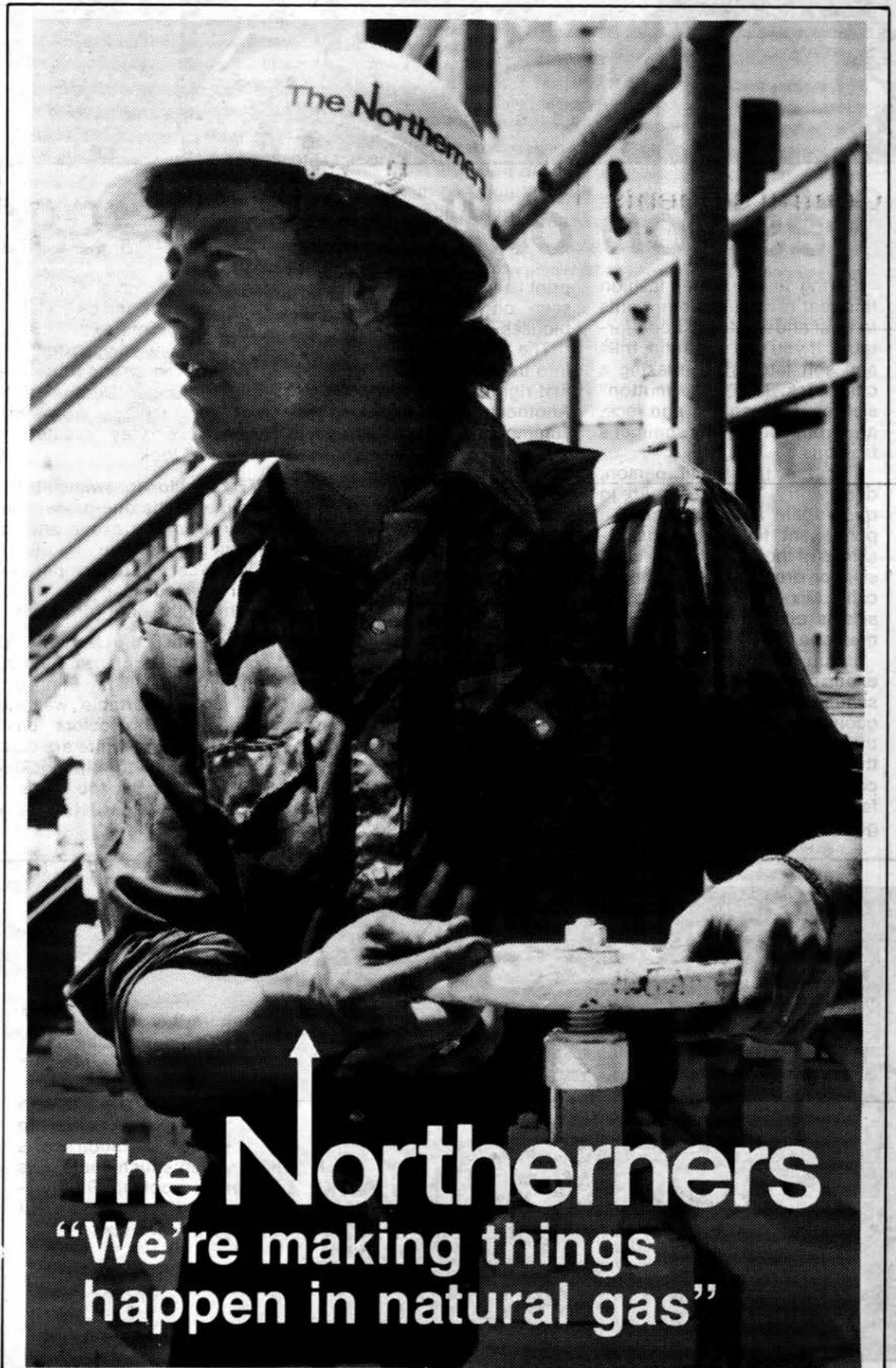
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What's registering in fashion



Fashion outlooks for 1980

Spring and summer fashion this year is whatever one wants to wear and whatever is comfortable. If you're a romantic, frills and soft fabrics are making a comeback. The "leg-o-mutton" sleeves, high collars and lace, are prominent in this summer's fashions.

