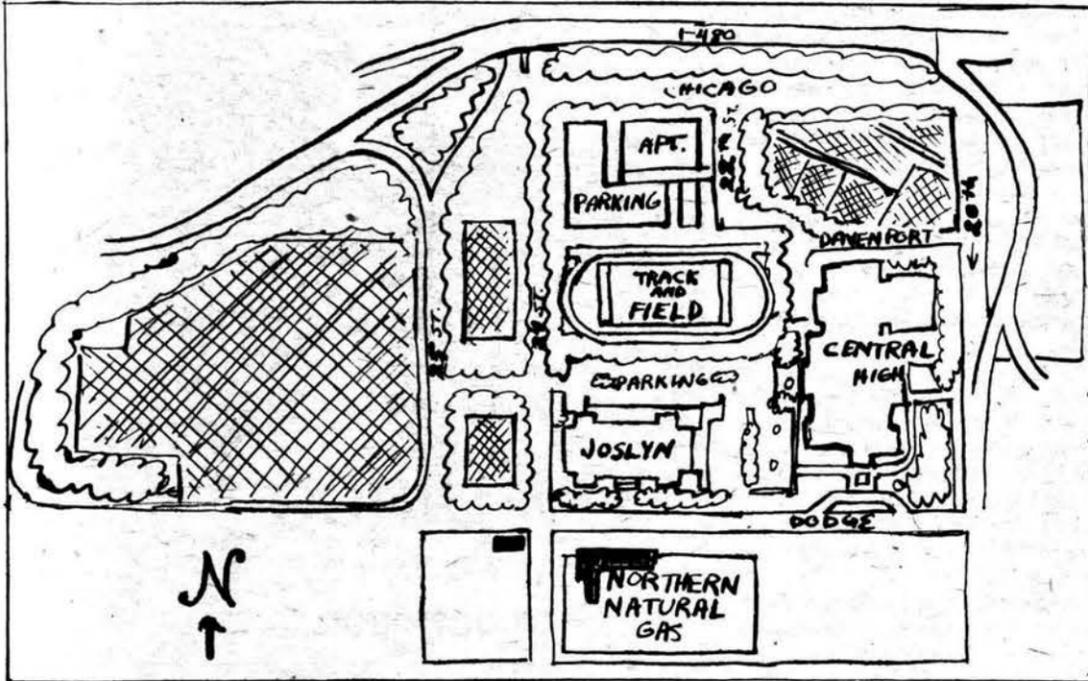


# Register



Map of proposed campus courtesy of Dana-Larson-Roubal and associates.

## New campus on its way

"Central High School has the possibility of being one of the more scenically landscaped schools in the system," said Mr. Al LaGreca, Central vice-principal.

Over the past few years, there has been a lot of talk about Central's campus beautification project. Few people, however, know what this project fully entails.

According to Mr. LaGreca, the plans call, tentatively, for the Omaha Public Schools to purchase land as far north as Interstate 480, and to trade the present teachers' parking lot for land to the north of Joslyn Art Museum.

Joslyn presently owns Central's student parking lot but has leased it to Central for 90 years at one dollar per year.

Under the proposed plan, houses to the north of Central would be torn down, and the

land would possibly be used for tennis courts. An access road would also be provided to the dock on the north side of the building.

Douglas Street and 24th Street would be closed, while a frontage road would be constructed on the south side of the building for dropping off and picking up students. "This would completely change the flow of the building, from the west entrance to the south," said Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal.

According to Mr. LaGreca, the land to the west side of the building will be used for a football field and track. A football stadium is not in the immediate plans.

Teacher and student parking would be moved behind the Omaha Education Association building and further west from the track and field to 24th

Street. "This could cause some inconvenience during the winter months, as it would mean a daily walk of about two blocks," said Mr. LaGreca.

When Harry Burke was superintendent of OPS, he established a building and construction fund. It was designed so that a good amount of the school tax dollar would automatically go towards fixing and adding to the schools.

The money that will be used to finance this project will come from this fund with the possibility of some money coming from the "Historical Preservation Fund."

When the project will be started is not exactly known. The approval of the trade, by Joslyn is still pending. Until such time as Joslyn grants its approval, it looks as if the Central campus will wait.

## Central hosts House candidates

It has long been a tradition at Central High to invite congressional candidates to speak in their behalf in election years. This year, candidates Hal Daub and Dick Fellman both spoke to American History and American Government classes at different times during September.

Republican Hal Daub, who spoke earlier in the month, talked about the current problems with the economy and the military and offered solutions for both.

Referring to the present state of the United States military, Daub said that "the best offense is a good defense." He then went on to explain his plan to increase the military preparedness of the country. His plan included the raising of pay for the soldiers to encourage longer periods of enlistment. He also suggested increasing the enlistment times to periods of three to five years from the now present time of two years.

Speaking about the economy, Daub said he would

support a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. Daub feels that the present problem with the economy is the congress printing money to pay for the deficits in the federal budget. Daub says that this cheapens the value of the American dollar and drives up the rate of inflation.

Later in the month, Democrat Richard Fellman spoke to the same group. Fellman first spoke of his qualifications for holding the second congressional seat.

Of the two candidates, only Fellman has had experience in public office. In 1972 Fellman was appointed to the state Legislature by then Governor Jim Exon. In 1976 he was elected to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners where he now serves as Board Chairman.

Fellman himself is a Central High graduate of the class of '53'. He said that he has "strong ties to Central." His mother went here as did his three brothers and sisters. His wife is also a Central graduate and

once taught here.

Fellman also presented a plan for strengthening the military. He too proposed increases in pay to keep soldiers in service for longer periods of time. He also suggested strengthening America's strategic weapon capability and the present reserve system.

Fellman did not have much time to discuss the economy but did say that he opposes the taxation of savings and that "we must balance the budget, cut wasteful spending, reopen world markets, and change our tax laws to stimulate investment and create jobs."

Both candidates were asked about the controversial Norden Dam issue which Daub claims is a non-issue. However, Fellman claims that it is an issue and that Daub should release a position on it because the next congress is to vote on the issue. Daub says that there are yet, unreleased reports coming out that would have to be looked over before he could state an opinion.

## Central gets facelift inside as well as out

A massive renovation plan for Central High School has been outlined and hopefully will be finished within the next five years.

The renovation plan has come to Central after many years of complaints by students, faculty, and other people who have come in contact with the school. The plan, according to Mr. Merle Rambo, architect for Dana-Larson-Roubal and Associates, will consist of phases which will remodel and renovate certain parts of the school for each individual phase.

Mr. Rambo, a former Central High graduate, stated that the first phase will entail the installation of new energy saving windows and the building of the dome over the courtyard. The construction will start around mid-October on both of these items and will probably conclude by April. The dome will have an air circulatory system installed to keep constant ventilation within the courtyard for students. The system is said, by Mr. Rambo to displace 34,000 cubic feet of air per minute and hold a tem-

perature of about 50 degrees on the coldest winter day. The old floor in the courtyard will be replaced by a smooth, durable surface, which will be good for activities such as dances and pep rallies.

Other phases in the renovation will probably include such changes as new bathrooms constructed into towers for better access; better temperature control for rooms and the entire school, and more adequate ventilation. One other possible change is installation of carpeting, which will reduce the noise level in the halls. Along with the carpeting, new wallboards will be put in for hanging decorations and posters instead of the plastered walls being used now. The idea of carpeting came from the success other schools in the area have had with it over the past few years.

A committee consisting of parents, faculty and students has been created for the purpose of expressing any ideas or comments anyone may have for the reconstruction plan. To transfer any ideas to the committee just contact any department head or administrator.

