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Students at OPS' Two Rivers Farm learn farming skills through experience as well as classes in agriculture and agri-business.

Students, teachers complain: farm not a 'dumping ground'

The Omaha School District's Two Rivers Farm, approximately 20 miles west of Omaha, is not the "dumping ground" the *World Herald* made it out to be in its recent article said the teachers and students at the farm. The *World Herald* stated that the Two Rivers Farm was being used as a "dumping ground" for problem students.

When asked what he thought about the article, Mr. Darrel Lahmann, resource teacher, said, "The article as it is stated was 90 percent wrong. We have no worse drug problems and fewer discipline problems."

"I have mixed emotions. I guess since it is only our first full year, it is not an easy task to determine who should or should not be here," said Mr. Paul Smith, agri teacher. Mr. John Peace, coordinator of vocational and adult education, said, "Personally, from my personal observation, I think the students are outstanding."

The students had mixed emotions too. Senior, Kathy Haber, said, "I thought it was a bit extreme. Because we're a new program, of course, we're going to have problems getting the right kids out here." Todd Ring, junior, said, "At first it made me mad, it made every-one mad, but now I understand the reason Mr. Hayek's did it."

Mr. Fred Hayeks, English teacher, said the purpose of the article was simply to make people angry enough to seek positive change. Mr. Hayeks said, "I'm interested in the kids as more than students. I'm interested in them as human beings."

According to the article Mr. Hayeks' wife, Kris, said that changes had been promised. But according to Mr. Peace and Mr. Lahmann no changes had been approved as of yet. However, Mr. Lahmann said, "I'd like to get a part-time developmental resource teacher, some library materials, and a reading program started."

When asked if he really felt

the school was a "dumping ground" Mr. Hayeks simply replied, "It was an unfortunate term." Mr. Lahmann said he did not like the term "dumping ground" being used to describe the farm. He said, "We did have students here that had bad academic records etc., but they are no longer here. The article saying the whole school is a "dumping ground" is absolutely not true."

Kathy felt the situation should have been investigated more closely. Todd said, "I don't like my school being called a dump. It's not fair to single out the Two Rivers Farm instead of some other high school."

Kathy and Todd both feel the farm is a good experience. "It makes a lot of kids more involved because there's no other program like it," said Kathy. Todd said, "I think it's neat; it's got some positive things going for it. For one, the classes are smaller and the smaller teacher/student ratio makes it easier to talk to the teachers."

Mr. Peace said he felt the student/teacher relationship was closer at the farm than at the

regular high schools. Mr. George Knehans, social studies teacher, said, "At first it's a shock to them because they're used to hiding, but soon they get used to the closeness." Kathy agreed, "Oh yeah, because we're out here all day long we're like a family."

Student requirements at the farm are that they be interested in agriculture or agri-business. "I go around and talk to the home school counselors and express to them the kind of students we want," said Mr. Lahmann.

The purpose of the farm is to give an educational experience to young students who have an interest in agri-business, said Mr. Peace. "I feel it is essential because Nebraska is an agricultural state," said Mr. Smith.

Bus transportation is provided for the students to and from their home school each day. The farm is surplus federal land which was given to OPS rent free on the basis that it will be used for educational purposes. At the end of 20 years the title will be turned over to OPS if the application is not "profit motivated."

Freshmen may return to CHS

Recently the possibility of freshman returning to Central and other Omaha public high schools was discussed by members of the school board. Central High principal Dr. G.E. Moller said, "There is going to have to be an attempt to close down some Junior High buildings. With declining enrollments it is not possible to fill all of the buildings."

With the closing of junior high buildings area high schools would have to absorb ninth graders. Dr. Moller says that he has mixed feelings on the subject. "There would be advantages and disadvantages for ninth graders themselves."

Dr. Moller said some of the advantages would be: "The ninth graders could get used to our high school system

earlier." He added, "High school expectations are different from a junior high atmosphere; the early entry would be good for the mature and serious freshman, but for the less serious it could be a disadvantage."

Dr. Moller feels that, "there could be a lot of immature ninth graders influenced by older kids and it would more likely be the wrong way."

However Junior Teri Watts feels that, "freshman could mature sooner and it would be helpful to them." But Teri thinks that this would be the only advantage. "I think we have enough people here already." She also said that "there's a lot of classes you can't get into now because there are too many students."

CU students unhappy

Several Creighton University students aren't pleased with Central's proposed campus development plan according to one student at a recent School Board Plants Committee meeting. The plans call for the removal of some Creighton dormitories as well as some apartments bordered by 21st and 23rd Streets and Davenport and Chicago Streets in order to make room for new parking facilities and an athletic field.

Mark Kesters, a Creighton student who claimed his "main focus is to let the School Board know that there is opposition to the new plan," said that he was speaking for "several hundred Creighton students and several retired teachers living in the OEA manor are very much opposed to the plan." Kesters told the Plants Committee that the construction of Central's proposed campus would destroy a neighborhood "just for parking. People don't want to look out of their windows and see parking lots anyway."

Jay Sturek, a Central High senior who was also at the meeting to address the School Board, argued that as the situation stands, "Central students are parking anywhere they can and that includes in

front of dorms, apartments, and the OEA manor; there's just nowhere else to go. We're getting what we can out of this deal."

