

# Excellence' awards? many not recognized

LeAnne Lovings

Recently a few schools in Nebraska, along with many others nation-wide, received the honor of being announced by Mr. William J. Bennett, U.S. Secretary of Education, as one of the top secondary schools in the nation. Central was not one of the 114 honored.

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, the main reason Central was not named was because Central did not fill out the forms that are necessary for eligibility. "We (the staff) felt, to do the job right, it would take too long," said Dr. Moller.

Dr. Moller said that these forms consisted of questions that would take hours "digging out statistics" not to mention the time actually spent filling the form out completely.

"We feel it is more important that the teachers spend time — important time — with students than filling out papers," said Dr. Moller.

## Enough paperwork

Dr. Moller stressed that Central is not trying to criticize those schools who did take the time to fill out the forms. "If a school wants to go through the paperwork, then we have power to them." However, he also stressed that the teachers at Central are hard workers, and they have enough paperwork without adding additional work just to gain an honor.

"Dr. Moller believes in priorities," said Stan Maliszewski, Central guidance counselor. He stated that the main priority at Central is to meet the needs of the students.

Both Dr. Moller and Mr. Maliszewski thought that people make more out of this award than it really merits. "When a story about awards like this comes out, it looks great to the uninformed, but those in education know it doesn't mean a whole lot," said

Dr. Moller. "In my opinion students and parents think it means more than it does. They should be proud, but what they are actually being proud of is paperwork."

## 'Positive publicity'

One of the schools in Omaha which received the award this year was Burke High School. The principal of Burke, Dr. Edward Klima, said that they accepted this challenge because they felt the publicity would be worth it. "Education in general has been criticized. Any positive publicity helps," said Dr. Klima.

However, Dr. Klima felt that many schools which might have received this award did not receive it for the same reasons Central did not. "There were many outstanding schools not recognized; certainly Central was one of them," he said.

## Need better system

Dr. Moller believes that a better system should be developed to gather information. "If the agency wants to rank schools, they should send people to get the material without hours of work by the school staff," he said.

That Centralites should be proud even though they didn't receive this honor, was a point brought up by both Dr. Moller and Mr. Maliszewski. "Our success rate with anything we do shows our fine program. Every program at Central is evidence of a good job," said Dr. Moller.

Mr. Maliszewski stated, "As a guidance counselor, I spend a lot of time with colleges, and I am impressed when I tell them that I'm from Central, and they say, 'I've heard of Central.'"

"We are proud that we are able to maintain an atmosphere such that those who want to learn can learn," said Dr. Moller.

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The 1985 senior class officers begin to work together. They were elected on November 16.

## Senior class officers elected

"These are your class officers to last until the last member of the class of 1985 lasts," Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, stated.

The following seniors were elected on November 16 to represent their class: President Mark Buckner; Vice President, Stewart Diemont; Secretary, Gia Ciummo; Treasurer, John Carlson; Girls' Sergeant-at-Arms, Crystal Hearst; Boys' Sergeant-at-Arms, Dan Mirvish.

According to Dr. Moller, "the class officers take care of anything that pertains to class business." They organize the senior picnic, class reunions, and the distribution of caps and gowns. The class President also presides and gives a short speech at commencement.

Mark, the senior class president, took the podium and told his senior class that he feels Central possesses a unity that cannot be found anywhere else. He also said, "It looks like 1985 will be one heck-of-a-year."

## Alternatives to college

# Centralites explore some options

by Stewart Diemont

'Tis the season to think of college. Applications are going in for seniors. And sophomores and juniors worry as they watch the process. But what if one were not going to college? For lack of proper funding or for lack of desire, a student were not to attend college, what would he do? Various Centralites answered this question with regard to three basic topics: joining the Peace Corps, joining the armed forces, or finding employment.

### Joining the Peace Corps

"The strength of the Peace Corps is with the individual volunteers who have answered the call from overseas for help to till the soil, build the bridges, and teach the children," according to Joseph H. Blatchford, Director of the Peace Corps.

Applying for the Peace Corps does not insure acceptance or volunteer service. Only one in five applicants is invited for the training required for service. An applicant must fill out a thorough questionnaire and take entrance exams, the Modern Language Aptitude Test and the Peace Corps Entrance Examination, before being considered. The Peace Corps tailors subsequent training to meet the needs of the overseas project in which the trainee will be participating.

Joining the Peace Corps was the least mentioned response Centralites gave. Their answers, however, range from a helping attitude to one of abhorrence.

John Skoog, junior — "The Peace Corps varies for certain people. Some people could not take the extreme conditions."

Mark Pluhacek, senior — "It gives you a feeling of helping people."

Dan Rock, junior — "The Peace Corps allows you to do something for a couple of years before you get started."

Andy Hilger, sophomore — "The Peace Corps doesn't appeal to me because of the commercials."

Shaun Osby, senior — "I have seen members of the Peace Corps at work. You don't get anything. They don't pay you anything. You have to really want to do something like that. But it does look good on a resume."

### Joining the armed forces

A second option for the non-college bound is the armed forces. The armed forces include the army, navy, air force, marines, and coast guard.

The term for which a recruit may register ranges from two to six years. According to First Sergeant Melvin Clifford, "The armed forces offer an education, training, job experience, and an opportunity to see another culture." The armed forces offer every trade available in civilian life plus some.

A great number of Centralites would consider or are considering the armed forces as an option. On the other hand, a great number would never consider the armed forces.

Jill Nixon, sophomore — "The armed forces are not for me. I wouldn't make it through basic training."

Shaun Osby, senior — "I have given some thought to the reserves for extra money."

Toni Koob, junior — "In order to go anywhere in the armed forces, you have to make it a career. The initial four-year registration doesn't get you anywhere."

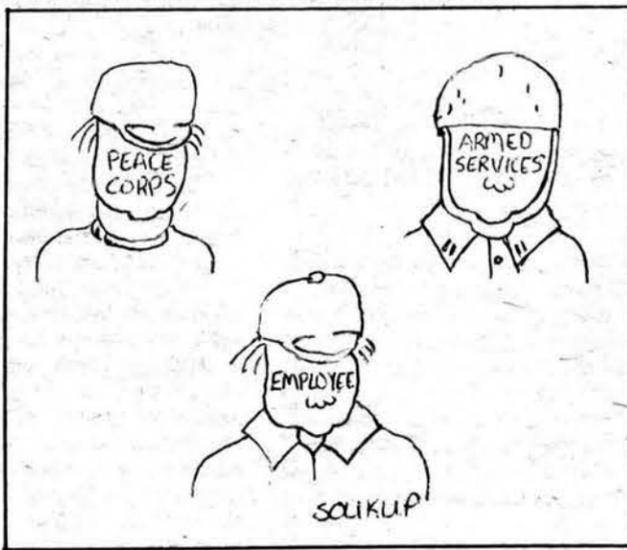
Jenny McCashland, senior — "Money that you earn in the armed forces could be saved for college."

Kim Kunze, sophomore — "I don't want to fight people. Why should I reinforce something that is bad?"

Mark Pluhacek, senior — "It teaches you a trade and gives you a working attitude."

Mollie Kinnamon, sophomore — "I don't want to be killed fighting."

