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Merit Semifinalists (left to right): Ware, Lien, Jansich, Grossman, Rifkin, Obal, Moore, Karpf, Frank, Piskac, Steinberg, Anderson, Frohardt, Gillan, Not pictured: Dunn.

15 CHS scholars Merit Semifinalist

Fifteen Central High seniors, three girls and twelve boys, have been selected as National Merit Semifinalists. The choices were made on the basis of the students' performances on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which was given last February.

The girls who qualified as Semifinalists are Jean Dunn, Miriam Frank, and Sarah Karpf.

Male Semifinalists include Floyd Anderson, Paul Frohardt, Douglas Gillan, Daniel Grossman, William Jaksich, Richard Lien, Dennis Moore, John Obal, Anton Piskac, Robert Rifkin, Thomas Steinberg, and Frederick Ware.

Last year Central had 13 Semifinalists, two less than the present total. Approximately 15,000 students nationwide were chosen as Semifinalists.

Finalists will be chosen from the group of Semifinalists. To become a Finalist, each Semifinalist must be endorsed by his school, do well on his College Board Examination, and submit certain biographical data.

Each Finalist receives a Certificate of Merit. The Finalists are then considered for Merit Scholarships. The winners of these Merit Scholarships are announced toward the end of the school year.

There are two types of Merit Scholarships. The National Merit \$1,000 Scholarship is a one-time award, given to the student after he enrolls as a full-time student in college. The Sponsored Merit Scholarship is a four-year award sponsored by various firms, colleges, and individuals.

19 teachers join faculty

Central High has nineteen new teachers this year. Two of the teachers are former Centralites, and five others also come from the state of Nebraska. Most departments have at least one new addition; the English Department enjoys the services of five recruits.

Mrs. Vickie Anderson, one of the new English teachers, graduated from Central in 1965. She went to the University of Nebraska at Omaha where she was chairman of the Student Union Board and also on the Senior Women's Honor Roll. Besides teaching English, she also teaches Spanish I.

Another former Centralite, Miss Debra Mattson, also teaches English. She recently graduated from the University of Nebraska, where she participated in a theater group, the Masquers. At Central she teaches English V, Speech I and II, and a class in stage makeup. She is also co-sponsor of the Central High Players.

Mrs. Nana Tonkin, who teaches English III and Speech I, went to Benson High and then to Hastings College. Her main interests outside of school are music, sewing, and playing bridge. Her husband is now serving in the armed forces.

A teacher from Valley, Nebraska, Mrs. Judy Flynn is now conducting classes in English at Central. She went to college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and graduated in the Class of 1969. She enjoys reading and playing the piano.

A fourth Omahan completes the list of the five new English teachers. Mrs. Katherine Goodro teaches English III, Senior English Review, and also German I. She attended the Notre Dame Academy and then went to Creighton University. She was a student teacher at Central last year.

There are two new mathematics teachers at Central this year. Mr. Robert Olander, a graduate of Benson High, teaches Algebra I and refresher math. He went to college at Augustana in South Dakota. Mr. Ernest Carey, from Las Vegas, Nevada, attended the College of Southern Utah and Brigham Young. He is presently teaching Geometry I and Algebra I.

A new homemaking teacher on the staff is Miss Arlene Paider. She is from Ord, Nebraska, and went to the University of Nebraska. She plans to return to school next semester and also wants to take judo lessons.

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Centralites take part in international living

"International understanding through international living," is the new motto of seniors Dave Ogden, Jan Rasmusson, and Debbie Roach. The three Centralites participated for six weeks in The Experiment in International Living this summer.

Although Dave went to Austria, Jan to France, and Debbie to Mexico, the basic plan was the same for each. The program included a two week stay with a native family, a two week bus tour of the respective country for Americans and their foreign counterparts, and a two week return visit to the family.

The three travelers had only praise for their adopted families. As Jan said, "They were just perfect for me." The families volunteered and then were screened for Experiment duty. Debbie's situation was rather

unique, as she ended up with three families. An illness forced her to be left in Mexico City, where a family took her in, despite the danger of infection. All three students write to their hosts, and commented that the families were very warm and understanding about the problems of traveling students.