Members of Central's Parent Educator Pupil's group were at the meeting also. Member and parent of two Central graduates as well as an attending sophomore, Fred Backer said that the plan is "important for the continuation of the high caliber of education at Central. The plan is needed to enhance the development of the school in parking and athletics." He contended that there is broad support in the community for for Central and its campus development.

School Board member, Ed Stanek, reminded the committee that Creighton's expansion project some years past had required the removal of several apartments and that Central "has just as much a right to that land." Kesters responded by noting that Creighton's expansion was not the issue.

Despite the arguments presented against the plan, the School Board will continue with it for now, although actual work has not started and many responses to the plan are anticipated.

Semester honors shown

Once again Central students have shown their academic excellence. At the semester over 400 students in grades ten through twelve qualified with a minimum of fifteen grade points. The following students are recognized.

Christopher Adamson, Rina Aden, Matthew Ahrens, Robert Applegate, Ralph Armendariz, Diane Atkinson, Paul Aufenkamp, Thomas Backer, Jennifer Bakkerud, Kimberly Balkovec, Brian Barber, Steven Beda, Harry Berman, Mary Blazek, Patricia Bledsoe, Terrance Boldan, Lori Bouza, Lynn Bovee, Terran Boylan, Jill Brower, Michael Brundieck, Patricia Burnes.

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Margaret Rathouz, Andrew Redick, Cynthia Reynolds, Wyatt Rhone, Lisa Rice, Renee Rizzuto, Deena Roach, Lori Rogers, Richard Romero, Amy Salem, David Salzer, Charles
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PEP takes action against drugs

So many times, when parents and teachers gather to discuss problems surrounding their children or students, many feel that is all that really happens. A lot of talk.

This, however, is not the case at Central, particularly with those active in PEP. When the ever-present problem of drug and alcohol usage came up early this year, PEP decided to focus in on it. They have, since, been taking very positive action to rid Central of this problem.

A group of PEP members met and formed a Drug Committee in January of 1981. This committee concentrates primarily on the many activities being organized to make parents aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol usage and the preventive steps that may be taken to avoid such problems.

Editorial

The first of the plans to be initiated by PEP, was a survey distributed to parents attending Parent/Teacher Conferences in November of last fall. The survey questioned parents about their children's habits concerning curfews, drinking, and drugs. It also inquired as to the way parents handled the situations they were faced with.

The main reason for such a survey was to provide PEP with a general idea of what level the problem had risen to at Central; at least to the knowledge of parents.

A push for membership and involvement in a newly organized group called PRIDE was then started. PRIDE, which stands for Parent Resources and Information for Drug Education, deals with drug prevention, intervention, and treatment.

Its goal is to inform parents of the effect of drugs and the way to handle this problem. It informs parents of many facts concerning drugs. PRIDE also stresses the need for communication between parents and children.

PRIDE has begun to hold neighborhood "coffee" when the need exists. Those attending the coffees are provided with an opportunity to further their awareness of drugs and to discuss the many problems related to them.

PEP's Drug Committee has planned to intro-

duce something new to the parents of students expelled as a result of situations involving drugs or alcohol.

Folders with information geared toward these problems will be organized soon. Picking up this folder from school will hopefully become a requirement of parents. The information contained in it should be applicable to their situation or ones similar.

PEP has become active in the Omaha Public Schools Task Force. Central has made it known that they are in favor of requiring those students faced with expulsion because of drug or alcohol related incidents, to take part in a drug and alcohol evaluation.

The possibility of such procedures has been presented to the Task Force in hopes that it will become a part of all OPS High Schools' steps toward correcting the problems.

A section of books concentrating on facts about marijuana will soon be a part of the library at Central. This project, also sponsored by PEP, will begin with the books "Marihuana Today" and "Bitter Grass." It is expected that seven or eight books will be added within the next two years. The new additions to the library will be available for the student body to check out.

The most recent activity sponsored by PEP was an all-school assembly which parents were also encouraged to attend. The assembly, featuring guest speaker Dr. Samuel Rhine, a geneticist from Indianapolis, Indiana, was held during school this past Monday. Dr. Rhine addressed the audience concerning the genetic results of drug and alcohol on the system.

One can plainly see the positive steps which are being taken by concerned members of PEP, to try and curb and control the existing problems related to drugs, alcohol, and Central students. It is extremely refreshing to finally see such action taking place.

Hopefully more parents will join with PEP in their efforts concerning drugs and alcohol. Their objective of informing parents with the problems related to chemical dependency and services available concerning this is definitely needed. Success is hoped for PEP as they continue to strive for further awareness and prevention of drugs and alcohol among high school students.

Students question Moller

Students in Mr. T. M. Gaherty's 9th period Journalism I class held a press conference with Central principal Dr. G. E. Moller. The purpose of the March 13 press conference was to give the students a chance to ask Dr. Moller questions about Central High. Among the issues discussed were Central's renovation plan, the use of drugs and alcohol by students, vandalism around the building, and a possible open campus for seniors.

The students questioned Dr. Moller about the parking lot and the courtyard. Dr. Moller used the term "downtown vultures" to describe the workers who park their cars adjacent to Central's parking, thereby eliminating potential spaces for Central students. On the opening of the courtyard Dr. Moller stated, "contractors are always behind schedule." When the courtyard is completed, however, students will be allowed to eat their lunches there, according to Dr. Moller. He also suggested that "classes, dances, parties, and

evening meetings" can and will be held in the new courtyard.

