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'The Year
in Sports'

Seniors help KMTV, MADD in battle against drunk driving

by Kim Schwartze

Seniors Mark Buckner and Heidi McGee were featured May 8-12 in a series of KMTV Channel 3 promotional spots discouraging drunk driving. KMTV in conjunction with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers), is campaigning against teenage drinking, and their prime target is drinking on Prom and graduation.

Mr. John Sullivan, director of community relations for KMTV, said, "We've been associated with MADD in several similar programs before. We're focusing on Prom and graduation this year in the KMTV 'Class of '85 Challenge,' and MADD is supporting our efforts."

"It's a deal for graduation. Seniors have to pledge they won't get drunk on graduation night, and, if they don't, they get coupons from businesses sponsoring the program," said Heidi.

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, Heidi and Mark were chosen because KMTV suggested using the senior class and Student Council presidents as school representatives.

KMTV will pass out Class of '85 challenge cards, posters, and coupons.

The pledge consists of the student's promise to avoid drinking and driving on graduation night and to call a parent or guardian for a ride instead of accepting a ride from someone who has been drinking.

The pledge must be signed by the student, a parent, and Mr. Roger Ottenbach, KMTV vice president and general manager. The parent must pledge to provide transportation home for his or her senior on graduation night if the student calls for a ride. Mr. Ottenbach pledged to send a news crew to cover the graduation ceremonies of the metro high school which delivers the highest percentage of signed challenges.

Once the pledge is signed, students may exchange their challenge card with Central's appointed advisor, guidance counselor Mr. Kevin Moran, for coupons from places such as Great Plains Records and Tapes, Pefferoni's Pizza, and Benetton Italian Sportswear.

When asked how successful he thinks the program will be, Mark said, "KMTV publicized the challenge so well that people can't help but think about it. If you're going to drink, you're going to drink, but at least you'll think about it."

Baccalaureate, Graduation soon

by Kari Hulac

For Central seniors the year is finally over today. The next few weeks will be filled with a blur of activities.

Every upperclassman is more than familiar with the commencement ceremony itself, but how many seniors actually have the slightest idea what the Baccalaureate service is?

Baccalaureate simply means an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class. According to Mr. A.A. LaGreca, Central administrator, each school used to have its own ceremony in a church. Today the event involves the entire school district.

"It is a really nice event. All schools and all graduating seniors in the entire city come together. It's really impressive," he said.

The Omaha Public Schools will hold its traditional Baccalaureate services on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic

Auditorium.

Graduation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, in the Civic Auditorium. The rehearsal will also be in the Civic Auditorium at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 22.

The commencement program will include music by Central's concert band. Presiding over the ceremony and speaking for the class will be Mark Buckner, senior class president. The invocation will be given by Van Argyrakis, senior. Arthur Kosowsky was chosen to give the traditional senior oration, and Cassandra Trotter will give the closing benediction.

Presenting the diplomas will be Dr. Clifford Dale, assistant superintendent of schools, and Mr. Frank A. Bogard and Mr. David Willson, members of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education. Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, will present the class of 1985.



photo by Janice Jacobs

Bob Harris and Queen Holly Pospisil dance to Foreigner's song, "I Wanna Know What Love Is," the theme for the 1985 Prom.

Prom King and Queen crowned

Seniors Bob Harris and Holly Pospisil crowned the third annual Prom King and Queen at the 1985 Spring Prom. The event was held in the Central courtyard May 9.

After being crowned by last year's King and Queen Calvin Minor and Amy Agosta, Bob and Holly danced to Foreigner's song "I Wanna Know What Love Is," which the

Student Council selected for the theme. This year's music was provided by Skeet, a D.J.

Mrs. Vickie Anderson, student council sponsor, said, "The Prom went very well. Everybody had a good time, and we made approximately \$2,000 which will go towards renting the Warehouse for next year's Prom."

Purple Feather Day ceremony honors students

Anne Lovings

Picture bright blue skies, wind tossing purple and white balloons, the chatter of more than a hundred high school students, many smiles. What you are picturing is a typical Purple Feather Day.

"The sun always shines on Purple Feather Day," said Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, at the ceremony, May 9, at the 8th annual Purple Feather Day ceremony.

At the ceremony, students were treated to orange juice and donuts, and then they listened attentively to a group of speakers.

Dr. Moller spoke first, telling of the history of Purple Feather Day. According to Dr. Moller, a group of parents created the ceremony eight years ago in an effort to honor academic achievers. The only requirement for Purple Feather recognition is that the student maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA. The Omaha National Honor Society judges on academic achievement, leadership, community service, and school participation.

Central Honor Society

Upon being invited to the Purple Feather day festivities, a student becomes a member of the Central Honor Society. He or she is eligible to receive a letter in recognition.

The organizers of this year's Purple Feather Day were PEP members, Mrs. Jane Harris and Mrs. Michele Dloogoff. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Dloogoff arranged to have representatives from the Castle, the special

education department and the Board of Education, as well as several principals and the superintendent attend the ceremony.

The first guest speaker was Mr. Bernie Simon, president of the City Council. Mr. Simon won many smiles and much applause by saying that Central High School is "Omaha's school."

In previous years, there has been just one guest speaker. This year Dr. Moller arranged for four successful Central graduates to speak. They were Ms. Brenda Warren, Ms. Barb Richardson, Mr. Martin Shukert, and Mr. Merle Rambo.

Four graduates speak

The first of the four speakers to speak was the president of the school board, Ms. Warren. She said that her government classes at Central have helped her in law but that her favorite class was Afro-American history.

"I hope that each of you and those after you have the same opportunities as I had," Ms. Warren said to the students.

Next was Ms. Richardson, a speech writer for Mayor Mike Boyle. She was one of the students honored on the very first Purple Feather Day. (At that time the event was held in the uncovered courtyard.) "I remember how excited I was," she said.

'Outstanding education'

"You're getting the most outstanding education of probably anyone in the city or the state, and you should be proud of that," she said.



photo by Jim Hazuka

Selected students assemble on the east porch for Purple Feather Day ceremonies. To qualify for recognition, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

Mr. Rambo, partner in the Dana, Larson, Roubal, and Associates architectural firm, spoke mostly about the reconstruction of Central but added, "The building is certainly not the school — you are."

"Too often students work for their teachers, but at Central you work with them," he said.

Mr. Rambo was responsible for the covering of the courtyard. He drew up the plans when he was a drafting student at

Central.

Mr. Shukert, city planning director, praised students. "Central is something you always belong to," he said. "The school prospers because it brings many different people from different backgrounds together."

Dr. Moller added some final statements. "You people make Central, and you give it its reputation. You are future leaders."

The helium balloons were released marking an end to the ceremony.