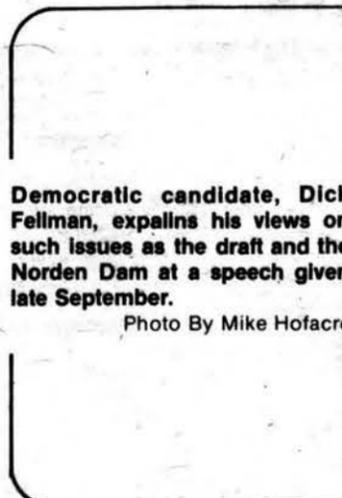
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Republican hopeful, Hal Daub, emphasizes a point during a speech given earlier in September.

Photo By Lisa Laviolette



Democratic candidate, Dick Fellman, explains his views on such issues as the draft and the Norden Dam at a speech given late September.

Photo By Mike Hofacre

# Campus additions; positive change

The idea of campus expansion is not a new one to Central. It is a subject which seems to come up, and when no serious action is taken, vanishes until another group of determined people decides that it is time to try again.

Thank goodness there are people who are striving to see these changes come about. Maybe someday their efforts will result in an area that certainly is needed and well deserved by Central.

Will plans that have been drawn up ever become a reality? It all depends on whether or not land around Central can be purchased or traded with the present owners. Most importantly, however, is whether or not there are valid reasons to continue the seemingly never-ending struggle to expand our campus.

## Editorial

A very apparent problem that Central is plagued with, is that of student parking. The parking area is extremely limited compared to the number of drivers at Central. To be exact, 97 spaces are provided for approximately 1500 students. If you are one of the lucky students to have a parking permit, you are still not insured a place to park. If the parking lot was paved and marked, you would be. As it stands now, trying to find a space is often a disastrous and unsuccessful task.

From Joslyn's standpoint, a new parking situation should be beneficial also. It would provide for parking in front of their building, and encourage entrance through the main doors on the east

side of their building.

New student and teacher parking lots are on the top of the list for campus expansion. If they come through, they will serve more students and hopefully eliminate the present problem.

A new track and field is also on the list of possible additions. What an asset that would be to Central's athletic program! Our athletes would finally be given a more equal opportunity to compete with schools that have always had such facilities made available to them. It could only prove to better the outcome of our athletes.

More successful athletes would more than likely lead to more support and back-up from students, parents, and coaches. All around, our school would benefit from access to our own track and field.

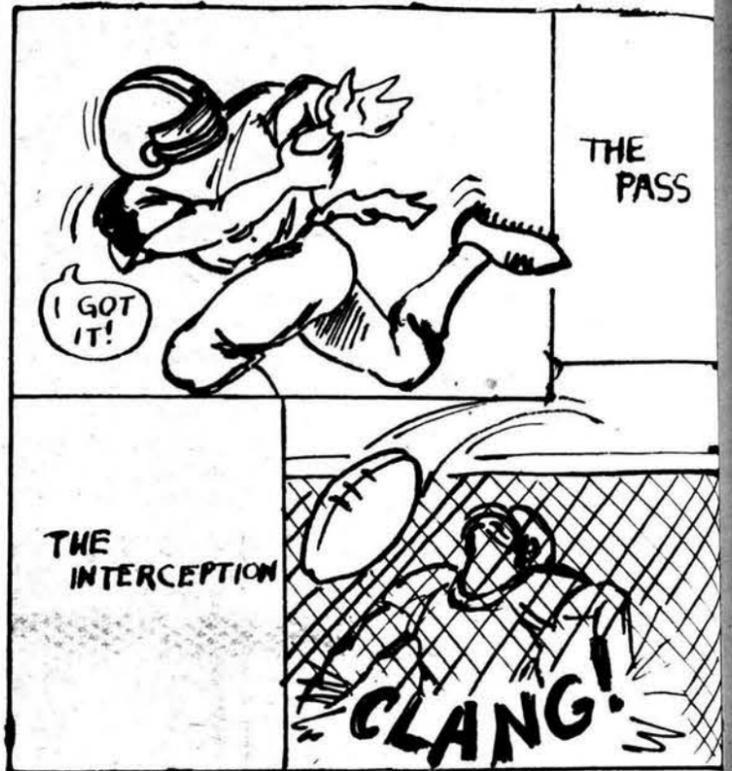
The track and field would also be accessible to students attending Creighton University, a fact that would further its usefulness.

The addition of the new track to Central will obviously create a better opportunity for students to excel in athletics.

As for parking, it may seem, to some, that it is a great price to pay for "convenience." If the money is there, and the problem appears to be getting increasingly worse each year, there is no reason why the addition should not be made.

A school should supply the most extensive facilities as possible. The more chances students are given to advance and grow in any area, the better off they will be.

Let's continue to work toward changes which will have a positive effect on the productivity of Central.



My place  
by  
Sam Johnson



## Sweating in my shoes

You know, it's been a long time since I've really been nervous. Oh sure, I get nervous just like everyone else does, like at a close football game, or when my homework isn't done, but it's been a while since I've been *really* nervous. Last week I was *really* nervous.

You see, for the past month, I've been going out with this very nice girl. And, like the typical teenage boy, I tend to talk about this very nice girl constantly, including at the dinner table. Well, like typical middle-aged parents, mine decided to invite this girl over for supper, since they'd heard so much about her. Of course, that would be just fine with me if my parents were only typical, but in all honesty, my parents are down right weird. I mean my dad still wears boxer shorts, for Pete's sake! But that isn't just the half of it, my whole family is weird. I'm constantly getting the feeling that I'm living a perpetual *Addams Family* rerun.

At first, I just laughed off their suggestion and told them to quit kidding around. Unfortunately, they were serious. I insisted that they were making a mistake and that she would probably be busy anyway. Naturally, they were persistent. They set the date and I knew I was in trouble. Even worse, when I told my girlfriend, she seemed to like the idea! Little did she know, however, that in one short week, she would be facing a family literally on the brink of lunacy (with the exception of me, of course).

Yes, dear reader, I was nervous. Words cannot tell you how nervous I was. I thought surely I would develop an ulcer in a record-breaking seven days.

### D-day at the Johnsons'

The week was agonizingly slow. What had I done to deserve this punishment? Then it came, D-day at the Johnsons'. It was a seemingly peaceful Saturday; the sun was out, birds were singing, and children were playing happily in the park. But under that serene facade of a perfect fall day, lurked all the ingredients of a disastrous evening.

When supper time slowly rolled around, I was a bundle of nerves. I guess I panicked and lost control. I made my mother try on at least five outfits before I picked the one I liked (I swear, the woman's wardrobe is 95 percent polyester stretch pants and simulated silk shirts). My father was a little more reluctant to sway, but after much convincing, I managed to get him to change out of his tiny-checked pants and polka-dotted shirt which he claims are both the ultimate in style and comfort. My younger sister, who has the embarrassing addiction to picking her nose in public; I merely locked in the closet.

### Polliteness at its best

When my date arrived, my father, against my wishes, answered the door. But to my utter surprise, he was not the tactless and socially inept man I have grown to know and tolerate. Instead, he was politeness at its best. Of course, the night had just begun. Surprisingly, the rest of the evening went rather well. It wasn't perfect, mind you. For example, before supper I had asked my mother to fix something "really good" to eat. This was a very stupid move on my part, for my mother's idea of "really good" and my idea of "really good" differ drastically. So when the meal was finally served, I found myself looking at a plate full of piping hot liver and asparagus casserole. My girlfriend politely ate the stuff, which I'm sure came straight from *Martha's Kitchen*. There was also a little friction at the table when half-way through the meal we heard strange noises coming from the closet. Hesitantly, I released my sister, who, to our astonishment, didn't even touch her nose for the remainder of the meal.

When the evening finally came to a close, and the good-byes were being passed out, I told my girlfriend that I had had a good time despite my previous trepidations, but I was quick to add that maybe next time we could eat at her house.