"Probably drugs and alcohol" was Dr. Moller's reply to a question probing Central's major problem. He added, "I can assume they are being used, but it's very difficult to catch." The questioning then moved into the field of drug awareness. Asked about a drug awareness program, Dr. Moller said, "I don't believe in one-shot efforts."

He went on to say, however, that a guest speaker will come to Central on Monday, March 23, for an all-school assembly on drug and alcohol abuse and its effect on the reproductive system. The speaker is Dr. Samuel Rhine, a professor of genetics at the University of Indiana. Dr. Moller has heard that Dr. Rhine "can take a crowd and hold them mesmerized for three hours."

The vandalism around the school has left Dr. Moller "horrified, sick and disgusted." Trying to find the culprits is like "trying to find a needle in a haystack." Dr. Moller

singled out the "Rad Rats" graffiti as his least favorite. Concerning the recent break-in in the boy's lockerroom, Dr. Moller declared, "The only thing we can do is use hired people to stay in the lockerroom after school."

"I have no strong feelings about an open campus for seniors, but from a practical standpoint, it won't work." This was Dr. Moller's reply to a suggestion for an open campus for seniors. A student can't go very far in twenty-six minutes, and there aren't many places near Central where a student can go, according to Dr. Moller. He further stated that an honor system for the privilege of open campus would not work.

During the press conference Dr. Moller also informed the students that student matinees for next year's fall play may be in the evening. Questioned about unequal funding for the various sports, Dr. Moller admitted, "Some sports just make more money than do other sports."



My place

by

Sam Johnson



New form of judgment

I usually don't rely much on first impressions for the simple reason that I personally don't make a very good first impression. Besides, I like to give a person a chance to prove him or herself as a compatible friend. I have to admit though, that I am not without some biases and there are certain signs with which I use to judge people. Take, for example, the way people carry their books. Now that may seem silly, but after three years at CHS, I can usually tell a great deal about a person just by the way he or she carries his or her books.

The first type of carry that comes to mind is the two-fisted-jeez-these-books-are-heavy carry. This carry often signifies a sophomore with a compulsion to do homework. It also signifies kids who are really smart or who don't have a locker. The former is usually the case. I tend to shy away from these carriers because I know if I stop to talk with them or if I become friends with them I'll always feel guilty for not doing homework. I also keep my distance because of a constant fear that they'll want me to help carry their stupid books.

Then there's the fish-net-bag-I'm-an-athlete carry. This carry denotes one of two things: an athlete or some one who wishes he was an athlete. Five foot guys who wear glasses and have little or no muscle tissue on their bones but who carry fish-net bags always seem out of place to me (I avoid offending them just the same). I used to be a pseudo I'm-an-athlete carrier. I had a nice leather bag with the name of a famous sports shoe emblazoned on the side. Of course, I wasn't really an athlete and the bag wasn't even fish-net, but people kept asking me what sport I played. I got rid of the bag when I ran out of sports. All the same, I stay away from fish-net carriers because I'm a great believer in privacy and anybody who carries his life in a fish-net bag certainly is not.

One of my favorites is the look-at-me-I'm-a-natural-guy-with-a-backpack carry. This is the guy who spends from twenty to fifty dollars in a sporting goods store for a nice backpack that rarely lasts a semester. Everything goes into that pack: books, pencils, paper, food, everything. The expensive kind have pockets for all of these things. Lately, back packs have become really popular and the carrier is usually one who likes to be in fashion, although I don't rule out practicality for they are handy things. The major problem that I find with them is that they make you exert muscles you never knew you had. Therefore, I stay away from these types of carriers because they generally reek of Ben-Gay.

Of course, there's the ever popular one-handed-I-hate-homework-with-a-passion carry. This is, without doubt, the most popular carry. It's easily spotted because it only consists of about three school books, a note book, and one hand. It's all very simple. People who carry their books like this tend to be rather grumpy and usually wish a lot: they wish they didn't have any homework, they wish they weren't in school, and I stay away because they usually wish I wasn't around.

Finally, we come to the carry that I am most familiar with by association. My circle of friends usually utilizes this carry and I do as well. We're really quite skillful with it as a matter of fact. I call it the I'm-a-senior-and-I-could-care-less-about-homework carry. Some tell-tale signs of this carry are the absence of books in the carrier's hands and the absence of any other educational paraphernalia on the carrier's body. If there is anything in the hands of the carrier, it is probably a frisbee, a radio, or suntan lotion.

Even though the "carrying method" of judging people is accurate much of the time, there are many times when it isn't valid at all. There are infinite combinations and variations to all of these different carries which makes judging some people very confusing. The worst problem is that some people use different carries as a false cover for their real personalities. But as far as that goes, I just stick to the old adage, "You can't judge a cover by its books."

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Registered opinions

Previously, at Central, cheerleading tryouts were held prior to Eaglette tryouts. This order of succession allowed girls who wanted to become a cheerleader to try out. If they did not make the squad, they could then try out for Eaglettes. The 1981-82 Eaglette squad will be chosen before the cheerleaders. Many people feel that this will discourage girls from trying out for Eaglettes because they prefer to become cheerleaders.

Eaglette tryouts questioned



Anne McCormick, Senior:
I feel if a person wants to be a cheerleader it's fine, but it's different than being an Eaglette. Tryouts in the new order is better because those who want to be Eaglettes can be, not just those who didn't make cheerleading.