Andy Hilger, sophomore — "I have thought about aviation, and the air force is a good place to start."



Art Thirus, senior — "The service gives the training that I want and money for college after you get out."

Maureen Dosovic, senior — "The armed forces are too hard and physical for women."

John Skoog, junior — "The armed forces provide many valuable skills, such as electronics and computers."

Kurt Hubler, junior — "Even though I come from a military family, I would not consider the armed forces as a career, and the trades offered in the armed forces are not along the same lines as what I plan to do."

James Keene, senior — "I do not believe in a standing army. An army's only purpose is to protect us against other standing armies. They wouldn't need armies if they weren't afraid of ours."

Harold McDonald, sophomore — "I do not think I could handle the pressure."

Angelo Vieyra, senior — "The armed forces are a great way of life."

Tom Carter, senior — "I couldn't handle getting up in the morning."

### Finding employment

The third option is finding employment. Mr. Charlie Olsor of the Nebraska Job Service said that many job opportunities exist now for high school graduates. Jobs are available in industrial fields, the retail and wholesale, trade, custodial work, stock work, truck driving, and an assortment of other fields.

It is not totally impossible to get a job without knowing a trade. He added, however, that a person seeking a job should take advantage of whatever is available and that salaries for jobs that do not require further education would most likely be lower than salaries for jobs that require education.

Students seemed to think that seeking employment is the best choice if one is not going to college, but the types of jobs desired and the reasons for obtaining them varied immensely.

Sarah Story, sophomore — "I would have to get a job in order to be financially independent. Jobs with large companies are out there even if a person doesn't have a college education."

Kathy Fritz, senior — "I would take any job I could get. Without proper skills, it is difficult."

Cori Darvish, sophomore — "I would work for my grandfather in the family business."

Mark Pluhacek, senior — "I would try to get a labor job and just do the best I could."

Kraig Brown, senior — "Not too many people get lucky. But large corporations have good jobs."

Jacques Fasan, senior — "I would seek employment at a Texaco service station."

Dan Rock, junior — "Buying an apartment and renting it out to other people would provide a good income. I would also get another job to supplement it."

Denise Baldwin, senior — "You need something worthwhile, not a Burger King-type job."

James Keene, senior — "Maybe I would run for state legislature."

Toni Koob, junior — "You must do the best you can in any job. It is possible to be successful without a college education. For instance, in telemarketing it is possible to move from a beginning position to floor supervisor."

James Keene, senior — "I would go to New York or stay in Omaha and try to make it as an actor."

Dorothy Baldwin, senior — "I would get a full-time job. What am I going to do — sit at home and do nothing?"

Jill Nixon, sophomore — "I would get a job that provides on-the-job training, like data processing."

Kevin Miller, senior — "Construction work pays good money for a lot of hard, honest work."

Jenny McCashland, senior — "Going to Great Britain to become a nanny would be a good job. Mary Danielson a senior last year, did it."

# Garbage, loiterers cause problem

The courtyard — a gathering place or a convenient picnic site? Both, apparently, according to the students, and both uses abused according to the administration. The problem of the student tendency to "hang out" in the courtyard for a long time after school found an abrupt end in the administration's simple solution — lock the courtyard after school. During the week of November 12-16, students pushed through overly crowded halls to leave school.

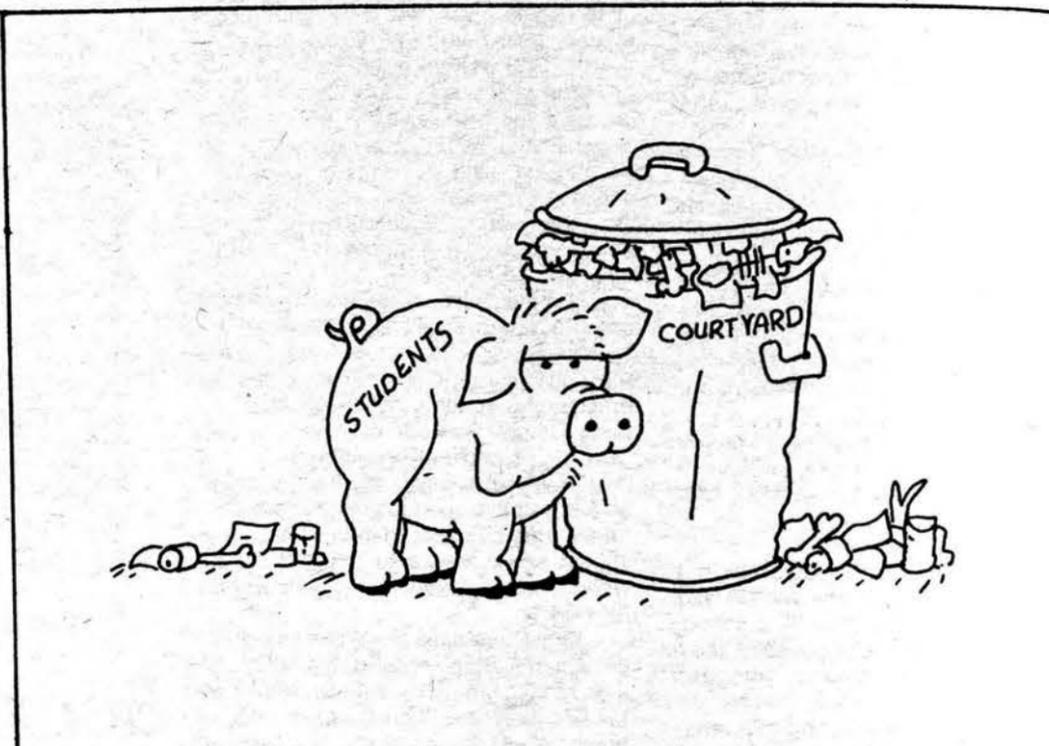
Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, satisfied that the closing had sufficiently "stimulated kids to leave after school," decided to re-open the courtyard. But another problem, that of the lunchtime garbage the brown-baggers leave in their wake during 5th, 6th, and 7th hours, will almost certainly close the courtyard those hours — very soon.

"I had to wade through the garbage," Dr. Moller said only half-jokingly. In response to warnings in the morning announcements, some students cleaned up their own — and others' — messes. As a result, the courtyard looked moderately better, but, as Dr. Moller said, "not good enough."

The Register staff believes that the administration acted correctly — the students who leave their garbage all over the courtyard deserve to have their laziness rewarded with daily trips all the way up to the cafeteria. But the students who merely wish to gather in the courtyard should be allowed to do so. These students could be supervised in the same way that the students in the hallways are supervised now. Perhaps if the administration revoked eating privileges temporarily (maybe for a week), students would realize how much they valued that freedom. The situation would be remedied, and courtyard eating privileges could be restored.

One thing the staff does not want to see is the permanent closing of the courtyard after school. According to Dr. Moller, the courtyard was originally intended to be a gathering place for students in their free time. After school is certainly free time. Students who are waiting for buses or rides, usually prefer to wait indoors with friends, and they should be permitted to do so — within reasonable limits. By penalizing students who loiter, the school penalizes the students who stay after school for clubs, sports or other activities as well as those students who must fight their way through the halls when leaving the building.