Suddenly her eyes widened, her face paled, and she screamed. "Are you kidding, my family is weird!"

## Letter:

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, September 16, the preliminary election for Homecoming King and Queen was held in room 215. I proceeded to the polling place, and before receiving my ballot, I was informed that I was ineligible to vote because I was not an athletic letterman, cheerleader, or a member of Wings. I asked Mrs. Brown, the cheerleading sponsor, and several "eligible" people why these requirements were formed. One of the eaglettes responded by saying that only those who put forth the time and effort to support school spirit should be involved, and one may do this by obtaining a Wings shirt at an outrageous price. There are approximately 50 girls who tried out for cheerleading, eaglettes, and wrestling auxiliary and failed who are also ineligible. There are many students lettering in academics and marching band, not to mention those involved in musicals, Roadshow, A Cappella Choir, and other spirit-minded organizations who are not eligible either. I believe that the administration should take another look at the entire student body before they go about setting up a "caste" system for Central. James E. Doughman Spokesman for the "Untouchables" of Central High

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Several Omaha high schools presently have open campus policies (rules that allow students to move from the school freely). Some Central students believe they should be allowed to choose where and how they spend their study halls and lunch periods. The present school policy strictly forbids these actions and enforces the

policy with suspension.

We asked 25 CHS students how they felt about having an open campus. Of the 25 only one student thought we should definitely not have an open campus, eight students definitely wanted one, and 16 agreed we should have an open campus as long as there would be certain restrictions as to eligibility.

**Registered opinions:**



Scott Barker, Senior  
"I think it is a neat idea, but I can understand that some students could abuse this privilege. Perhaps an open campus could be set on a reward basis."

Erin Keenan, Junior  
"I think it would be a good idea for some students, but others would abuse the right."



Monica Meehan, Senior  
"I think seniors should be allowed to participate in an open campus. Seniors should be granted more responsibilities by being entrusted with special privileges."



Brenda Pope, Senior  
"All students should choose how they spend their study halls. Students don't have enough privileges now."



# Candy sales before 1:15 forbidden

The Nebraska Board of Education, this summer, gave approval for a new policy that would drastically cut down the sales of candy and pop which are important to the Central High activity fund to support activities sponsored by Central High clubs and organizations.

According to the new policy, "Schools operating federally subsidized food service programs shall authorize the food service program to be the exclusive seller of food and/or beverage items on school premises used by or available to students from the beginning of the school day (12 midnight), until one half-hour after the completion of the last lunch period."

The new regulation states that food of minimal nutri-

tional value (Less than 5% of the set nutrient allowances established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Science for use in Nutrition labeling) can not be sold in competition with federally subsidized food service programs. Foods listed containing minimal nutritional value are soda water, including all pop; water ices or snowcones and popsicles; all chewing gum; and certain candies, listed as hard candy, marshmallow candy, fondant candy, spun candy, licorice, and candy coated popcorn.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal, contends that the new regulation could hurt the school's activity fund. "We have to make money to support the school's activity program. If we

sold candy in the morning, the profits would have to go to the cafeteria and we are not going to run a vending machine for the cafeteria." However, Dr. Moller stated that most "candy bars and snacks currently in the machines are all right to sell."

Pegi Stommes, Central High drama club sponsor, also spoke of the new policy. "We make about half of our profits from candy sales, if we had to stop selling candy, we could have a tough time finding something else."

The state policy, which is a stricter version of a federal regulation passed previously, was initiated to keep schools from wasting federally subsidized lunch and breakfast programs.

## National Merit scholarship semifinalists announced

National Merit Scholarship Corporation recently announced this year's semifinalists in the competition for Merit Scholarships to be offered in 1981. Central High, as in past years, has produced another crop of potential winners.

The six semifinalists from Central are Steve Bouma, Bill Harvey, Eric Johnson, Maurice Karpman, Roger Quiring, and Jay Sturek.

These students are designated as being among the highest scorers in Nebraska and are in the top half of one percent of the state's high school senior class. In addition to being honored publicly, semifinalists are identified to colleges and universities in the hope of increasing their educational opportunities.

Across the nation, usually 90 percent of the semifinalists later advance to finalist standing by meeting further requirements which include being fully endorsed and recommended for scholarships by their principals, submitting records that confirm high academic standing, and substantiating their high qualifying test scores with equivalent scores on another examination.

Finalists can look forward to receiving one of close to 3,500 scholarships being awarded nationwide with a value of between \$1,000 and \$8,000 over four years of undergraduate

study. The names of the scholarship winners will be released by NMSC next April.

Central also has 11 commended students in the merit program. They are Scott Barker, Anne Conine, Henry Cordes, Mary Dunbar, Sherry Freads, Liz Gibson, Sam Johnson, Randy Reed, Elizabeth Schenken, Sheldon Smith, and Darryl Wagner.

Commended students rank below the level required for Merit Program semifinalists; however, according to a press release distributed by the NMSC, commended students have shown exceptional academic promise by scoring among the top five percent of Merit Program participants.

## Cast selected

Less than two weeks ago, over 120 Central students auditioned for the musical comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress." Those trying out were asked to act, sing, and dance at audition times throughout the week. On Friday, some participants were "called back" to read, dance, or sing for a part that the directors thought they showed the most promise for. The final cast list was posted on Monday. Those receiving leads were Sherry Freads as Princess Winnifred, Sam Johnson as Prince Dauntless, Liz Gibson as the Queen, Scott Barker as the King, Jim Doughman as the Jester, and Shawn Benson as the Minstrel.

The musical is based on the story of the "Princess and the Pea." Winnifred must pass the queen's sensitivity test in order to marry Dauntless. Dauntless must marry before anybody else in the kingdom can, but the queen, who doesn't want him to marry, comes up with a test that seems too impossible to pass. Fortunately, the jester and the minstrel come up with a plan to help Dauntless and Winnifred and foil the queen.

Vocal music director, Mr. Robert McMeen; drama director, Mrs. Pegi Stommes; and choreographer, Wendy Larson are pleased with the cast. Mr. McMeen stated, "This is a show we have never done before. I feel it will be a success. The leads are supportive and the cast is talented."

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## After game 'Vandals'

What to do after a football game? According to a recent article in the Omaha World Herald, that question seems to be a lot of the problem concerning after game violence.

The article used Central as an example, quoting information from the Omaha Police Force that stated, "From the onset

of the high school football season, there has been a marked increase in reports of vandalism near the football stadiums."

"There seems to be a lot more unrest among the students this year over others", said a uniformed police officer at the Central-Burke game. "We just expect more trouble," he added.

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## THE GRADUATE

# Bad grades don't stop career plans

by Sheldon Smith

Despite three years in the same geometry class and a general lack of interest towards schoolwork, Gary Schwiekhart managed to graduate from Central in 1969. From there he went on to UNO, but after only two weeks he became so disgusted with school that he quit for good.

"I applied for a position on the 'Register' staff my junior year but was not accepted. The journalism teacher said I couldn't write."

Although he was remembered by some of his classmates as being an evangelist during his sophomore year (he was known for preaching his religious views to anyone within earshot), his views changed sharply as the Vietnam War, racial problems, and the "hippie" revolution" changed the environment of Central.

"I can remember sitting in school being able to feel the racial tension thick in the air. The George Wallace riot had occurred the day before and I sat there dreading someone making the first move. It wouldn't have taken much to start another riot."

After his short stint at college, Schwiekhart followed his newly developed political views and joined the "anti-war movement". Then, after having a brief taste of the radio business, working for the old KLNG as a night disc jockey, he got involved with the George McGovern campaign. When McGovern lost in 1972, he moved to New York to further his political self education.

