

# Columbo wins Miss Dance America contest



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Senior Arlene Columbo auditioned for the Harkness Ballet of New York this summer. She so impressed the judges that she was offered a scholarship to study at the Harkness Ballet. Later that summer, Arlene went on to win the Miss Dance America 1971 contest.

Senior, Arlene Columbo, spent her summer dancing from New York to Boston and back again. In New York for three weeks, she took several ballet and dancing classes. After auditioning for the Harkness Ballet of New York, she was offered a scholarship for the rest of the summer and given the opportunity to become a trainee for the year 1970-71. However, because of her many ties at Central, she passed up this wonderful opportunity and will re-audition next year.

The annual convention for Dance Masters, a national organization of dance teachers, was held in Boston, Massachusetts, July 30 - August 6. Classes in connection with this convention offered Arlene additional studies.

In tryouts, Arlene was picked as one of seventeen contestants from all over the United States and Canada, for the Miss Dance America Pageant, held Thursday, August 6. Each contestant was ranked on the basis of an interview with the judges, dancing talent, and the modeling of both leotards and an evening dress. Arlene also presented a modern toe dance to the theme song of "Lion In Winter".

Though she has studied dance since the age of four, this was the first time she participated in dance competition. At seventeen, she was the youngest of all the contestants. In spite of this, to her surprise and delight, Arlene was selected Miss Dance America 1971.

As contest winner she received a check for five hundred dollars and an audition with Radio City for either the New York Rockettes or the Ballet Company. Dance Masters also paid for the convention fee and travel expenses to return to Boston for the crowning of Miss Dance America 1972.

## New teachers enter faculty

Those Chemistry students expecting to see Mr. Retzer this year were greeted by Mr. Robert Shirck. A native of Wayne, Nebr., he was graduated from Wayne State College last year. This summer he taught at Burke High and now is starting his first full year of teaching at Central.

The Speech department has two new faces this year—Mr. Thomas Marsicek and Mrs. Linda Dunn. Mr. Marsicek teaches Public Speaking, Speech I, and Stagecraft. He went to Bishop Ryan High School in Omaha, and then attended Wayne State. When asked about his thoughts of Central, he replied, "Generally, the students seem like they really care."

Mrs. Dunn will be coaching the debate team as well as teaching Speech I. The former Centralite attended U.N.O. where she majored in Speech and minored in English.

Taking Mrs. LeFebvre's place this year is Mrs. Mary Ann Kelly. She was formerly a South High teacher until she moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota where she lived for the past 3 years. Mrs. Kelly returned to Omaha and is now teaching Algebra and Geometry at Central.

Another new math teacher is Mr. Stuart Grossman. He received a B. S. degree at Nebr. Wesleyan and 2 masters degrees at Iowa State University. Mr. Grossman feels that his students are full of enthusiasm.

Sergeant William Middleton joined the ranks of the Central Military department this year after he retired from the Army last August 31. He will be teaching R.O.T.C.

Coming from McMillan Jr. High is Mr. Richard Redlinger. He teaches General Business and helps coach the football team.

Mrs. Patricia Autenrieth is teaching English at Central this year. She went to Northwestern Missouri State where she majored in English and minored in Psychology.

Teaching Spanish is Mrs. Jeffrie Jaynes. She attended the University of Iowa where she majored in Spanish.

The Social Studies department has two new teachers this year. Mrs. Linda Luttbeg is teaching World History. The CHS graduate went to the University of Arizona and U.N.O. She practice taught at Central last year.

The other Social Studies teacher is Mr. Bobby Lowery. He went to the University of New Mexico where he majored in Education and minored in Social Studies. Mr. Lowery was also a member of the Omaha Mustangs.

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## Centralites travel during summer months

This past summer several Central students traveled away from Nebraska. The trips taken were for various reasons; some students merely vacationed and others attended summer institutes.

George Perlebach, a senior at Central, spent a month of his summer vacation in Germany. George won the trip after taking a national German test, last February. Traveling with 60 other teenagers, George visited both Nuremberg and Berlin.