Language was a problem at first for Jan and Dave, though Jan had the advantage of a two and one half week training camp in Vermont before leaving for France. In her words, "In the beginning, you just go around saying 'oui' all of the time." However, both soon overcame their difficulties and benefited greatly from the total language experience. Debbie found that her trip made it possible for her to be Central's only AP Spanish student this

year. She also felt that her Central background prepared her well for the summer.

All three were talkative on the subject of the advantages of the trip. Dave enjoyed the satisfaction of meeting a challenge and adapting to a totally new situation. Debbie was fascinated by the contrasts of culture both between the United States and Mexico and within Mexico itself. A chance to test her own character and independence was high on Jan's list of plusses gained from the voyage.

All felt that the journey was extremely worthwhile, and hope to continue the friendships made. To this end, Debbie hopes for a visit from her Mexican hosts next year, and Jan intends to return to France for study and a visit to her family.

KIOS is on the air; many attend ceremony

At 10 a.m. Monday, radio station KIOS went on the air. To celebrate this event, Dr. Owen A. Knutzen accepted the radio station from Mr. Joseph M. Hart, Jr., vice-president of the Omaha Board of Education.

Station KIOS, 91.5 on the FM dial, broadcasts from room 29 in the basement of Central High. With 5000 watts of power the station has a range of 40 to 50 miles.

KIOS is now on the air Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. James Price, the station manager, hopes that the station will broadcast on Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the near future.

The station features educational programs from 8:00 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. These programs, according to Mr. Price, will consist of "everything from kindergarten music to programs for the high school level."

Music fills the rest of the day's scheduling. Contemporary music is played from 3:30 until 5:00 and what Mr. Price termed "concert hall" music completes the programming for the day.

The 18 to 20 advanced students who took Radio Broadcasting the second semester of last year run KIOS during the day. Mr. Price and Mr. James Minear, chief engineer of KIOS, instruct the students in the operation of the station.

Mr. Price also teaches two classes of Beginning Radio Broadcasting. He said that these students are working toward their Federal Communications Commission licenses. Each student must obtain his FCC third class engineer's license before he can run the station.

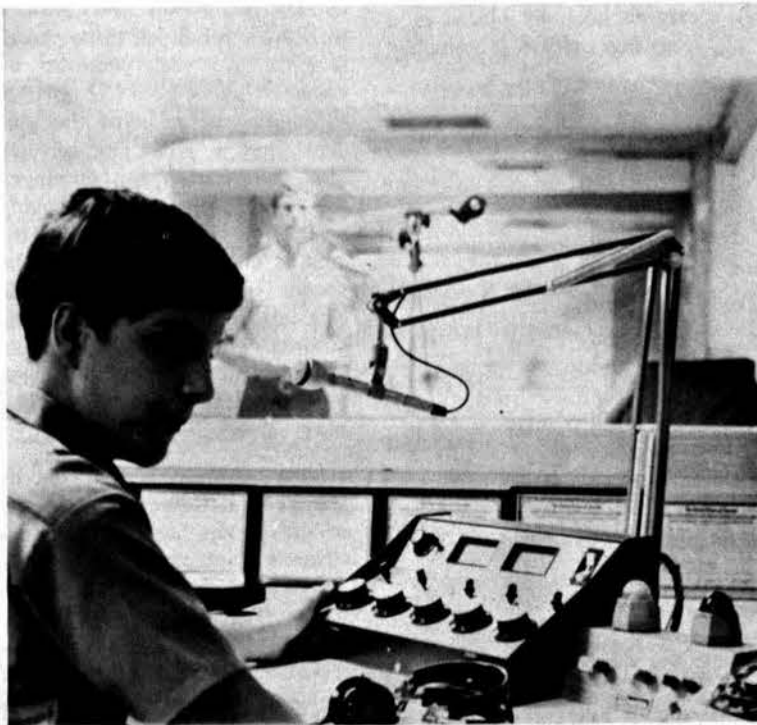


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Frank Sgroi and Tom Sandstedt check out new equipment. New radio station broadcasts from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every weekday.