2 Donations of time, work make '85 Auction succeed

On May 3, the scholarship auction committee of parents and staff members saw their "expectations exceeded" for the third time, according to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal. The third annual auction brought in \$7,300, Mrs. Marquetta Kinnamon, chairperson of the committee, said. Company and alumni donations brought the total to \$12,000. According to Dr. Moller, a faculty scholarship committee will distribute part of the money to seniors in the form of nine or ten \$500 scholarships. The rest of the money will be deposited in the Central High School Endowment Fund, the interest from which also contributes to scholarships.

Dr. Moller said he took the idea for the auction from Northwest High School's auction, which he said "raises about \$3000 a year, the principal tells me." The faculty at Northwest is responsible for the donated items and the auction work itself. "I felt it would be more successful, more fun, and more of an activity that gets people into school and working together if parents work on it, too," Dr. Moller said. He added, "It's a lot of hard work, though, and sometimes I get discouraged because it takes so much time."

The committee organized in January with monthly meetings. The chairperson is always a parent, Dr. Moller said, and the committee solicits donations from "alums, individuals, companies, teachers — anyone who might want to donate." The committee began meeting once a week as the event approached.

Mr. Phil Wayne, president of PEP, arranged publicity in the forms of jazz band, CHS Singers, and breakdancing performances in the Parkfair Mall. The Abacus Computer Store donated a computer which raised considerable raffle ticket money. Dr. Moller also "drafted" students to put posters up in their neighborhoods.

On behalf of current and future seniors, we would like to thank the parents and the staff who worked so hard planning the auction. We students are lucky to have such a tradition established which works for our futures, not just for our stay at Central. Again, we thank everyone involved for his dedication and time.

Seniors killed off from '85 Central 'soap opera'

It seems that memories of Central combine to form a very long, complicated story, much like a soap opera. This soap opera is appropriately titled, "This is NOT a Fire Drill."

**From Me
to You**



LeAnne Lovings

I believe this soap would contain more humor than the average soap and just as much confusion. In fact, when I entered the storyline, Central was in that exact state, confusion. The building was being renovated, and there were workmen all about. Only certain staircases were available for use. And there was always something being done to the classrooms. (The changing of the rooms in which classes met was almost a soap opera in itself!)

That first year alone, I was exposed to many typical soapy events, such as couples

forming and then suddenly fighting and splitting. For example, on one occasion Mr. X was placed in in-school suspension because he started a fight with his best friend, Mr. Y, because Mr. Y had been flirting with Mr. X's girlfriend, Miss Z, who, upon Mr. X and Mr. Y being suspended, immediately started dating Mr. A, who actually was going out with Miss B, but dropped her for Miss Z. (Did you get all of that?) Mind you, this was just one episode.

My junior year was action-packed, too, but this year has been the most chaotic. We started the year with the courtroom scene. Our state-champion football team started off with a great season. Just when they seemed destined for victory, they were accused of cheating. All seemed lost because they had to forfeit games. When almost all hope was gone, the verdict was overruled, and (ta da) Central came up with the state championship. (I love happy endings!)

It also seems that lately we have changed superintendents as often as soaps change characters!

Recently, A Cappella members starred in an episode of their own. Just as the choir members were loading the buses to take them to Elkhorn to compete in districts, the tornado sirens went off. The students were forced to remain in the basement of Central.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

In a recent issue of the Central High Register an editorial was run on the Mother Against Drunk Driving campaign. The editorial dealt with prom and graduation events, but it did not take any stand on the issue, except to say most teen-agers would still be able to obtain alcohol. If the article presented a more concerned view towards drunk driving this would be acceptable (at best). This is a dangerous outlook and should not be presented in a school that prides itself on academic excellence. Although the MADD campaign is unpopular to some students, it is a step in the right direction for traffic safety.

Unfortunately the directors of this program neglected one safety device that could save the life of any individual (in a car) that was hit by a drunk driver: the seat belt. This safety device, applied to automobiles since 1964 by federal safety laws, will restrain the occupant in any crash. Although it will not necessarily save the life of the occupant in any event (e.g., excess speed), it will allow the driver and passenger(s) to remain in their seat when the crash occurs, allowing the car to absorb the main impact. It will also allow the driver to maintain some control of the automobile even if the car goes off the road. Despite these life-saving virtues few agencies mention the overall effectiveness of the seat belt and only (between 10 and 15%) of the driver population ever use it. Among teen-agers this figure drops to 5 to 8%.

As a final warning, driving accidents account for 21,504 deaths a year. Approximately 55 to 60% of these deaths are alcohol-related. Not all are drunk drivers; many are sober drivers who got hit by a drunk driver. Many of them could have been saved by seat belt use, but few took the couple seconds needed to fasten them, neglecting the belt in ignorance or haste.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my feelings.

Sincerely,
Sean T. McCann

Registered Opinion: Moments hard to recall

As Central's 1984-85 school year draws to a close, many seniors take to reminiscing. We asked these seniors what they enjoyed the most about their experience at Central.

Cindy Munsell

"The thing I enjoyed the most about Central was getting to meet all the people who became my friends — both teachers and students. I think I got a really good education here that I couldn't have gotten anywhere else."

Then, of course, we had the graduation date mix-up. I only hope that no more confusing scenes occur before I receive my diploma.

Well, it seems that my contract with this show is just about to run out, and the writers are bound to kill me off (along with some five hundred other graduating seniors). They will replace us with several hundred screaming sophomores — I hope Central will survive them.

So, in my farewell scene, I say to you take care, and I hope you have enjoyed the effort I have put into this column. I also hope next year's columnist has as good an audience as I have had this year. Adieu!

Shawn Prouse

"Many institutions have benefits which help their students, although one must take advantage of them. I feel that Central offers those opportunities, such as academic scholarships, school activities, and social recreations."

Angela Thompson

"The thing I like most about Central is that when people ask you where you go to school, and you tell them 'Central,' they say 'That's a good school.' I believe they are right."

Opal Gray

"The best thing about being at Central was to be able to study at the greatest school in Omaha. I also enjoyed meeting new friends."

Janet Lawson

"The things I enjoyed about Central were the students and the teachers, and the wonderful education I've gotten since I arrived here in 1983. Central has taught me a lot as an individual."

Rena Armendariz

"The best part about being at Central was meeting different people, being exposed to all the different courses, and just having the opportunity to go here instead of anywhere else."



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Central has largest constituency in OEA

While many students are heavily involved in extracurricular activities, there are also many teachers involved in outside organizations. One organization which is very important to teachers is the Omaha Education Association (OEA). Currently, Central has a larger OEA constituency than any other Omaha Public School.

OEA is the local professional teachers organization. According to Mrs. Vicki Anderson, Central Spanish teacher, the OEA offers services from sponsoring softball tournaments to processing grievances to negotiating salaries.

Mrs. Anderson was recently elected by OEA members to be next year's treasurer. Also elected to a position on the board was Mr. Robert Cain, Central English teacher. Mr. Cain will be the senior high representative. Both teachers will assume their positions on August 1.