For the traditional person, don't worry. The classics are in once again and will remain a permanent feature in the fashions of the future. The blazer, skirt or dress, are in economically. Mix and match the classics is one important fashion message.

If you like brilliant colors and exotic patterns, then this is your summer. Bright, bold colors, in geometric shapes or just by themselves, are important for this year's fashion. Contrasting colors make these new spring fashions. Tropical prints are going strong too. The favorite

print is the parrot, and it can be seen on T-shirts, skirts and blouses.

The tropical look takes one into the jungle and tends to be just right for the exotic person. Another new look for spring and summer is the "preppie" look. It includes madras plaids, button-down collars and round collar shirts. The colors are red, white, and navy. Khaki will be the traditional color.

The western look is still around. Combine a full plaid skirt (wear a petticoat underneath), and a fringed or piped shirt and you will have this fashion at its best. Also wear your cowboy boots and hat to complete your outfit.

Into another area of fashion is the separates. Pants are big. "Baggies" are the favorite for the spring and summer. They come in a variety of colors, pink, purple, yellow, red, green.

Match them with a fantastic T-shirt or blouse and be BRIGHT.

If you are into tennis or jogging, the new shorts are great. They will be shorter this year but also longer. Bermudas are back in fashion. Worn with knee-socks they create the "preppie" look.

The fashion for swimsuits this summer is the one-piece. They range from the exotic and the geometric to the traditional style. Wear a terry romper over your swimsuit and you will be the hit at the pool (or beach).

Remember the fashions for spring and summer are almost anything. Pick something you will be comfortable wearing. Remember the colors basic black, red, and white are coming back, but bright, shocking colors are here too. This is what's REGISTERING IN FASHION.



Junior Monica M
Monica is wearing a terry romper over a one-piece swimsuit. It's great for the pool. It's just right for lounge inside or outside. Two of the looks for wear. Priced economical great for almost a one-piece swimsuit this summer, but if pieces, don't worry. Two-pieces are back and have the new shapes, too.



Sophomore Sue Srb

Sue is wearing bermuda shorts with a rugby top from the Daisy. This is one of the new "preppie" looks. Wear it with knee-socks to really have the "preppie" look. Bermuda shorts will be seen much more this summer, so stock up. Rugby T-shirts are traditional and a great asset to any wardrobe.



Seniors

Jennie Tracey

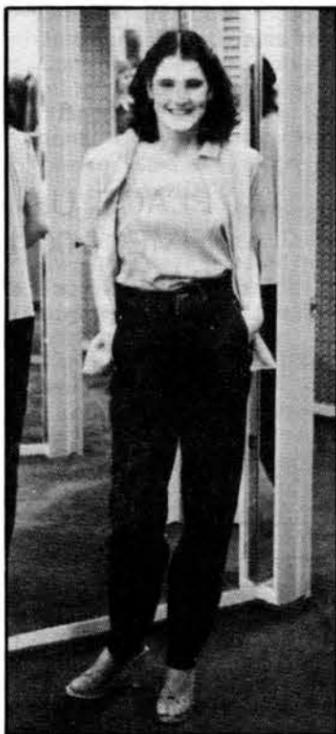
Sandra Bushey

Margaret Whedon

Jennie is wearing dress pants and a sweatshirt top over a plaid blouse from the Avenue. Sweatshirts are not just for sports anymore. They have become dressier and are an interesting new idea for fashion. Sweatshirt tops can be worn with or without a blouse and can be belted to accent the waist. A good addition for the new wardrobe.

Margaret is wearing a full jean skirt, an old-fashioned button-up blouse (with lace trim), and a double-breasted jean blazer, from the Avenue. The traditional style for summer only in a casual outfit. The blouse is a new romantic style and complements the long neck. This is basically a mix and match outfit, great for any wardrobe (especially if one has a lot of jeans).

Sandra is wearing a parrot pattern, full skirt and a knit top from the Avenue. This is the new tropical look minimized. The top is knit and buttons to the side. This is a new neckline for spring. With a knit top this outfit can be worn to school; however, one can add a silk blouse and it can be worn out. Remember the tropical look, and parrots are the favorite pattern.



