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CHS graduate, Henry Fonda, quips with reporters during press conference. (Photo by Jay Sturek)

The Graduate

Fonda comes home

by Sheldon Smith

Henry Fonda, veteran of nearly 80 films, and countless live theater and television shows returned to his home town earlier this month for a gala tribute given in his name.

"I am very proud to be back in Omaha," Fonda said at a press conference held the same day as the tribute. "I loved growing up here. I have deep roots here."

His "roots" include three years here at Central. However, graduating in 1923, the young Fonda was far from being the celebrity that he is today. Although now he stands a good six feet or more, during high school he was so short that he became terribly self-conscious.

"My cadet uniform wouldn't fit my grandson today," he proclaimed.

Three years out of high school, Fonda still had no dreams of Hollywood or stardom, in fact in a 1926 Register interview with him, he stated that acting was just his hobby and that he had no intention of making it his profession.

Of course, time passed and the realization of an acting career began to set in. It was at this point that he began formulating his "down-home" acting style.

"By the time I knew I wanted to be an actor, I decided I wouldn't want the public to watch the wheels go around on stage. I wanted to appear as natural as possible so the people would accept me better." After a few moments of silence he ended by saying, "I did and look what happened!"

Now, his success is well-known. It is conceivable that any Omahan who doesn't use the name Henry Fonda in the same breath with "mom's apple pie, hot dogs, and Chevrolet" has probably not lived here very long.

Fonda's son, Peter, was also in town for the tribute. During a private interview with Peter, the second generation actor said he has always felt that his father should run for President.

"My father has a sense of fairness with people. He has a very democratic way, in fact you could say that the man personifies democracy." Peter finished by saying, "My father never tells a lie."

Although Henry Fonda is 76 years old, he has not lost his "democratic way" nor has he lost his timeless sense of humor. A few weeks prior to his return to Omaha, Fonda had been in the hospital to have repairs done on his pacemaker, yet he denounced the event as being nothing more than his annual check-up.

Angered by the media's handling of his hospital "visit", Fonda had a little story to tell.

"Since I had been kept in the hospital for a few days of tests, one of the national networks took it upon themselves to call my son, Peter, who was out at his ranch. They said to him, 'Your father is on life support systems and may not live, any comment?' Peter replied, 'I'm the heir.'"

In many of the vintage Central O-Books it is common to find a statement under the activities of a graduating senior with the purpose of describing the Centralite's personality while attending the school. In the 1923 O-Book, next to Henry Fonda's picture and underneath the very brief list of Fonda's high school activities is a comment that reads:

"Henry has great ability in art. He can detect a good picture or a pretty girl with no trouble at all."

Seniors rally to register

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. Well, maybe not yet, but for some, it is time to register for the draft.

The registration program which was started last summer is the government's attempt to gather a pool of names to draw from in case of a national emergency. Men are required to register either a month before or after their eighteenth birthday. The penalty for not registering is steep, including a 10,000 dollar fine and a five year term in prison. The government insists that the new program in no way means that a war is predicted for the future.

According to Reverend Larry Doerr, a Presbyterian minister affiliated with United Ministries in Higher Education as well as an employee for the Lincoln Draft Information Center, "the draft idea came around when the hostage situation heightened and the president was pressured into showing that the United States has the will to resist and not just roll over and play dead."

Reverend Doerr went on to say that "several arguments existed against the old volun-

teer army, anyway. For instance, some people claimed that enlistees are pushed in by economic necessity, and there were always those concerned about equity and felt that every one should take the risk for his country."

However, despite the government's unrelenting claim that a war is not in the near future, some eligible registrants have opted not to fill the registration card out as instructed but to list themselves as conscientious objectors to war.

Central High senior, Nathan Stover said that he wrote conscientious objector on his card "because I just wanted to keep them off my back. If there is a draft, I'm not going."

"The conscientious objection has little or no legal or official value," Reverend Doerr said. "It serves two purposes. One is for the registrant to make a personal statement, and the other is that if there is a draft, when the registrant gets his induction notice and goes to his draft board saying that he is a conscientious objector to war, he can go back to this card to prove that his status is not just a spur-of-the-moment

thing. In fact, we encourage the registrant to make photocopies of his card so that if the government doesn't keep good files, he'll have his own."

Of course, not all of those who are of age to register decide to go the conscientious objector route.

"Yeah, I'd be willing to get shot for my country. Besides, I didn't mind much, it's only the registration," said Nick Ewing, CHS senior.

National pride and patriotism aren't the only motives pushing young men to the post office to register, however. Senior Jay Sturek said that the reason he decided not to put C.O. on his registration card was "because I'm applying for an NROTC (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship and I don't think those people look kindly on malingerers."

According to recently released figures by the Selective Service, about 93 percent of the projected number had registered during the registration period last summer. Figures for the last registration time won't be released until later this year.

Wargamers conquer world record

Some students spent their holiday vacation opening presents or visiting relatives. But some members of the Central High Wargaming Club were spending their vacation attempting to break a world record for straight Dungeons and Dragons playing. The Marathon took place from Saturday December 27, to January 2nd and it successfully broke the former record of 117 hours with a total of 131 hours of playing.

The club originally started out with eight members playing but ended up with four. Alex Applegate, Ron Jensen, Ron Pursly, and a student from South High School finished the Marathon. Ron Pursly says, "The group set out to break the world record and raise money for a computer." Ron said the group used various methods for keeping awake. "We slapped and punched each other and took some caffeine." But Ron said he used "will power."

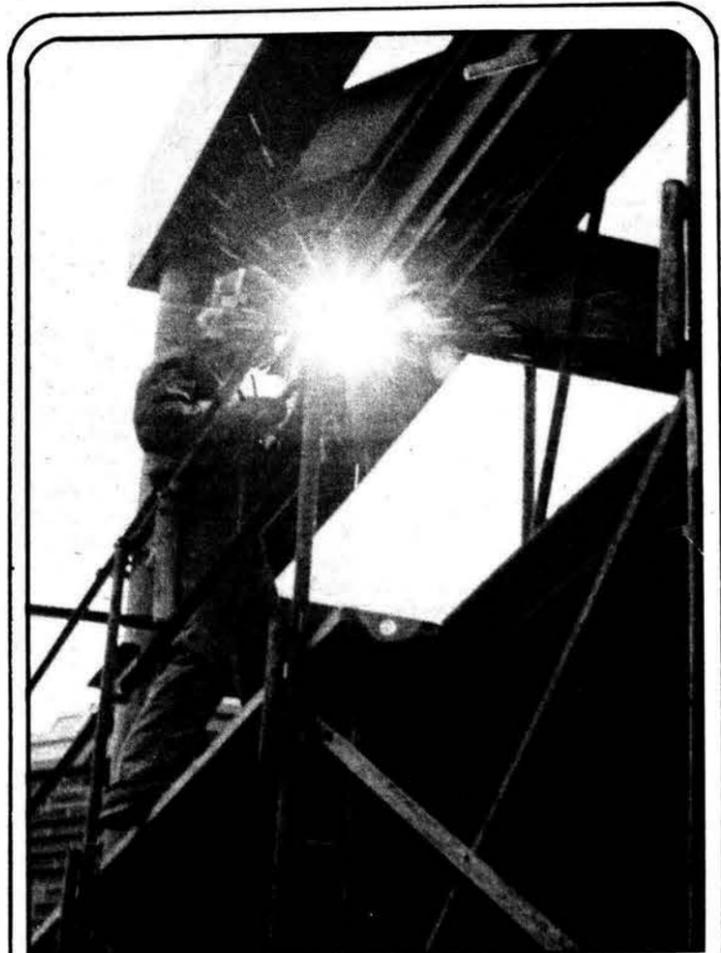
Ron also said that "there were times when we were all half asleep, but there was always at least one other person up to make sure the others didn't fall asleep." Ron said it was a "unique experience" and that he "might try it again." He said it was unique because "time was no more, you didn't realize what day it was, you remembered what happened but you couldn't remember when it happened, whether it was Monday or Wednesday."