Leadership from Central
Mr. Cain has been actively involved in

the OEA for approximately 25 years. "Central has provided leadership for the OEA as long as I can remember," he said, "from the Presidency on down." Currently Mr. Cain is a building representative in the OEA, as are six other Central teachers.

Building representatives are elected by each school's staff members. The number of representatives depends on how large the school's faculty is. Central has the largest number of representatives.

Teachers currently representing Central are Mr. Cain, Mr. Gerard Brown, science department head, Mr. Larry Hausman, art teacher, Mr. John Keenan and Mr. David Martin, English teachers, Miss Rita Ryan, Latin teacher, and Mr. Lloyd Fitch, math teacher. Mr. Fitch is the captain of Central's building reps.

Miss Ryan and Mr. Hausman, as well as Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Cain, were selected as part of a group of 65 Omaha teachers to be representatives to the conven-

tion of the Nebraska State Education Association (NEA) convention.

Mr. Hausman has been involved in the OEA for approximately 20 years and has been elected as representative to both the NSEA and the NEA convention before.

Currently Central's teachers are actively participating in the OEA, but this has not always been the case. "We used to have problems simply getting teachers to run," said Mrs. Anderson, who has been involved in the OEA for 10 years, "but now we have more than enough."

Mrs. Anderson feels it is important to have active teachers. "Too many teachers are willing to take raises, but not enough are willing to give of their free time," she said.

Contributions of OEA
Mr. Cain feels that the OEA has made the teaching profession much more attractive. "If it wasn't for the OEA," said Mr. Cain, "we wouldn't have the salaries, fringe benefits, and retirement program that we

have today." According to Mr. Cain, the OEA has one of the best retirement programs in the country.

All the teachers involved in the OEA feel that the organization is very worthwhile. "It gives teachers a chance to give some input into the educational system," said Mr. Hausman. "We are a watchdog for the rights of teachers," said Mr. Cain.

The OEA is strictly a teacher's organization. It deals only with the problems of teachers. "It's an organization for the teachers, by the teachers," said Mr. Hausman.

Central is the only school with two teachers on the board of directors. Though this is not extremely unusual, Mrs. Anderson feels that as more teachers become active, more teachers will want to become involved. "There's more to teaching than just grading papers," said Mrs. Anderson. "It is important for teachers to be aware of OEA activities."



photo by Phil Berman

Cheerleaders recognized for their efforts

"Who was responsible for all of the pep rallies this year?" asked Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, over the school intercom. The cheerleaders."

On Friday, May 10, Mr. George Pospisil and Mrs. Chris Hammans, cheerleading advisors, arranged a tribute to the 1984-85 cheerleading squad. They served refreshments after which Mr. William Reed, Central football and track coach, commended the cheerleaders for their "great dedica-

tion" throughout the year.

"We probably didn't turn around much during the football games, but we did greatly appreciate the fact that you were always there supporting us," Mr. Reed said. The cheerleaders receive carnations and ribbons as thank you's.

"I'm very proud of them," Mr. Lincoln said. "I think that they've done a very good job this year."



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Unique year filled with Eagle wins

OVERTIME



Dan Schinzel

The 1984-85 school year was a unique one for Central High athletics. The year was filled with stories, both individual and team successes and failures. As the year draws to a close, and the spring season winds down, it is exciting to recall how the year in sports developed.

The football team experienced many obstacles on its way to winning the state championship. Injuries, such as the life-threatening heat stroke suffered by senior Mark Buckner, a ruling by the NSAA which required Central to forfeit three games, and subsequent lengthy appeal by Mr. Richard Jones, administrator, all were part of a season which would see the Eagles become the first Omaha Public School to win the state title.

Individually, several players made the all-state and all-metro squads. The Omaha World-Herald went so far as to proclaim senior Sean Ridley the second best player in the world. Senior Bernard Jackson dramatically won the metro rushing title on the last night of the season. After the season, many players went on to sign letters-of-intent with several major colleges.

Metro Champs

The football team, however, had to share the fall headlines with the boys' tennis squad. Led by freshman Joe Salerno, the Eagles upset favored Westside to win the Metro title. Joe, who won the metro and state singles crowns, has a chance to set a record by winning four consecutive state crowns.

As fall sports were finishing up, winter sports were just getting underway. The girls' basketball team continued where they had left off last year. However, a loss to Marian in the Holiday Tournament ended a winning streak which had lasted two years. The Lady Eagles eventually beat the Marian Crusaders during the regular season, but they were denied a third meeting at the state by Lincoln High during the semifinals.

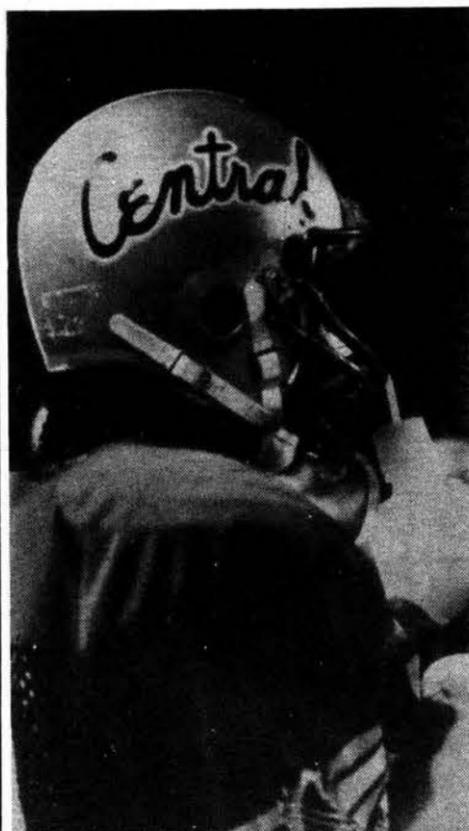
Up and down season

The boys' basketball team experienced an up and down season. After a slow start, the Eagles rebounded to capture fifth place at the Holiday Tournament.

Also during the winter season, two wrestlers, senior Andy Sanchez and junior Wendel Duncan, placed high at the state tournament, and the power-lifting team continued to dominate the Metro schools by capturing another team title.

When spring finally arrived, the track team was off and running early, competing in both indoor and outdoor meets. The girls'

Fall . . .



Senior James Kight cools off after an offensive series. The Eagle gridgers became the first public school to win the state football championship.