### New job in radio

In 1974 he returned to Omaha and began seriously fulfilling his passion for entertainment with a job at KRCB (later changed to KQKQ). During KQ's earlier days he was recognized as the voice behind "Inside Entertainment," a daily feature containing such things as previews of special events and reviews of movies. A few years following he created his own talk show that aired midnight on Sundays entitled "The Sunday Alternative."

At this time, while working for the station, he found time to write for both Fever and Omaha magazines, and as if this weren't enough, for the last four years he has had the honor of being the Entertainment Coordinator for the annual Septemberfest.

But then, early last year, he quit KQ after they went through a management change.

### Writes for newspaper

Yet he was far from the unemployment line, because an opportunity opened up at the "Sun Newspaper" for an entertainment writer and critic. If one would like to sample his writing style, this is where his material is now in print.

Discussing his attitude towards the "Sun", he said, "I am very happy at the "Sun" because they allow me almost total writing freedom. I can say nearly anything I want and they never edit out material from my copy."

He can well be described as being one of the most controversial figures in Omaha. One of his movie reviews, aired on KQKQ, resulted in the station losing ads from many area movie theaters. He also caused the "Sun" to be sued (although unsuccessfully) by a restaurant-bar after he gave them a bad review.

After he was asked whether or not the life of a critic was much fun or for that matter glamorous, he said, "It started out to be fun, but when you have to go out and review such things as the film 'Xanadu,' it can be quite a drag."

### Watches soaps in freetime

When he has any free time during the day, he likes to watch soap operas. In fact, he considers himself a soap opera freak. "My favorite show is 'All My Children.' When possible I schedule my day just to see it. Another favorite of mine was 'Ryan's Hope' but it was recently taken off the air. This angered me so much that I almost started a riot."

As to whether or not he is well known in Omaha he said, "I get recognized often enough that it's good for my ego but not so much that it infringes on my personal privacy."

His latest ego booster was being the MC at last year's tenth reunion of the class of 1969. This was quite a surprise to his classmates since he thought of himself as the epitome of the high school "nobody."



Central students dress up and punk out for Spirit Week.

## Central has fun with Spirit Week activities

Spirit Week at Central was held the week of September 22 through September 26. It was scheduled for the week prior to Homecoming in hopes that the student body would be motivated for the Homecoming events scheduled for the week-end.

The week started off with Western Day. Not only were cowboys seen roaming the halls, but also Indian chiefs and squaws.

Tuesday was Impersonation Day. Students were encouraged to dress as someone they admired. Costumes ranged from those resembling Mrs. Stommes, CHS Drama Coach, to Mr. Rogers, of *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*.

Wednesday was designated as Sailor Day.

Thursday, and probably the most successful day, was Punk Day. People who resembled characters who are involved in punk rock or new wave were seen throughout the day.

In the evening, a bon fire was held at Norris Jr. High. The traditional burning of a dummy, representing a Creighton Prep football player, took place. The event hopefully got students fired up for the "big game."

Friday afternoon, approximately 60 cars gathered at Central for decorating before the parade began. The parade

left Central and traveled down Dodge Street to UNO. A \$20 gift certificate to Spaghetti Works, in the Old Market, was to be awarded to the best decorated car. There was a tie between Diane Swoboda and Brad Finkle's cars, so the prize was divided evenly.

The game began at 7:00. Unfortunately, for the second time in the last three years, the Prep Bluejays spoiled the Central Homecoming game spirit by defeating the Eagles, 23-6. The game, however, was much closer than the score indicated.

Saturday evening the Homecoming dance was held at Milo Bail Student Center at UNO. Approximately 300 students attended. The band, Finest Hour, provided music for dancing and listening.

Royalty for 1980 was crowned by Ann Backer, the Queen from 1979. Finalists were: Roxanne Bushey, Molly Carlson, Anne Conine, Jennie Newhouse, Monica Meehan, Joi Pulliam, Shawn Agosta, Scott Barker, Flip Crummer, Rick Everett, Sam Johnson, and Jim Van Metre.

Joi Pulliam, a member of Central's track and volleyball teams, was crowned Queen. Shawn Agosta, a member of the varsity football team became King.

## College bound students' hunt can start here

by Jay Sturek

College is probably the greatest step a senior takes on the road to maturity. Making the correct choice concerning a college is a crucial decision for the future. Plenty of knowledge is needed to make that choice, and for Central seniors, there are many resources available.

### Miss Eden in 118

The many forms seniors receive may seem mind boggling at first. That is the reason for people like Miss Irene Eden, Central guidance counselor and college planning advisor. Miss Eden has many different sources she can rely on for answers. The college planning office in room 118 has a state-by-state breakdown of universities, plus a rack of army, navy and other armed forces opportunities, all of which keep college-bound students up-to-date. One of the best resources is Miss Eden herself. She can explain more clearly the correct procedures for application to schools, give ideas on which schools to apply to, and can lead the student through the labyrinth; that is, a college application.

### Mrs. Novotny in library

Another one of the many resources at Central is Librarian, Mrs. Mary Ann Novotny. Mrs. Novotny is one of the most useful people to answer questions. Not only does she know a great deal about colleges, but if she doesn't have the answer, she has four books where she can find it. If a senior has not thought about colleges yet, a trip to the library to browse through some of the catalogues would be very useful. Two books that are extremely useful are *The Comparative Guide to American Colleges* and *The Barron's College Guide*. Both periodicals have information that is helpful in selecting one college over another.

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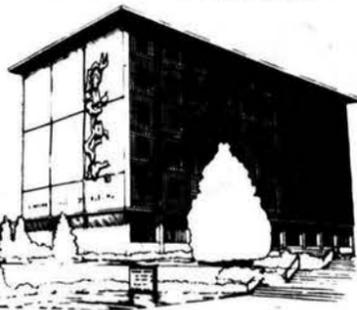
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## New lunches please some

Students attending the lunch room in the beginning of this school year found many changes from the usual cafeteria. Sack lunches have been eliminated and a new combo line has been introduced.

The combo line is different from lines of the previous years. The food is served on a paper plate along with french fries and a choice of a milk shake or milk. No fruit or dessert is offered with the combo lunch.

Mrs. Mary Rosbach, a supervisor with the Omaha Public Schools' Food service, says, "the changes are basically because the Food service was told by the school board to make a general cutback in the budget." Although the new combo line has less food, Mrs. Rosbach says the lunches "still provide the minimum requirements for a school lunch."

### No new price increases planned

The new school year did not see another price increase like the beginning of last year and Mrs. Rosbach said that there are none planned.

Senior Darryl Wagner, when asked about the new combo line said, "I really think you're not getting as much food and I don't see how it's saving that much time." But over all, Darryl said the lunch room was not that bad.

Junior Morris Sledge said that he "liked it better this year because of the faster lines." However, he thinks that "there should be more teacher supervision."

Some students said that the lines are too slow. Central High principal, Dr. G. E. Moller, said, "The situation is improving and is a lot better than when we started." Dr. Moller also said, "Every student should have at least fifteen minutes to eat his lunch and that's what we're aiming for now."

### Lack of variety disappoints some

Over all, the students didn't seem to mind the changes in the school cafeteria. But they were concerned about the lack of variety of the choices for the main course.

The traditional lunch, including a dessert or fruit, is still served in the North cafeteria, and both lines seem to have an equal amount of students.

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## Alums remember "C"

Tradition; (the handing down of statements, beliefs, customs, etc. from generation to generation by word of mouth or by practice). There are many traditions at Central; however, some traditions have faded with age. One tradition that seems to be disappearing is that of not walking on the "C" (the purple letter imbedded on the first floor's west entrance).

There are different ideas about when and why the tradition began. Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, said, "I don't know the accurate facts but I assume the reason is because 20 or 30 years ago symbols meant a lot more to students than they do today."