The group had a total of six hours of breaks. The first break lasted three hours and the second was two. On the last break they had one hour to sleep; it was then that they

didn't wake up. The six hours of breaks was not counted on the total.

Ron said the record is expected to be confirmed by TSR, the company which manufactures Dungeons and Dragons. The Club has been trying

to get the record in the "Guinness Book of World Records," but so far they have been denied. Ron says, "It's because Dungeons and Dragons isn't a world wide game. If it becomes one and the record still stands, we will send it in."



(Photo by Michael Hofacre)

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Sparks fly as a worker welds a girder which will help support the dome being built over the Central High courtyard. For the story and more pictures, please turn to page five.

Road Show managers CHS band members qualify

The Central High Road Show is a yearly event which many students have the pleasure of participating in. Auditions are open to the entire student body. Anyone with a particular talent that can be performed on stage is urged to audition.

Judging is done in a fair manner and in the end, a group of students with many different offerings is selected. The Road Show represents all students, not just those involved in the music or drama departments, as they are often associated with such performances.

Editorial

A question has been raised by many concerning a particular aspect of Road Show. That is the selection of student managers and assistant managers.

These positions are limited to members of the band. To make band membership required for eligibility seems to detract from the idea of total school involvement.

However, there are reasons for such limitations. These reasons are both valid and understandable.

The Road Show is basically run under the direction of Warren Ferrel, Central's band director. He has explained that in the past there has been talk of distributing the work load of the show among several departments. For example, the art department could be in charge of programs and the journalism department could be in charge of publicity. Although this system

sounds ideal, realistically it does not work. The majority of the responsibility always seem to fall back on Mr. Ferrel and the band members whom he has chosen to be managers and assistants.

Because of this, it is essential that the student managers be very dependable and have some background, concerning type of work they will be doing.

Mr. Ferrel can choose managers not only on the basis of application but also through personal knowledge of the applicant. Those chosen must be able to work comfortably with him, without conflict.

If these positions were open to the entire student body, even through interview, such a working relationship might not be assured.

Another positive side to choosing band members is the daily contact they have with Mr. Ferrel. Band meets each day during first hour. This is ideal for communication among managers, and it is a time when many of the tasks involved in the production of the show may be accomplished.

Band members are offered a chance to participate in a way that other students can not, but this should not detract from participation among all students. Everyone is allowed to audition and to be considered for the show. Even if a person's act is not included in the final selection of acts, there are a number of other ways in which he may contribute to the production of this fine variety show.

Successful students honored

This appears to be a rather timely opportunity to commend one of the many important and traditional events at Central. That is the yearly selection of members to the National Honor Society.

The society was initially formed due to the efforts of J.G. Masters, Central principal of 1918. He proposed that this society be created for students who were notably successful, through academics, leadership, service and character.

Editorial

After three years of persistence, the first chapter was organized. Central was the second school to have a chapter because of political conflicts in the organization. The first National Honor Society at Central consisted of twenty members.

The society is a selection of the top students at Central. It is a chance for those who not only excel in scholarship, but in other activities at school, to be recognized. The initial requirement

for possible selection is a 3.0 grade average. In contrast with the Honor Roll, this does not ensure membership.

The character of a student is taken into account with his accomplishments.

As Central only elects seniors to the National Honor Society, a student's past record of achievements is also considered.

The system used and the requirements necessary for membership are very fair. It is a well-rounded group of voters making selections not only on scholarship but also on personal character, attitude, leadership qualities, and involvement. A student may often devote much of his time and energy to extracurricular activities, and this is a time when that may be recognized.

This system accurately points out stand-outs in school. Let's hope that Central continues to carry on this tradition and that its standards remain as high so that students can proudly be named members of the National Honor Society.

Letters to the editor

Since the beginning of my sophomore year, I have been appalled by the action of the students that park in the Joslyn parking lot. Joslyn is a place of culture and charm. Central is a place of academic excellence. These students that smoke, drink, and raise hell in the parking lot rob from the character of Central as an academic leader.

Every school has its crowds that insist upon causing trouble. Unfortunately, Central's crowd of delinquents are so obvious that they offend any outsider in their presence. Day after day these jerks smoke dope and get bombed before school. Their presence at Joslyn damages the reputation of any student that attends Central.

I think it is about time something should be done. I hate to think of the perception Joslyn has of Central. If the administration of Central can't

or won't curb these outrageous actions, I feel it is time that we students help them. I think the key people from Joslyn and Central should meet and find a resolution to get these punks out of public view. If it takes having a police car stationed in the parking lot every morning, so be it. Something must be done, and it must be done now!

A Concerned Student

The Road Show is an issue that concerns everyone at Central. We feel it is our duty to bring your attention to a point that should be recognized by everyone.

Since the Road Show is to be enjoyed by the entire student body, don't you think that more variety should be put into it? Not everyone enjoys watching cutesy cheerleader routines and piano duets. In fact, only a minority of the student body would rather see this type of

act than a rock group ensemble or some real talent, like knife swallowing. Surely, there are more and a much wider variety of talents than those acts that were chosen for the 1980-81 Road Show.

Concerned Students

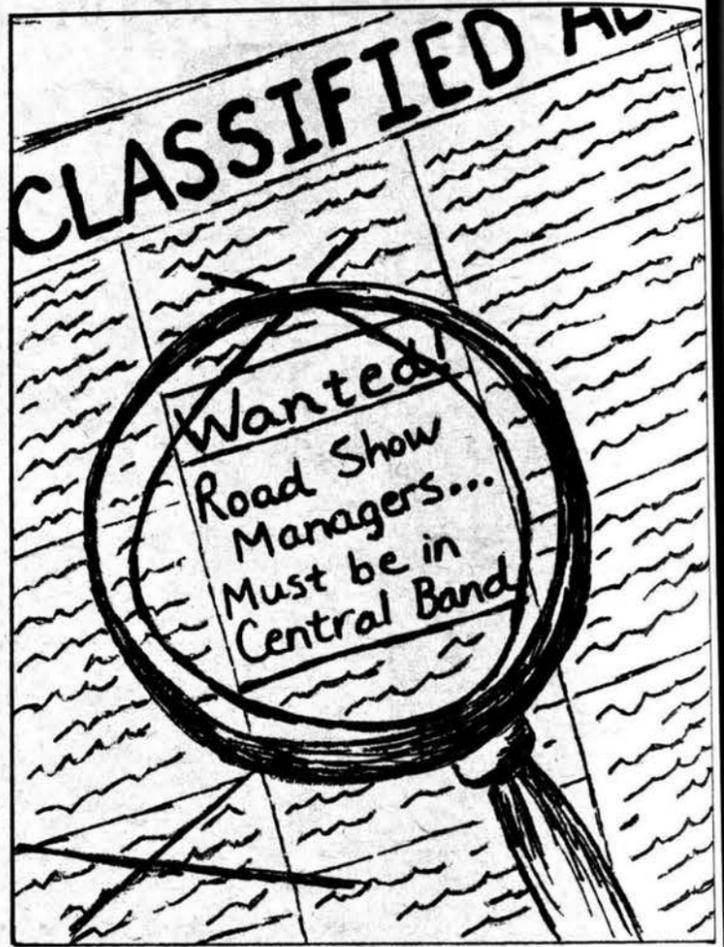
I, and others, must finally complain about the use of the school phones. Many times students "clog" the lines talking for an entire period, which I find totally unnecessary.

I came across an emergency where I needed to call home, but found my efforts of finding a phone that wasn't in use, hopeless.

These people could have the decency of hanging up for someone who really needs the phone.

I hope school officials will take notice of this and find a solution to this problem.

Anonymous



My place
by
Sam Johnson



Leaping lizards!

I've always been under the impression that weekends were made for rest and relaxation after a hard week at the office or at school. I've also always been under the impression that parents are reasonable and gentle creatures put here to provide food, shelter, clothing, and money for their children. Recently, I found I was wrong on both counts.

A couple of Saturdays ago, while I was completely absorbed in a fascinating account of one man's campaign against and ultimate victory over a clan of saurians, my mother approached me and quite solemnly said, "Young Man" (I always know there's trouble when she calls me young man.) "Young man, I think it's time you cleaned your room."