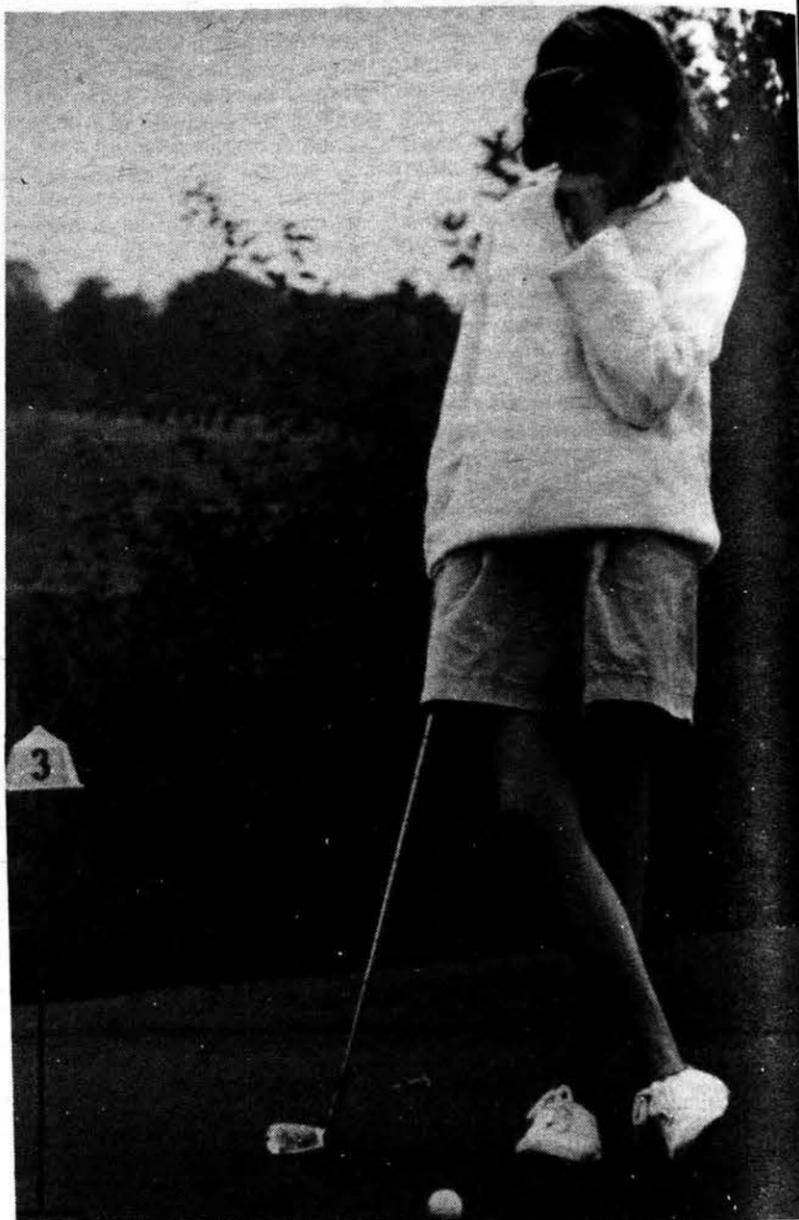


Seniors June Baker and Heide McGee and junior Monica Hart get set to start the race. The girls' cross country team eventually qualified for state.

and boys' teams both successfully defended their metro crowns. Both will try to capture state titles this weekend.

Also this spring, the boys' baseball squad, often overshadowed by the track program, got off to a fast start and immediately placed itself among the state contenders.

The year



Sophomore Val Spellman ponders over her next putt. The girls' golf team qualified for state this year.



Displaying great intensity, freshman Joe Salerno returns a shot at the net. By winning the singles title, Joe helped lead Central to the metro team title.



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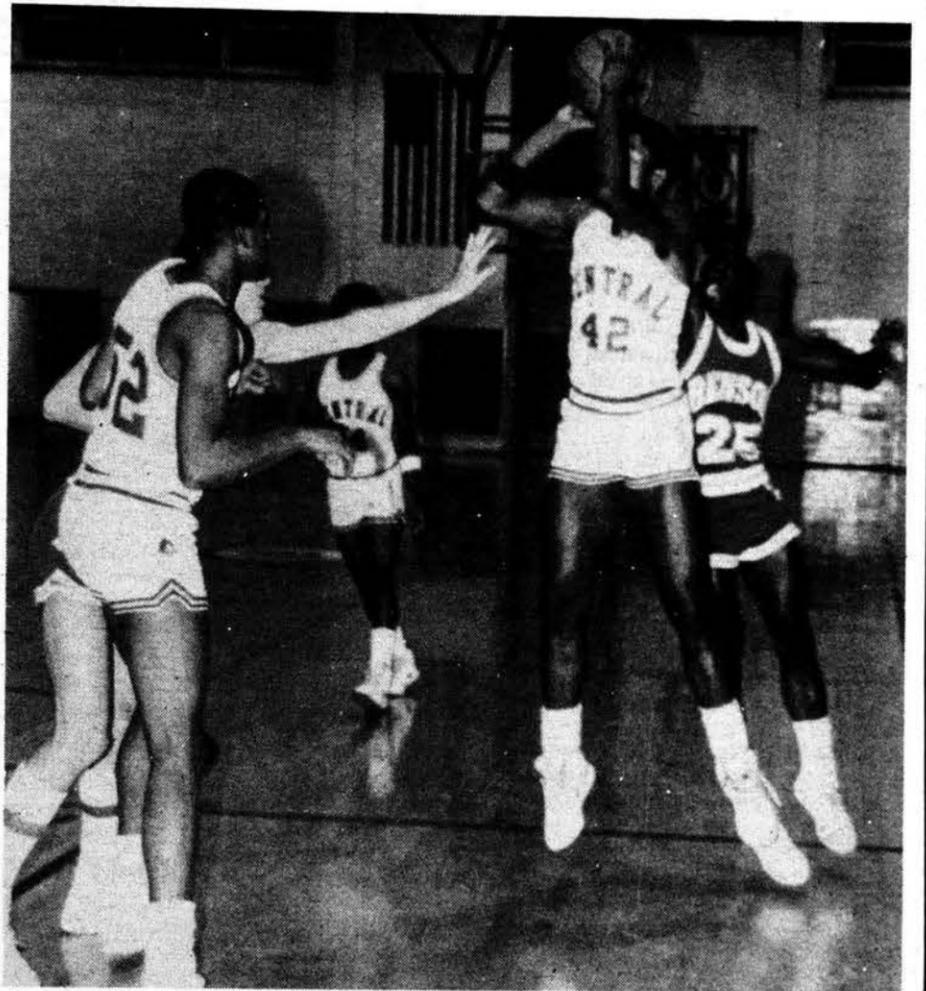
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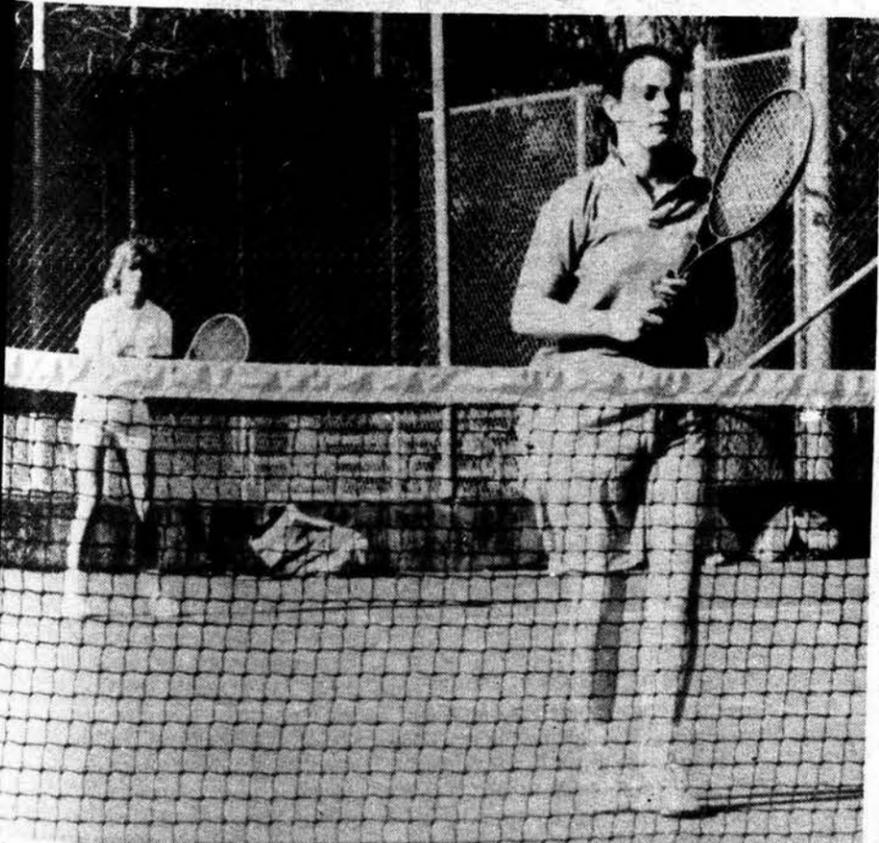
As her teammates prepare to get the rebound, senior Tonja Kelly shoots a free throw. The girls' basketball team finished the season with a loss to Lincoln High in the state tournament.