Janet Gendler, who is in her junior year at Central, attended the Andover Summer Session in Andover, Mass. Janet took a fascinating course called "A Search for a Meaningful Ethics in a Revolutionary Age." Featured speakers included poet James Tate and several political candidates.

Traveling to Vancouver, Canada, was senior Zaundra Hamilton. The purpose of this trip, was to attend the Supreme Session of Job's Daughters. Spending a total of 19 days on her vacation, Zaundra traveled through northwestern states

and visited various historical sites.

Senior Jim Mahoney had the opportunity to visit Europe with the Experiment in International Living. The trip included a three week stay with a German family in Balingen, Germany, and two weeks with people living in southern Germany and Austria. Students who would like further information on the program should contact Jim.

Bridget Dziedzic spent eight weeks of her summer vacation at a summer science institute at the University of Wyoming. Bridget studied Physics, Calculus, and Computer Programming. To add to her studies, she participated in group activities including a trip to Estes Park and to a neighboring ranch.

During this summer, junior Christine Chatfield attended a summer music camp in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Sophomore Becky West spent a thirteen day vacation traveling with her brother in his Fiat. The two made stops at places such as Washington D.C., New

York, Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto, Canada.

Marion Watson, who is a junior at Central, and who considers herself an "Air Force brat," had the opportunity to spend two years at the seaport of Izmir, Turkey.

Germany, Austria, Italy, and Denmark were the countries which Olicer Spooner, a freshman, visited during three summer months.

Tenth grader Gary Parker, experienced a three week stay in Israel, where he found both ancient and modern aspects of civilization.

Jim McKean attended a summer course in computer programming at the University of Missouri at Rolla. Jim had taken a course in computer programming at Central and was permitted to participate in an advanced course at Missouri.

Senior Howard Marshall attended the Cornell summer session, where he took a calculus course for A. P. credit. This program is for high school juniors and Howard urges all interested students to apply next spring.

## Baker, Kirshenbaum outstanding at Boys' State

John Baker and Jim Kirshenbaum placed first and second respectively on the state government tests at Cornhuskers Boys' State last summer. The test was administered to over 420 boys who attended the week long program.

Elaine Wintraub, a 1970 Girls' Stater, placed third on the government exam and also received third place honors for her essay concerning the drug situation in the United States.

Mr. E. A. Lindberg, head of the Social Studies Department, attributed the success of the students to the American Government program at Central. "I am very proud of the achievements made on the government tests by our Central representatives. The American Legion sponsor of Girls' and Boys' State, has long prided itself on the difficulty of the test given. The results of the exam indicate that the quality of Government instruction at Central is very high."

Jim Kirshenbaum was elected as a representative on Governor Tiemann's Student Advisory Board.

Those who are not elected to offices are appointed by the governor to state agencies so that everyone will have a job. Two boys and a girl are appointed by American Legion officials to represent Nebraska at Boys' Nation and Girls' Nation in Washington D. C.

The four other Central students who participated in the educational experience were Janice Williams, Ron McIvor, John Baker, and Frank Brodkey.



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Central's representatives at state (from left to right) John Baker, Ron McIvor, Jim Kirshenbaum, Greg Peck, Janice Williams, Elaine Wintraub, Frank Brodkey.



# Policy of starting school early unwarranted, leads to apathy, absences

This year, a decision has been made between two undesirable and unpleasant alternatives: giving up part of the Christmas and spring vacations, or resuming school before Labor Day. The second alternative, the "lesser of the two evils", was chosen.

As a result of this decision, students have had to attend one week and two days of classes before Labor Day. Last year, students attended only two days of classes, Thursday and Friday, before Labor Day. The additional days, unfortunately, have had to extend into August. The disadvantages of starting school so early in August are considerable.

The greatest problem of starting school early in August, the hottest month of the year, has been the unsufferable heat. The blazing heat has certainly taken its toll among teachers and students.