Closing the courtyard after school is a punishment, a confiscation of a privilege. This punishment worked. The week after the closure, fewer students loitered after school. The Register staff commends the administration on the effectiveness of its action and recommends that the measure be used as the situation demands, though only on a temporary basis.



## Registered opinion: Courtyard closed?

To conserve energy and to provide a place for students to gather and socialize — the purposes for which the school had the courtyard renovated. Students now use the courtyard as a shortcut to get to classes, a picnic site at lunchtime, a place to study, and just a place to talk. Student and faculty organizations hold rallies, meetings, dances, and fundraisers there. However, due to large numbers of students loitering in the courtyard after school and the litter left by the lunch-eaters, the courtyard may be closed at lunch and after school. Central students and teachers were asked what they thought the courtyard should be used for, how long it should be open, and what kind of supervision, if any, is needed.

### Andre Sessions - sophomore

"I think the courtyard should be used for everything — students should eat lunch (there). It should be open from 7:00 to 4:00, and they should have a few teachers there."

### Kathy Alleyn - senior

"It should be open after school for 20 minutes like it is now. The teachers want to leave after school — why should they stay and babysit us?"

### Niki Galiano - right - sophomore

"The courtyard should be open during lunch and after school. I think it's right they're keeping it clean, but I don't think it's a problem if kids stay after school. The people who have to stay after don't need as much supervision."

### Mr. Clyde Lincoln - teacher

"It should be a gathering place at lunchtime, but it should be open after school for a reasonable amount of time. I think students ought to be more responsible in using the facilities available to them."

### Mrs. Therese Bender - teacher

"The courtyard should be a gathering place, like a supervised study hall. Unfortunately, the kids hang around after school, so it needs to be supervised."

### Eric Sparrow - sophomore

"It should be like a study hall. It should be open during school hours and an hour afterwards — they could throw a couple of teachers in (to supervise)."



photo by Jim Hazuka

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend Mr. McMeen, Mr. Ferrel, Mrs. Stommes, and Mr. Hausman, and the cast, crew, and orchestra on a fantastic performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." These people presented a great show despite some RUDE interruptions and remarks made by several students during the Thursday matinee. This was the best show I've seen at Central in the past four years. Congratulations! You deserve it.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Peters

Dear Editor,

It makes us very upset to walk into the building on the three side and see the terrible spray painted graffiti.

It makes us wonder about the intelligence of this person(s). Obviously, this person(s) has little respect for himself or his actions. He has to be very immature to be putting his irrelevant thoughts on the Central building, the oldest and most beautiful school in Nebraska.

Sincerely,  
The Senior Class Officers

**Editors note: The walls have since been sandblasted, cleaning off the paint.**

## 'Vegi' challenge offered

Are you looking for a challenge? Does the thought of pushing your patience to its limit enthrall you? Well then, take a step into the world of the used car (American-made, of course). Not just any used car — this car must be a VEGA.

From Me  
to You



LeAnne Lovings

By the luck-of-the-Irish, I happened upon a VEGA about two years ago. Since then it has tested every part of my intelligence and endurance. It is certainly not a challenge of the weak and temperamental.

The car dealer that sold "Vegi" (as I have appropriately named my car) to me was, indeed, an expert at his craft. He told me that VEGA stood for Very-Efficient-Gaswise-Automobile. He lied. I have determined that VEGA stands for Very-Excruciating-GasEATING-Auto.

My car must have been trained to be as ornery as possible. It knows when I'm in a hurry — otherwise it would start on at least the sixteenth try.

"Vegi" has been an educational tool, however. He has sharpened my mathematic skills. You see the gas gauge is permanently stuck on "tank full," and, therefore, I must keep track of my mileage in order to determine how full my tank actually is. I am embarrassed to say that I have miscalculated on occasion and have been forced to call Daddy with a plea for help. My dad has taken up a habit of keeping at least one gas can full at all times for such emergencies. (Not that they happen often.)

Let me tell you a shortcut (just in case you decide to accept this challenge). When checking the oil, don't go to all the trouble of opening the hood and using the dipstick. Instead, take a peek under the car and see how much oil has accumulated in a puddle on the pavement. The same applies for the transmission and window-washing fluids, and the antifreeze.

I don't own just a simple VEGA. No, I own a Vega WAGON which is an extra-added pleasure in the ritual of parking. For, you see, my car has the power of a small car and the length of a four-door. Yes, I'm the one who parks half by the curb and half in the driveway of the teachers' parking lot. I look at it this way, I should be able to fit in that space because I drive a small car, right?

You must also know that Vegas, at least my Vega, is possessed. I will be going along and, for no apparent reason, window wipers will cross the windshield once and then return to their spot, whenever I park and turn off my car, a groan is emitted from the back.

"Vegi's" favorite game is called "in-the-Middle-of-the-Intersection." I have to admit, he is very good at it. Maybe because he practices a lot.

Now that you have a glimpse at the kind of a challenge this would be, let me tell you that "Vegi" does have one good thing that even some expensive foreign cars can't claim — his lighter works!

If you are willing to accept the challenge, it just so happens that I would be more than happy to meet you. I would be more than happy to meet you with a new foreign car!

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# Centralites active in youth groups

## Religious and social aspects involved

By Gwen Oberman

The religious ways of 1984 differ greatly from Jonathan Edwards' "fire and brimstone" attitude of ages past. Today's religiously-affiliated youth, instead, involve themselves in religion through youth groups.

In general, most youth are involved in one way with their church or synagogue whether it be through weekly attendance or through participation in youth groups.

Valerie Spellman, sophomore, is a member of Dundee Presbyterian Youth Group. She explained that her youth group meets once a week on Wednesday night. Recently, the group has heard speakers on the subject of death and dying. Outside of the Wednesday night gathering, Valerie said the group has fundraisers to raise money for a four-day ski trip to Winter Park in January. Although Valerie feels that religion is important to her, she said that she keeps her religion "mostly at church."

### A different approach

Debi Howland, junior, is involved in the youth groups at Morningstar Lutheran Church. Her church takes a little different approach to organization of youth groups. Debi said that there are three different groups: Order of Ruth, Order of St. John, and the LYMS (Lutheran Youth of Morning

The Order of Ruth and the Order of St. John are both groups that perform tasks for the church itself, one group for guys and one group for girls. Debi, who is president of the Order of Ruth, said that the Order of Ruth just does giving food to a family in need. In addition, these groups help in communion, bring flowers, and serve for the coffee fellowship.

The LYMS are the social group that do things such as going to movies, sledding, and boating.

Debi said that because of her youth groups, "we sit together during church." She also finds religion to be "a kind of guide that helps you figure out a lot of stuff," she said. Moreover, "your own morals go into school with you, but you have to respect other person's religion, too," Debi said.

### Church drill team

A very different way of getting involv-

ed in the church is through participation in both a drill team and drum and bugle corps. This is exactly what the Salem Stepping Saints, who are affiliated with the Salem Baptist Church, do.

Pam Bryson, junior, is the drill team captain and teaches the members the required steps. Pam said that the girls are majorettes while the boys play instruments. All together, about 50 people are involved.