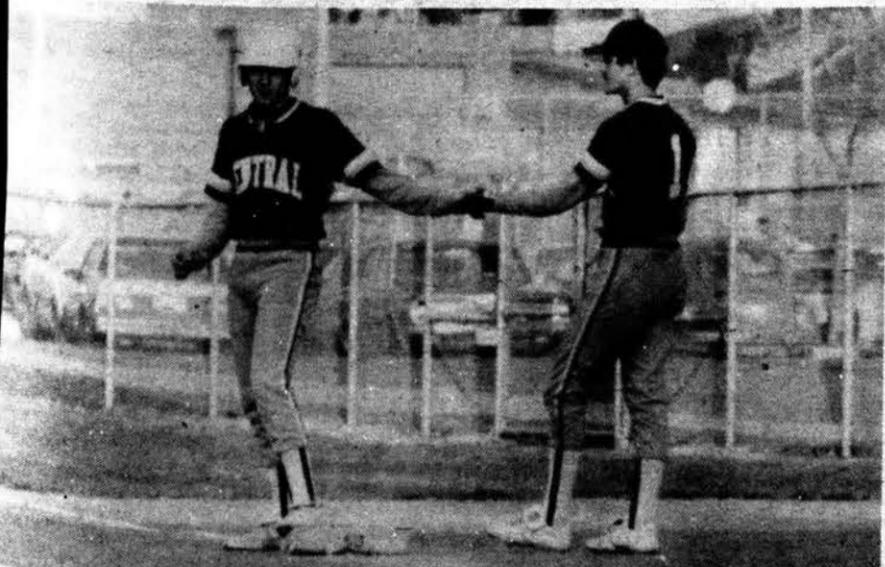
Senior Sam Rizzuto exchanges holds with an opponent. Two wrestlers, senior Andy Sanches and junior Wendell Duncan, advanced to the state tournament.



As junior Mike Beasley shoots, senior Dave Moody prepares to block out an opponent. After a slow start, the Eagles' rebounded to finish the season with a winning record.

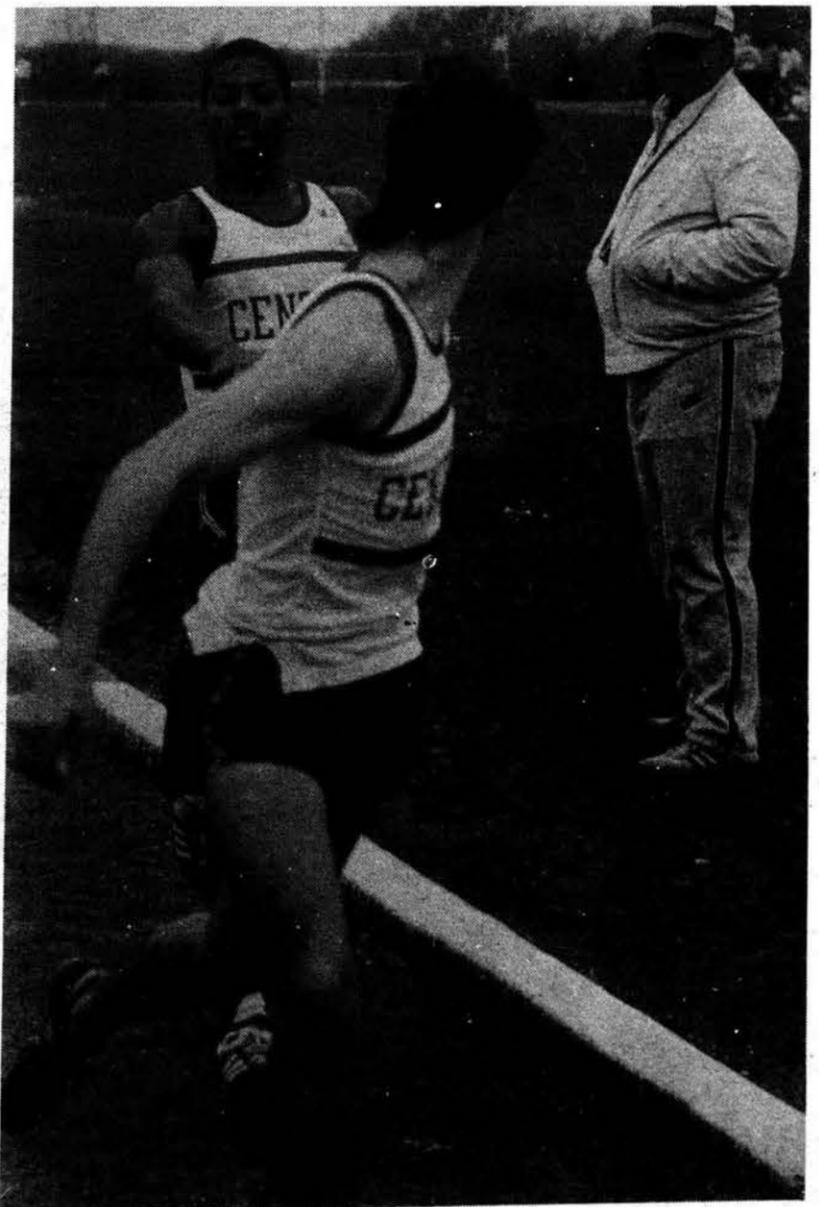


Staring intently across the net, senior Marcia Peters gets ready to volley. The girls' tennis team is preparing for state which wraps up tomorrow at Dewey.