Objectivity goal of new staff

The staff of the 1969-70 Register proudly welcomes the faculty and students of Central High to a new school year. We hope that this newspaper will be helpful to the school by praising noteworthy achievement and offering constructive criticism.

The primary objective of the Register is to make students and teachers aware of the important events and accomplishments that take place at Central. We will try our best to maintain complete objectivity in reporting news stories. This lack of prejudice would allow each person to formulate his own opinions on important issues.

Since no institution can be perfect, it is the duty of the press to point out weak spots and offer alternative plans. With this in mind we will print editorials aimed at improving Central. These editorials will cover any aspect of the school which we think should be reformed.

Along this same line we urge members of the student body and the faculty to write "letters to the editor" if they have suggestions to offer or complaints to register. Through these letters we hope to publish a journal which speaks for all members of Central High instead of being the mouthpiece of a small minority.

Tom Steinberg
Editor-in-Chief

Central, cosmopolitan school

A puzzle is a picture made up of many different pieces of all shapes and sizes. The pieces must be arranged in a certain way to make a complete unit which works together. The pieces are isolated and separate units in themselves. The concept of a puzzle can be likened to Central.

Central is a puzzle with many different pieces. Each piece of this puzzle represents a religious, ethnic, or racial group, or a group of students from the same neighborhood and social background. Students come to Central from all parts of the city, often from a grade school or junior high school filled with other students with similar backgrounds. At the elementary school level, friends remain basically limited to the same group of people.

However, from this relatively sheltered early school life, a student finds a new outlook at Central. He is literally forced to re-evaluate or at least think over his relations with people.

Here, all the pieces of the puzzle are jumbled together in a heap. Students at Central see the United States on a small scale — the melting pot of the world, containing every ethnic and religious group conceivable. The obvious contact with different people is a benefit to anyone and preparation for what follows high school life. A wide range of contact automatically makes an individual less one-sided.

However, this is where the puzzle begins to take shape. Mere contact with different people is not enough. A heap of pieces in a puzzle is likewise not enough. The pieces must fit together to form a picture. In the same way, the students at Central must use their opportunity of meeting a variety of people and working to understand each other.

Unjustified prejudices and dislikes often stem from ignorance of other people different from oneself. When a person is too sheltered, he is more likely to have unfounded beliefs and ideas. At Central a student can test his thoughts and re-adjust them from concrete experiences within the school. Therefore, he can find a basis for his opinions.

Upon graduating from high school, everyone finds himself in the real world, whether in college, in business, or in the army. Hopefully, the foundation will already have been laid for working and living peacefully with all types of people. If so, then Central will have accomplished an important goal which too many of us overlook—teaching man how to live together in peace and understanding.

Because all of us at Central do have the opportunity to become "cosmopolitan" before we leave high school, we should all make the most of our built-in advantage. A scattered heap of pieces in a puzzle is not useful; only the complete, unified picture is valuable.

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CHS Profile

Alston, Piskac represent Central at State

by Karen Smith

Ellen Alston and Tony Piskac both had very active summers. Both seniors began their vacations by attending Girls' and Boys' States respectfully but here the similarities in their summer ended.

Ellen served as lieutenant governor at Girls' State and attended Girls' Nation. Ellen said that Girls' State was a "great experience" because of the people she met there. She added that it also gave her a better understanding about how laws are made and carried out.

Ellen, who is president of this year's Student Council, said that the main goal of the Council would be to "make itself more open and more receptive to the problems of the school and the kids and to broaden what we have done in the past."

As a member of the four year old Inner City Players, Ellen explained that its purpose is to "inform ourselves of the problems concerning Omaha on all levels and Nebraska in general. Most of us either live with the racial problems that we deal with or make ourselves aware of these by listening to speakers or reading any sort of informative books dealing with all sorts of serious problems."