Teachers find it difficult to instruct under such conditions, for the temperature in many classrooms is 90 degrees and above.

The students, likewise, must also bear the extreme heat conditions. This intense heat results in increased listlessness and restlessness among the students. During the heat of August, it becomes virtually impossible to concentrate in the classrooms and on homework assignments. One school official commented, "It was just too hot. The comfort index was so high, it was not conducive to learning."

The heat intensity not only has inhibited the learning process but also has contributed towards

apathy and indifference in many students. Students were ready to learn and were enthusiastic the first week of school, but the heat prevented any substantial learning among many students thereby losing important motivation and enthusiasm.

Another widespread result of this early starting date is absenteeism. According to the *World Herald*, as many as 5,000 students were absent on the first day of school in the Omaha area—indeed, a very large number. This problem has certainly touched Central as early absences were up 33% from the previous years.

The combined problems of the large absenteeism and the decreased learning ability and motivation lead us to believe that perhaps school has thus far been rather a waste of time for both students and teachers. There is simply no reason for carrying on classes if many students are absent, and the others are just not paying attention.

School has not only been quite a waste of time, but also has been a waste of money. The cost of running the Omaha Public Schools daily is \$120,000. If the schools are not run efficiently under effective learning conditions, the money used will be rather a waste of the taxpayers' money.

The reaction to the policy of starting school early has had a tremendous amount of opposition. Students seem acutely opposed since they see no purpose in attending school during the intense heat of August.

Opposition among the teachers also seems to be quite high. A committee of teachers appointed by the Omaha Education Association will even recommend that the school year begin closer to Labor Day and end nearer to Memorial Day. At Central, a poll taken of the teachers revealed that the overwhelming majority were against the early start.

If students and teachers seem to be so thoroughly against this early start, then why has this policy been enacted?

The official reasons for starting school early have been that the teachers in the past have wanted more time off during the year for workshops, and for additional vacations. The time off for teacher workshops and holidays still does not warrant the commencement of classes at such an early date. Because of the August heat, it would be more feasible to end school later in June, as most teachers favor, if such an additional time is necessary.

In this editorial, I have examined the results and implications of the policy of starting school earlier in the year. I have seen considerable apathy, decreased learning ability, lack of motivation, and large absenteeism to be major drawbacks resulting from the continuation of this policy. I have also seen school to be a waste of time and money for many because of these problems resulting from heat. The disadvantages of lengthening the school year certainly outweigh any possible advantages.

## Letters urge representation, deplore early start

What is the purpose of a high school newspaper? How effectively is the newspaper accomplishing this purpose? What can be done to guarantee that the newspaper is successful in attaining those goals it sets for itself?

The staff of the 1970-71 *Register* has two primary objectives which it hopes to fulfill this year. The first is the reporting of major events and important accomplishments which occur at Central. Although we will try our best to maintain complete objectivity in reporting news stories, the possibility arises that we may present only one side of a situation. Therefore, we urge members of the students body and faculty to feel free to express their opinions on any *Register* article.

Secondly, we will attempt to voice student opinion regarding school policy and activities. In the past, the *Register* has been the product of a small minority of seniors. This year, we shall attempt to transform the newspaper into a truly representative journal. Along this line, we again urge students to write "letters to the editor" if they have ideas or opinions to make. Through these letters we hope to publish a newspaper which speaks for all members of Central High.

Jim Kirshenbaum  
Editor-in-Chief

What's this world coming to?

When is something going to do something about school starting so early? I think it should start in September, possibly the day after Labor Day. The kids at parochial schools get to leave school early if the temperature is above 90°. Without air-conditioning, it is impossible to study in this terrific heat.

Patty Slobotski

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## Superfluous Survey

Greetings, Survey lovers!

Once again, favorite fans, it's time for us to put that smile back on your face and that light back into your eyes as we tell you what's new this month at Central. Our illuminating facts will no doubt brighten your otherwise dreary day.

By careful calculations (and more than a little luck) your survey team has found that there are 2,352 fluorescent tubes that light up our hallowed halls and revered rooms.