Liz Gibson, Senior:
I think it doesn't matter in the long run. There is only a small, select group that intends to try out for either. Many have high aspiration and know they are going to become cheerleaders. The others are mediocre and they know they would just normally make Eaglettes (no offense). It's probably more convenient the old way, but it's not so God-awful important.



Renee Pierce, Junior:
You have a chance to try for Eaglettes before cheerleading so now there is a better opportunity to become an Eaglette.



Andrew Stover, Sophomore:
The girls know there will be both. If they want to be cheerleaders that is what they should try for. If they feel Eaglettes is what they want, then they should try for Eaglettes.



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Honor role continued

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Scott Barker and Val Albright (upper left) seem to find comfort in a loveseat at Westroads and their new spring clothes from Ben Simons. Scott is garbed in a classic cut tan wind jacket by Camel, Navy RPM slacks, a predominately blue plaid cotton button down shirt made for Ben Simons by Holbrook and burgandy Tom McChann penny loafers. Val is clad in a red button down cotton blouse Ms. Sero, a red, yellow, blue, and green sear sucker skirt by Century, and plywood sandals made for Bakers.

Hawaiian shirts, blue jeans, and Slim Whitman is the look achieved by Holly Zerse and Dave Leavitt (at right). Holly is adorned in a red with print cotton Hawaiian shirt and yellow cotton slacks all by L'Avion. Dave is more interested in Willie Nelson than Don Ho when he goes cowboy in this felt hat, soft striped L'Avion western cut shirts, Lee blue jeans, and all leather Acme boots. Clothing by Jeans West.



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Britta Wheeler and Dave Leavitt have carried the scene a little far from normal! Dave is wearing a white Izod cardigan, a blue cloth Izod button-down shirt, white Izod socks. Dave is wearing tan Crayons work boots and white socks. His wardrobe is LaCrosse peach slicker, white Izod club collar shirt, Haymaker jeans with Marquise pumps (at

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(above) Julie Carlson (left), Molly Carlson (center) and Kay Willis climb the stairs at the Avenue where they found these outfits for their Spring wardrobe. Julie has a 100 percent cotton Khaki suit with coordinating print blouse by Velore and ballet leather shoes by Old Maine Trotters. Molly is wearing a coordinating silk clothe suit, an off white blazer and short sleeved sweater by Brekenridge and a blue Liz Clalborne skirt. Kay wears the Bermuda look in this lavender searsucker suit with on strap blouse and white Joyce sling pumps.



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Monica Meehan and Nick Ewing can be seen on the course or out shopping in these outfits from Ben Simon's. Monica has on a Haymaker Izod kelly green terry cloth top and golf length white shirt with transparent sole strap ups by Baker Shoes. Nick's cream shirt and green slicker is LaCoste Izod, his cream pants are made by RPM and his shoes are Dock Sides by Selago.

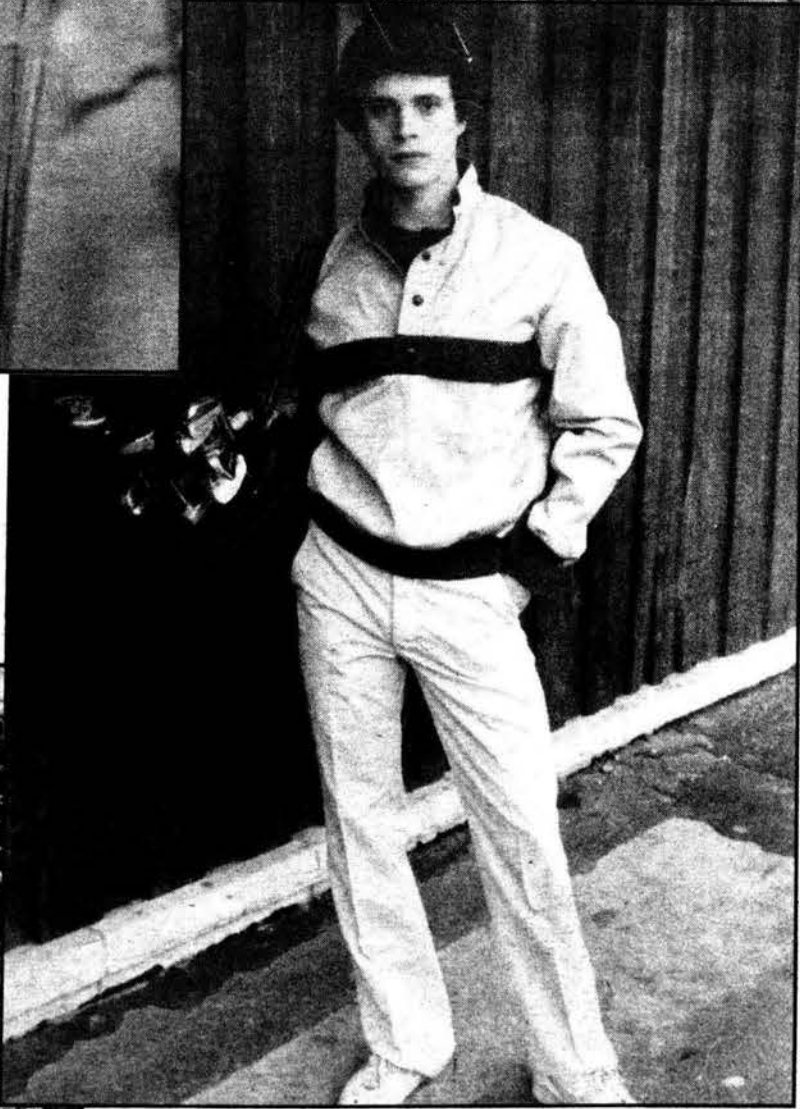


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Waiting for a caddy is Dave Leavitt with a new look in golf wear from Krugs for Men and Boys. His powder jacket is gray with navy accents from Pacific Trails, his pants are blue and white pin cords by Farah, his shirt is a navy poly knit Arrow with a clubcollar, and his clubs are Wilson.