Ellen also attended the Nebraska Conference of Youth. "At the Conference," Ellen recalled, "we listened to speakers; the two most important ones were Governor Tiemann and Mr. Stanley Thomas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare." There were also some sessions of group dynamics.

Ellen said, "During the Conference, people that were interested were encouraged to apply for a position on the Nebraska Youth Council." Ellen applied and was accepted. Out of 30 members, eight are from Omaha and two are from Central. Junior Denise Cooks is the other member from Central.

Ellen is also a member of A Capella Choir and Eaglettes. She plans to major in languages and hopes for a career as an interpreter in either Chinese or Japanese.

Distributive Ed. new to Central

Working on a job and getting credit for it is part of the new Distributive Education course. Distributive Education is a two year course. Juniors learn about selling, displaying, and advertising merchandise. Seniors learn about retailing, wholesaling, banking, and transporting. In the afternoon the seniors work at a retail job. One credit is given for each semester of work.

The instructor helps the student find a job. The teacher also works with the employer and the student to help provide on-the-job training. If the student is unable to find a job, he spends the afternoon in a lab. The lab simulates situations the student would find on a job. The student learns how to dress a mannequin and work on display cases.

This program is financed by the Federal Government. Many of the Omaha high schools have offered Distributive Education for several years. At this time South, North, Benson, and Technical high schools have this program. Technical High School has had this program for about thirty years.



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Central's State Representatives: Tony Piskac and Ellen Alston

Tony, who served as a Supreme Court justice at Boys' State, then spent five weeks at Northwestern University, studying engineering science in the National High School Summer Institute.

Tony said that there were three main fields of study: physics, engineering, and college math. Classes were held five and a half days a week. The classes consisted of five and a half hour lectures a day as well as lab sessions.

"The lectures were introductory sections to all phases of engineering that are offered at Northwestern," explained Tony.

"One of the high points of the Institute," commented Tony, "was a visit to the Argonne National Laboratories. The Laboratories are one of the centers of

the atomic energy commission where research is done on higher energy particle physics." Tony also enjoyed working on special projects in the laser lab at Northwestern.

At the end of the Institute, two two-hour exams were given. Tony was one of 15 students in the class of 120 to receive a Gold Key awarded for superior results on the exams.

During the remaining part of the summer, Tony worked in a furniture warehouse. For recreation, he played golf and listened to his collection of Bob Dylan records.

This year Tony will serve as vice president of Math Club in addition to being a member of Mu Alpha Theta, French Club, and the Forum.

Council Column

Many aspects of "school-life" take on a new look with the opening of school, and Student Council is no exception. Five new faces are on Council, those of Jan Rasmusson, Shirley Parks, Larry Brisby, Skip Rosenstock, and Dee Beck.

Along with new people, this year's Council is anxious to hear new suggestions, comments, and complaints from you, the student body, on how the Council may improve student-faculty, student body-council relationships. Council, of course, functions only to work with and for the population of this school, and, therefore, we hope to hear much in the way of reaction and reflection from the students. Council meetings are open to the student body. Meetings are held eighth hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week in the Student Council room in the north basement.

Homecoming is the main objective of this month. Council has been working since last June to arrange this annual dance. Homecoming '69 will be held October 11, at the Diplomat Hotel Ballroom. The dance will be held from 8:00-12:00 with the Les Smith Soul Band playing. The \$2.75 couples and \$1.75 stag tickets will allow students to vote for homecoming royalty who will be honored at the dance. We hope to see all of you there!

Ellen Alston,
President of Student Council

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Gridders fall in opener

On September 12, Central's fighting eleven lost their first encounter to a well-balanced South by the score of 6 to 0. The only touchdown of the day was scored in the first six minutes by South's Jim Briggs. Briggs crashed into the end zone from the ten yard line to make the score 6-0. The placement for the extra point was low and off to the side.

Central couldn't seem to get its offensive machine into gear. The Eagles drove into South territory many times during the first half, but were unable to score.