Senior Dave Mancuso congratulates junior John Finnegan as he reaches first base. The Eagle baseball team managed to stay in the top ten for most of the season, but eventually lost in district play.

Spring . . .



Reaching back to receive the baton, senior Dennis Sheeler begins his leg of the relay. The boys' track team is looking to regain the state championship after placing second last year.

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of Central importance

Choir wins top honors

Central's A cappella received top honors in Kansas City this past weekend as they competed with 65 choirs from 8 states in the Worlds of Fun Festival of Choirs.

The choir competed in Class 4a, the highest division at the festival and they received two ones and a one plus in the initial judging. For this achievement the choir received a plaque.

The biggest honor came when they were chosen as the top choir in their division. Mr. McMeen, vocal music instructor, explained that based on the initial judging, A cappella was one of the top three in the division, but the judges made the decision as to who was the best. Central received a trophy for this honor.

Senior picnic is May 21

The senior class picnic will be held May 21 from 11:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at Benson Park. Lunch will be provided (Kentucky Fried Chicken), but seniors need to bring their own beverages.

There are no planned activities, so senior class officers suggest bringing frisbees, playing cards, and maybe even a softball glove and bat.

The picnic is free, as the senior class officers raised money through senior t-shirt and sweatshirt sales as well as senior wills.

Mark Buckner, senior class president, said, "I hope we have great weather because the picnic should be a lot of fun."

DECA gives awards

Central's DECA club held its annual awards banquet May 14 at 7:30 a.m. in room 325.

Mr. Mike Logan was guest speaker for the program. According to Miss Jerrie Harris, Central marketing teacher, "Mr. Logan is the business chairperson for Papillion Public Schools marketing department. He's been president of the Nebraska Marketing Education Association, and he has served on a variety of state vocational boards. He's been a marketing teacher for about twenty years."

The top sellers in DECA fund-raising programs were recognized as well as the students who have worked the most hours through DECA coop and the students who have earned the most money. Students who excelled at the state DECA competition and the International Marketing Team, which placed fourth at the German Trade Fair at UNO March 2, were also recognized.

Each marketing class representative presented awards to achievers in their class. "We handed out probably thirty to fifty awards," said Miss Harris.



Juniors (from right to left) Monica Hart, Lisa Tubach, Sean Kershaw, Brent Adamson and Heather Carpenter take their places as officers of National Honor Society. They were elected April 26.

Juniors selected as officers for next year's NHS

On April 26, the junior members of the National Honor Society (NHS) voted on officers for next year. The officers are: president, Brent Adamson; vice-president, Sean Kershaw; secretary, Monica Hart; treasurer, Heather Carpenter; and sergeant-at-arms, Lisa Tubach.

These officers will take over next year and run all of the meetings for NHS. Brent will be responsible for the direct organization of NHS and for the "Student of the Month" program which will be a new honor awarded to individual students throughout the year.

Spring concerts approach

Tonight is the annual Spring Swing Thing. Participants in the concert are the CHS Singers and the jazz band. Each group will perform, and there will be some solo and small ensemble performances.

May 21 is the Spring Musicale in which junior choir, chorus, and sophomore ensemble will perform. Mr. Robert McMeen, vocal music director said, "The singers get a chance to perform in front of their parents and friends and show what they've learned."

Both concerts are free to the public, and both begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sean will be in charge of coordinating all outside activities in which NHS will take part. One of the principal activities already in the planning stages is "College Night." This will be a night when former Honor Society members will meet with current Honor Society members and discuss college life and activities.

The other officers will be performing traditional duties in addition to other tasks. "One thing we would like to get started," said Mr. Stan Maliszewski, Central guidance director and NHS sponsor, "is a scholarship fund for Honor Society members."

Central has 10 winners

The fifth annual NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) competition has yielded 10 winners from Central.

There were five categories open to Omaha competitors, performing arts, humanities (both musical and written), sciences, and visual arts. Senior Rapunzel Holmes won second place in dramatics; senior Natalie Brown won second in instrumental music; senior Laonda Scott won second in architecture and poetry, and senior Van Dyke Walker won third place in original essay.

Junior Ray Mobley won first place in original essay, junior Tim Kilgore won third in music composition, and junior Renita Washington received second place in vocal music.

Sophomore Fred McCullough won third place in vocal music, and sophomore Anjanette Lesley won third place in poetry.

First place winner junior Ray Mobley received a medal, as did all competitors who placed first, second, or third; but Ray also received an expense-paid trip to Dallas for the national ACT-SO competition in June.

'Register' wins award

The 1984-1985 Register news staff has had a successful year in many of the area journalism awards.

Senior Kris Lawson won the Quill Scroll contest sponsored by the University of Iowa. Her winning editorial, "Gone with the Loiterers Cause, Problem," appeared in the December 7th issue.

In the high school journalism competition sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, senior Dan Schinzel won first place for best column and senior Soukup won first place for best cartoon.

Runners-up were senior Kari for best news event story, Gwen Oberman for best news enterprise story, Kris Lawson for best editorial, Jim Hazuka, best photograph, and Harold Adcock for best cartoons.

In state competition at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on May 4th, senior Carlson took third place for yearbook writing, junior Phil Berman won third in photography, and Bob Soukup won third in the state in cartooning.

In the Nebraska Press Women's competition, seniors Stewart Diemont, Carlson, and Scott Hoburg all placed. Carlson won first place for feature writing, Diemont won second place in sports writing, and Scott won third in photography.

Teacher loses stock bet

Mr. Brian Watson, Central social studies teacher, lost his bet with his ninth and tenth hour economics classes and had to buy a movie for his students to see.

"Every year we have a stock project in my economics class. Students select three existing companies to purchase in, hypothetically, and they chart the companies' profits and losses. I usually pick a few companies myself to help the students prepare their projects," said Mr. Watson.

"I told them they wouldn't have a quiz over the chapter they were studying if at last half the student company beat mine. They won. This year I told students I'd show them a movie if the class beat me again. Not only did they beat me, but only three people out of the class did worse than I did. I lost \$4,000, but I got to pick the movie, so I showed them a cycle flick," said Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson is an avid motorcyclist.

Spanish organizes society

Central will have a new honor society to add to its list. The Spanish department is organizing a Spanish National Honor Society that will "actively work in the school community," according to Tami Hammes, senior and one of the student organizers of the society. The society will not be connected with the Spanish Club.