I had to think fast. Appealing to her sense of the importance of education, I replied, "But mom, I'm right in the middle of this very educational story."

"I don't believe 'Spiderman vs. the Lizard People' qualifies as educational. Now don't come down from your room until it sparkles!"

I was trapped. Don't ask me what prompted my mother's sudden outburst of insanity, but whatever the cause, I was stuck. I had been hoping I could last out until college without cleaning my room, then I'd be free. As it was, there was nothing I could do but clean the stupid thing. However, I did retreat to my chambers with the satisfaction of knowing that my mom would be sorry if any Lizard People attacked the house because I wouldn't be able to help her even though I did know their one vulnerable spot.

So, armed with only a radio and some munchies, I waded into my room. I felt something like Fortunato in "The Cask of Amontillado" when he is sealed into a room and left to die.

Actually, once the job began, it got to be kind of fun. I hadn't seen my floor since second grade any way, and the junk had layered so much higher than my bed, it always seemed like I was sleeping in a hole.

Each chronological layer that I uncovered, I found more and more treasures that I had forgotten or refused to believe ever existed.

I found my football card collection that used to be the envy of Mrs. Blattmeyer's fourth grade class; I found my GI Joe that was half melted in a simulated helicopter crash that I staged in fifth grade; I found my X-Ray Specs, my spinning bow-tie, my ant farm, my fish hook collection, my seventh grade shop project (I think it's supposed to be a tie rack or a paper weight), my leather comb case that I made at summer camp, my official Harry Blackstone magic set, and, in the most emotional moment of the adventure, I found Bert, my pet hamster that I had been meaning to bury for the past five years.

When I had finally shelved, boxed, and catalogued all of my memories, I reflected for a moment and then victoriously descended to tell my mother that I had completed her near-impossible task. I now know how Hercules must have felt after cleaning King Augeas' stables.

"Ha! Despite unforeseen perils and hazardous work conditions, I beat the odds; I cleaned my room! What do you have to say to that?"

"Now do the basement."

Where are the Lizard People when you really need them?

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Registered opinions

During final examination weeks in the past Central students were only required to attend classes in which tests were being administered. Due to complaints from other schools that Central students were disrupting class Centralites are now made to stay at Central for a complete school day.



Linda Rush, Senior;
Central is a college preparatory school and I think that we should hold classes on final exam weeks like colleges do.

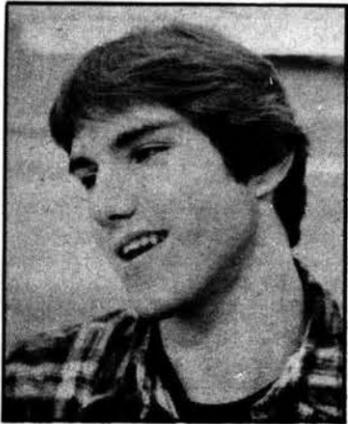


Terry Boldan, Sophomore;
I think it would be better if we got out instead of going to classes that are too short to get anything accomplished.

Terry,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Someday . . . Love Ya.
"Always and forever" Holly



Mary Coonce, Junior;
I don't think the students that haven't visited other schools should be punished for the acts of the few that do.



Jeff Dombrowsky, Senior;
I feel that the students are not upset because they have to stay in school for the full day; students really have no say in anything the school administration does. The students will adjust to the final examination schedule.

**BUSH LEAGUE
COUNTRY CLUB**
members only

To the "Way-oh's"
Happy Valentines Day
from the "BEEPS!"

Astro's future threatened

In 1926 the Riviera Theatre, now known as the Astro Theatre, opened its doors for the first time. But now, after the closing of the Astro's doors last June, the future of the Astro is uncertain.

The Astro, located on 20th and Farnam, has a long history. In 1925, Creighton University deeded the land to the A.H. Blank Theatre Company, which began the construction of the theatre. The theatre was then used for the performing arts until 1929 when, like many other Omaha theatres of the day, it was driven out of business by the depression.

Soon after, the Paramount Company bought the theatre and changed its name to the Paramount. It featured not only movies, but live entertainment as well. And even for a while in the 30s, it maintained a miniature golf course.

In 1957, the Paramount relinquished its lease and closed its doors. It would not be until 1962 when the J.S.B. Amusement Corporation remodeled the theatre and changed the name to the Astro that the doors would reopen. From that time on, the Astro played movies until its closing last June.

It was then that the controversy began over the fate of the Astro. At that time, the plans were to tear down the building and make the land into a parking lot for a neighboring bank. However, efforts by Landmarks Inc. and a vote by the city council helped to put a temporary stop to its destruction.

The vote by the city council was first vetoed by Mayor Al Veys, but the council overrode the mayor's decision. This was the first time a piece of property was designated a landmark over the objection of the owner (Creighton University) and the first time the mayor has been over ridden on a landmark decision.



photo by Nick Ewing

Some students here at Central have more than a passing interest in the future of the Astro. Both Susan Erts and Charles Cox are former employees of the Astro. Susan says she likes the Astro because "It's a beautiful old building with lots of history." Susan went as far as to say that "I would sit in front of the bulldozers to save the Astro."

Charles believes that it's "a disaster that the building is closed." And also added "I hope the building is used for something as long as it is open."

As for the future of the building, Susan said, "I would hope that they'll find some use for it besides a parking lot. I hope that it will become a performing arts center because it has all that's necessary; a stage, plenty

of seating, and an acoustically balanced auditorium."

As for the future of the Astro-Riviera Theatre Bob Peters, Preservation Administrator for the city of Omaha, says, "It's hard to forecast; there are many organizations looking into the theatre including Cox Cable and Performing Artists of Omaha." Bob also said, "We're waiting for an upcoming report on the need for an additional theatre." But Mr. Peters also added that "the building could also be used for something other than a theatre."

Estimates for the remodeling of the old theatre have been quoted at around 1,600,000 dollars, but Mr. Peters added that the remodeling price would, "depend on what the use of the building would be for."

Happy Valentines Day
YA MOM!
General Boy

Dear Central Miniature Moonettes:
There's going to be a full moon on V-Day via Dodge Street!
With love, Blue Bomber

I LOVE YOU,
PERNELL
GATSON

To my beautiful Jennifer:
Please be my Valentine today, tomorrow, and forever.
I LOVE YOU, SWEETPEA

Hubby,
Wishing you a Valentine's day filled with real love!
Wife

VIK H-B DAY!
Not HB No
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To Dave K.
Have a Happy
Valentine's Day!
Love ya, Pam B.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
BIFF and DIRG
Love Always, Tiff and Duff

Honeyyyyyy,
Happy Heart Day
Hurry Home!
Love, Holly

Laura G.
Be my Valentine
(Remember, you get a discount, because I'm a friend.)
Lab Commander T.



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Happy Valentines Day
Jim F.
Still waiting for my
B-Day Dinner
From Carol



Two of Central's fans relive past, give views on present

Do you ever wonder what will happen to Central in the future? Two authorities on the differences in Central from the 1900's to the present are Lula Pritchard and Eleanor Graham. They have lived at the OEA Manor, just down the street, for five years, and each attended Central for four. Miss Pritchard and Mrs. Graham reflect on the changes in Central.

Central changes from past

"Over fifty years ago, Central was a growing mecca of scholastic and literary excellence," stated Mrs. Eleanor Graham. Mrs. Graham graduated from Central in 1912 when only the east side and courthouse stood. The smokestack was also present at this time.

Classes were held in both the school and the courthouse according to Mrs. Graham. The buildings were not connected. Mrs. Graham remembers this as an inconvenience for teachers and students alike. Wooden lockers, without locks, lined the walls of the school. Locks were not needed at this time because theft was unheard of.

Central began renovation when Mrs. Graham attended from 1908 to 1912. She recalls the pleasure everyone had when attending concerts or recitals in the "new auditorium," a room which is now music room, 145. When told of the new work being done on Central, she stated, "I think that is thrilling, it will be wonderful." She also thinks renovation is an easier process than in her day. "Construction was a slow process in the early 1900's," stated Mrs. Graham.