South started the second half by kicking off to Central. Mel Jefferson recovered the kick and ran it back to Central's 13 yard line. Two incomplete passes by Majors and a short sweep around the end put Central in a fourth and punting situation.

The rest of the third quarter was mostly touch and go with no real progress made by either team. It wasn't until late in the fourth quarter that South threatened again.

Spurred by their quarterback, South started a long drive that finally ended on Central's six yard line. With less than two minutes in the game, the Eagles tried a pass play and fumbled. South's Terry Fox fell on the ball just seconds before the final gun.

Compliments on a good game go to every member of the team. Central's defense led by players such as Jim Crew and Paul Boisseree held South's offense to only five first downs and a total yardage of 162 yards. The offensive unit was also strong, leading South in yards passing and completed passes. Next week Central plays Tech at Bergquist Stadium.



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Eagles hustle on defense

Netmen are victorious

The Central netmen opened their 1969 season by beating both Bellevue and South by the score of 5-0. The tennis team which has taken State for the past two years are again predicted to be on top.

Mr. John Talty, the new tennis coach, is hoping that the team will go undefeated, win the Metro-Playoff, and again take State.

Returning lettermen Dan Grossman, Jim Crew, Irv Rodin, David Slosburg, Jim Roseman, and Dan Slosburg, along with Mike Rips, Richard Bernstein, and Mike Kolar give the team much power and balance.

Crew, who is a starter on the varsity football team, will probably play in only a few individual matches. However, he will play in State, and any other tough match.

In the opening match against Bellevue, Grossman, playing first singles won 6-1, 6-1. Rodin won 6-3, 6-1 in the second singles, and David Slosburg won 6-3, 6-0 in the third singles.

The first doubles team of Rips and Roseman won handily with a 6-0, 6-0 score. The second

doubles of Bernstein and Kolar team won 6-0, 6-3. For each match, one point is scored. Therefore, by winning all three singles and two doubles five points would be received.

Against South, Grossman was again the easy victor with 6-0, 6-0 set scores. Rodin had a few problems, but hung on to win 6-2, 6-4. Slosburg won his match without too many difficulties 6-0, 6-2.

The first doubles team of Rips and Roseman again had no problems while winning 6-0, 6-0. Bernstein and Kolar had the closest and most exciting match. Down 2-5, they came back to win the first set 7-5. The second set was also a squeaker, 9-7.

Although the team won these matches by the score of 5-0, this really is not as impressive as it might seem. Neither Bellevue nor South had very strong teams. However, tonight after school the netmen will have a test of strength. They are facing Abraham Lincoln, which has a fairly strong team. This could be the toughest team that the netmen will face, and so it should be a good match.

Athletes' Feats



by Andy Lubetkin,
Sports Editor

It's That Time of the Year

Well, school has begun and everything is starting to fall into place. As always, a Centralite can't walk down a hall of Central without being saturated with purple. Yes, football fans, it's that time of the year again.

The Eagles opened their 1969-70 campaign with a loss at the hands of South. The squad looked strong in the defense department, limiting the Packers to six points. Unfortunately our offense couldn't get on the score board.

In spite of the gridders' opener, this year's football team has the potential to win. The biggest problem that faces Coach Tom Dineen this year will be coordinating his material to form a productive team.

Another important factor to remember will be injuries. The Eagles have produced a good first string, but the bench has yet to be proven. This could lead to serious problems in the future.

If Coach Dineen can gel his team together and keep them from sustaining any long injuries, the gridmen should come up with a successful season.

Netmen Come In Strong

Probably Central's strongest sport this year is the boys' tennis team. With two-thirds of the state champions returning in Dan Grossman and Jim Crew, they will be hard to beat. The team will be rounded off with lettermen Irv Rodin, Jim Roseman, David Slosburg, and Dan Slosburg. Mike Rips is the top rookie on the squad.

The netters opened their season with easy victories (5-0) against South and Bellevue. I look for Coach John Talty and Company to retain the State Crown, while picking up the Metro Championship.