As a shining example of Central's generosity, we could give one out of every ten people in Novakchatt, Mauritania, their very own, fully-guaranteed (except when they don't work) four foot long Central High nightlight.

If the power should ever fail, never fear! Your survey team has captured the answer (in one million glass jars, to be exact). To replace our 2,352 fluorescent tubes, we would put 537,573,120 energetic lightning bugs to work. This factor, of course, lightens our load of worries.

As a final, brilliant example of survey ingenuity, we could form the world's longest living lightbulb, 2,687,865,600 inches in length, with 537,573,120 friends. We could then donate this to the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation as an enlightening reminder to keep up the good work.

## Central Senior Mike Rosenbaum First To Break Beard Barrier

Overshadowed by the Great Girl's Slacks Controversy or the Burning Issue of Sandals Without Socks is an even more emotionally volatile matter—that of beards in the classroom. Here is a brief interview with Central senior Michael Rosenbaum:

**Register** — Mr. Rosenbaum, you were among the first of our returning students to actually break the beard barrier. What reaction did you encounter on the first day?

**Michael** — On one occasion I was apparently taken for a teacher by a horde of dazed freshmen who presented their passes for my signature. They did not, of course, realize that even the slightest vestige of peach-fuzz on a teacher is strictly verboten. But the most violent reaction was from a certain individual who followed me around quoting Orderic Vitalis?

**Register** — Orderic Vitalis?

**Michael** — A medieval monk who believed beards to be an affront to all truly moral men. It was Vitalis who said, "Now almost all men wear curled hair and beards, bearing upon their faces the tokens of their filthy lust, like stinking goats." But a true pogonotropeist, or "beard grower" would only recognize such a statement as grossly irresponsible. We who cultivate jowl-jungles see them as badges of our greatness and honor. For example, according to Pagenstecher in *De Barba Prognosticum*, the little Austrian town of Braunau chooses its burgo-masters by the size of their beards and feet — the beard representing wisdom and the feet stability. The longer the beard, the more able the candidate. Of course, some would-be burgo-masters went to extremes: One Hans Steininger,



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### Rosenbaum and Beard

a Braunau burgo-master, had an unfortunate accident in 1567. He tripped over his beard, crashed down a flight of stairs, and broke his neck. Miraculously, poor Hans survived, and even today his beard resides in the Braunau Museum. It measures, incidentally, 8 ft. 9 inches.

**Register** — Why did you decide to liberate yourself from the tyranny of razor-makers?

**Michael** — there were several reasons. I spent the summer at the Dartmouth College Summer Session, and was too lazy to shave. Secondly, my roommate liked to sleep late and vowed to beat me to death with my Remington Cordless if I made the slightest sound. The third reason was that it was hot and the beard really helped in keeping away flies. Finally, it was a great place to park toothpicks.

**Register:** Mike, do you have any concluding words of wisdom about beards for our readers?

**Mike:** Yes. Everyone should try a beard — they grow on you.

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## Harriers defeat field at Rummel

Central High's Cross Country team simply "ran" away from the field to defeat 6 metro area high schools Saturday, September 12, at the Rummel Invitational Cross Country Meet. Based on the low score wins system, Central accumulated 14 points, and placed their top four runners in the top ten positions.

Frank Hawkins, sophomore transfer from Omaha North and brother of famed Jim Hawkins, a former North High harrier, finished 10 seconds ahead of the pack as he posted a 9:37.2 over the hilly Rummel course. Dennis Mitchell, a junior, ran third at 9:52, and was closely followed by Joe Sykora's 9:53.5. Layne Yahnke was right with the field at 9:56.

Finishing twelfth was another sophomore, Joe Markuson, last year's city junior high mile champ. George Payne and Bob Crossman were the other Central participants in the meet.

Payne, Mitchell, and Paul Richter, who is out with an injury, are the returning lettermen. However, Sykora, Yahnke, Mike Ragole, Doug Mann, Alan Jensen, and George Holland have had some running experience.