The Salem Stepping Saints perform all during the year, former member Dionne Dailey, senior, said. They perform for such events as Creighton basketball games and parades.

In August the group was invited to perform at the World's Fair held in New Orleans. In addition, the group was aired on superstation WGN in July on the Bud Bilikin Back to School Parade, Pam said.

Dionne said, "What we hope to do is to deliver Christ through our marching." After all, Pam said, "religion doesn't have to be just in the church."

### B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

Senior Dana Wayne participates in the Jewish organization of M.Z. Yohanah which is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization which is not affiliated with any one synagogue.

Dana is her chapter's president and explained that meetings are held every other Sunday at the Jewish Community Center. Her group has both cultural events such as Friday night services as well as socials such as date parties, athletic events, and the annual Beau Dance.

Dana said that the group has to meet certain criteria which is termed as "the six folds." These folds include ideas such as

social action, good sisterhood, and citizenship. Therefore, she said events are planned with these ideas as a basis.

"I'm very active in my synagogue and youth group. I've held an office every year, and it takes up most of my time," Dana said.

Dana said that her social life is very much influenced by her religion since many of her friends are Jewish. Her religious ties also play a role in "what college I choose; I want one with a large Jewish community," Dana said.

### Kingdom Hall

Quite unfamiliar to most people is the denomination of Jehovah's Witness. Michelle Hoffmeier and Pete Widhalm, both seniors, belong to the Elmwood Park congregation Kingdom Hall which is one of thirteen Omaha congregations, Michelle said. Pete explained the term Kingdom Hall by saying "to learn about city government, you go to city hall. To learn about God's kingdom, you go to Kingdom Hall."

Nationwide there is no Jehovah's Witness youth group as such, Michelle said. Instead, at the meetings held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, occasional comments will be directed toward youth in particular. Pete said, "We don't like to separate due to ages."

With regard to events, there are three assemblies per year, two circuit assemblies and one district assembly. Pete said that the three assemblies reflect the three festivals of ancient Israel. At these assemblies there are mainly discourses and discussions. Most social events are individually organized.

Michelle said, "Religion comes first in our lives. Our lives are centered around it." Pete zeroed in on one fact that "people of all ages do things together" resulting in "good mixtures."

### Youth involvement

The St. Margaret Mary's Youth Group "is the only area (in the church) that kids our age can get involved in," said senior John Carlson, president of this Catholic group.

John said the group centers each meeting around a specific spiritual topic such as abortion or religion and politics. They just had a turkey sale for a needy family and plan to take a trip to Kansas City in the spring.

Dan Schinzel, senior and a member, said that he likes to "get involved with the church. Religion influences everything I do as well as my morals."

John said that the youth group doesn't really influence participants' church attendance but that it's a vehicle by which to attract people. "Some people really get interested and start coming, though," John said.

Dan stressed the point that "it's hypocritical if someone goes to church every Sunday and doesn't relate it to the rest of his life."

Regardless with which religious denomination youth are affiliated, they appear to have very strong religious ideals, and youth groups seem to be the best outlet for personal religious involvement among most youth of today.



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Monica Backens, sophomore, and Diane Perrigo, junior, show poise. They competed in the Nebraska Miss T.E.E.N. pageant.

## Young ladies compete for Miss T.E.E.N. title

Monica Backens, sophomore, and Diane Perrigo, junior, recently competed in the city-wide preliminary for the Nebraska Miss T.E.E.N. pageant at the Red Lion Inn on November 23 and 24. Contestants from all over Omaha competed.

In order to qualify, the young ladies had to meet certain requirements; they had to have a grade point average of at least 3.0 and be between the ages of 14-18. They were also required to participate in the Volunteer Service program of the pageant. This program required each contestant to contribute at least twelve hours to a worthwhile charity or to a civic organization. Monica donated her twelve hours to the March of Dimes Haunted House, and Diane

donated her time to Camp Monroe (a camp for handicapped kids) and teaching at a vacation bible school.

The winner received a \$500 scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship in self-improvement and personal development to the International School of Modeling in Omaha, and an all-expense paid trip to compete in the race for the Nebraska Miss T.E.E.N. title.

Monica and Diane were judged on scholastic and volunteer service achievements, appearance, poise, personality, and formal presentation. They were also judged on a talent performance. Monica chose to do a jazz dance, and Diane performed on the piano.

## Canoe adventure shows class 'unspoiled nature'

During the weekend of teachers' convention, while many students were sleeping in, Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, Central English teacher, and eleven students from her junior English class took a canoe trip down the Platte River. The purpose of the adventure was to experience "unspoiled nature," the way it would have been one-hundred years ago.

The group left Schramm Park at 10 a.m. and canoed down the river twenty miles to Merit Beach. The trip ended at about four o'clock that afternoon. "By car the trip would have taken only about twenty minutes," Mrs. Bernstein said.

Along the way there were sandbars to confront, two interstate bridges to pass under, and duck hunters to elude.

"We were also shot at," said Mrs. Bernstein. "As we passed in front of an outdoor shooting gallery, a few stray fragments hit the water around us but nothing too dangerous. I was even hit in the cheek by a piece, but I've been hit harder by flying bugs."

Mrs. Bernstein plans to make the same trip again next year. The next time, however, she'd like to float down the river like something out of Huckleberry Finn.

## Central is in 'pursuit'

This year Central has a new club. It's the Trivial Pursuit Club. Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, Central English teacher and club sponsor, said that the club meets every Friday after school and plays Trivial Pursuit until 4:30. The club is made up of four teams, consisting of five to six people each.

Team captains are Amy Meek, Lisa Martinicide, Rob Holtorff, and Anita Barnes.

Mrs. Bernstein said they hope to get an intra-school tournament going to decide which team is the Trivial Pursuit champion. Then, they would like to challenge a team from UNO.

## Foods class holds raffle

Central's foods class held a raffle November 19 for a free Thanksgiving dinner. Tickets were 25¢.

Winners were Lynette Coleman, sophomore; Lari Sue Hornstein, senior; Mrs. Hazel Reinam and Mrs. Faye Stewart, parents of foods class students; Ms. Wanda Zersan, Central secretary; Mrs. Gerri Zerse and Miss Jo Valasek, Central counselors; and two alternates, Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, and Mrs. Mary Kaipust, Central business teacher.

The meal, served fifth and sixth hours November 20 in room 39, included turkey with gravy, potato casseroles, fruit salad, and pumpkin pie. The class raised \$40 from the raffle.

"We're trying to raise money to take a trip to another city, maybe Chicago," said Carmen O'Dell, senior. The students want to sample foods from various restaurants during their stay.

## Student art reviewed

Seven students from the class of Mr. Larry Andrews, Central art teacher, attended the Careers in Art/Portfolio Day on Saturday, November 3rd at the Kansas City Art Institute.

The purpose of the trip, according to Mr. Andrews, was "to give the students a chance to have their artwork evaluated and to receive recommendations on presenting portfolios." He added that the workshop gave the students an opportunity to apply for admission to colleges and for scholarships to various art schools.