Senior Jennie Tracey

Jennie is wearing "baggie" pants with a chemise top and blouse from the Avenue. The chemise is reversible for more outfits. The blouse, when buttoned, has an asymmetrical neckline, which is another new fashion look. "Baggie" pants can be worn with most any kind of shoes, but let them be brightly colored for spring and summer. Dress up the blouse by adding pins and a belt to your jeans (red is a good color, but only if it goes with the outfit) and slip from really casual to casual.

Senior Daryle Brown

Daryle is wearing a pastel dress trimmed with white lace. This frilly, feminine romantic look is perfect for spring. Shy, demure women will enjoy showing off this new look available at the Avenue.



compiled by:
Margaret Whedon

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**Seniors Jeff Holt
Reynold McMeen
Junior Shawn Benson**

These three gents are ready for prom in tuxes from the Avenue. The young man has a variety of styles to choose from. Whether rented or purchased, a tux can highlight any prom dress on the dance floor.



Roxanne Bushey is wearing a brightly geometric T-shirt and baggie pants from the Avenue. This is a new trend and works for anyone's budget. It's a casual outfit and could be worn anywhere. Geometrics work with almost anything and remember to mix and match your wardrobe.

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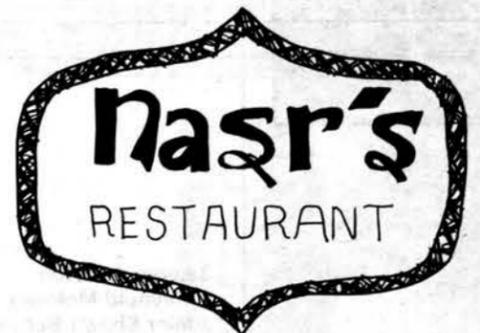
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Of Central Importance

Black History

A school assembly was held February 29 honoring black history month. The program honored black leaders of the past such as Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, Martin Luther King, Jackie Robinson and Harriet Tubman. "Throughout the years we have had prominent black individuals from the community come to speak to students during February," said Pat Wallington, Wantu Wazuri sponsor.

Every year Wantu Wazuri, a cultural group started twelve years ago, puts on the program. According to Miss Wallington, "There was a need for this kind of group." Although Wantu Wazuri is open to all students at Central, a majority of black students are expected to join.

This year the commentary for the program was done by Gina Dorsey. Members sang blues, gospels and performed in a jazz band.

ROTC Ball

The annual ROTC Military Ball was held last Thursday at Peony Park.

"The purpose of the Military Ball is to honor graduating seniors," said Major Edward McDaniels, ROTC instructor. Central has a long tradition at the Military Balls of having high attendance, added McDaniels.

When Central sponsored the ball in 1977, the attendance rose to a high of 1500.

Although the main idea behind the ball was to honor seniors, the sophomores and juniors were encouraged to attend. No one, however was required to attend.

The highlight of the evening came when seniors, from all the schools, were introduced individually.

According to junior Ron Pursley, the ball was a very big affair. "People tend to go all out for the ball," said Ron.

Major McDaniel also pointed out that all students were welcome to attend, although few did.

While the ball is a 20 year tradition of OPS, it too is faced with the threat of cuts due to the spending lid, according to Major McDaniels.

Bulletin board

On entering room 248 of Central High School, one's attention is immediately

drawn to a bulletin board entitled "Central's Celebrity".

On further inspection, the board has pictures and articles centered on one person.

Room 248 is Clarena Perkins' room, and the honorees are selected by Mrs. Perkins. "I select people on the basis of activities I attend and articles I read."

The board has included Marsha Rupe, singer; James Davis, boxer; and presently features dancer Dawn Brown. Students are welcome to visit the board at any time.

Science Fair

Central senior Steve Petersen and junior Ron Pursley represented Central in the annual Creighton Prep Science Fair held on March 22. Both presented a science project in hopes of winning scholarships.

Steve's project involved P.T.C. and whether people who could taste it are better cooks or not. P.T.C. stands for Phenyl thio Urea-Pheynl thio Carbanade, a taste-testing chemical which only certain people can taste. Ron's project dealt with the Pawnee Indian artifacts the Anthropology classes collected on various field trips.

Both students are members of Mr. Creighton Steiner's special anthropology projects class which meets fourth hour. Steve and Ron contribute much of the success of their projects to Mr. Steiner.

Both students also plan to attend the Nebraska Science Academy fair held sometime in the middle of April.