Central's chapter will be named Gabriela Mistral, a Chilean poet who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1945. She was the first Latin American writer to win the award.

To be eligible for the honor society, students must have successfully completed three semesters of Spanish, receiving a grade of "1" in all three semesters.

Central's Spanish National Honor Society will require all members to be active. All members must attend at least half of the meetings, participate in at least half of the activities, and maintain a "2" average.

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Larry Whisenand: Greater Omaha Junior Bowling Associa-
 tion Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recogni-
 tion Scholastic Award; **Evan Will:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln
 David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents
 Scholarship; **Helene Workman:** Cis Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

Math team continues active year

Central math team has continued
 the year with entries in Computer Ex-
 po and a first place regional finish in the
 High School Math Exam
 (HSM). The team members will also take
 a trip to Chicago.

Central won regionals in the AHSME for
 the first time in the 36-year history of the
 competition. The combined scores of Anita
 Deden, junior, Doug Deden, sophomore,
 Arthur Kosowsky, senior, placed Cen-
 tral in front of second place
 High School of Lawrence, Kansas.

Individually, Arthur scored first and
 Doug scored third in the region. Central's
 opponents included Arkansas, Kansas, Loui-
 siana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and
 Texas.

Students also represented Central on
 May 9 at Computer Expo '85 held
 at Allan Junior High School.

Waterman describes the entry as "a
 fractal involving the fractal geometry of
 music which will relate computerized music

to random noise to Bach to Oingo Boingo to
 Brownian (slightly patterned) using
 oscilloscopes."

Gordon also displayed some original
 games and sophomore Marc Lucus show-
 ed some items in nature that are fractal
 shapes.

Participating members of the math club
 will leave for a field trip to Chicago on
 the morning of Thursday, May 23, and return
 in the afternoon of Sunday, May 26. While
 in Chicago, they will tour Fermilab, the
 Museum of Science and Industry, downtown
 Chicago, Adler Planetarium, the Field
 Museum, and the Sears Tower, and they will
 attend a Cubs-Astros game at Wrigley
 Field.

The cost of the trip is around \$120, in-
 cluding food. Mr. Waterman and Mr. Gerard
 Brown, science department head, will
 chaperone.

Regional AHSME championship, Chicago trip, Computer Expo '85



Math team members participated in Computer Expo '85. The exhibition took place Thursday, May 9.

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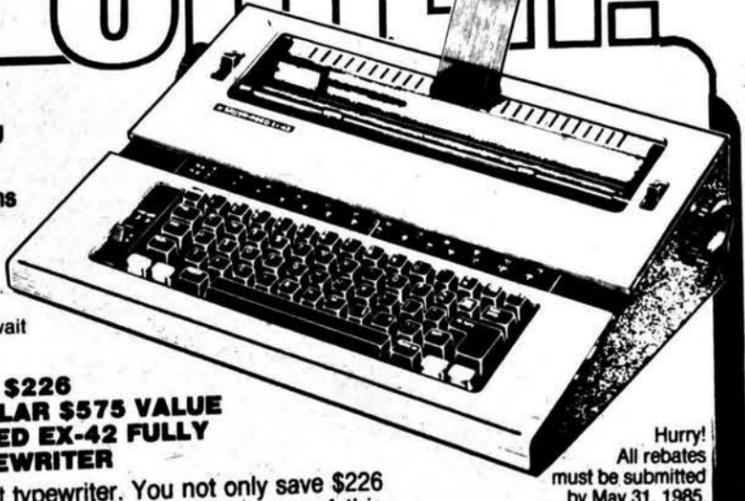
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Summer plans and activities

Teachers enjoy summer variety

by Brooke Rose

As the school year comes to an end, everyone is beginning to make plans for the summer. Students and teachers alike are deciding where to work, when to go on vacation, what to plant in the garden . . .

Mr. Brian Watson, history teacher, has been building and maintaining swimming pools for 24 years. He began working with a pool company when he was in high school, and, in 1969, he formed his own company.

The company of which he is now half-owner is called Pacemaker Pools of Omaha, Inc. "It's a year-round service," said Mr. Watson. "My partner works the full year, and I work with him over the summer months."

During the company's existence, it has built a total of 43 pools and installed over 40 spas. However, according to Mr. Watson, 90% of the company's business is service business.

In a little different line of work is Mrs. Gretchen Schutte, foreign language department head. Mrs. Schutte is an on-call float nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Schutte has been involved in nursing since 1956. "I first went through nurse's training and then went back for my teaching certificate," said Mrs. Schutte. Fifteen years ago she went back for a refresher in nursing and then began work during the summer.

Mrs. Schutte works Saturdays from 3-11, and, when summer begins, she will be working two days a week. This summer she will also be taking some in-service courses which help update nurses on new equipment, CPR, and infection control.

Not all teachers gear their summer employment towards earning money. Mr. William Reed, Central math teacher, will be voluntarily coaching a track team over the summer. The team is called the Midwest Striders. This will be Mr. Reed's second year

coaching for this summer team.

"Summer track isn't scored by teams," said Mr. Reed, "but we have many quality people." Last year the team included a fourteen and fifteen-year-old girls 400 relay team which broke a national record with a time of 47.21. It also had many regional champions, one of which was Mr. Reed's daughter. She placed first in the 400 with a time of 61.9.

Mr. Reed enjoys coaching the team for many reasons, one of which is that it gives him a chance to be around his family while he is working.

Mr. Reed will also be working as the activity director for the National Youth Summer Program at Creighton University. According to Mr. Reed, approximately 500 kids between the ages of 10-16 years will come and spend the day at Creighton. Mr. Reed will be in charge of coordinating the athletic activities for the day.

Another more common job among the teachers is painting houses. Mr. Mark Allner, Central math teacher, paints by himself while Mr. John Geringer and Mr. David James, both Central biology teachers, work as a team.

According to Mr. Allner, the main source of advertisement is word of mouth and the OEA newsletter. "You have to get the word out among the teachers," he said.

These are only a few of the many activities in which teachers will be taking part this summer. Mr. John Waterman, Central math department head, will be touring Europe, while Mr. Allen Roeder, Central science teacher, will be riding across Nebraska on his bike.

Many teachers will simply be taking it easy over the summer months. "It's voluntary unemployment," said Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher.

Lifeguarding presents challenges

by Kari Hulac

Lifeguarding. Visions of acquiring a wonderful golden tan while relaxing in a chair and once in awhile blowing a whistle come to mind. These visions are serious misconceptions, however. Being a lifeguard may appear to be an easy part-time job, but the truth is it may be the most challenging and difficult one around.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Not everyone can become a lifeguard just because he or she is a good swimmer. Most lifeguards in the city of Omaha are required to have passed Advanced Lifesaving, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and Water Safety Instruction.

Once a person satisfies these requirements and manages to find a pool at which to work (college students often snap up lifeguarding jobs), the hours worked are often long and usually consist of duties a bit more difficult than would be imagined.