The seven Central students who made the trip were Bob Allen, Mary Blazevich, Joel Elrod, Mark Humphrey, Kristen Klein, Tari Smith, and Jeff Wehrspann. Seniors Bob Allen and Kristin Kline both agreed that the program was "very educational."

## Graduate keeps pledge

On November 20, Mr. Ed. Treller, a 1963 Central graduate, upheld a promise that he made to Mr. William Reed, Central head football coach, a little over six years ago. Upon Central's winning a state championship, Mr. Treller donated an early 1960's CHS beanie which he personally wore to Central's games.

Mr. Treller told Coach Reed, "If Central ever wins state, I'll donate my beanie to the trophy case." At one o'clock on November 20 he fulfilled his promise.

Mr. Treller explained that ever since his own graduation in 1963, he has attended "damn near all of Central's football games."

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## Seniors receive award

Each year Wesley House and Central United Methodist Community Center present Youth Achievement awards for excellence in the areas of arts, community involvement, athletics, and academics. This year Central seniors Mark Buckner, Natalie Brown, and Terri Johnson received the award.

Mark received the award in the area of athletics. In addition to being the co-captain of Central's varsity state-championship ball team, Mark is a youth coach of the Omaha Mustangs little league, an assistant sports editor on the Central Register. He is involved in Boy Scouts.

Natalie Brown received the award in the area of the arts for her involvement in many orchestras including Central's orchestra, The Omaha Youth Symphony, and the Nebraska All-State Orchestra.

Community involvement is the area in which Terri Johnson received the Youth Achievement Award. Terri is a United States volunteer, a peer tutor, a member of the Spanish Club and the NAACP Youth Council, and a varsity cheerleader.



photo by Lisa

Mr. Daly checks papers in his office. He is presently checking English Composition Tests in New Jersey.

## Daly grades ECT again

Mr. Dan Daly, Central English teacher and department head, has been invited to New Jersey again this year to grade the national English Composition Test (ECT) December 5-7.

The essay reading will take place at the Ramada Inn in Princeton, New Jersey, because the number of exam papers has grown, and the test readers cannot be housed in their usual facility, the Chauncey Conference Center.

Mr. Daly feels honored to return to the job, but he is reluctant to leave from his English classes. He said it is a valuable experience, though, and is for me as a reader of student writing. He explained that grading the tests sharpens his comprehensive and reading skills, because his theme reading at Central.

The test questions he graded last year were what he calls "typical." He said he is concerned requiring an essay response on one's own life experiences.

Mr. Daly said he is excited to see how Central fares with other high schools throughout the nation.

## Junior performs in ball

Jill Stommes, junior, performed in the Arthritis Foundation's Woman-of-the-Year Charity Ball held November 15 at Peony Park and November 18 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.

The celebrity guest at the ball was Gavin McLeod, star of "The Love Boat." Jill was able to meet him and said, "He was a very nice man."

The theme of the ball was the Love Boat, and Jill performed an opening dealing with it and later danced to a medley of "port of call" songs.

Jill was part of a chorus of seven people. Her dance instructor was the choreographer and asked her to participate.

Jill said, "I was glad to be a part of it, even though it required long hours of practice." She didn't get paid but will next year if she performs again.

## Concert features best

The All-State concert, involving many Central students, was held on Saturday, November 17, at Millard North High School. The concert featured an all-state band, orchestra, and choir.

Students from the state of Nebraska auditioned at six regional sites to be members of the band, orchestra, and chorus groups. Many students from Central auditioned and participated.

The students selected from Central were choir members: Gia Ciummo, Jeanine Trim, Brian Gray, Pete Holmes, David Holt, James Keene, Sean Kershaw, Denny McGuire, Mike Rheiner and alternate Carrie Roberts; band members: Fred Peterkin, clarinet; Phillip Lavoie, clarinet; and orchestra members: Natalie Brown, harp; Jacques Fasan, violin; Katherine Fritz, viola; Robert Garfield, string bass; Jennifer Hazen, viola; Liz Hazen, cello; Dawn Hogan, violin; Arthur Kosowsky, cello; Alissa Lawson, violin; Jon Lexau, viola; and James Quigley, trumpet.



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# Decathlon team prepares for competition

Central students chosen for the Academic Decathlon are preparing for the competition on February 23 at Central. The team will compete with other teams from all over the state.

Central's team members are Arthur Kowalsky, senior; Anita Barnes, junior; Ryan, senior; Beverly Atkins, senior; Skoog, junior; and Don Krueger, senior.

The three alternates are Phil Berman, senior; Sean Kershaw, junior; and Regina Gray, junior.

These students were chosen by their teachers on a test administered to all interested students on October 31 by Mrs. Bernsteine and Mr. Robert Cain, Central English teachers and decathlon advisors. The test covered social studies, economics, math, science, literature, fine

arts, and music. A superquiz over the book **Megatrends** followed the test.

Team members are split into three parts with two students in each section; Honors, with a GPA requirement of 3.75-4.00; Scholastic, with a GPA of 3.00-2.75; and Varsity, with a GPA of 2.55-2.99. Mrs. Bernsteine said it was difficult to choose between the team members and the alternates because their test scores were only points apart.

Alternates will study with the team in preparation for the competition "without a sure chance of reward," according to Mrs. Bernsteine.

Several Central teachers and department heads who teach the subjects that appear on the test are helping the group review for the competition every morning at 7:30 a.m.



photo by Steve Berman

Central's Academic Decathlon members look towards the future. They will participate in the local competition on February 23.

## Rhine warns students

by Tracey Elsasser

Four years ago he had the whole school "spellbound," according to Dr. G.E. Rhine, Central principal, and on November 15 he told the sophomores to "think like a geneticist."

Dr. Sam Rhine, noted geneticist and lecturer, is the person that spellbound the students and talked to the sophomores. He gave an hour-long lecture on the prevention of birth defects and mental retardation, sponsored by Pride and Goodrich. Dr. Rhine spent a week in Omaha, lecturing up to four or five times a day at junior and senior high schools. The title of his lecture was "The Most Important Months of Your Life."

According to Dr. Rhine, "One of twelve children will become a parent of a retard-handicapped child, and one-half of them could be prevented."

**'Biggest and best'**

Dr. Rhine did his bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. work at Indiana University and doctoral work at Harvard University. He is now recognized as the number one lecturer and educator on the subject of human genetics and prevention of birth defects in the United States," according to a press release. He averages over 300 lectures annually. Dr. Moller called him "the biggest and the best."

Working out of the Association for Retarded Citizens in Indianapolis, Dr. Rhine traveled to 25 states and to Canada to give his program to over 1,000 schools and to inform and prepare future parents on the cause and prevention of birth defects and mental retardation.

Meaning for his talk to be taken seriously, Dr. Rhine often stopped and reminded the students "not to think as sophomores, but as adults." He would also tell the audience to "tune in."

Dr. Rhine opened his lecture by telling

about himself. He said his main purpose was "to make our children be healthy."

**Drugs and alcohol**

"Drugs and alcohol are the main reasons retardation and handicapping occurs, according to Dr. Rhine, which is why he directs his attention to the younger audience.

According to Dr. Rhine, "The third largest cause of retardation is alcohol." He cited a report in the **Medical Journal** which states that even one drink a day during pregnancy raises the chance of a birth defect from 5% to 45%.