Bowling

On Wednesday, February 27, International Club sponsored its Second Annual Bowling Tournament. Over 25 students from French, German, Spanish, Latin, and Chess Clubs participated in the competition which was held at The Ranch Bowl.

The winners were determined by the total sum of the five high games submitted by each club. German Club took first in the event with French, Spanish, Latin, and Chess placing respectively.

Individual honors were also given for such categories as high series, high game, most improved game, worst form gutter balls and most splits.

Latin Convention

The annual Latin State Convention will be held at Creighton University on Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19. Thirteen schools from throughout the state will be competing in the convention. All students taking part must be JCL (Junior Classical League) members. Latin students are expecting the largest turn out ever for any State Convention, according to Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher. One hundred students from Central will be attending.

Students will take part in contests such as track and field, swimming, costume contest, slave auction, volleyball, and chariot races. One of the main events is the Certamen. Central's third and fourth year team is the defending state champion Certamen team.

On Saturday morning all students will meet at Walsh Auditorium to elect state officers. Scott Barker and Liz Gibson are both hopeful presidential candidates from Central. "All the students taking part will have a chance to attend the National Convention in Tennessee," said Miss Ryan.

NCTE

Juniors Lisa Schoning, Jennifer Ross, and Diane Swoboda were selected from approximately 24 entries to represent Central in the 1980 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) writing contest.

Nominees were selected on the basis of a theme they wrote for their junior English classes. English teachers read the themes (all written on the same topic) and presented top entries to a selection committee consisting of English Department head Dan Daly and English teachers John Keenan and T. M. Gaherty. According to Mr. Daly the themes were selected on the basis of "quality, originality, responsiveness to the topic, organization, and correctness."

Nominees will now write an impromptu theme on a topic chosen by the contest and submit an original work of their own such as a short story or a poem. Results of the competition will not be announced until next fall. The number of state winners selected is based on popula-

tion. Central senior Liz deGraw was one of six Nebraska state winners in 1979.

Unusual Foods

Octopus, squid, eel, snails, and cavier were common fare February 29 when Central High Anthropology classes held Unusual Food Day. The main purpose of the event, according to Creighton Steiner, Anthropology instructor, was to "talk about food and where it comes from."

Students brought a wide variety of food and drink from many countries including: anchovies from Portugal, tea from England, candy from France, and banana chips from Puerto Rico.

Mr. Steiner, who has held Unusual Food Day for the past five years, said he feels the students gain a much better understanding of traditional eatery from other countries.

"The kids get a chance to taste things they wouldn't otherwise come across. At first, they seem to 'shy-away' from the unusual food, but they soon decide to try it, and most times end up liking it."

Mr. Steiner did say that some people, no matter how hard they were pushed, refused to try the more exotic foods.

"Dr. Moller came up and showed a lot of interest... but he wouldn't eat anything."

Teenager pageant

Central junior Angie Jech has been chosen to compete in the 1980 Miss Nebraska National Teenager Pageant. The pageant will be held June 13-15 at Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska.

In order to participate in the pageant, Angie was asked to complete an application form that included information about her grades, hobbies, and extracurricular activities.

To help offset the costs of competing, Angie had to secure sponsors. The sponsors, which include American Ambulance, Gibb's Girls, and the Bohemian Cafe, pay for Angie's trip to Seward, and if she is successful there, to the national competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

After she sent the applica-

tion, Angie received an acceptance letter. The acceptance letter meant that Angie must write a one hundred word essay on "What's Right in America?" and then recite her composition during the competition.

"It will be a new experience for me and a worthwhile opportunity," said Angie. "Plus, I like meeting new people."

Recognition

Math department chairman Virginia Lee Pratt recently received a Special Recognition Award for being named a runner-up in the 1980 Nebraska Teacher of the Year program. The program is sponsored annually by the Council of Chief State School Officers, *Ladies Home Journal*, and *Encyclopedia Britannica* to honor teachers who exemplify excellence in classroom teaching.

"It is a very special recognition. I feel very honored to even be considered," said Miss Pratt.

Miss Pratt was nominated by Principal G. E. Moller, who wrote a recommendation for her. Miss Pratt has taught at Central for many years and feels "working with young people and helping them learn is a real thrill."