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Math team competes

The Central High math team went to Creighton University on February 21, to participate in Creighton's annual Math Day. Teams from South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska arrived at Creighton at 8:30 am and stayed until 4:00 p.m.

Each team consisted of five people: one sophomore, who participates in the Mad-Hatter Marathon B; one upperclassman, who takes part in the Mad-Hatter A-2; any two people participate in the Leap Frog Relay; and the fifth person is a "chalk-talker". The "chalk-talker" prepares a five-minute talk on something mathematical, then takes a test on it.

Ken Dutch won the Mad-Hatter for sophomores, Eric Johnson had the first place team score of 94, Richard Chamberlain took the second place team score of 83, and Aaron Kaslow scored 81. The overall score is a combination of the top three team scores. This combined score of 258, is sent in. Sometime in April Central's math team will find out how they compare with other schools.

Events quiz given

The annual Quill and Scroll current events quiz was given to Journalism department students during the week of March 9

The Quill and Scroll current events quiz is a nationally sponsored contest open to any high school

that is a member of Quill and Scroll. The students themselves do not have to be a member of Quill and Scroll to take the quiz. The school picks out the highest test score from the students who took the quiz. This year's winner was senior Stew Magnuson. Stew received a score of 59 which is about average according to adviser T. M. Gaherty.

"There is more than one national winner because they sometimes have a cut-off point somewhere around 70," said Mr. Gaherty. The national winners can apply for a 500 dollar scholarship in journalism. Stew said, "I feel very lucky because I guessed on half."

Eaglettes tryout

This year there is something different about Eaglette tryouts. For the first time since the Eaglettes were organized, they will be trying out before the cheerleaders. Ms. Jerrie Harris, Eaglette sponsor, says the reason for this is, "First of all, because of my time commitments, and secondly the Eaglettes need an image of their own." She feels that it is time for a change, since this year is the first year that Eaglettes have carried flags.

Tryouts for the 1981-82 squad will be held in the "old gym" on April 9. Practices started March 16 at 7:30 a.m. with an orientation meeting for the girls. The girls must learn a flag,

pom-pom, and glove (dance) routine. The persons judging will be from outside of the Metro area, with one judge from Central.

Entries selected

The 1981 Totem, the Omaha Public School's literary publication, is scheduled to come out the latter part of May. It sold for \$2.00 a copy.

There were about 150 entries submitted to Central's selection committee whose members were Mr. Mike Gaherty, Mrs. Patricia Autenrieth, and Kate Shugrue. Of the 150 entries 75 were selected to go to a city-wide competition. Mr. Dan Daly, head of Central's English department, served as a city board selector and said he looked for quality, originality, and accuracy in the three categories he judged, which were art, foreign language, and literature.

Language added

Classical Greek is a possible addition to the foreign language department next fall. An enrollment of 12 students is all that is needed to get the course off the ground according to Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher. The Greek language was taught two years ago by Miss Ryan, but an increase in Latin students forced the course to be dropped. Next fall a part time Latin teacher will be hired which will enable Miss Ryan the time to teach a first year course in Greek.

Titians remembered

Ever hear of a red hair club? Well if you had gone to Central 57 years ago, you just might have.

The Titians, better known as the Red Hair Club, was a public service club in 1924 when they were first originated.

"It seemed pretty weird, I had never heard of anything like that before," commented senior Jane Cogan.

Jane first heard of the Red Hair Club at Hinky Dinky where she works. Jane said, "Older people would see my Central jacket and come over and ask if I had ever heard of the club."

Mrs. Irene Jensen, senior girls' counselor some years ago, first originated the club. Its purpose was to serve. They ushered at Central's performances, worked in a checkroom, visited hospitals and orphanages and just all-around served, according to the 1951 Central O-Book.

The group was named after Titian, a painter famous for his paintings of red heads. Their only requirement was the student had to be natural red head. Golden, auburn, and brick red all counted. Ms. Marlene Bernstein, English teacher and Central graduate, reminisced, "I remember the squabbles they used to have over whether those with auburn hair should or shouldn't count."

The group went out of existence with the death of their sponsor Mrs. Jensen.

Nebraska scholarships awarded

Each year Nebraska University (Lincoln and Omaha) offers Regents Scholarships to Nebraska High School Seniors.

The scholarships are based on the students' performance on the ACT Tests and on their high school records.

This year Central had several winners of the Regents Scholarship from both the University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

Miss Eden, guidance director, that said, "winners of the UNO Scholarship will receive tuition scholarships."

Winners of the UNO Scholarships are Henry Cordes, James Doughman, Elizabeth Gibson, William Harvey, Chris Peters, Roger Quiring, Elizabeth Schenken, Lisa Schoning, Patrick Timmons, and James Van Metre.

UNL gives 100 scholarships and they too are based on ACT test performance and high school record.