Drama teacher, Mrs. Peggy Stommes said, "we all just decided it was the sacred 'C'". Miss Virginia Pratt, math department head, said, "Everybody just got the feeling somehow that this was special."

Central graduate, Cathy Grow, said the reason many people don't know about the tradition is because "the seniors don't tell the sophomores about the traditions like they used to".

### Tradition ignored by young people

According to Dr. Moller, the reason is because young people don't pay much attention to tradition any more. Spanish teacher, Mrs. Vicki Anderson said, "Somebody has to tell them but it's got

to be something the kids want to do".

Some of the teachers recalled their school days. Mr. Steve Heck, English teacher, said, "When I was here the football players kind of self-patrolled the area and would rough you up if you stepped on the 'C'".

### Symbol to most

"I know why I didn't walk on it; I was afraid to," said English teacher, Mr. Ed Waples.

Mr. John Keenan, English teacher, said, "One day I walked on the 'C' and this kid came over and said, hey you're stepping on our sacred 'C'".

But to most people it's a symbol. History teacher, Mrs. Carol Valdrighi said, "It's to honor all the people that have gone here but also the ones that have worked here."

Mr. Heck said, "It's a symbol for all the work you've put into this place, it's a sense of responsibility."

### Central spirit prevails

Those interviewed thought that more people would follow the tradition if more people knew about it. "I think there's enough spirit here at Central that if everyone knew about it they'd follow the tradition," said Miss Pratt.

According to Dr. Moller, the reason traditions were kept up in past years was "because it made students feel like they belonged, like they were part of the group."

## New Eagles compare old schools to CHS

"European schools put the burden of learning on the students' shoulders," according to Swiss exchange student Tony Bachman who is staying at the Fred McCormick residence. Even though teachers may lock tardy students from the classroom and daily assignments are optional, he feels the atmosphere's less tense than the halls of Central.

Comparing Swiss to American schools Tony decided the European youth controls his education more. His teachers in Switzerland feel absences, tardies, and home work are obsolete. They put more importance on high test scores. The teachers do help the students with choosing classes and schedules.

In Switzerland children start primary school at the age of six. They continue at elevating levels until the age of twelve. From there they graduate into the "orientation cycle" (a slower paced program). This preparation lasts three years or until the student is ready for his "principal studies."

### Seniors for two years

In the principal study program there are four sections a student may choose from for the last four years of school. After their freshman and sophomore years they become seniors for two years. To graduate they must pass a twenty minute oral exam and a four hour test in each class. If they do not have a 3.5 grade average and fail one of the tests, they do not pass. A panel of teachers decides on whether the student is worthy of the honor.

Though roll is not taken, students know what courses they can afford to miss. While Latin and physics are rarely skipped, music and physical education often are. As an example Tony states, "I missed approximately ninety hours of classtime without worrying if I would graduate or not."

Swiss schools allow forty-five minutes of classtime per subject. Ten to fifteen minutes are reserved for each passing period. Ninety-five per cent of the students go home for lunch because they are granted two hours.

Tony will return to Switzerland in August of 1981. Before he leaves he will have graduated from Central. He hopes to attend the Poly-Technical Institute of Zurich, and to return a physicist in less than six years. He has not given it much thought, though there is a possibility of his one day making America his home.

"Texas high schools have a more lenient academic program, yet more competitive athletics than Central," stated Keith Lewis, new senior at Central. Keith, known to many as Tex, lived in Texarkana, Texas, for three years. He attended Texas High School during the tenth and eleventh grades. His day consisted of six periods, each approximately fifty-five minutes long. Each student is allowed only one study hall daily. Students accept this, for during lunch and study hall, there is open campus. Most students arrange their schedules to incorporate a ninety-three minute freetime.

Sports attracts many because it can be taken as one of the five mandatory classes. Many sports are conducted year-long. Tennis, the sport Keith participated in, is competitive in the fall and spring. In the winter, a conditioning program is provided. Coaches of each sport specialize in that sport. This improves a team's excellence, for the tennis team ranked first in state.

### School funded sports

The school funds all sports with uniforms, warm-ups, and transportation. This enables more participation.

The grading scale is easier; for example, for a ninety average receives a "one". Seniors are dismissed from school one and a half weeks before lower-classmen unless their grades are poor. Upon dismissal, they graduate immediately. To avoid taking final examinations a student may not have any unexcused absences.

Vacations are comparable to those of Central. The difference being that after a two inch snow their schools close. This is due to lack of removal equipment.

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## Hallway wanderers

Central administration has started cracking down on ninth and tenth hour hall wanderers, according to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal.

In an effort to curb a problem that has "been growing since the shortened day program started," students dismissed early for a "shortened day" or athletics, must be out of the building four minutes after the ninth or tenth hour tardy bell has rung. The policy previously stated that students involved in these activities had to be out of the building ten minutes after the tardy bell. Violators of the new policy will be placed in a study hall for a minimum of five days.

Dr. Moller ascertained that "as many as 200 to 300 shortened day students wander the halls during ninth and tenth period, primarily tenth period. They give no impression whatsoever of needing to leave early."

Dr. Moller also said that the shortened day students aren't the only violators of the policy, but many athletes roam during the tenth hour as well. "I can understand the need to get down to the gym to dress or practice, but there are just too many people in the halls."

Of the proposed five day study hall punishment, Dr. Moller said, "It may border on unfairness, but if kids can spend time in the halls when they say they have to be at work, they can certainly spend five days in a study hall."

## Assembled plans

The Central High Student Assembly has begun another year of serving Central.

At the conclusion of last year, new officers were elected including president Sam Johnson and vice-president Crystal Coleman. At the beginning of this year, Molly Carlson was elected secretary, and Barbara Wright was elected treasurer. Marty Johnson was appointed parliamentarian.

The Student Assembly plans a very active year as far as fund raising projects for Spring Prom and community oriented projects. Student assembly plans to sponsor a blood drive in November through the Red Cross. Also on the agenda is a student directory listing all the names and numbers of Central students. Arrangements will be made for those who do not wish to have their names listed.

## Teacher creates booklet

Mr. Jerry Doctor, Central chemistry teacher, used the Central science department microcomputer this past summer working with a colleague from Northwest High School to develop computer programs for chemistry classes. The booklet was sent to the American Chemical Society and the National Science Teachers Association High School Test Committee. The booklet has been requested for use in Ohio. Mr. Doctor believes that the booklet may be used in a very well known text book.

## Special project grant

Dr. Robert Wolff, Central physics teacher, received a special projects grant from the Omaha Public Schools Instruction Department last year to develop computer programs for high school physics. Dr. Wolff's booklet has been completed and is now in use. The booklet is also available for other OPS schools.

## After game violence

What to do after a football game? According to a recent article in the Omaha World Herald, that question seems to be a lot of the problem concerning after game violence.

The article used Central as an example, quoting information from the Omaha Police Force that stated, "From the onset of the high school football season, there has been a marked increase in reports of vandalism near the football stadiums."

"There seems to be a lot more unrest among the students this year over others", said a uniformed police officer at the Central-Burke game. "We just expect more trouble," he added.

## ROTC goes to coronation

Central's ROTC program will be performing at the Ak-sar-ben Coronation for the fifty-second consecutive year this fall. Major Edward McDaniels ROTC instructor, stated, "they are chosen each year because of their dedication and good work."

The cadets have been practicing routines since the first day of school. Sergeant William Middleton, ROTC instructor, has been teaching the basic skills, while Major McDaniels concentrates on the more advanced routines. Over 100 cadets have been chosen for this year's ROTC presentation. They are judged on their skill, appearance and determination.