National Merit

Seven Central students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships after having qualified as Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. All seven of the students, each of whom were National Merit Semifinalists, completed the requirements necessary to advance them to the Finalist stage of the Merit competition.

The scholars, Christopher Francke, Linda Heise, Betsy Krin, Allison Major, Tim Millea, and Mark Shaw, are among 14,000 high school seniors nationwide who will be competing for thirteen million dollars worth of scholarships made available for college undergraduate studies by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Honor Roll

The following students were omitted from last issue's honor roll. They include juniors Britta Wheeler, Kimberly Elsasser, and Theresa Zalewski, and sophomore Jean Beacom.



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terviewers assisted students in completing their applications, provided practice interviews to develop interviewing, and set appointments.

Two sessions were held to demonstrate the different fields of occupation. The Monday assembly featured representatives from retailing, insurance/banking, gov-

ernment, health care, hotel/motel/telephone services, food industry, and the military.

Tuesday's assembly included representatives from companies involved in manufacturing, utilities, wholesaling, technical services/transportation, and the military.

Centralites expand class to farmyard

For some Central students school has a new twist this year. Fifteen Centralites are attending school at the Omaha Public Schools farm located west of Omaha in the direction of Wahoo. This is not the first year for the farm, but for most of the students this is their first opportunity to attend the farm school.

the classroom. There are approximately four to five teachers who teach at the farm.

54 students from all over the school system attend the farm school. Though the farm work is optional, most of the students choose to help out with the chores.

The students can come back during the summer and be paid for their efforts. Don says that they help out with the general farm work like feeding the animals and cleaning the sheep pen. Don says he has even gotten used to the everpresent smell of cows around the farm.

Shalley Dreier, a Central sophomore, is the newly elected president of a chapter of the Future Farmers of America which the students are forming.

Overall, most of the students are very happy with their decision to attend the school, and they feel they are getting a broad base for their education which will help them in the future.

A yellow school bus picks up the students every morning at Central around 8:15 and transports them to the farm. Students are taught the basic courses offered in every high school in the city such as English, Math, and industrial arts. Plus, other courses are offered such as courses in Agri-business and raising small animals.

Don Hall, a Central junior, feels the farm, has done much for his education; "I love going out there," he announces. Don feels he gets a better education because the teaching is more individualized with smaller classes enabling students to get more attention and more time in

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Crummer wins 'gold' at state meet

The 1979-80 boys' swimming team recently completed one of its most successful seasons in Central history. The Eagles compiled a seven win and four loss record and produced the state champion diver, junior Flip Crummer.

Flip started his diving career at the age of eleven when he began competing in the AAU. Flip has been fairly successful in AAU competition, and the national championships have taken him throughout the nation. According to Flip, "The nationals have taken me to places like Texas and California." This year's national championships will be contested in Lincoln.

Birthday a handicap

The top five individuals from four prequalification regionals advance to the nationals which are held at a different place each year, explained Flip.

Flip will face difficult competition in this year's championship because of a misfortune in the scheduling of the event. According to Flip, "The nationals start on my seventeenth birthday. At the nationals there are two age groups, the fifteen and sixteen year olds and the seventeen and eighteen year olds, so I have to dive with all the tough people."

Flip explained that each dive is given in degree of difficulty factor, with the maximum DD being 3.0. The optional dives usually have a higher DD than the required dives.

In the state meet, Flip led the other divers with 475 total points. At the state meet seven judges are used. Each diver must do eleven dives, five required dives and six optional ones.

Divers help each other

Of the seven judges' scores, the top two scores and the bottom two scores are thrown out, and the middle three scores are added up and multiplied by the degree of difficulty to give the total score of the dive.

Flip said, "The hardest I do with the highest DD is the front one and a half with two twists."

Although Flip hit the board at the state meet last year, he felt he was not nervous entering this year's competition. "Last year I was nervous. It was a new experience because I had never dove in front of that many people before."

During the school swimming season, Flip practices about an hour and a half every day compared to two and a half hours a day in the summer. Because

Central's swim coach does not instruct the divers, Flip and junior diver, Steve Coldwell "help each other out," said Flip. Steve finished eighteenth in the state although he "did not dive real well" said Flip.

College top priority

In addition to diving practice after school, Crummer and Coldwell dive at Ralston High School with their AAU coach, Bruce Dart. Dart is also the swimming coach at Ralston High School.