Mr. Martin stressed that his team's success was due to "determination and dedication from continuous hard work this summer". The harriers faced Prep yesterday at Elmwood and will compete against Benson at Fontenelle on Friday.

## Netmen prepare to defend crown

Sophomore standout Mark Crew will lead Central's 1970-71 tennis squad in defense of their state crown.

Coach John Talty regards Crew as a "tough player this year as a sophomore let alone for the next two years."

Crew is backed by returning lettermen Mike Kohler, Richard Bernstein, Mark Kutler, and Dan Slosburg who Coach Talty regards as a "strong nucleus to work with." Mike Muskin, Gary Cohen, and Craig Speidel round out the first team.

"We'll fight for everything we get," added Coach Talty, "but we certainly won't lack depth. We have anywhere from ten to twelve excellent tennis players." Coach Talty went on to say that Central should be up near the top in Metro and certainly a contender for the state crown.

Burke, Benson, Abraham Lincoln, and Westside prove to be the strong competition this year.

Central will open its 1970-71 season September 15, in a dual match with Bellevue at Bellevue.

# Underrated Eagles stun Bulldogs, 6-0

On Friday night, September 11, CHS football fans cheered with pride for the players, who had equalled in their first game what had taken them all season to accomplish last year. Central fans should be beaming all season because of the way the Eagles performed on the field. Central, picked to finish last in the National Division, beat the Burke Bulldogs, picked to finish first in the rival American Division, by a score of 6-0 on the Burke High field.

Hard running Arthur Foster wasted no time in sending Central supporters to their feet as he scampered 30 yards to the Bulldog 45 on the first play of the game. The quick start was halted on the second play when Mike Patterson was hit at the line of scrimmage and fumbled.

The only score of the game came late in the first quarter when Eddie Davis laid a perfect pass into the outstretched arms of Lee Roy Davis for the TD. The point after touchdown by Doug Rees was blocked by on-rushing Burke defenders.

The only severe penetration Burke could muster in the first half came when Herby Black

was accused of pass interference on Central's own 20 yard line. The Bulldog scoring attempt was then thwarted by the determined Central defense.

Jerry Lloyd's excellent defensive play caused two fumbles, and the senior lineman recovered another to return it 5 yards before being dragged down from behind. Other key defensive plays came on pass interceptions by Lee Roy Davis and Melvin Jefferson.

It's hard to discuss any individuals that stood out because the victory was clearly a team effort. Coach Hanel and Coach Dineen used nearly 25 players out of 36 on the team.

Central opposes two divisional foes during the next two weeks. On September 18, they come against Benson at Benson, and the following week they play Boys Town at Burke.

Central ..... 6 0 0 0-6  
Burke ..... 0 0 0 0-0  
Central—Lee Roy Davis 45 pass from Eddie Davis (kick failed)

STATISTICS	CENTRAL	BURKE
First downs	12	8
Total yardage	232	103
Yards rushing	181	46
Yards passing	51	57
Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles lost	3	2
Punts	3-22	4-27
Yards penalized	45	40



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Eagles on the attack . . . Lucas takes pitch-out from Davis

## Meet your team . . . .

**Jerry Lloyd**—This Eagle has the potential of becoming one of the best linemen to come out of CHS. Being All-Metro material, Jerry is a tough, aggressive blocker, and an "animal" on defense. A senior, this is his second season anchoring the line.

**Arthur Foster**—Another player with All-Metro potential, Arthur is a real competitor as well as a team leader. He is possibly the fleetest of Eagles, and likes to dazzle the crowd with his fine open field running.

**Eddie Davis**—Quarterbacking this year's team is this southpaw with an excellent arm. Eddie also has good moves and is a determined player.

**Milt Lastovika**—After gaining valuable Varsity experience as a junior, Milt is turning out to be an excellent pass receiver and a good blocker. He is also a team leader out on the field.

**Herby Black**—An excellent runner, Herby was slowed in summer workouts by a pulled muscle. He has a lot of drive and doubles as a defensive back.