Precaution and foreplanning were stressed by Dr. Rhine "as the most important ways to prevent birth defects." Taking responsibility for your actions, such as the use of alcohol and drugs before pregnancy was also stressed. "Even drug and alcohol use now, especially if it's excessive, can show effects down the road," he said.

**Mixed reactions**

His regular lecture lasts two-and-a-half hours, but he was only given one hour at Central. According to Stephanie Ruegnitz, sophomore, "He didn't get to what he was really trying to say." Michele Rempel explained, "If you've had biology, there was nothing new."

Why only sophomores? Dr. Moller said, "Maybe it (the lecture) will help avoid pregnancy early." Holly McClay, sophomore, said, "It should have been for the whole school."

Some sophomores did have favorable reports. Andy Hilger said, "It was good. It really taught you something." Joe Motequin described it as "interesting."

Dr. Rhine plans to continue lecturing and teaching. He feels his subjects should be put in the classroom, "where real instruction can begin." He has also produced a video tape to be used in classrooms.

## Unusual jobs amusing

by Kari Hulac

Most high school students these days seem to spend their working careers taking drive-through orders and making burgers "your way."

Although it seems that the face behind that orange Burger King counter belongs to the average seventeen-year-old, not all teenagers make their livings in the fast food business.

Some kids actually hold jobs with duties ranging from dressing up in costumes to selling train tickets to rowdy little kids.

**'Billy Bob' Peters**

Marcia Peters, Central senior and Showbiz Pizza employee, got a job as a waitress last year and found herself in a pink and purple striped clownsuit entertaining at birthday parties. Marcia also posed as a baseball player and the ever-so-famous Showbiz character, Billy Bob.

Dan Schinzel, senior, is, among numerous duties, counselor at the West Branch of the YMCA. Dan first became involved at the YMCA through its sports program and the Junior Leaders Club, in which he actively participated.

Dan is a certified lifeguard, a basketball, baseball, and soccer referee, and a volunteer coach, in addition to his day and overnight camp counseling.

The day camp programs seem to be the most helpful of the "Y" programs. Dan said, "They're mostly for kids whose parents work or are single parents." He explained that instead of dropping their kids off at a daycare center, parents can send them to the "Y" where Dan and about three other counselors entertain and educate them with activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, movies, sports, and fieldtrips.

**Lost underwear**

"Some stay (with the daycare camp) all summer. It's nice because you get to know some of them really well and become buddies with them," Dan said.

As for memorable situations, Dan reflected how one little boy in his summer swimming class, "always was losing his underwear!"

Sound a little weird to you? Well, when compared to Tracy Kunze's working environment, sixty-five kids at the YMCA is as quiet as a graveyard.

**Runaway railroad cars**

Tracy, Central junior, earns his money at the Henry Doorly Zoo. No, Tracy is not a lion tamer. He sells tickets for the zoo train and cleans up the "depot." Tracy's biggest danger at work is not lost underwear but the threat of being flattened by runaway cars which, according to Tracy, "get loose all the time and roll away."

While some people choose to stick to one weird job, others prefer to "play the field." Jeff Bonenberger, senior, is one such person. Jeff has worked at an oldfolks home, Hy-Vee supermarket, and No-Frills supermarket. He has also worked as a janitor and lawn-mower.

Why has Jeff worked at so many different places? "Well a couple jobs I just got tired of, and other times I just wanted to look into different areas of my interests." With such a wide assortment of jobs under his belt, Jeff has had many memorable experiences. He tells of one particular day while checking at Hy-Vee when everything seemed to go wrong.

**Coffee, clams, and restrooms**

"I was checking a lady and a little girl out early one Saturday morning, and, as I was rolling the groceries through, a three-ring notebook got stuck against the end of the counter just like a ramp." Of course what are little ramps for? Jeff explained how he happened to roll a jar of coffee off the ramp and onto the floor where it broke. The sacker failed to remove the ramp, and Jeff being tired proceeded to roll a jar of clams off the ramp to join the mess of coffee grounds. To top everything off, the little girl, as Jeff put it, "evidently didn't know where the restrooms were."

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Greg Moore says that break-dancing is really pretty easy. With a little time and practice you can get the basics, and then you just get creative.

## A 'wave' takes hold

by Kari Hulac

What do "Breakin'," "Beat Street," "Flashdance," Pepsi commercials, the fashion industry, Michael Jackson, and Ricky Mujica all have in common? If a person even has to ask, he or she obviously isn't aware of the "hip hop" craze which has gone wild in America.

Today's movies, commercials, and MTV videos are just a few of the many areas of society which are swept up in the new break-dancing craze.

New isn't actually the correct term for the break-dancing movement. Break-dancing has been around for a long time. Born in the tougher neighborhoods of the South Bronx in New York City, break-dancing existed as an escape for frustrated gangs of teenage guys. Instead of street fighting, rivaling gangs fought with dancing.

Thanks to the 1984 summer release movies, "Breakin'" and "Beat Street" and Michael Jackson's smooth moonwalk, this hot style of dancing is no longer limited to poverty-stricken rough neighborhoods.

### Central breakers

Because it has been adopted by the rest of society, overexposure is a danger, but Central students, D.C. Pulliam, junior, and Greg Moore, junior, are pretty positive that it will be around for a long time.

D.C. and Greg are both members of a group called the Supreme Breakteam. They have only been to one competition where they won two hundred dollars, but Greg says he prefers to "just dance among ourselves."

### Learn by watching

Greg and D.C. both said that they learned to break just by watching others. D.C. said that he started three or four years ago after having seen it done around. "You watch something for a long time and decide you want to do it. It came pretty easy."

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## Voting action Singers on television perform selections

by Brooke Rose

Voter registration was a concern of many during this year's political campaign. Though no age group has a one hundred percent turn out, the group that traditionally shows the least participation is between the ages of 18 and 21.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 35% of the eligible voters between the ages of 18 and 20 voted in the 1980 Presidential election. Although new figures from last month's elections have not been released, projections indicate that the percentage will rise.

Currently in Nebraska, there are 8,500 registered voters between the ages of 18 and 21 from a possible 30,000. That is about 28.3%.

Many different philosophies exist to explain why the turnout of this age bracket is so poor. A recent issue of *Time* indicated one reason is that "young people" are in school or are working during the voting hours and they do not make an effort to get to the polls.

"Some either forget, are working, or just don't think their one vote will count," said Mr. Jack Blanke, Central social studies department head. One Central senior who wished to remain anonymous said, "What difference is one vote going to make? Anyway, I had to work."

According to Mrs. Janice Haas, liaison between the League of Women Voters and the Douglas County Election Committee, the problem lies in simply getting the students to register. "Once registered," she said, "about 85% turn out to vote."

Mr. Blanke constantly reminds his students to register. "You just have to talk it up," he said. "There are a good percentage of eligible voters here at Central. They just need to be reminded."

Confusion about the registration procedures is another reason some students don't register. "Most students don't know what they have to do to register," said Mrs. Haas. Mrs. Haas was one of the women who conducted voter registration at Central during the lunch hours.