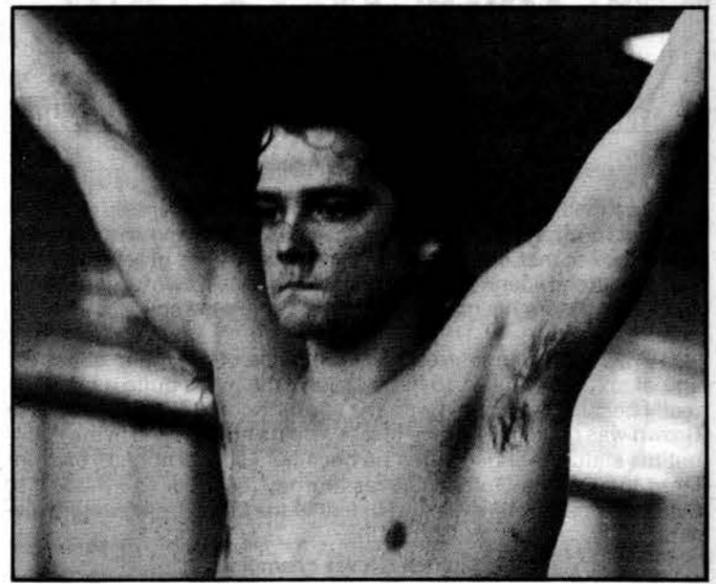
Flip's workout consists mainly of practicing all his dives. Flip said, "We do all of our dives to get the kinks out." He added, "We do three or four of each dive and try to smooth it out."

Flip said he likes the dives he uses "all the same." However, according to Flip, "I save the inward one and a half for my last dive. I used it in all the finals of our meets and it worked out pretty well."

According to Crummer, his "most immediate and number one goal is trying to get a scholarship to college."

Olympic dream unrealistic

Another of Flip's goals is to become a High School All-America diver. "I'd like to make All-American this year. I still have to send some films in,"



Crummer concentrates before attempting his dive.

Photo by Nick Ewing

said Flip.

Participating in the Olympics is also a dream of Flip. However, he said, "It's not a realistic dream right now." Explained Flip, "To make it to the Olympics requires the total devotion of your life to a sport. I wouldn't be ready to do that right now."

Swimming is one of the sports which may be eliminated by the school spending lid. "Some people tell me that they are

going to cut it out, and some tell me that they aren't," said Flip. "If they cut out swimming in the OPS, I probably would have to go to another school for my senior year."

Increased interest

Flip hopes the success of this year's team attracts "a lot more interest" at Central. According to Flip, "Probably a lot of people who come to Central don't even know we have a swim team."

eagle feathers

Boys' Golf

Coach Warren Marquiss isn't making any promises as to how well his golf team will perform this year, but he seems very confident that the Eagles will be competitive. "We only have one returning letterman and that is Lamont Andrews. Dave Marang was also consistent last year and I expect some strength from him," stated Marquiss. "We lost a few players to spring sports, so we have some positions to fill. If a person feels confident about his game, he'll probably have a chance of making the team," related Marquiss.

Last season golf was a fall sport, but due to some conflicts with area golf courses the season had to be changed to a spring sport. As a result of this change, students have to make a decision whether they are going to be involved in track, baseball, or golf.

"I think one of the basic

reasons for the switch from fall to spring arises from the fact that outstate golf courses close in the early fall, and as a result the outstate teams don't have the same advantage of practicing late in the fall like the metro teams. Since the state finals are in late fall, the outstate coaches had a legitimate complaint," revealed Marquiss.

Girls' Tennis

The girls' tennis team has two new additions this year. First, Joyce Morris is the new coach, taking over for Sarah Anderson, last year's coach, who left Central this year. Ms. Morris is not new to the coaching world however. She was head coach of the girls' team before but quit after the 1975 season. Secondly, Ms. Morris has also made some additions to this year's program. She has initiated a two-week conditioning session for the prospective players.

"The program consists of weightlifting, jump roping, and jogging. It's something new for the girls' tennis program but I think it will be effective," related Ms. Morris.

The team will only be returning three letter-winners; Lynne Cohen, Marylee Foster, and Andra Jones. "Those three are the only upperclassmen we have. The rest of the 31-member team is comprised of sophomores. There are six singles and three doubles spots to fill, and the sophomore players look promising," said Ms. Morris.