Harriers Begin From Scratch

Coach James Martin has his hands filled with this year's cross country team. With only one returning letterman, Gabe Scott, Martin told me, "This will be a good year to rebuild." I'm inclined to agree.

Martin added, "The boys have a good attitude and are working hard, so we are encouraged." I have a feeling that the harriers will have a slow start and a lasting finish.

Gym Men Swing High

"We have an excellent chance to finish among the leaders," replied the gymnastics coach, Mr. Brian Watson, cautiously. Central seems to have a very promising team with over half the roster lettered. The gym men to watch in the future will be Ken Vorhies, Gary Howell, Fred Genovesi, and Rick Weiner (Frank's brother).

Coach Watson informed me that gymnastics has become a fall sport and complained because of little time to prepare. He also said that many of the routines have been changed.

The gymnastics season will start tonight after school in CHS's gym. Central will be taking on the Spartans from Tech. Coach Watson is "looking for a victory."

Questions or Comments

If at any time the reader has a question or comment worth being answered or considered (decided by the editor), please don't hesitate to contact me. One can place his statement in my mail box in Room 317.

The Score Sheet

GAMES	(1)	(2)	(3)
Central vs. Tech	C 6	C 3	T 7
Westside vs. Bellevue	W 3	W 9	W 7
North vs. Benson	B 7	B 7	N 7
T.J. vs. Boys Town	BT 12	BT 27	BT 17
Rummel vs. Prep	P 14	P 5	P 12
Burke vs. South	S 7	B 7	B 7
Bryan vs. Ryan	—	R 7	R 7
Nebraska vs. U.S.C.	USC 10	USC 10	N 3
Iowa vs. Oregon St.	OS 6	I 6	I 10

(1) Mr. Dineen

(2) Andy Lubetkin

(3) Mr. X

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Summer improvements at Central

If well-weathered Central High seems to have suddenly shed a few years, there's a good reason - or rather, several good reasons. Many improvements have been made in all parts of the school since the end of the spring semester.

Almost everyone in the school benefits from the new stair treads - now perhaps a plaster cast on an arm or leg will become less of a badge marking the proud Centralite.

The pigeons share Central student's delight with the new roofing. No more will the impromptu bird baths on the very top of the Hilltop leak into the classrooms.

Those interested in practicing for the speed-skating championship in the Olympics will be upset to note that the aisles in the main auditorium have been carpeted. The new skid-free aisles will also be a big handicap to latecomers to Auditorium homeroom. Now the arrival time will be even later!

Radio bugs are to be found, cool and comfortable, in the elegant new radio lab in the basement. Rumor has it that an interior decorator was enlisted to help create this electronic haven.