Gia Ciummo, senior and guard at Elmwood Pool, worked about 40 hours a week last summer with one day off. In addition to spending up to 2 or 3 hours in the lifeguard chair, Gia coached the diving team and cleaned out the pool, bathrooms, and deck, along with the other guards.

John Skoog, Central junior, worked at Gallagher Pool last summer. John, like Gia, mentioned pool cleaning and long hours as part of this lifeguarding career.

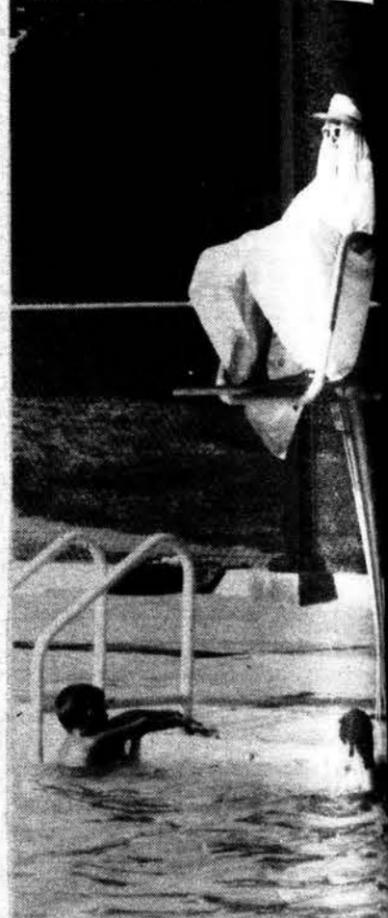
Cleaning chores

Cleaning chores occupy only a tiny fraction of an average lifeguard's day. The majority of a guard's day is spent up in the chair supervising swimmers to insure they follow the pool's rules and don't have any serious accidents. As Stacie Schmidt, senior and guard at Highland Pool, exclaimed, "The safety of the swimmers has to be enforced at all times!"

Dan Schinzel, senior and guard at the YMCA, says to be a lifeguard, "You have to constantly be alert and on the look out." He explained that many people think that lifeguards can relax up in the chair. "You can't just sit there. I mostly walk around the pool and talk to kids and help them if they have any trouble swimming."

Need for concentration

Gia pointed out that lifeguarding can be easy, though. "It depends on the pool you



Is this a chic lifeguard or maybe the Messiah? No, it's just Central lifeguard Gia Ciummo trying to fight off those powering summer rays at Elmwood

work at and how many people you have there. When it gets crowded, it really is scary. There are so many kids and distractions. You really have to try and concentrate on one area."

John said it was hard the first time he sat in the chair. "You get this nervous feeling that something's going to happen."

John's nervous hunch proved to be on target. He twice had to save someone. "One kid did an inward off the board and hit his head. I had to go in after him."

John said that most accidents happen in the deep end. He also added that he wasn't the only guard at his pool to have to go in after someone. "Three other lifeguards went in a couple times each," he said.

Although the lifeguards said the job was hard and the kids could be a bit much at times, they all seemed to agree that lifeguarding is one of the best summer jobs one could

Travel and jobs occupy summer

by Stacey Elsasser

Are you looking forward to days on the beach in Florida, or do you plan to pass the summer with hamburgers at McDonald's? Centralites have many different plans for the summer months. Many students have chosen to stay home and work but some plan to travel.

Some students are traveling out of the country on family adventures, but most are part of school or church sponsored tours. Central's French, German, and Spanish departments are sending students to Europe, and many Jewish students are going to Israel.

Tours of France and Spain

The French students are going on the Jelarco Tour de France. This is a three-week tour of France including the French Alps, the Riviera, Alsace-Lorraine, and Paris. The tour also features a one-week stay with a French family. Participating students are senior Jill Anderson; juniors Lisa Tubach, Shannon Houston, Jeff Burk, Keri Flynn, Mary Jeanne Burnes, Sandy Johnson, David Long, Pam Capps, Chris Bates, Danielle Miller, Christa Crawford, Sampson and Tracy Glass; sophomores Andrea Montequin, Kelly Penry, Beth Scott, and Vanessa Warren.

Two other French students are traveling to France under another program, Nacel. This will be a one-month family stay. The students are senior Lisa Appel and junior Tracy Webster.

Eleven Central students will travel to Spain for twenty-two days. They will tour all of the major cities in Spain. The students are seniors Jeff Bonenberger, Cathy Corry, Tami Hammerstrom, Carma Nash, Karen Pallesen, James Quigley, and Greg Smith; juniors Brenda Barber and Kris Ortmeier; sophomores Jeff Palzer and Jenae Plourde.

Europe and Israel

A first-hand look at communism will be in store for the German students. Their thirty-day trip through Germany, Austria and Switzerland will include a stop in East Berlin, the capital of East Germany. Participating include senior Michelle Ebadi; juniors Margie Shurgrove, Toni Koob, Heidi Graverholt, Gillian Coolidge, Peter Holmes, Caroline Nubel, and John Krecek; sophomores Tim Goshinski, Joe Montequin, Joel Johnson, and Todd Schmidt.

Two seniors, Orest Lechnowsky and

Sandra Huckleby, plan to go to Germany with the families.

Four juniors are going to Israel this summer to visit the Holy Land. Steve Zabin and Phil Berman are going on the Ramah Pilgrimage. Julie Weiner is being sponsored by the National Federation of Synagogue Youth. Wendy Novicoff is sponsored by the North American Federation of Temple Youth.

Two Central teachers and three students will take in the sights all over Europe. Miss Dianne Sedlacek, special education teacher, and Mrs. Sue Gambiana, biology teacher, will accompany seniors LeAnne Lovings and Laurie Meadowcroft and sophomore Barb Critchett. They are going through the AIFS program and will visit Austria, Germany, Italy, France, England, and Switzerland.

Survival techniques and farming

Some students are traveling within the United States. Thatcher Davis, junior is spending thirty-one days living "off the land." He is involved in a Nature Organization leadership program with three instructors and seventeen other students. They will learn basic survival techniques in the Wind River Mountain Range in Wyoming.

Thatcher learned about the program through a friend who already participated. He said he expects the trip to be fun and challenging.

Junior David Holt will spend his summer working on his uncle's farm in Atlanta, Kansas. Nine weeks of 12-13 hour long days are in store for David. His earnings will range from \$150-\$200 per week. Dave said he is looking forward to the job and learning all about farming.

Volunteer work

Some Central students are spending their summer hours doing volunteer work. Juniors Todd Alexander and Leah Thompson, and sophomores, Rob Alexander and Gary Snider, are going to work at Camp Monroe. Camp Monroe is a camp for handicapped children. The camp has taught the students many things. "Through the camp, I now have a job possibility," Gary said.

This is just a small sampling of students. There are many others who plan to travel or work in unusual places. All will have the memories of Central and the 1984-1985 to look back on.

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