Possibly a rebuilding year

"I don't plan to cut anyone. As far as I'm concerned, they cut themselves," said Ms. Morris. "I plan to have challenges on Fridays before the Tuesday matches, and anyone who wins will be playing in our Tuesday meets."

Ms. Morris isn't making any speculations as to how the team will be. "I think it will be a rebuilding year, but who can say for sure," she said.

The team's first meet will be at Dewey Park on April 8 against Northwest.

Varsity Baseball

First year baseball coach, Chris Kenny, has brought a "wait and see" attitude to the Central program.

The hard work for the players began the second week of January with the institution of a weightlifting conditioning program.

The main objective of the program is to increase a player's strength without a reduction in agility. According to Mr. Kenny, when the weight conditioning program is used in combination with running and stretching exercises, the players will not increase the bulk of the muscles or lose flexibility.

The hard work will be necessary because the Eagles will be faced with a tough schedule. Mr. Kenny said, "We play almost every team that was over .500 last year. I don't know if we will be over .500 ourselves, but we will be in every game."

Pitching is key to success

Mr. Kenny believes one of the keys for success is the development of the pitching staff. At this point, only three pitchers appear to have earned a berth in the starting rotation. They are Joe Mancuso, Mike Svoboda, and John Green. According to the coach, "They seem to have a little more stuff than the others."

However, Mr. Kenny believes that Central's success depends on three or four other pitchers who are "questionable." He said, "It depends on how the 'questionable' pitchers do to tell what kind of season we will have."

It appears this year's infield will have only one returning starter from last season's squad. Pat Hill, a regular at shortstop last year, may be moved to second base. Coach Kenny explained, "Pat probably has the quickest feet on the double play."

Coach Kenny feels he "has to find some outfielders." Sophomores may make up much of the outfield.

Central will open its season April 7 with a game against Roncalli at Roncalli. Mr. Kenny said the game against the Crimson Pride will be "a test to see how good we'll be. Roncalli was pretty fair last year."

A rivalry will be set up because the former baseball coach at Paul VI, where Mr. Kenny previously coached spring and summer junior varsity baseball, is now the coach at Roncalli. Coach Kenny said he "brought over a third baseman from Paul VI, and Joe Mancuso played there. He added, "It's something for the players to get up for."

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Central grad is former boxer

As a result of the super boxers coming out of Central, I thought it would be appropriate to look back in nostalgia and find a professional boxer that came from Central. One of the greatest boxers ever to attend Central was Eugene Brown. Brown graduated in 1949, and before his graduation he accumulated some impressive honors.

Brown became interested in the game of boxing at about the age of sixteen. "I used to hang around the gyms quite a bit, and I really became fascinated with the sport," related Brown. Of course Brown was no superstar the first few years he engaged in the sport, but his status changed when he became a sophomore. Brown entered the Omaha Golden Gloves tourney that year and made it to the semi-finals before his first defeat in the Light-Heavyweight division.

Golden Gloves champion

The following two years Brown entered the tourney again with seemingly endless determination. As a result of his determination, he became the Light-Heavyweight champion those two years. His final match of the Gloves' tourney will always be special for Brown. He K.O.ed his opponent in 27 seconds of the first round.

Brown then went on to the Midwest Regionals held in Chicago but lost in the quarter-finals. Brown concluded his amateur career with a 26 win, 6 loss record. Brown then decided that it was time to get out and make some money with his career. He turned professional that year, and here is what the *World Herald* had to say about his debut:

"Eugene Brown, scrappy Omaha heavy-weight, picked himself off the canvas 4 times to knock out Jim Motly, Alliance in his first professional fight."

"We received \$75 a fight back then and that was darn good money for 18 minutes worth of work (a four-round fight)," declared Brown.



Eugene Brown shown during prime of his boxing career.

Sparred with Sonny Liston

He then went on fighting as a pro until he received a phone call in 1954 from a St. Louis promoter that offered him a fight against the great Sonny Liston. At that time, Brown was rated by *Ring Magazine* the Heavyweight Prospect of the Month. Well, the manager of the unknown Sonny Liston was skeptical about the fight because Liston was just beginning to gain prestige and he didn't want Brown throwing a "monkey wrench" in his plans for Liston so they backed out of the fight, Brown was given a chance to spar with Liston for \$150 at the Masonic Temple in St. Louis.