**Lee Roy Davis**—Earning a letter last season, Lee Roy is turning out to be an excellent pass receiver as he demonstrated last Friday. Also, an aggressive defender, he has definite leadership qualities.

**Tom Galas**—Backing up Eddie Davis on offense, Tom is an excellent ball-handler and specializes this year in the defensive secondary.

**Pete Goodman**—Up from the JV, Pete is called aggressive and has good spirit. With a few more games under his belt, he should develop into a fine two-way lineman.

**Doug Rees**—Doug, also a two-way specialist, will be kicking extra points and kickoffs. He is a big, tough blocker, and will be earning his second letter this season.

**Gary Noerrlinger**—Will share the punting chores and be snapping the ball to the quarterback. He is a good blocker with a fine attitude.

**Ron Brinkman**—A defensive end and a fullback, Ron has fine speed with a lot of hustle and spirit.

**Jim Rowoldt**—A center, Jim converted from a running back to help the team. He typifies the team this year with his good attitude.

**Mike Patterson**—This hard-nosed fullback is up all the way from the Soph team. He blocks well, has good speed, and helps anchor the defense in his linebacker position. Mike is only a junior.

**Darryl Linneman**—His second year on the Varsity line, Darryl is a tough, aggressive blocker. Only a junior, he should be a superior player next year.

**Nick Lucas**—Earning a letter as a sophomore, Nick is an all-around football player. He will be returning punts and kickoffs with Tom Lincoln this season.

**Bob Vacek**—A jack of all trades, Bob can play fullback, wingback, or linebacker.

**Melvin Jefferson**—Makes up for lack of size with lots of determination. He has good speed and proved himself capable by intercepting a Burke pass last Friday.

**Jim Thrasher**—A defensive end who does most of the punting, Jim has very good hands.

**Pat McCall**—An end with good hands, Pat needs more playing time, but he is progressing fine.

**Jim Crosby**—On JV last year, Jim is an aggressive tackler.

**Reggie York**—A big, tough fullback, Reggie should provide depth in the backfield.

**Ron Ridley**—Small for an interior lineman, Ron has a fine attitude, and is eager to learn his position. He is a junior.

Rest of Squad		
Don Moriarty	Guard	12
Tom Shafer	Tackle	12
Bill Champenoy	Tackle	12
Mike Rogers	Tackle	12
Tim Tholt	Tackle	12
Humes Grossman	Guard	12
Mike Walsh	Center	12
Maurice Goodwin	Wingback	12
John Stober	Tight End	11
Doug Pfeifer	Guard	11
Oscar Nanfite	Tackle	11
Ralph Duncan	Quarterback	11
Tom Lincoln	Tailback	10
Clint Bellows	Guard	12

## Spirit Spotlite

What our school needs is more school spirit! We've got a school to be proud of both on and off the athletic field. If everyone boosts Central, the spirit will mount to a pitch that can be heard everywhere.

Every other week a pep girl will be chosen from pep club for promoting the most spirit

through her attendance of regular and extra athletic activities and making posters. She will be selected by pep club officers and Mrs. Ruecker. Get all your friends involved and really work for it! Let's really fire - up and think Spirit!!

The fall season is always the busiest and we'll try to list the athletic events forthcoming in this column. Your support makes our team win!!