Winners of four-year scholarships to UNL are Elizabeth Gibson, Eric Johnson, and Darryl Wagner.

UNL also gives a David Scholarship that is worth five-hundred dollars if the student decides to attend UNL.

Winners of David Scholarships are Henry Cordes, Murray Crummer, James Poughman, Mary Dunbar, Sherry Freads, William Harvey, Michael Herzog, Stephen Nelle, Chris Peters, Roger Quiring, Elizabeth Schenken, Lisa Schoning, Patrick Timmons, and James Van Metre.



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Baseball

"The potential is there and we are capable of having a great year," said baseball coach Chris Kenny. Although the team is young, (only five seniors) Coach Kenny feels the team will be ready for their season opener against Roncalli on April 9.

Returning Senior Jeff Spencer, "I have a very optimistic outlook on the season. There are many talented juniors on the team and we have very good depth."

Coach Kenny said the team has been running and been working with weights the past three months and are currently practicing at Boyd Field. He added that the good weather has been a great asset.

Jeff added that competition for positions will be very tough, and this will keep everybody on their toes. Coach Kenny said only one position has been secured for the upcoming season as of March 18.

Two new additions for the team will also help the baseball team. These new additions are a new batting cage and new uniforms.

Coach Kenny said the new uniforms will help the team psychologically, and with the addition of the batting cage the players will be able to hit regular baseballs in batting practice instead of rubber balls.

Coach Kenny said, "The rubber balls were very inconsistent, thus we didn't get the feel of a regular baseball."

The only real problem facing the baseball team this year is a lack of pitching. Although Coach Kenny feels this problem can be solved by some key juniors coming through, he knows that he will be starting only one experienced pitcher, Senior Mike Svoboda.

Mike said, "I know there is a great deal of pressure on me. The coach expects a lot out of me as a Senior and the other pitchers are inexperienced, but I think I can handle the pressure."

Girls' Tennis

The 1980-81 girls' tennis team will open its season April 7, with a dual meet against Northwest. According to head coach Joy Morris the team's goal is to better last year's fourth place metro and sixth place state finishes.

Due to cutbacks from the city this year, the tennis team will be smaller than last year's. According to Coach Morris the city has cut her usual five courts down to four, and the team's practice time from 3:00 till 5:00

to 3:30 till 5:00.

Miss Morris added that as a result of the cutbacks, she has had to institute a preseason cut for the first time.

A total of 29 girls tried out for the team, only 15 making the team, seven of whom were letermen from last season. "There was no way I could work with 29 girls on four courts and produce a team" commented Miss Morris.

Last season was a "young season" Miss Morris said as most team members were sophomores or juniors. According to Miss Morris most of the same competition will be returning from last year, ensuring stiffer competition in the metro area.

Coach Morris feels that Betsy Boyle, finishing 7-4 in singles last year and 7-1 in doubles will be a great asset to the team. Miss Morris also feels that Jennifer Fangman, having ended last year's season with an impressive 7-1 singles record, will aid the team considerably.

Boys' Golf

Four returning letterman will try to improve on the dismal 1-8 record of last year's golf team. The lettermen are Eric Olson, Shane Hanen, Lamont Andrews, and Steve Sempeck.

Warren Marquiss, Central golf coach said, "We should be better than last year. The kids are more experienced, but I don't think we will be tops in Metro yet."

Leading this year's golf team as he did last year is Lamont Andrews. Coach Marquiss said he could be quite competitive this year.

Most of the golfers and Coach Marquiss feel they can improve on last year's record.

Sophomore Eric Olson said, "Our goal is to break .500 and to improve our finish at districts and state (second to last)."

Coach Marquiss said, "Last year's squad was very young with two freshmen Eric Olson and Chris Shaw, and with added experience we could be competitive."

The golfers have been practicing at Elmwood golf course for the past two weeks to decide the varsity and junior varsity positions.

Boys runner-up at UNO

The Central track team opened its season on a promising note last weekend with a second place finish at UNO's Cardwell Invitational. The Cardwell, an indoor track meet held at the Field House, boasted a thirty team field which included such Metro powers as Millard, Bellevue West, and now apparently, Central.

The day before the meet, Central head track coach Joe McMenamin was surprised to learn that the Eagles had been tabbed as the pre-meet favorite. "We'd be pleased to win the team championship," Coach McMenamin said before the meet, "but when you get right down to it, the meet is just not geared for our team. There are no open 100 meter, 200 meter, or 400 meter runs, and there is no discus. We feel we would score points in all these events. We're going in with the idea of getting good individual performances to get into the outdoor season with an idea of what we can do."

The meet opened well for the Eagles on Friday afternoon as Larry Station won the shot put with a meet record setting throw of 61'1", topping his nearest competitor by nearly six feet. "Last year I only threw 43'6", Larry said. I just wanted to show everyone that I really could do better."

Larry attributes his latest success in the shot to the rotational method that he adopted less than two months ago. "The rotational method takes a special type of athlete; he must have not only strength, but also quickness and balance," said Coach McMenamin. "It is not suited for the average shot putter, who has been stereotyped as being heavy, big and slow. It is suited for Larry."

The first day of the two-day meet ended with Millard on top with 20 points but Central within striking distance at 18.

However, a new challenge presented itself when the running events began at 1:30 on Saturday. Bellevue West, which had closed Friday night with only nine points, took first in the triple jump and a second in the pole vault on Saturday morning to drop Central to third.