College type surroundings

Lula Pritchard, graduate of 1915, recalls Central as possessing a "mini-college" atmosphere. "This was due to the many societies and sororities present at the time. Literary societies, sororities, and language clubs presided," stated Miss Pritchard. Miss Pritchard explained the system used. "Each student was required to be active in one literary society. The students

were divided into separate organizations which concentrated on three different literary greats. A teacher guided the students through the course and helped in the representation of a short play at the end of the course."

She agreed with Mrs. Graham when she said, "The teachers then had an easier job than the teachers do today." Both graduates feel the students have more pressures than they had in their day — the pressures affecting the teachers. Mrs. Graham and Miss Pritchard recall the principals of Central as having much effect on the students and school. Miss Pritchard said, "You could tell what kind of principal the school had right when you walked in the door." Mrs. Graham added, "Principals like Edie Graff and Kate McHugh made Central the best in the state. Present principals only maintain the school's excellence."

Graham attacks busing

Concerning the controversy on busing Mrs. Graham takes a strong stand against the matter. She feels that it is a useless waste of money and that the problem would not have occurred if the schools would have been made equal in size and cost. She partly blames state aid for the problems. "State aid has gotten out of hand, thus affecting how the schools are run," adds Miss Pritchard.

Sports gains importance

Miss Pritchard and Mrs. Graham have noticed a change on the importance of sports. "During my years at Central, sports were not nearly as important as a good education," stated Miss Pritchard. "The amount that is spent is unnecessary. I'm afraid that the situation may get out of hand," says Mrs. Graham.

Regardless of renovation or change in staff Miss Pritchard and Mrs. Graham feel that Central will always be the great college preparatory environment that they encountered during their high school years.



photo by Nick Ewing

ROTC cadets during federal inspection in old gym.

ROTC acquires increasing interest plus inspection

"ROTC" is great!" says Toni White about her experience at Central.

ROTC is becoming very popular at Central. This is evident for it has an enrollment of over 110 students. ROTC classes are third, lunch hours six and seven, and eighth periods.

Some students specialize in certain aspects of ROTC. A good example of this would be the Drill team. Ten girls make up the squad commanded by Tracy Bennett and Toni White. Major Edward McDaniels, ROTC instructor, said he chose the girls for their manual dexterity and reliability.

Seven girls are involved in competition. The team competes at colleges, with other high schools, and is inspected with the rest of the Central ROTC yearly. They are always ranked high. Last year they helped the Central ROTC achieve the rank of top 3-5% out of all the high schools inspected during the 1979 to 1980 school year according to Major McDaniels.

Maj. McDaniels trains the Drill Team girls by having them carry nine pound rifles. This, he feels, is an advantage in competition for no other high school girls carry regulation rifles.

Toni and Tracy agree that Central's ROTC program has prepared them well for the future. Tracy says she will enter the military after graduation this spring. Because of high school ROTC, she will become an officer in two years instead of four. She explains, "Basic knowledge is taught

during your high school years; therefore while the new military cadets are taking those classes you are advanced." Toni also plans to enter the military. She will enlist after completing college.

Both Toni and Tracy feel they were well prepared for the Federal inspection held on January 19, 1981, from 12:30 to 3:30 in the old gym. Officers came from Fort Lewis, Washington, to inspect them. These officers travel to over 2,000 high schools each year.

The officers were Major Myers, Major Hanson, and Sergeant Davis. Along with the cadets, they inspected the files kept by Steve Gomez. Gomez keeps files on over 500 Norris and Central ROTC members. These include grades and absences.

Norris students joined Central students for the inspection. Before the inspection, the gym was full of nervous chatter and Central students gave Norris cadets helpful pointers.

Tracy feels there are fewer junior high school students in ROTC now. She thinks it might have something to do with the Lid Bill. Regardless, many families still send all of their children through the program.

All of the Central cadets are anxious for the results of the inspection. Of his impression of the inspection Oscar Matlock said, "It wasn't fun, but it was a good experience. We've been training a lot for over a month and will find out the results in another three." Toni concluded, "It left room for improvement!"

George enjoys security role

Despite the hassles of the beginning of school, George is doing exactly what he chose to do. George had been in the military for twenty years before retiring and coming to Central. George said the traveling he did in the military broadened his outlook on life and his judgment of people. He lived in Europe, Asia, and traveled throughout Canada. In Asia he closely viewed the effect of drugs on the people. He said, "Drugs were sold on the street like candy."

After retiring from the military, George decided to make Omaha his home. He wanted to do what he could to prevent today's youth from making the wrong decisions. He feels other countries are attempting to bring about the United States' downfall by destroying today's young generation with drugs. George feels it's his duty to help in preventing this to happen.

Aside from the fact that George is around to change locker combinations, help new students find their way around the building, and keep the boys' bathrooms from getting too smokey, (He's unable to control the girls' situation), George feels his main purpose at Central is to bring about peace between students and produce an atmosphere conducive to learning.

George remembered during his first years at Central there seemed to be more animosity between students than there is now. "Fighting was the worst problem I had to deal with then. Now teens are more at peace with themselves." He observed that most of the fighting he deals with now is more sophomores than any of the other classes. "Juniors and seniors cause more problems with vandalism." In recent years, George has concentrated on the protection of the student body and the faculty from any outside forces.

George feels Omaha schools have less demand for security than schools in other cities because of the city's policy. Because of a decline in enrollment in the past 12 years, Central has gone from four security aides to one. According to George, this has spread him much thinner and greatly increased his work load.

J. Van Metre:

There is a surprise for you soon!

Always "Raquel"

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
SISTER
SISTER
SISTER

JEFF M.
You're the best looking, nicest, most wonderful guy a girl could ever dream of having. Always stay fabulous.
Love, KISSY

Happy Valentines Day
Susie
Love, Sandy

Oobie,
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Dome nears completion

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Fiberglass panels being put in place.

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The reopening of the courtyard may be soon according to Tom Webster of the A. Borchman Company. Phase one of Central's renovation plan, which is the completion of the fiberglass "dome" and the opening of the new bathrooms, will be finished, if the construction schedule is met, by March 31.

The placement of the steel beams and girders took two and a half days of the students' winter break. A helicopter that was brought in from St. Louis was used to hoist the materials from Central's practice field into the courtyard. Well over one hundred trips were used by the mechanical bird to put the 33 hundred pound beams into place, according to Mr. Webster.

Two new bathroom towers are being erected in the courtyard; one running up the Northeast corner and another in the Southwest corner. According to Mr. Al LaGreca, assistant principal, "The old restrooms

mainly will be used for storage." Mr. LaGreca looks forward to the opening of the new restrooms because he feels they

will be more accessible to students as well as to teachers.

The removal of the restrooms from the stairway landings will eliminate the need for segregated, male/female, stairways. It's not certain what will be done with the stairs, but according to Mr. LaGreca the possibility of "up stairs" and "downstairs" exists. Mr. LaGreca said that the up-down system was used at Technical High School and worked well; he feels that Central would be more conducive to this type of plan.

As of January 20 the majority of steel had been installed, the restroom entrances had been started, and the fiberglass panes had just began to be put in place.

Another facet of Central's renovation plan is the instal-

lation of thermal-pane windows. The work was to have begun the first of December but due to a misunderstanding between the contractor and the window supplier all of the materials needed to begin were not available. When the exchange of the old for the new windows is to take place is not quite known. Work could begin next week, according to Mr. LaGreca, or next summer.

Mr. LaGreca would actually prefer the construction of the new windows to take place over the summer months as then there would be an elimination of much confusion.

If the windows are replaced while students are in school, an alternate classroom plan has been devised so that classes will be moved into rooms where students and teachers won't be subject to interruption by the renovation.