"Liston wasn't that great of a fighter then. He was easy to hit, and I didn't have any problems with him. In fact, if the fight had occurred, I'm confident that I could have beaten him," recalls Brown.

Brown went on to fight throughout the '54 season and then retired. "I had to retire because two discs were removed from my back, and I didn't think it would be wise to continue boxing professionally. The money was starting to get better. I began to receive as much as \$1800 plus expenses to fight and I was really disappointed to have to retire," commented Brown.

Brown recalls that there were some pretty good boxers that came from Central after he left. Fighters like Reggie Hughs and Lee Martin were both tough. "Today, 1 out of every 20 boxers is good, but back in my day everyone that heard the final bell sound knew that he had been in a tough fight. All fighters were tough then," stated Brown.

Currently a police officer

Brown currently is a member of the Omaha Police Department and is still active in the sport of boxing. He is Deputy State Athletic Commissioner, and it is his job to see that all professional fights in the area are carried out under the rules laid down for them. From visiting with Mr. Brown, I don't think too many people are going to hassle him as an officer or a Commissioner.



Kimsey (top) has Rice in trouble as jubilant father and coach (Jim Kimsey) looks on.

Kevin Kimsey knows exactly what the word **dedication** means. He has lived that word for the past ten years. His dedication and devotion have paid off and now he is the reigning 145 lb. state wrestling champion.

Kevin comes from a family who knows what wrestling is all about. His father, Jim Kimsey is currently the wrestling coach at Central, and his older brother, Jim Jr., was a standout wrestler at Omaha Tech last year, placing third at 165 lbs. In the state championships. It is no surprise that a wrestler of Kevin's caliber has developed from a family that devotes so much attention to this sport.

Earlier years

Kevin began wrestling about ten years ago for a team in Un-

derwood, Iowa. Again, this particular team was coached by his father and they were very competitive. The team was in a league comprised of various other teams made up of elementary school students. Kevin wrestled for Underwood for about two years and then the Kimseys moved. Kevin constantly switched teams after that and was a member of "elementary powerhouses" such as Council Bluffs Recreations and the Exploradores (North Branch Y.M.C.A. of Omaha).

Central attendance

Just before Kevin entered high school, his father was assigned to Central as a biology teacher. "There was really no special reason for my coming to Central. It just sort of happened that I ended up here (Central) and my brother attended Tech,"

related Kevin.

When asked what sort of influence his father has played in his career as a wrestler, Kevin remarked, "He's been a lot of help. It's easy to wrestle for him. I must admit though, it kind of puts a strain on both of us occasionally. Most athletes, after they lose, can go home and kind of put the defeat out of their minds, but it's pretty hard to lose and have to go home to your coach. I still think that it has been more than worthwhile having him as a coach."

Football also important

Kevin doesn't wrestle year round; he also has played football all three years that he has attended Central. "It makes it difficult to try and put on as much weight and bulk as you can for football and then have to take it all off to get down to your wrestling weight," admitted Kevin. "Lots of times I find myself kind of hungry during wrestling season, but I think it's worth the sacrifice."

Greatest moment

One probably wouldn't be too amazed to find out what Kevin thinks his greatest moment in wrestling has been. "It was absolutely fantastic to be in that final's match against Rice (Doug Rice was undefeated the entire season. Kimsey beat the Columbus wrestler in the finals match at state). I was very excited to win that match and I'm sure it's been the greatest moment of my wrestling career," said Kevin.

College plans

Kevin hasn't decided where he will attend college, but he will definitely enroll in college and plans to pursue a wrestling career wherever he attends. He hasn't been offered any scholarships, but the chances of a state champion receiving a scholarship of some type are extremely good. Kevin's brother attends the University of Nebraska on a wrestling scholarship, and Kevin will probably be offered some type of aid.

There is no guarantee that ten years of devotion will make a super wrestler out of a person, but it certainly has worked for Kevin Kimsey.

winter sports scoreboard

	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Swimming	7	4	.636
Reserve Basketball	7	4	.636
Girls' J.V. Basketball	9	6	.600
Girls' Varsity Basketball	11	9	.550
Boys' Varsity Basketball	9	10	.474
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