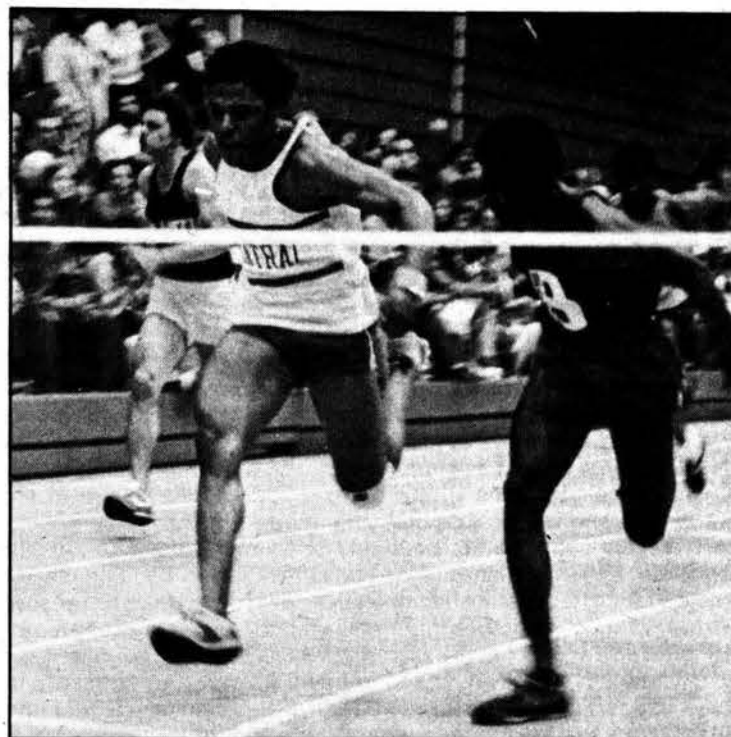


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Daryle Duncan is nipped at tape in semis of 55m dash.

The team of Tracy Cooperwood, Todd Schuerman, Paul Schnatz and Bruce Fink gave Central its second first place finish of the meet as the quartet ran to victory in the 3200 meter relay. Cooperwood ran the opening leg and gave the baton to Schuerman with a five meter lead. Schuerman and Schnatz held the lead at that distance and the baton was passed to the anchor man, Fink.

Bruce relinquished the lead to a Millard runner on the second lap of the five lap leg, but hung right with the Indian runner going into the bell lap. Fink moved back on top by the time the runners had reached the back stretch and then outkicked all runners to the tape.

Following the win, the Eagles still trailed Millard by nine points, but the next event was the 55 meter dash. The Eagles figured to gain on Millard as Daryle Duncan and Tony Fagen had both qualified for the finals.

But Duncan, wearing a new pair of shoes, slipped on the floor on his second step out of the blocks and was never a factor in the race. Fagen placed fifth.

Millard won the meet with 67 points, Central was second with 55, while Bellevue West was third with 51.

Afterwards, Coach McMenamin praised the performances of Station and the 3200 meter relay team for their wins, Carter for his quarter mile legs on two relays, and Parnell Bryant for his fourth place finish in the triple jump despite not having competed in the event in four years.

"Everything considered, we didn't perform up to our potential," Coach McMenamin said afterward. "A combination of things went wrong, but you have to expect that in the first meet. I think once we perform better and get to a meet with a regular format, we'll have a better showing. For not having performed well, second place was good."

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Track team much improved

There are probably not many people at Central that are unaware of the success of the girls' track team in recent years. However, few realize that the boys' track team has a history of success almost as rich.

In the eleven year span from 1958-1968, the Eagles captured seven state team track crowns. This era produced some of the most talented track performers the state has ever seen. Though names such as Roger Sayers, Joe Orduna, Jim Hunter, and Mark Wilson, to name a few, may have long since been forgotten in the halls of Central, their feats on the track have immortalized them there. They own several records that still stand today.

The team continued to be highly competitive in the 1970's with consistently high finishes in the state meet. Under head coach Joe McMenamin, the Central track team hopes to continue to keep the string running. Even before the first meet, the feelings expressed by the 1981 squad for the coming season are very optimistic.

The team has good reason to be optimistic. The sprint events have been traditionally strong at Central; this year is no exception. In addition, the team boasts what Coach McMenamin, feels is one of the strongest sets of shotputters and discus throwers in the state, as well as one of the best groups of distance runners at Central in recent years.

Competitive in conference

"We're lacking in a few areas, but I feel we have good depth, spirit, and enthusiasm," said Coach McMenamin. "I definitely feel we are one of the top three or four teams in the Metro.

All the coaches agree that the team is vastly improved over last season, a year thought to have been disappointing due to the fact that many of the athletes that the team relied on failed to complete the season.

"Last year, which was my first, we changed some things and set up some expectations for the athletes. Toward the end of the season, some didn't understand this or follow these rules, and thus failed to complete the season. Looking back, I think it was the best thing that could have happened, for they've come back even stronger this year."

"The attitude is much better than it was last year," says assistant coach William Scarborough. "I think all the guys know we are going to be top notch."

Although track is often considered an individual sport, Coach McMenamin is stressing a team philosophy this year.

"In any sport, an individual will perform better under the team concept. If a person is performing for himself, he won't get that little extra push in knowing there are many people behind him rooting him on."