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To the animals
love, Rabbit

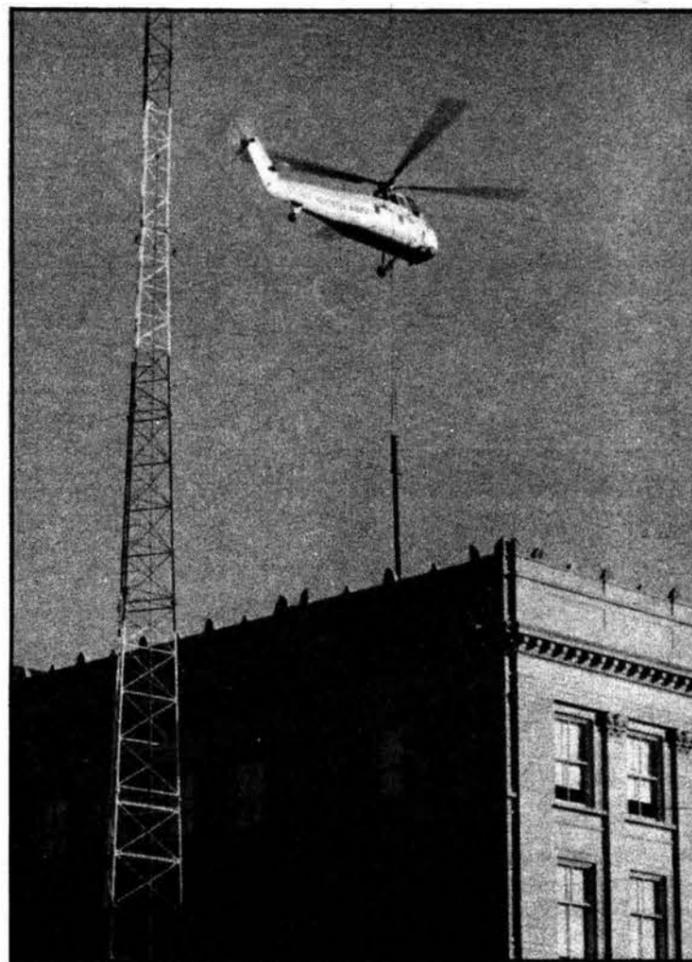


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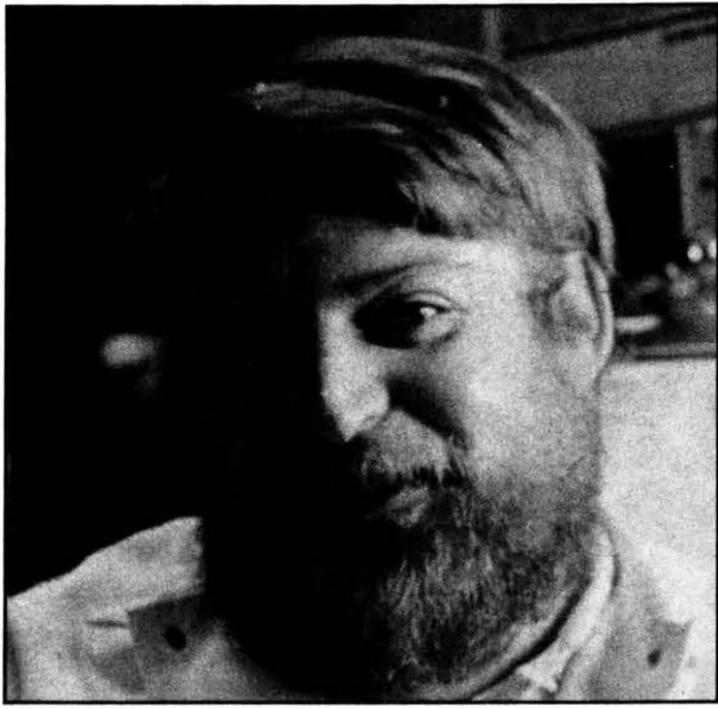


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Creighton Steiner, CHS Anthropology and Biology teacher.

Mr. Steiner Jack of all trades

Auctioneer, truck driver, electrician, deckhand on a Loup Public Power District barge, farm laborer, deputy sheriff, caterpillar operator, tree trimmer and security guard for Wells Fargo are a few of the 39 full time jobs held by Central's Creighton Steiner before he decided to teach biology and anthropology.

Anthropology was a late-started interest for Mr. Steiner. "I've always had a natural curiosity about a lot of things," he said. "When I was in high school in Genoa, I decided I wanted to go into biological research."

"But my father (a Genoa insurance man) thought it would be a good idea to get a teaching certificate so I would have that to 'fall back on.' I've been falling back on it ever since."

Steiner decided as a senior at Wayne State College to teach. "It happened when I came to Central as a practice teacher," he said. "I found that I liked it." The following fall, 11 years ago, he became a member of Central's faculty.

Mr. Steiner calls his hometown Genoa, Nebraska, the Pawnee capital of the state. Arrowheads and other Indian artifacts have been found there by anthropology students in field trips over the years. Mr. Steiner knows the owners of the fields and said, "They've been real good about letting us come out here." This year's trip was October 24th.

When asked how the trip was, one student replied, "It was a six hour round trip ride, four hours of walking fields, but it was great. I learned a lot and had a terrific time."

Mr. Steiner has a Master of Arts in biology. For his Masters, along with classwork, he spent two and one fourth years writing a thesis. The thesis (a 42 page study on the Woodhousei Toad) is titled *Reproduction and Ecology of the Toad Bufo Woodhousei, (Amphibia, Bufonidae) in Nance County, Nebraska*, and was published and presented to the Nebraska Academy of Science. Abstracts or summaries of his thesis have been sent upon request to every major continent and almost every country. It is also listed in *Copeia*, a leading herpetology report.

Mr. Steiner plans on publishing two articles in the spring. They will be on *Plains Anthropology*. He has pursued a second Masters in Anthropology at U.N.O. He has also applied for a Research Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Colorado and the University of Minnesota.

Future plans for Mr. Steiner include teaching at a college level and doing North American Archeological research.

Mr. Steiner's "natural curiosity" has enabled him to do more than many people. His hobbies alone are enough to keep most people's heads spinning.

Mr. Steiner also engages in other activities. He teaches to his Anthropology classes. He hunts deer, pheasant, quail, and fishes with a bow and arrow. He also golfs (he lettered in golf at Wayne State with a 41 average), paints, collects antique guns and stuffs animals. (He learned taxidermy in a correspondence course.)

Of central importance

Lunch prices increase

The school board has announced another increase in the price of school lunches and an increase in the price of the school breakfast. "The increases are the result of a projected deficit in the budget and an act by Congress which reduced the federal subsidies," said Mary Rosbach of food services. The price of a basic lunch will go up to 85¢, and the breakfasts to 30¢.

The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of the 96th Congress reduced the subsidies by 5½¢ also reduced the federal subsidies for reduced price meals by 10¢. Reduced price meals will go up to 20¢, but Mrs. Rosbach said that free lunches will not be affected. The result of this legislation is an anticipated \$170,000 cost between January and June to the Omaha Public Schools. As a result a deficit is anticipated at the end of the school year of \$300,000.

Sophomore Penny Harling said, "I'll pay if I have to, but I think it's too high." Kirsten Snipp, a junior, says, "It's really not that much more expensive. If you bought it somewhere else, it would be much more expensive and if you don't like it you should bring it yourself."

Senior Roger Olson said, "I can understand the need for an increase because of the general rise in food prices for everyone. With the inflation and the Congress obviously they can do nothing but raise the prices. I think as long as there is inflation there will be increases in the prices."

Roger added, "I still think 85¢ is a reasonable price to pay." However, Senior Terri Reerik said, "I'm going to stop eating the lunch. Seventy-cents is too much to pay let alone 85¢."

Debators successful

The Debate and Forensic team, led by Lisa Schoning and Maurice Karpman in the championship division, and good novice debators have brought home an abundance of trophies this year.

Among the victories by Lisa and Maurice was a second place finish at Atlantic, Iowa. Teams from South Dakota and Nebraska attended. The team of Lisa and Maurice was the only one from outside Iowa to place in the meet. At UNL, although Lisa and Maurice only made it to the quarterfinals in debate, however, Maurice placed first in speech. Maurice also placed third out of 60 boys in

extemporaneous speaking in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

In response to the team's success Maurice said, "I think good coaching and the fact that we've been debating together for the past five years have helped us."