"Voter registration has nothing to do with the draft, and you don't need any identification," she said. "In Nebraska, an oath of honesty is all that is needed."

Students agree that not knowing what to expect is one of the main reasons for poor registration records. "I think the reason most people don't register is because they think it's going to be harder than it is," said LeAnne Lovings, Central senior and registered voter.

Central High Singers (CHS) made their tv debut on December 15 when they taped a half-hour Christmas program on the University of Nebraska's Educational Television Station during the Christmas holiday.

CHS Singers currently has 12 members, 12 women, 8 men and an accompanist. It was established eight years ago by Mr. Robert McMeen. The group, which now meets during third hour, was formed from two smaller groups before school.

"It took a while to establish a reputation," Mr. McMeen said. But it is now that they have. "I think they are a public relations group that Central should be proud of," Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal.

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Singers participate in many functions. They sang at the opening for the NSEA Teacher's Convention at the Civic Auditorium. They will be singing at the Winter Arts Fair and for Christmas at Union Station. They have also made appearances at retirement homes and Douglas County hospital.

According to Mr. McMeen, he has a lot of support from the administration. "There is a lot of enthusiasm from the student body," he said. "The biggest problem we have is requiring participation in a Cappella and Singers." Mr. McMeen said. "It's asking a lot for students."

As far as the class itself goes, Mr. McMeen believes strongly in making an educational experience. The group has both madrigals (first semester) and a swing (second semester).

"When a student leaves one of our groups," said Mr. McMeen, "I want them to have a broader idea of what real literature there are."

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# Athletic funds support rising costs of activities

With the increased participation in sports at Central and other high schools, there is a need for adequate financial support. In recent years the cost of supporting sports has steadily increased. Because the school must provide equipment, uniforms, and transportation for each sport, the costs are met by several sources. According to Mr. Richard Jones, Central athletic director, some sports, such as football and boys basketball, are self-sufficient and require no additional funding. Money is brought in through ticket sales. "Football and basketball make the money to pay their own way," said Mr.

Some sports also use various fundraising projects to defray the cost of equipment. These fundraisers are done separately and the money raised benefits only the sport participating.

Donated money is also used for athletics. "People give money to be used for a specific program," said Dr. Moller.

Because Central has a wide assortment of athletic teams, the money available has to be shared among several sports. The responsibility for overseeing the distribution of funds to the various sports rests with Mr. Jones and the various coaches.

### Needs of coaches

"With athletic equipment or whatever we need, Mr. Jones and the coaches make the decision," said Dr. Moller. "Mr. Jones has 98 percent freedom in whatever we get. He orders it, and I approve the final payment."

According to Mr. Jones, the system for distributing money relies on the integrity of the coaches, in regards to what they think their sport needs. "The coaches do a good job with it. If it (money) is needed, we will get it. We will not put teams out there without the best equipment," said Mr. Jones.

The money available for athletics is "divided up according to need," according to Dr. Moller. He said each activity is apportioned the money it needs without any sport receiving priority.

### Necessary combination

Mr. Jones said he doesn't take into consideration the program when deciding on financial requests from coaches. "I will buy new uniforms for the track team just as soon as I will buy them for the football team."

In order for the system of financing athletics at Central to be successful, it must continue to have the involvement of the coaches, the athletes, and the student body, according to Dr. Moller. "It is a combination of fund raisers, vending machines, gate receipts, and donated money which are necessary."



photo by Brian Lundin

Senior bowler David Williams takes pride posing with a few of his many trophies. David plans to enter the PBA tour next year.

## PBA tour Bowler eyes pro future

Central has always had its share of athletic stars. Football stars, basketball stars, track stars, and other stars have covered the Register and other local newspapers. Some of these athletes even go professional after college. But one Centralite is an exceptional athlete and will be going professional before attending college. But this athlete has been in the limelight for some time. He is senior David Williams, a bowler.

While most Central students at the age of five were sucking on their thumbs, David was busy placing his fingers in the holes of his first bowling ball. After being encouraged by his father to pick up the eight pound ball, David participated that same year in his first bowling league. Today, David has developed into one of the top bowlers in the Midwest.

David has won many tournaments and awards in his fourteen years of bowling. But

the most noteworthy of these were his finishes in nationwide competition. David has won the Nationals in the senior division (ages 16-18) for the last two years. These accomplishments have given David second place senior ranking in the United States. His skills have sparked the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and South Dakota State University to offer David four-year athletic scholarships.

David, who is now nineteen, participates in the highly competitive men's division. Bowling at the King Louie once a week, he is a member of the Omega bowling team. His current average is very promising at 217, and, in his career, he has scored two games of 300. (300 is a perfect score.)

Since David competes in the men's division, he is eligible to participate in the PBA (Professional Bowling Association) tour. The eight-month tour consists of 16 worldwide tournaments. David will tour and compete with different bowlers in each of the different cities. As many as 1,500 bowlers compete in each tournament for the grand prize of \$50,000.

"The tour is very expensive," said David. Costs for being on the road for eight months may add up to over \$5,000, but the Holiday Inn will be sponsoring David.

Though the competition is tough, Dave shows definite optimism. "I'm going to do real good," said David, "if I do not get too nervous in front of all those cameras."

After the tour is over, David plans to attend college on one of his scholarships and to continue bowling professionally.

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Sports which are not able to generate a profit are supported mainly by the sale of activity tickets. According to Mr. Jones, all athletes are required to purchase uniforms, and the rest of the student body must support the program.

Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, said the sale of candy from the vending machines offers some income. That money is used to supplement the activity fund. Dr. Moller also said that some financial help is provided from the Board of Education.

### Donations and fundraisers

"We get some support from the Board of Education," said Dr. Moller. "Because receipts don't always pay the bill, the school gives us a subsidy. We get a little money for girls' sports. I won't say the school gives us nothing, but it doesn't give nearly enough."

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## Central runners begin training

by Mark Buckner

Everybody knows about the success of Central's football, but what about cross country? Most people do not know that the Eagle runners finished sixth in the state this year. In metro competition, they ranked fourth among 22 teams.

Head coach John Geringer stated, "Central runners are respected, but, until they win a state title, there is always room for improvement."

Coach Geringer attributes the success of this year's team to four key runners, seniors Dennis Sheeler and George Lynch and juniors Calvin Ross and Eric White. Geringer noted the leadership of Sheeler and Lynch and the steady performances from Ross and White. Lynch stated, "I feel good about our finish this year in cross country, and I think we will do even better in track."

The Eagle runners competed on various different courses composed of natural grass, hills, and sometimes pavement. Now they must prepare to run on nothing but asphalt. When asked about the similarities between cross country and track, Coach Geringer said, "They are really two different sports, yet they cater to each other."

### Training program

Geringer cited the training procedure as a main point of similarity. During the winter training period, the runners will start with base training which consists of about 12 weeks of steadily increasing mileage. "During the twelve weeks, the runners will increase from 20 miles to about 60 miles per week," said Geringer.

Sheeler said, "It's tough, but it gets us ready for spring competition." The runners will resume training sometime before winter recess. The winter training period helps the runners prepare for the upcoming track season. The summer preparation for cross country, however, is slightly different.