One cadet has the honor of being put in charge of his fellow cadets during practice. He is also in charge of the cadets at the actual show. Major McDaniels has appointed John Swanson, battalion commander, to this duty. He feels this a great opportunity for the young cadet. It is a position of responsibility that one is expected for attaining according to Major McDaniels.

## Students 'thumb it'

Look mom, no thumbs! Believe it or not this was a familiar sight Wednesday October 1, when Central Anthropology students took part in an experiment throughout the day.

Mr. Creighton Steiner, Anthropology teacher at Central, developed the idea, he said, from a college teacher he knows.

According to Mr. Steiner, the experiment was to get students to understand the value of using their thumbs. The students were to go all day without using their thumbs, but in some cases the experiment lasted a short while. Most students found it difficult to write, open lockers, go to the bathroom, and especially eat.

Teachers were said to have been very cooperative, and response from the students was very good.

## Conference with Dr. Moller

"If tenth hour study halls were not necessary to attend, everyone would want them. Scheduling would be for a seven hour day, not eight hours." This is the way Dr. Moller, Central principal, responded to a question concerning the need for tenth hour study halls, at a recent press conference with the Register staff.

Moller said at one time there were no restrictions on shortened days so by the end of 7th hour 800 students had left the building.

Dr. Moller was asked why students weren't allowed an open-campus system (students could come and go from the building at will when not in class). He responded, "It's human nature that people would not make it back to class in time especially when students are only allowed a 26 minute lunch period."

The 'problem' of students loitering in the Joslyn parking did not appear to be a large enough difficulty to take action Moller felt.

Not much hope was given by Moller of stopping vandalism around the building (from stolen batteries in the student parking lot to items taken from the auditorium during play rehearsal). Extra care was suggested by Moller on the student's part and the administration would be watching the problem areas more closely.

## New library bookcase

A new bookcase featuring famous authors that are alumni of Central High School is now standing in the library.

The bookcase was purchased by PEP (Parents Educators and Pupils) for the purpose of putting more stress on alumni and some of their accomplishments, which could help to inspire students in the school now, according to Mrs. Mary Ann Novotny, librarian.

The authors were sent a covering letter and questionnaire about Central and the years they spent at the school. After the authors filled out the questionnaire and it was sent back, sometimes with a small donation included, the questionnaire and letter were posted with the designated author and his book in the bookcase for students to observe.

Some of the authors featured in the bookcase are Howard Rosenberg and his book *Atomic Soldiers-American Victims of Nuclear Experiments* and two sisters Mrs. MacHaffie and Miss Nielsen for their book *Of Danish Ways*.

## Chess team gets rolling

Mr. Kevin Throne, Central High School Chess team sponsor, said this is one of the largest groups to assemble for the intrasquad tournament. The tournament will decide varsity and junior varsity positions on the chess team.

Mr. Throne said, "the team's goals are to be metro and state champions." He added, "Our toughest competition will be from South High School."

## Alumni Band

The night of the homecoming football game, September 26, a very unusual sight appeared as part of the halftime pageant.

The sight was a band made up of Central High School alumni organized by the band director, Mr. Warren Ferrel. Mr. Ferrel said he made a call in the paper and over the radio to any Central alumni of any age who wished to play in an Alumni Band. Response was good, according to Mr. Ferrel, and a small Alumni Band was then organized.

The band did a Sousa March for homecoming game's halftime show, while they played along with Central's Marching Band.

## Battery thefts

Recently, batteries were stolen from several cars parked in the student parking lot at Central High School. Dr. G. E. Moller, CHS principal, says there is little or nothing that the school can do to help the victims.

"Central is responsible for the cars in the student lot to the same extent that we're responsible for the cars in the teachers' lot, or the students' belongings in their lockers; we're responsible to practical limits," Dr. Moller said. He continued his analogy of school lockers to the student lot. "When you pay for your locker, you pay for the upkeep of the locker and as much protection as we can provide. When you pay for a student parking permit, you get the privilege of parking there and a guaranteed space. But we can't promise that we'll be there all the time."

Dr. Moller said that as much security as can be afforded is provided for the student lot. "We try to send our security aide through the lot at least two times a day, but the security aide has other responsibilities as well."

As far as any follow-up goes, Dr. Moller said that finding the thief would be like finding "the proverbial needle in a haystack. I can only suggest that the police be notified immediately after the crime is discovered."

## Academy recommendations

Congressman John J. Cavanaugh (D-NE) will host a Service Academy Information Forum on October 12, 1980 for students interested in attending any of the United States service academies.

The forum, to be held at Papillion-La Vista High School, 84th and Centennial Road in Papillion, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., will allow students and their parents to hear presentations and ask questions of representatives of the U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval Academies.

"The forum will allow high school students the opportunity to examine and compare the service academies," Cavanaugh said. "The presentation is free and open to all high school students who are considering a military career."

## Writing lab changes

Remember probably the great trouble of senior takes on the writing lab? The threat that you would not be able to pass English without being remediated? Well, all that has been changed. A new and improved system has been devised by the English Department.

One of the changes is that all Honors and Advanced Placement students must be remediated by the first quarter. Also, all seniors must be remediated by the first semester. Mrs. Kathy Murphy, English paraprofessional, said, "This will hopefully improve on last year's situation." Last year there were long lines of people waiting to get into the writing lab. The card system has also been revised to make the system more efficient.

Mr. Dan Daly, head of the English Department, said, "I am hoping that this new system will be less of a problem for the students who must get in."

English Department members with Mrs. Murphy, have revised the mastery tests to make them correlate better with the skill sheets. Mrs. Murphy said that last year many of the skill sheets did not match up with the mastery tests.

Although the system is being revised, both Mr. Daly and Mrs. Murphy agree that if they had another paraprofessional in the writing lab, the system would go much more smoothly.

## A Cappella choir

Officers for the 1980-81 A Cappella choir have been elected. The officers are President Bill Harvey, Vice President Jim Doughman, Secretary Anne Conine, Treasurer Scott Barker, Senior representative Sam Johnson, and Junior representative Marty Johnson. The responsibility of the officers is to provide leadership for the choir, to organize choir activities, and to act as a go between with choir members and director Mr. Robert McMeen when problems arise.

This year, A Cappella choir numbers 97 singers up from last year's membership of 82.

Currently, the choir is planning its annual retreat. This year's retreat will be held at Omaha Home for Boys' Cooper farms on October 11 from 4 to 8 o'clock in the evening. The choir will have its first concert in the Orpheum Theatre on November 29.

About sixty of the choir members will get the chance to attend a workshop under the direction of world famous vocal director Norman Luboff who plans to visit Omaha before embarking on a world tour. Mr. Luboff has directed choirs for over thirty years and has also recorded numerous albums with his choirs. A Central graduate, Alex Prodywus (class of 1975) has the distinction of being a member of Mr. Luboff's choir. After touring with the choir, Alex plans to student teach at Central for Mr. McMeen.

# Injuries take toll; Prep's fury proves mighty; Tech crushed

The varsity football team was the victim of a bad draw when the 1980 was drawn up, which had had farther reaching effects than even Coach William Reed could have foreseen.

The schedule pitted the Eagles against four top rated teams in as many weeks to begin the season; Burke, South, Millard, and Prep. This invariably meant that Coach Reed's squad would be subjected to four consecutive physical beatings at the hands of their hard-hitting opponents. A schedule like this would tend to take a lot out of a football team, and Central proved to be no exception.

Although the Eagles survived the onslaught with a 1-3 record, the opposing teams left their mark. A resulting high injury toll has thinned and depleted Coach Reed's ranks leaving him with a "very mediocre football team."