Recognition must not only go to Lisa and Maurice, for the novices also have done very well in the past two months. Among their many victories, at the Westside tournament, Bill Harvey and Tina Thornburg placed fifth, Stacey Weirich and Paul Cunningham sixth, and Steve Schaal and Kris Kurovsky seventh.

At Marian, where over 45 teams competed, John Bradley and Harry Berman placed first, and Steve Schall and Kris Kurovsky placed fifth. At Abraham Lincoln, Harry and Steve again placed first while Bill and Tina placed eighth.

Ms. Galvin said, "While most novice teams do not know how to prepare briefs (prepared set of arguments) our novices have learned the technique, and this is one of the reasons for the novice's recent success."

ROTC places capsule

Central's ROTC Corps is planning on placing a 15 inch long, 9 inch wide, and 8 inch high time capsule in one of the courtyard walls sometime during the week of January 26 through January 30.

The capsule, which is made of steel, is going to contain such things as 1980-81 currency, a picture of Jimmy Carter, a Central High yearbook, documents and newspaper clippings of the Iran crisis, and photographs of present ROTC cadets.

Junior William Wright, the brains behind the project, explained that the main reason for the time capsule project is one hundred years from now. When the capsule is opened, cadets in the future will know what it was like to be a cadet in the 1980's. "Another reason" Wright added, "is to boost the Corps morale."

"One of our biggest problems is that we are pressed for time and money," said William. "The construction workers are going to build the wall soon, so we have to finish the project quickly. We are going to place a \$50 plaque on the wall where the time capsule will be. The money for the plaque is coming out of our own pockets."

"Even though I thought up the idea, it could never be carried through without the help and support of all of the cadets," Wright commented.

Recruiting a success

Last year a recruitment program for ninth graders was started here at Central, which acquired the title Central Student Telephone Project for Recruitment of Ninth Graders.

Response to the project according to Principal Dr. G.E. Moller, who started the program, has been good. Dr. Moller, who called recruitment a "fact of life", stated that the program was started as an additional help to the recruitment program at Central. He also feels it is only logical that students would be the best recruiters of other students from junior highs considering they are on about the same age and generation level as the ninth grade students. Each caller can relay his or her past experiences about Central and talk about the qualities which are most appealing to each of them here at CHS.

Also, according to Dr. Moller, the concentration on Horace Mann Junior High is designated as the spot where the effect of the telephone recruitment program will be felt the greatest in enrollment at Central. After talking to some of the recruiters last year, Dr. Moller reported that most students felt it was a good experience with a lot of progressive conversations with some positive feedback from ninth graders who received phone calls.

Approximately 100 students cooperated in the program last year and called junior high students. Dr. Moller expects to have about 100 students respond to the program this year also.

Parking lot complaints

The policy on shortened days will not change, according to Principal Dr. G.E. Moller. A few complaints pertaining to students lingering in parking lots instead of going to work when they have a shortened day have been given to Dr. Moller.

These complaints have not reached any large proportion but do concern some students, according to Moller. One senior, Jenny Newhouse, says she hoped it wouldn't affect the shortened day program.

Dr. Moller continued by stating that he was not worried about the students in the parking lot at the moment, but if any problem involving the students comes to an extreme level something will be done. Dr. Moller added, "there are other things more important" for his limited administration staff to do than to worry about the concern behind the complaints.

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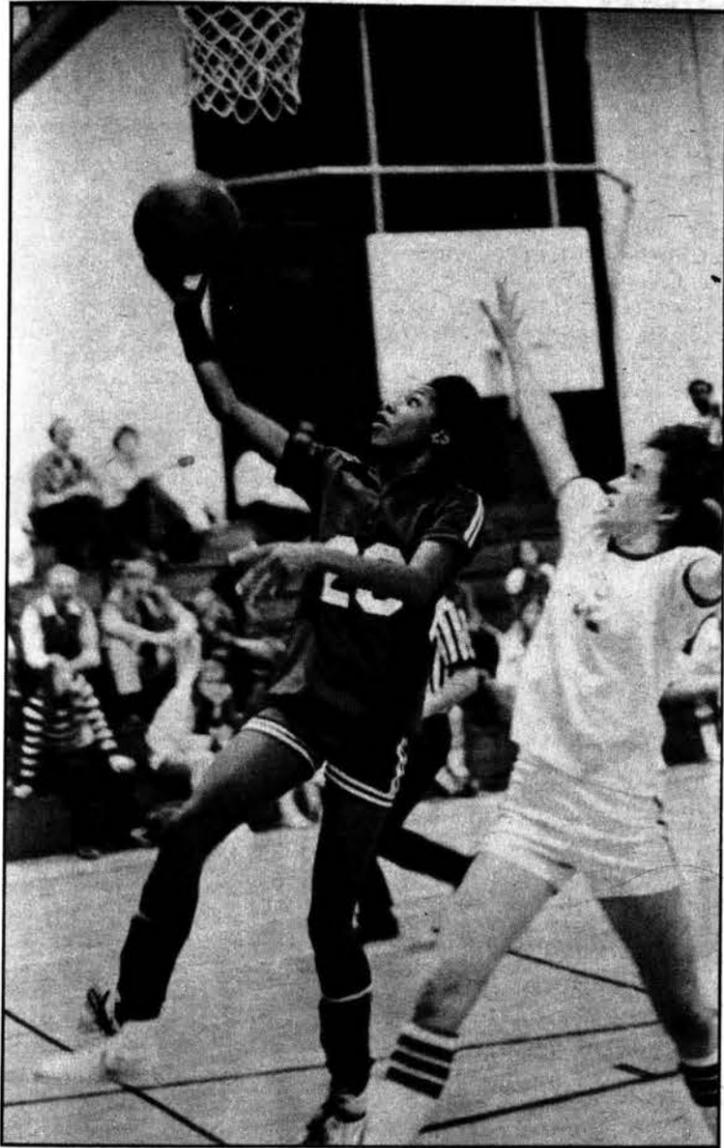


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Maurtice Ivy drives for a layup.

Frosh Ivy leads girls

The Central High Girls basketball team currently boasts a 7-4 record and a number ten standing in the Omaha World Herald ratings. Freshman, Maurtice Ivy contributes to both the record and the rating.

Averaging 14.3 points a game Maurtice said she began playing basketball at age nine with her brothers at a frequented park. According to Maurtice she also began playing with the local Y-League team at age nine.

Maurtice said that playing with the Y-League gave her experience because "you deal with older girls and you really have to work if you want to make the team." Maurtice added that many of the girls she competes against now were once former Y-League teammates.

Maurtice feels that head

coach, Paul Semrad and Junior Varsity coach, Cheryl Brown have helped with her game. Maurtice explained that they showed her various techniques of the game that either she was executing wrong or didn't know how to execute.

Maurtice attributes the fact that she used to play ball with the boys, to her aggressiveness. Maurtice explained that the boys play rough and if you want to stay in the game you too must play rough.

According to Maurtice, the team can go to state this year and should. Maurtice said that she is going to try her best and help out all she can.

Maurtice also runs track for the Midwest Striders Track Club, but will not run high school track this year. Maurtice hopes to attend Kansas State University and hopefully move on to the "pros."

Girls' J.V.

The Girls' junior varsity team is off and rolling. Reeling off ten straight victories thus far, the girls hope to keep the loss slate clean.

According to junior varsity coach Cheryl Brown, the girls' success is a combination of hard work and listening. Mrs. Brown explained that she worked the girls pretty hard during pre-season, and it has paid off on the winning side. Mrs. Brown praised the girls' ability to listen and take note of what she says.

Coach Brown cited the performances of Crystal Hicks, leading scorer and rebounder and Deena Roach, who according to Mrs. Brown is the "quarterback" of the team. Also mentioned were Jo Jo Mayhue, Karen Harrison, and Julie Webb.

In the Bellevue West game the team lost leading scorer and rebounder, Crystal Hicks, to her varsity team. "I was worried because I didn't know if we'd be able to make up the loss of points and rebounds," explained Coach Brown.