### Competition training

"It is mostly competition training," said Geringer. Competition training is primarily the running of certain distances against a stopwatch. During this part of the training, the runners will set their own times and try to improve upon them weekly. Lynch stated, "When we're given times, it motivates us to improve ourselves."

Coach Geringer said that the amount of competition in the metro area had decreased slightly from last year. "It's not as strong as last year, but Rinn from Bellevue East and Schmidt from Millard North are back. They should provide some good competition."

### Time standards

Geringer said he has set certain time standards that he feels Sheeler, Lynch, and Ross should be able to reach by mid-season. "If they can run below four-and-a-half minutes in the mile and below nine-and-a-half minutes in the two-mile run, they should place in the top ten of the metro."

## Boys, girls highly rated Cagers possess wealth of talent

by Gia Ciummo

The sound of squeaking sneakers in the old and new gyms after school indicates the opening of winter sports. Notable this year are the girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams. For the first time in several years, both the girls' and boys' teams rank highly in the Metro pre-season ratings, and both have many talented players.

The outlook for the two-year defending state champion Lady Eagles is "pretty good" this year with the return of five seniors and senior starters Tonya Kelley and Jessica Haynes.

Coach Paul Semrad noted that the senior letter winners have seen playing time and will be a definite asset to the veteran team. They are: Sonja Clark, Cindy Munsell, LaShawn Rollins, Leonetta Threats, and Tappita Wade (Tech transfer).

The Lady Eagles will also see action from 6'0" Ewanda Williams and 5'11" Phazaria Wilson, sophomores, and freshman Johnetta Haynes, Jessica's younger sister. As for the younger players, Semrad said, "The talent is there. They just need to gain playing experience."

"I think we will do better overall this year. Last year we had a few standouts, but this year, no matter who we have out there playing, they will do good," said all-stater Jessica Haynes.

For the third consecutive year, Central's main foe seems to be last year's runner-up at state, Marian High School. "I believe they (Marian) lost two of their better starters," said Semrad. Consideration is also given to Millard South, Gross, and Ralston. "Ralston may be better than what people think," added Semrad, "but I do not make predictions."



Sophomore Leodis Flowers runs for a first quarter touchdown in the state championship game against Burke. Head coach William Reed called this run the turning point in the game.

## Gridders overcome obstacles to win state

by John Carlson

Many complications had to be overcome while Central was enroute to its first state championship. Injuries, controversial forfeits, and the mistakes made in the first halves of the state play-off games were all obstacles the team had to overcome, according to head coach William Reed.

"We had some key injuries at some important times, but we still were able to win games without these players," he said. Senior and all-state defensive end Sean Ridley missed the first two games of the season with a shoulder injury.

"Opposing teams are really intimidated by Sean's presence, and that makes our defense a more dominating unit," said nose guard and team captain Mark Buckner. Mark himself missed the first two and a half games because of a summer heatstroke. "We really missed Mark's leadership at that point," said Coach Reed.

Another injury to fullback Richard Bass midway through the season hurt the offensive unit. "Rich is a hard runner and a great blocker," said senior offensive tackle Paul Flaxbeard. "Fortunately for us we have a good back-up fullback in junior Jesse Owens."

### Line healthy

Although injuries to these key players did hurt the team Coach Reed said he feels lucky. "I said at the beginning of the year that as long as our line stays healthy, we will have a good year. Everyone on the line

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Recently the Omaha World Herald announced its all-metro, all-state, and all-division high school football team. Central dominated the teams with four first team all-state selections and two second team selections.

First team members were Tony Avant, split end; Shawn Starks, defensive tackle; Sean Ridley, defensive end and defensive captain; Bernard Jackson, running back and offensive captain. Second team members were Art Thirus, offensive tackle, and Mark Buckner, defensive middle guard.

All Metro selections were Thirus, Ridley, Jackson, and Buckner was again a second selection.

Nine players were on the All-division first team. They were Thirus, Ridley, Jackson, Sean Buckner, Claude Hayes, linebacker Bruce Cullum, defensive back; R. Oathout, quarterback.

Players receiving honorable mention were Paul Flaxbeard, Richard Jim Lee, Mike Salerno, Eric Anderson, Shane Starks and Carl Weinhoff.

played every game, and the end result was the state championship."

All season long both offensive and defensive units had confidence in their abilities. This showed as all three playoff games were close at the half. "The whole team knew all season long that they were a second half team. They also realized that if they lost, it could be the last time they would be putting on their uniforms," Coach Reed said.

### Forfeiture

The biggest obstacle cleared this year was the N.S.A.A. ruling regarding the forfeiture of three games. Central had just defeated Burke, the number one team in

the state, and the players were turning heads toward the state playoffs. The officials thought an illegal player had been used in three victories.

"The Burke game was an agonizingly tough game for me to coach, knowing the ruling the board had just put on Coach Reed. The next two games were even more difficult for the players. Playing football while the ruling was in effect was extremely tough for the players. Coach Reed continued. "It was a hard game to get their intensity level up after it had been changed. We went out and got beat by TJ the next game. The ruling was made. We were emotionally drained."

The team overcame all the difficulties to become Central's first state champion. Coach Reed said he reached the top of all top feelings. We had reached the end of the rainbow.

## Calendar

### Boys' Basketball

Dec. 8 Varsity/J.V. vs. Lincoln (A) at 6:15  
Reserve vs. North  
14 Varsity/J.V. vs. Bellevue (A) at 6:15  
15 Reserve vs. Northwest

### Girls' Basketball

Dec. 11 Varsity/J.V. vs. Bellevue at 6:15  
Girls' and Boys' swim

### Girls' & Boys' Swimming

Dec. 11 Bellevue East (H) at 7:00  
18 T.J. (H)

### Wrestling

Dec. 11 Papillion (H) at 7:00  
14 Bellevue East (H) at 7:00  
18 Millard South (H) at 7:00

Returning senior starter Tonja Kelley anticipates another state title but said, "I will have to work harder this year for myself and for the team." She continued, "I feel that if we lose, it won't hurt us. Maybe mentally for a while, but the next game we'll go out, work hard, and win again. But if we play ball like we know how, we can and we will win."

The boys' early season outlook "looks real good." "But it is awfully early to tell," said Coach Jim Martin.

Last year's 15-7 team took with them three starters, but seniors Shawn Cotton, all-state and all-metro Tech transfer; David Moody, honorable mention all-state and all-metro; Shawn Starks, one of the leading Metro rebounders; and Bertran Turnbo are returning after seeing considerable starting time.

Senior lettermen Bob Harris and Larry Williams are joined by seniors Clarence Nichols and Dan Schinzel, juniors Michael Beasley, Michael Salerno, Billy Simpson (Tech transfer), and Danny Spenser (Tech transfer).

"The ingredients are there," said Martin. "We have height, speed, quickness, and it appears our shooting is quite good."

Competitively, Martin predicts Burke at the top with Central close behind along with North, Northwest, Benson, and Prep. "I choose Benson and Prep because, traditionally, these teams are good," said Martin.

Finally Martin said, "We know we have the kids capable of making a fine team," but he stressed that it is too early in the season to tell.