### Sideliners

Among those that will spend the rest of the season watching from the sidelines are Daryle Duncan, who had scored four touchdowns before going down with torn knee ligaments at Millard; two-way starter Ricky Hampton, with a severely fractured finger; starting cornerback Bryon Allen with a broken ankle; starting split end Terry Grigsby, also with a broken ankle; tackle Tony Hart with a bad knee; and back-up linebacker Jeff Felici with an infected foot. In addition, Cornelius Williams and Tim Smith never saw action all season after receiving injuries in summer drills.

Despite the fact that the worst of the schedule is now behind the Eagles, Coach Reed feels the loss of players to injury will make the remaining games, although with lesser opponents, just as hard to win. Regardless, the varsity is still left with a chance of at least equaling the 4-5 record achieved last year in Mr. Reed's first season as head coach at Central.

The Central varsity went into Millard September 19 with a tenth-place ranking in the World Herald's weekly poll. A strong performance enabled Central to hold that spot, but that performance was not enough to stop the Indians from taking a 20-14 victory. Pernel Gatson and Larry Station accounted for the two Central touchdowns on one-yard plunges.

The Eagles fared no better the following week in their Homecoming match with Prep. Central proved to be a worthy opponent for the fourth-rated Bluejays, playing to a scoreless tie until late in the third period. The Eagles finally got on the board in the fourth period on a flea-flicker pass from Gatson to split end Tracy Cooperwood but not before Prep had a 23-6 victory well in hand.

### Tech romped

A 245-yard, four touchdown performance by Central's Senior running-back Terry Evans led the varsity Eagles to a 46-8 romp over Tech last Friday night.

With the Eagles showing dominance from the start, Evans found the Tech endzone on Central's fourth play from scrimmage. Evans scored his second and third touchdowns, and quarterback Pernel Gatson ran for another before the first half ended with Central leading 26-0.

Early in the second half, Evans ran for his fourth and final touchdown. The last two Central touchdowns came on short plunges by Nikki Paul and Tom Green.

For the game, Central ball-carriers ran-up a total of 350 yards on the ground, averaging over eight yards each time they carried the ball. The Eagles were gifted with five Tech turnovers, but hurt themselves by amassing 15 penalties for over a hundred yards in losses.

Now 2-3 the Eagles next face Abe Lincoln at 7:30 tonight. The game will be played at A. L., 21st and J in Council Bluffs.

# Sports Shorts

## Boys' Tennis

After losing to Northwest, the Central High tennis team came back to defeat Benson 6-3, with wins coming from Tony Benetz, Keith Louis, Dave Foster, Tom Backer, and Flip Crummer.

Their record standing at 1-1, the tennis team suffered two straight defeats at the hands of Prep 1-8 and Papillion 2-7.

Mr. John Waterman, Central High tennis coach, said, "Our number three singles player, Dave Foster broke his collarbone in a 'freak accident' which has hampered our success." Mr. Waterman added, "We still expect a winning season. We have four matches left, and we should win three of them."

Mr. Waterman's predictions appeared to be coming true as they beat Gross 5-4 and won by forfeit over Bellevue East.

## Hard Times

The tennis team fell on "hard times and some bad luck," said Mr. Waterman as Abraham Lincoln beat them 6-3. The team lost two tie breakers in doubles competition. They then lost to Millard 9-0.

Mr. Waterman said, "If Dave Foster is well enough to play in state, then we should do well, but he's probably not going to be ready for metro. realistically we are looking to him to be back for state." The state tournament is October 16-17 at Dewey Park.

## Girls' Gymnastics

The girls' gymnastics team looks promising but young. According to head Coach Kent Friesen the girls are "hitting well" despite the tough competition.

Mr. Friesen explained that the integration between the boys' and girls' teams contributed the stiffer competition this year. Girls, who before were eligible to participate in school-gymnastics, became eligible, because the two seasons would not intermingle.

Coach Friesen explained that the girls lack depth in events and hopes an increase in depth will come with the future.

Team members include Lisa Thomas, Brenda Schuerman, Becky deGraw, Laura Dickenson, Connie Meloccaro, Heidi Kubik, Cathy Browne, Diane Atkinson, Winnie Jackson, Mary Monasterio, and Kim Haller.

## CHS Harriers

Central's boys' and girls' harriers exhibited superb ability in the Bellevue Invitational two weeks ago. Katie Holland, Cindy Radulivich, Anne McCormick, and Kris Leach combined points to underscore a distant Marian 33-77. The boys placed a respectable second to Westside, with Paul Schnatz and Henry Cordes leading the team.

Dual meet performance for both teams has been exceptional; the girls have only lost one meet to a strong Millard while the boys unwillingly suffered losses to prep and Millard.

## Statebound

Despite the losses, head coach, David James feels the guys are statebound. the boys' district consists of four top metro teams which include Burke, Prep, Westside, and Central. Mr. James explained that the boys have a "good chance to go," and added "there are good strong teams at state."

If the girls have their way, the state championship will be theirs. According to Mr. James the girls are strong and have the potential for a state title. "If we get in shape, I think we can win it," stated Mr. James.

Boys' districts will be held October 16, at Elmwood Park. The girls will attend the Marian-Cathedral Invitational on the same day. Both teams will compete in the state meet in Kearney, Nebraska. The meet will be held at Kearney golf course.

## J.V. Volleyball

Despite an unimpressive record, the JV volleyball team shows some promising talent and is playing well according to varsity coach Stan Standifer.

The JV spikers precede each varsity contest, their matches beginning at 6:15. The team is almost totally comprised of sophomores, thus they show inexperience on the court. Nonetheless coach Standifer cited the play of Sophomores Deena Roach, Amy Salem, Marty Walters, Veronica Williams, Kim Balkavec, Anna Harwood, Jojo Mayhue and junior Mary Fischer as playing impressively.

Other JV members are Emma Thomas, Joy James, Mary Fleissner, Debra Minor, Theresa McDonald, Lisa Rice, and Crystal Gresham. The team is coached by Mrs. Cheryl Brown.

## J.V. Football

The Junior Varsity Football season began with a 6-0 victory over South High School. Mr. Gary Kubik, junior varsity coach, said, "It was a very defensive ballgame."

The only score was set up by a 20-yard pass caught by Marty Johnson on the one yard line. Bryan Allen ran the ball in for the touchdown. Coach Kubik said that the team was very quick with a very good defense. He also praised the defense for an outstanding game.

George Grillo, assistant junior varsity coach added, "One of the reasons we won was our offense controlled the ball in the fourth quarter and wouldn't let South's offense get the ball."

South had the ball the last two minutes of the game but could not score. Coach Grillo thought that Central had had good line blocking which complemented the play of Mike Seizys.

Coach Grillo added, "I think it's too early to tell how good we are, our first real challenge will be against Millard."

The Millard game saw another good defensive battle with Central prevailing 18-8. Bryon Allen scored all three touchdowns, gaining 150 yards in the game. Coach Kubik cited the play of Jeff Felici and Steve Williams.

The junior varsity's third game pitted them against Prep. According to Coach Kubik Prep has a very powerful offense and a very tough defense.

If Coach Kubik's predictions come true as Central was shut-out 30-0. Coach Kubik said that injuries to Jeff Felici and Byron Allen hurt the team's performance.

The junior varsity was again defeated by Technical High School, 14-6.

The Central JV's next game is October 16, against Abraham Lincoln at Bergquist.

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## CHS autumn athletes 'Fall'

Nothing can strike down a team's seasonal aspirations more suddenly than the loss of key performers to injury. Such has been the fate of several of Central's athletic teams already this fall.

Varsity football coach William Reed has personally lost eight players, including five starters, to injuries that could very well sideline them for the rest of the season. "Two injuries can be considered bad," said Coach Reed, "so this is bad about four times over."

### Duncan undergoes surgery

The most serious loss has probably been that of Daryle Duncan, who underwent surgery for knee ligament damage on October 1. Needless to say, this is a very unpleasant way to finish a season.