According to Mrs. Brown the game was a success. "The kids responded well and made up the slack." Praising the performances of Karen Marks and Felicia Hepburn, Mrs. Brown added that everyone came through for the team.

Mrs. Brown commented that the team goal is not necessarily to reign undefeated but to play well and enjoy what they're doing. Adding that she can tolerate losing, if the girls are playing up to their capabilities, she feels it would be nice though, to keep the current streak going.

Wrestling

A resurgent wrestling team has risen from the depths of finishing a dismal 16th at the North High Wrestling Tournament to be ranked tenth by the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association in the January 13th issue of the World-Herald.

One major reason for the advancement of the Central wrestling team is the addition of Pernel Gatson to the team. Pernel is ranked first by the

NSWCA. His only loss this year has been a match that he forfeited due to a knee injury. After Pernel joined the squad Central went from 12th at the Bryan-South Tournament to sixth at Bellevue West.

Two other reasons for their current successes are the consistency of Joe Mease and Fred Harris. Joe, who was ranked as high as first by the NSWCA placed first at Bellevue West and fifth at Metro, and Fred Harris, ranked sixth, placed third at Bellevue West and second in the Bryan-South and Metro tournaments.

In a very competitive Metro tournament Central placed eighth out of 20 teams. Central wrestling coach Gary Kubik praised Steve Green for an outstanding meet. Steve, who had not previously placed in a meet this year, captured fourth.

Although the team placed eighth, Central had five wrestlers who did not score any points. Coach Kubik said, "We need points from other wrestlers to place well in the big meets. We can't depend on only three wrestlers."

With the addition of key wrestlers who are returning to the squad for the second semester, the future of Central wrestling looks bright. Among these wrestlers is Johnny Curtis, who placed well in the state meet as a sophomore.

Girls' Basketball

The girls basketball team opened their Holiday Tournament play with a 65-64 win over Roncalli High. The girls then went on to play top-seeded Omaha Bryan where they met with a discouraging 62-36 defeat.

Resigned to playing Gross High in their final tourney game the girls went down again at the Cougars hands. Head coach, Paul Semrad attributed the team's tourney losses to fouls, a lack of consistency, and just not playing up to par.

Mr. Semrad explained that the girls commit fouls that they should not and should concentrate more on their defensive game. Coach Semrad added that the girls play a "couple of good quarters and then will play another quarter

not so good."

Despite their deficiencies the girls currently hold a 7-4 record and are rated tenth by the Omaha World Herald. Mr. Semrad said that the last Central team to be rated was in 1977, when the team finished third in the state. Coach Semrad feels that the rating is good, because it gives the girls recognition. Mr. Semrad also added that too much emphasis is placed on ratings, and that any thing could happen on a given night.

The team is led by guards Wanda Hartso and Maurtice Ivy. Hartso averages 11.5 points a game while Ivy averages 14.3. Coach Semrad said that although Ivy and Hartso lead the team the game is a team effort and a team responsibility.

According to Mr. Semrad the girls have come from behind in their last two games. Mr. Semrad says that team speed is a major factor in allowing the girls to make up points. Mr. Semrad added that this gives the girls a "don't quit" attitude.

Boys' J.V.

Although the sun has not shone brightly on the 1-7 record of the junior varsity basketball team, there are continual rays of hope for an otherwise dismal season. Mr. John Waterman, junior varsity coach, said, "There have been moments where we've played excellent basketball, but in order to win we need to play an entire game."

Among the rays of hope for the JV team are the individual efforts exerted by certain members of the JV squad. Against Bellevue East and Lincoln East Sonny Jones had games of 19 and 16 points respectively. David Stennis's 13 rebounds were a key factor in the JV's victory over Bellevue East. He also scored 16 points and had nine rebounds against Millard. Coach Waterman praised Dwayne Holmes for doing an excellent job of running the offense.

If there can be moral victory in defeat, the JV team has exemplified it. Coach Waterman has praised the team's efforts in all their games except the Raiston game, but they continue to lose. Coach Waterman said a unifying factor in all the losses was the amount of turnovers: An average of 25-30 per game.

Although the losses appear bleak, in all but the Benson game, the Central JV was playing a more experienced team. Since all OPS schools have dropped the reserve basketball program, Central was forced to put inexperienced sophomore players on the JV team which would be otherwise mainly juniors.

Swimmers enter final month; Crummer rates tops

The Central boys' and girls' swimming teams are performing up to coach Steve Heck's expectations as they head into the final month of the season.

The girls have tallied a 4-2 dual mark, which has included a 59-24 season-opening victory at South, a 90-77 win against Abe Lincoln, an 83-81 squeaker over visiting South Sioux City, and a 106-33 triumph over Benson.

According to Coach Heck, Heidi Shoemaker, a sophomore, has been a stand-out for Central in the sprint free-style events. In the Millard Invitational, Heidi placed eighth in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 free. Lynn Gillaspie and Paula Rigatuso also reached the finals in the Millard meet, as Paula placed eleventh in the 100 backstroke, and Lynn finished eleventh and twelfth respectively in the 100 free and 200 individual medley.

Although Coach Heck was not optimistic about the boys' chances at the beginning of the

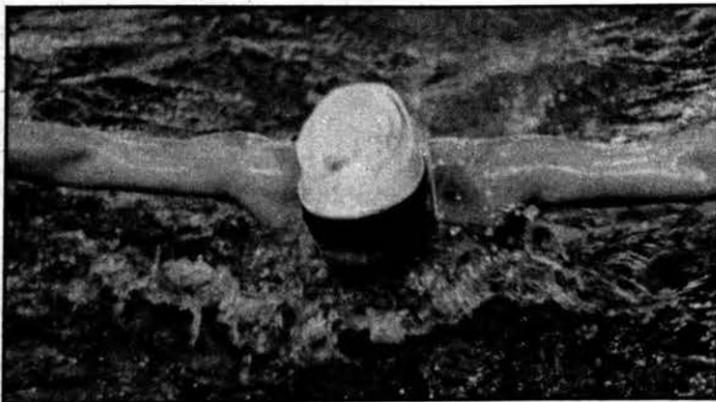


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Lynn Gillaspie swims the butterfly leg of her 200 IM.

campaign, he feels they have made marked improvement in the weeks since.

Not surprisingly Flip Crummer has led the divers to victory in all eight meets. In doing so, Flip has extended his consecutive victory string to 23, dating back to the state meet in his sophomore year. He is again ranked number one in the state power ratings compiled by the

NSAA.

Coach Heck adds that fellow diver Steve Coldwell, currently rated ninth in the state, is gaining the consistency needed for success in big meets in February. Diving success, however, is not restricted to the boys. Erin Belieu is undefeated in five diving outings for the Central girls.

The boy's next meet is the Lewis Central Invitational to be

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Wrestlers grapple with weight loss problem

Over the course of the wrestling season, whether they choose to or not, all wrestlers inevitably will experience some body weight loss. For those that do choose to go down in weight classification, the reasoning behind their decision is obvious. They feel they stand a greater chance of success wrestling in the class below them. According to Central wrestling coach Gary Kubik, when a wrestler loses a few matches at his weight, he will invariably start looking to go down.

According to "Wrestling USA" magazine, studies show that 3-20 percent of a wrestler's body weight can be lost with no effects detrimental to his health. This weight is lost in a combination of food restriction, fluid deprivation and sweating induced by thermal or exercise procedures.

Finding a medium

Mr. Kubik says that a wrestler can lose too much weight, reaching a point where the loss begins to have a harmful effect on his bodily functions. The wrestler then may find himself weaker than before, thereby defeating the purpose of dropping weight. Coach Kubik says it is the job of the wrestling coach to find a medium, the lowest possible weight at which the wrestler experiences no loss of strength. He also feels that the coach must make the wrestler aware of the dangers inherent in excessive weight loss. However, the past successes of some wrestlers are not encouraging to this purpose. "It does seem that those who lose the most weight end up the best wrestlers," Coach Kubik said, "and that's too bad."