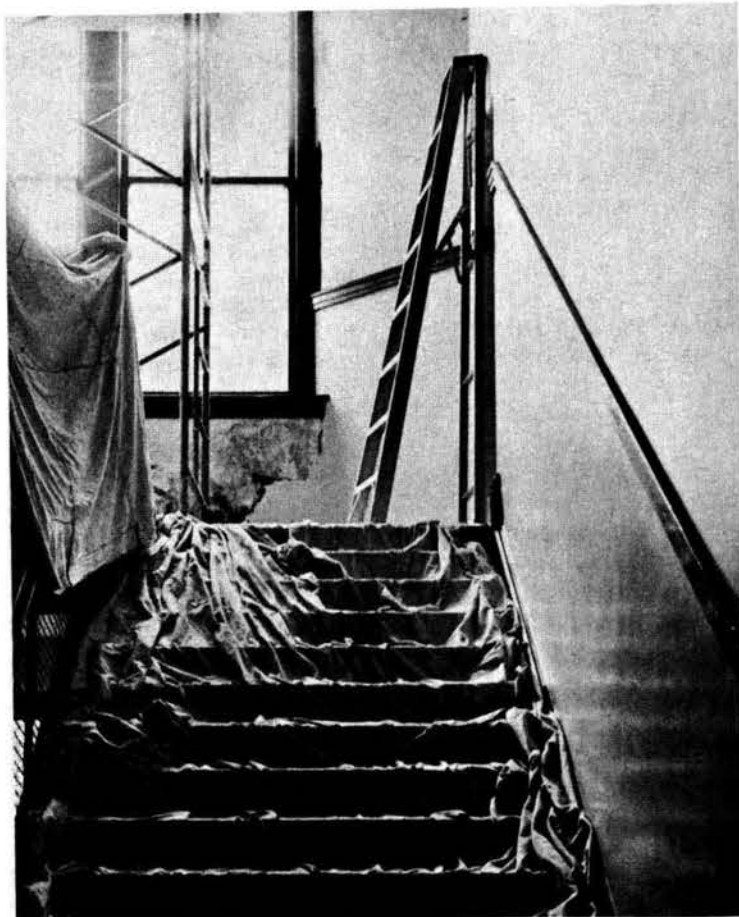


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Central stairs are remodeled

For those of you who can't get too thrilled about any of the above changes, other improvements include plastering, painting and an overhaul of

the cafeterias. All in all, the changes will benefit every Central student in years to come. You new Centralites just don't know how good you've got it.

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Teachers bring varied interests

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In the Social Studies department there are two new teachers, Mrs. Carolyn Perotti and Mrs. Carol Valdrighi, both having classes in American Government and American History I. Mrs. Perotti is in her first year of teaching as she recently graduated cum laude from State University of New York at Albany with a B.A. Mrs. Valdrighi taught for two years at Mercy, but took a six year leave of absence to raise her children. Originally from Chicago, Mrs. Valdrighi received her B.A. from Marquette. Reading is a favorite pastime of both of these teachers.

Room 21C has two now inhabitants, Mrs. Josephine Valasek and Mr. Richard Byers. Mrs. Valasek has been teaching for many years at several different schools; however this is her first year as a counselor. She received her B.S. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and is currently only three hours from getting her M.A. in Guidance at Creighton.

Mr. Byers was at Tech as a counselor the last six years, and is well-acquainted with the procedures. He received his M.A. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is now working toward his Ph.D. in Guidance and Counseling. Mr. Byers played the drums with Special Services while in the army and has also played professionally with a group. He used to coach football, basketball, swimming, and track.

Two new teachers in the Music Department are Mr. John Jorgensen, instrumental, and Mr. Larry Christiansen, vocal. Mr. Jorgensen conducts all instrumental groups and has a class in music theory. He plays the French horn, and played in the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra for six years. His interests include hunting and trap shooting. Mr. Christiansen's hobby is collecting guitars from various countries. He bought his first guitar, and learned how to play it, in Mexico four years ago. Since then he was in Europe singing with a USO group at different bases, and he brought back guitars from many of these countries.

Miss Thelma Grush, new to the Business Department is not new to the business world. For 15 years Miss Grush worked throughout the country holding many different positions in office and secretarial work. The last four years Miss Grush taught at North and she is currently teaching Distributive Education. Previous to working, Miss Grush worked for eight years at Sears. She became a teacher because as she interviewed applicants for jobs, "the quality of the applicants seemed poor," she said. "I wanted to teach to find out the problem."

In Central's newest department, radio and electronics, are three new teachers. Mr. Price received his M.A. from the University of Nebraska in Music. He has spent 20 years in the field of broadcasting before coming here. Mr. Minear teaches electronics as well as broadcasting. He and a technical engineer spent this summer putting Central's station together. Mr. Minear taught at South for three years before coming to Central. Mr. Cheek teaches Electronics. For 25 years he served in the Navy as a Lieutenant of Avi-electronics. Mr. Cheek is a civilian pilot and enjoys sports cars.

The Science Department has only one new teacher, Mr. Creighton Steiner, in biology. He graduated from Wayne State with a B.S. in Education. Mr. Steiner was a student teacher here last year, and was glad to return. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, golf, and taxidermy.

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