Coach Reed credits the physical nature of the game as the biggest factor in the rash of injuries, but he did not dismiss them as "just part of the game" as we so often hear, but rather he described them as "unfortunate circumstances that can happen at any time."

Nothing illustrates this definition better than the injury of Ricky Hampton, starting tight end on the varsity football team. Ricky broke his finger through a freak accident in a pre-game warm up session and thus became a late scratch for the Homecoming match with Prep. Afterwards, Ricky said that although he was aware of the threat of injury, he never thought it would happen to him.

Junior fullback-linebacker Larry Station takes a more care-free stand on injuries and playing with pain. "Everyone gets hurt at some point in the season. If you don't have something wrong, you're not playing hard enough."

### 'Can't get justice'

Injuries in other sports are surely not as common but can be just as devastating to a team. The Central gymnastics team has had to endure the loss of its top performer, Yoichi Ii. Yoichi broke his thumb on a fall from the high bar in practice and will not be back for at least another week. Coach Kent Friesen looks on Yoichi's injury in a "you can't get any justice" manner. "In gymnastics you can break an ankle and still be able to compete. But if you so much as break a thumb, you can forget it."

The girls' volleyball and boys' tennis teams have also been hurt by injuries this year. Senior Gah Huey has missed more than half the season due to a bad knee and still is not active at this time. The tennis team lost the services of Dave Foster after he broke his collarbone in a neighborhood football game. Although volleyball is a sport where the chances of getting hurt are slim, that is just the kind of year this has been.

Unfortunately, injuries are something the coaches have very little control over. As Coach Reed said, "About all a coach can do is go to church on Sunday." If so, it appears a few coaches have overslept. Nevertheless, the Central injury saga will continue.

## Yoichi's thumb prime concern of the gymnasts

The boys' gymnastic team experienced defeat at the hands of Prep. The meet was lost by four points, with a final score of 138-134.

The team competed, without their best man, Yoichi Ii. Yoichi the team captain suffered a thumb injury while practicing on the highbars. Yoichi explained that at first he was "very disappointed" about the accident, and still feels frustration when watching teammates practice and compete.

### No difficult stunts

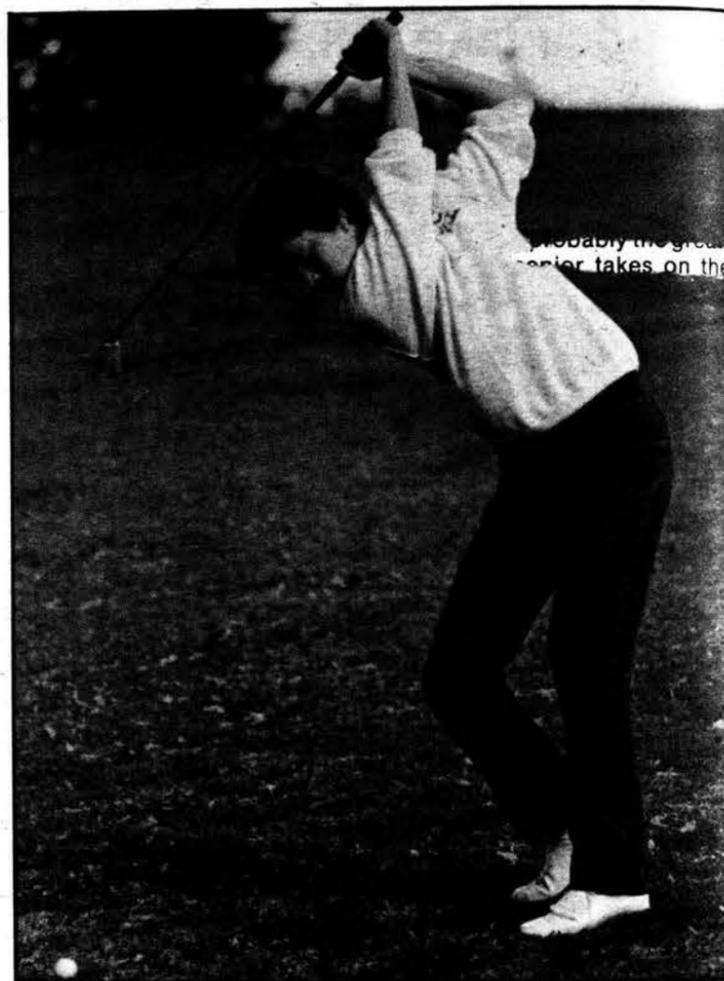
According to Yoichi the injury will keep him from putting difficult tricks into his routines and generally will hinder his performance. Yoichi hopes that he will be able to compete within the next two weeks.

Yoichi does not participate in practice, except some light flexibility exercises. Yoichi expressed that after his injury heals he will compete in everything.

Team members feel the absence of Yoichi has hurt the team considerably. Team member Carl Horne stated, "The team really needs 'Yoch' back."

### Team performance good

Head Coach, Kent Friesen, feels the loss of Yoichi, and the defeat to Prep didn't help. Mr. Friesen explained "It's hard to lose your best man and still compete well." Coach Friesen feels, despite the loss, the team performed well. Two team records were broken by all around gymnasts, Steve Coldwell and Terry Houlton. Mr. Friesen commented that the return of Yoichi would bring in a definite ten points, which means winning or losing.



Betsy Boyle begins to release her backswing

## Boyle leads golf team

One of Central's finest girls golf teams has emerged for the 1980 season. Ed McDaniel, Central girls' golf coach said, "This is one of the finest teams we've had since I've been here at Central." The girls finished the regular season with a 7-2 record.

The girls defeated Benson 169-187, Papillion 210-241, Bellevue East 203-230, Gross 195-270, and Abraham Lincoln 204-241. The girls only losses came at the hands of Marian and Millard. In discussing their record Coach McDaniel said, "The girls have shown a great deal of individual improvement, good attitudes, and are very hard workers."

The team's outstanding players are Betsy Boyle, who averages 45 at Elmwood Golf Course; Jennifer Fangman, 51; Lisa Walker, 52; Anne Conine, 53; and Julie Conine, also averaging a 53. Coach McDaniel says that next year

Betsy Boyle could be one of the top ten players in the state.

The girls district match is October 8 at Elmwood Park, where coach McDaniel expects to do very well. He said, "If the girls play as well as they have been, there is no reason why they cannot go to state." The top three teams from each district advance to the state competition which is October 16 at Benson Golf Course.

Coach McDaniel predicted that there will be three tough teams at districts; Lincoln East, Lincoln High, and West-side High School. If the girls do qualify for the state competition, it will be the first time any girls' golf team from Central has gone to far.

According to Coach McDaniel the future looks very bright for the girls' golf team. The team will be losing only one senior from this year's team. He added that he also has a good group of sophomores this year.

## Injury hobbles top spiker

The Central varsity volleyball team has fallen on hard times as of late. After winning the season opener, the girls have since dropped eight of their last nine matches.

According to Coach Stan Standifer, the slump has been a mystery. He offered a lack of leadership on the court and inexperience as possible answers. The lady Eagles have just one previous letter winner currently healthy enough to see action. Coach Standifer also stressed that bad breaks have been contributing factors in some of the setbacks.

Perhaps the worst break of all has been the recurrent knee injury of Senior Gah Huey, who has been sidelined for all but two of her team's

matches.

In her last appearance against South, she was playing in what was described as top form, having hit ten winning spikes. However, misfortune struck in the third game of the match when Gah came down from a jump and reinjured the knee.

Coach Standifer says the team is currently working hard on quicker defensive reaction and controlling the ball on offense to make more spike opportunities. With improvements in these areas and a healthy Gah Huey, Mr. Standifer feels the team can make a good showing at the district competition to be held early next month. As coach Standifer put it, "Gah makes the difference."

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