Weight certification

According to Coach Kubik, there are several rules set down by the National Wrestling Federation designed to prevent wrestlers from losing too much weight and keep wrestling coaches honest. Every state now has a weight certification law. In Nebraska, every high school wrestler must certify his weight class at any one of his December meets. A referee must be present when the wrestler "weighs in" to verify the reading on the scale. Once a wrestler certifies at a given weight, he can never wrestle below that classification.

After certification weight is reached, many wrestlers still have trouble staying there. "Making weight" from match to match then becomes their preoccupation. Mr. Kubik says there is a right way and a wrong for a wrestler to make weight. The wrong way, Coach Kubik admits, is the method practiced by most high school wrestlers.

The wrestler using the "wrong" method has developed the habit of "pigging out" on food over the weekend, coming to practice on Monday overweight — often by more than ten pounds. The wrestler must then practically starve himself for three to four days to get his weight back down for his next match.

Coach Kubik says he can appreciate the efforts of these wrestlers, but there are easier and safer ways of making weight. If the wrestler watches what he eats on the weekends, he can keep his weight down without the strength loss associated with fasting. According to Central wrestler Mike Curry, the wrestler must discipline himself not to overindulge at the table, even if it means leaving it "unsatisfied."

Every wrestler has his own methods of losing weight. Most practice in several layers of sweat clothes, as the name implies, to sweat the excess weight away. Others wear special plastic sweating suits or plastic garbage bags with holes for the head and arms, which serve the same purpose. Coach Kubik does not favor the use of plastic garments but is aware that it is going on. He feels that these garments can bring the body to dangerous levels of dehydration.

"Chow time"

Meet days are occasions for both concern and relief for the wrestler. If upon weighing in he finds he has made weight, he is free to eat as much as he can or wants before his match begins. This is appropriately referred to by the wrestlers as "chow time." According to Central wrestler Pernell Gatson, some of his teammates bring what appear to be whole "picnics" for their "chow time" meals.

But if by chance the wrestler weighs in before the meet to find he is still slightly overweight, there are ways that he can lose that weight without sweating it off. According to Central wrestler Joe Mease, a wrestler in this situation can chew a wad of gum to get his mouth watering and then start spitting. Joe says it is possible to spit more than a pound away by this method.

When a wrestler must go to such bounds to make weight, one must question whether it is all worth it. According to Mr. Kubik, it all goes with the territory — losing weight is just part of the commitment to the sport. "I really can't explain it," said Mike Curry, "but since it's one-on-one, you get out of it as much as you put into it in practice. The feeling of winning in this situation makes it all worthwhile."

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'Streaky' offense hurts

Eagles battle midseason slump

The Central varsity basketball team has stumbled upon hard times midway into the season, being the owners of a disappointing 4-7 record. After opening the season with promising wins over Tech and Bellevue East, the Eagles have since dropped seven of their last nine, a stretch which includes a recently-broken five game losing streak.

Needless to say, Central coach James Martin is not happy with the team's start. "Even though we have lost to some good teams," Coach Martin said, "you have to wonder how good you are after being in the doldrums. They were good teams, but that means there are at least seven teams better than we are."

Coach Martin says that a Central team that looked promising early in the season has failed to develop a consistent offense. After hitting 58 percent of their shots in the season opener, Coach Martin says the Eagles have since hit on fewer than forty percent.

Coach Martin characterizes the offense overall as being "streaky." On several occasions poor scoring quarters have knocked Central out of ball games. For example, the Eagles spotted Benson 13 points on December 19 before finally getting on the scoreboard themselves midway into the first period. A three-point second quarter and a two-point third quarter knocked the Eagles out of contention in the December 20 game with Westside. In the Metro Conference Holiday Tournament, an eight-point Central fourth period enabled North to come from behind to tie the game and send it into overtime. The Vikings went on to win in double overtime to force Central into an early departure from the tournament.

Coach Martin cites the Benson and Burke games as indications of the way the Eagle offense can run when it is "on." After finally getting the lid off the basket against a strong Benson team, the Eagles battled back in the final frame only to fall two points short at the buzzer, 67-69.

Working against an extreme height disadvantage, Central trailed seventh-rated Burke 28-38 at the end of three periods. Going to the full court press, the Eagles ex-

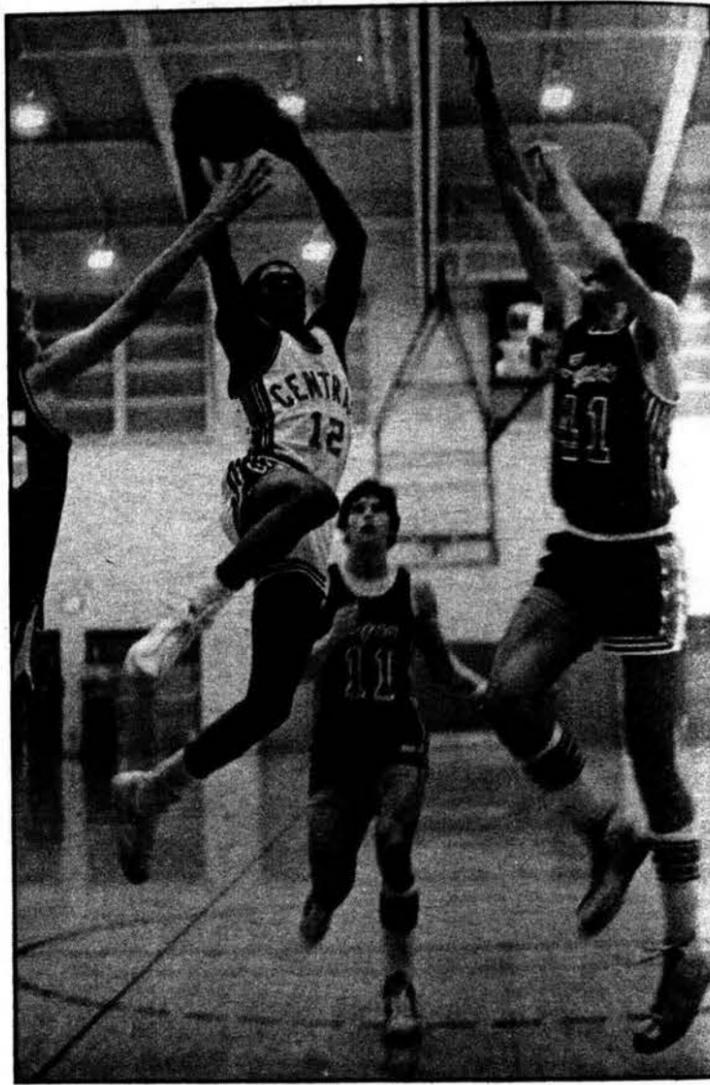


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Darrick Armstrong soars over two Abe Lincoln defenders.

ploded for 20 fourth quarter points but again fell just short, 48-51.

Central's sole two victories in the last nine games came back-to-back on the weekend of January 16. Albert Brown, Rick Everett, and Anthony Jones spearheaded a balanced Central attack with 20, 18, and 16 points respectively as the Eagles defeated Gross 65-50 to end a five-game skid. The Eagles scored solidly in all four quarters the next night to down Ralston 71-63. Everett and Brown led Central, combining for 42 points.

The Central offense has been dictated for the most part by Senior Rick Everett. Coach Martin says that Rick has had up and down games all year. However in the Eagles' most recent game with Papillion, Everett showcased the kind of play of which he is capable. After a productive ten-point first half, Rick caught fire,

connecting on eight of his first ten shots in the second half.

The game, however, was lost on the free throw line as the Central defense stood helplessly along the lane. The Eagles were whistled for 27 of the game's 33 fouls. As a result, the Monarchs converted 24 foul shots in contrast to Central's three in only four attempts.

One bright point of the Eagles' season has been the emergence of Albert Brown at point guard. Albert has averaged nearly fifteen points and according to Coach Martin, is not afraid to vie with taller players on the boards. Coach Martin says that Albert needs to develop a greater understanding of the Central offense to provide more leadership. Coach Martin feels that once Albert can more effectively run the offense, he could be the key to turning the table on the Eagles' 4-7 season.

Sherry Freads

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Day from one with an unhappy home
life.

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and Chrissy! From an '81 pal.

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