Stereotyped conceptions

A barrier to the use of the team concept is that all track teams are divided into three distinct groups: the sprinters, the distance runners, and the field or weight men. Each of these factions has its own coach, the hands out together, and each faction also has its own stereo-typed conceptions of the other two.

"The distance runners are crazy," says Kurt Schlagenhauff, a weight man. "They run constantly; in rain, wind, whatever. You wouldn't catch us out in weather like that."

Very little is known about the weight men, for they rarely set foot on the track. It is generally believed that they spend a lot of time pumping iron (which they actually enjoy) or rearranging parking lots. Though no sighting of a weight man on the track has ever been confirmed, it is regarded by the sprinters and distance runners that the weight men make up the strongest of the factions and are potentially dangerous.

"The sprinters consider themselves the only sane group," says William Reed, who coaches Central's sprinters. "They think they are the track team and that everyone else is along for the ride." You can't tell that to the weight men or distance runners though.

"The sprinters are lazy," says Senior weight man Tony Hart. "They cry too much. Either it's too cold, or they find another pain somewhere. They spend more time standing around than running."

The coaches are not alarmed at the apparent "animosity" between the groups. Rather, they seem to play along. As the team split into the three factions for practice one day last week, Coach Scarborough gave directions: "Fat men over there, lazy men over there, crazy men follow me."

"It's just subtle humor which really shows our closeness," Coach Reed says. "Our kids aren't really afraid of each other and they don't really believe that one group is superior over another. We can have fun with our differences in this situation, but when we hit the track, we're one hundred percent a team effort."

Girls vie for third straight title

"The mighty lady Eagles will run you down," is part of a chant that members of the girls track team recite while doing pre-workout exercises. The lady Eagles, alias the defending state champions for the past two years, are vying for their third straight title.

As in past years the teams strength lies in their sprints. According to assistant coach, David James, the team is not well balanced in that it has no depth in the distance and field events. Coach James noted that the team boasts a good quality of distance runners, but lack quantity. Mr. James also added that many sprinters may have to extend themselves to 400 and 800 meter runners.

Despite the lack of depth, the team has managed over the past two years to compile impressive season records with the state crowns to boot. According to James, the girls feel the pressure of being the defending state champs, and says he does not feel the girls do either. "I feel the girls look at it as an asset and an honor to uphold," remarked Mr. James.

Senior Wanda Hartso best summed up the experience saying, "being on a state championship team can downright spoil an athlete, but it can also encourage more athletes to come out for the team." Wanda added that with the team's talent and speed, another state bound team could be in the making. "I'm looking forward to a third a state championship team. Being a senior would make it great," commented Wanda.

"It's sort of a humbling experience associating with the kind of talent that we've been blessed with," remarked Mr. James. Mr. James added that coaching itself can be an experience in that coaches may



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Denise Hart practices long jump.

help influence an athletes personality and competitive spirit.

According to Coach James, Lincoln East and Millard should prove to be quite competitive. Millard, Mr. James said, lost quite a bit of depth and lack the strength they have maintained for past years.

Former Cathedral High track standout and overall 100 meter dash champion, last year as a sophomore Crystal Hicks, has transferred to Central for her junior year. According to Crystal, the reason for the transfer was because Cathedral had been the Class B state runner-up for the past two years. Crystal said that she

wanted to run on a state championship team.

Coach James emphasized the team's togetherness, in that the team possesses no one "star." According to Coach James, the team possesses "outstanding individuals" who work together as a team to produce state championships.

The girls first meet begins today at the U.N.O. Field House. No team score will be kept said Mr. James and he added that he feels the girls will perform "solidly." Senior, Wanda Hartso best summarized the team's key to success: Hard work, good communication between coaches and athletes and practice."

Central places second; three records fall

Several state records fell as Central hosted the Nebraska Regional Powerlifting Championships March 21. Three of the records fell to the host team's own Terry Evans, Jim VanMetre, and Larry Station.

Close second

Overall, Central placed second to Northwest in the meet in a very close team race. Each team finished with 52 points, so the meet officials looked to see which team had the most first place finishes to break the deadlock. Finding that each team had four indi-

vidual weight division championships, the officials then looked to the number of second place finishes, which proved to be the tie-breaker as the defending state champ Huskies held a one place edge.

Evans' 560-pound squat lift gave him a state record in that event in the 180-pound class. Evans held a similar mark in the 165-pound division last year. Terry's 1360-pound total placed him second to Dwayne Hanel of Northwest. The rivalry between the two will continue in the state meet as Evans will pursue a

championship in his new weight class to go with last year's 165-pound crown.

Station sets record

Larry Station finished a busy record-setting weekend with a state record in the deadlift. "I know I could have lifted more, but 610 pounds would have given me a 1400 pound total, which was my goal for the meet," Larry said. Station's 1400 pound total placed him first in the 220-pound weight division.

Jim VanMetre's 505-pound squat set a state record in the 242-pound weight class, and his 1255 pound total placed him first in the meet. Jim's teammate, Ed Stenger, placed second in the same division with a total of 1155 pounds.

Central's other two first place finishes came in the lightest class (Tony Monstero at 114) and heaviest class (Steve Green at super-heavyweight).

State meet May 30

The state powerlifting meet will be held in McCook on May 30. The first place finishers in the regional meet automatically qualify for the trip, plus the other top nine weight totals form the four districts across the state. Although the results of the other districts are not yet known, Coach McMenamin expects a strong Central team to qualify and will attempt to avenge last year's one-point loss to Northwest.

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