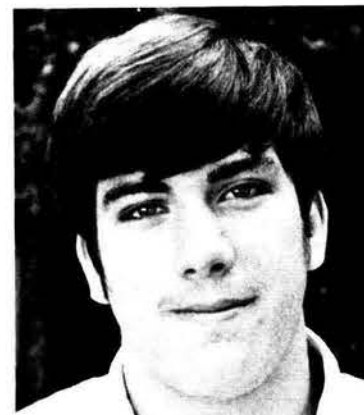


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Crew . . . good prospect

Thursday, Sept. 17—Tennis vs South - Dewey - 4:00  
JV and Soph. Football vs. Bellevue - 4:00  
Friday, Sept. 18—Cross Country vs. Benson - Fontenelle - 4:00  
Varsity Football vs. Benson - 7:30 - at Benson (away)  
Monday, Sept. 21—Tennis vs. Tech - 4:00 - at Dewey  
Tuesday, Sept. 22—Cross Country vs. Bellevue - 4:00 (away)  
Wednesday, Sept. 23—Tennis vs. A.L. - 4:00 - (away)  
Gymnastics vs. Tech - 4:00 - (away)  
Thursday, Sept. 24—JV and Soph. Football vs. A.L. - 4:00  
Friday, Sept. 25—Tennis vs. Ryan - 4:00 - at Dewey  
Gymnastics vs. Burke - 4:00 - (home)  
Varsity Football vs. Boys Town - 7:30 at Burke (home)  
Saturday, Sept. 26—Cross Country Metro Invitational at Prep - 10:00  
Tuesday, Sept. 29—Tennis vs. Burke - 4:00 (away)

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## Mini-courses delayed possibly until spring

A program of experimental and elective special interest courses in English is being planned in the Omaha School System, according to Miss Lillian Durkop, Supervisor of English in the Omaha Public Schools, and Mr. Edward Clark, head of Central High's English Department.

Over 150 possible courses have been outlined thus far, including one called *The Russian Novel* designed by Central English teacher Mr. John Keenan. Other possible courses include *African Literature*, *American Protest Poetry*, *Hemingway*, *Irish Literature*, and a number of writing and speaking skills courses such as *How To Write A Research Paper*.

Miss Durkop explained that the courses are offered as electives to 10-12th graders and are not intended as a mere supplement to the traditional English program but as a substitute for the current program.

"Our present English program does not relate to the in-

terests of all our students," she remarked. "There are some students who should not be fitted into a fixed standard pattern of English surveys such as English V and VI. While much of our material is the same as that used in the standard English survey, the packaging is different."

Under the new proposal each student may choose one three-week course in each of three areas: writing, speaking, and reading. Eventually this program may replace the current form of English instruction altogether, with the result that students could concentrate in areas of their own interest.

Mr. Edward Clark stressed that some difficulties may arise with the proposal. "I can't make any final decision until I know what courses the teachers want to teach and what courses the students want to take. It must be made clear," he added, "that the program is highly theoretical — it is doubtful that Central would be able to provide needed textbooks, or whether the counselors could find time to register students for the mini-courses."

"Originally I had planned to begin a set of three-week mini-courses directly after Christmas vacation, but then I realized that three weeks were not available. We may have to wait till the beginning of May. Until then, the mini-course proposal seems impractical, if not impossible, at Central."

## Talented junior strives to become famed professional singing star

At fifteen, she is already considered a professional entertainer. The girl? Carol Rogers, and she's been singing professionally for two and a half years.

Carol, currently a junior, claims, "I was born and reared in music—that's how it all began." She hopes that her beginning will lead to a career in entertainment and worldwide fame.

Carol has gained experience in acting this summer through performances in the Brandeis fashion show "BASH," and the television show "Black on Black." Plans are now being made for her to join the regular cast on the television show.

Carol considers showmanship the key to being a successful entertainer. She explains, "When you can go out and catch the eye of the dearest

crowd, you know you are good, and that's what I want to be able to do." She admits to still being nervous when she performs, and says she probably will never get over the feeling of nervousness. Her opinion is, "When you are nervous, you try harder to improve your performances."

At school, Carol is in A Cappella choir and participates in a voice and music theory class. She enjoys sewing in her spare time, and makes the clothes she performs in.

Besides singing, Carol has written the lyrics to a song



Photo by Wallace

Carol Rogers

which was performed by her brother's band. Eventually she would like to write her own songs.

Future plans for Carol include college and auditioning for small singing jobs until she "can break into the big time," she adds, "I refuse to starve. If I don't find a job right away, I'll work in a office until I can get a good singing engagement."

## To educate, act this year's goal of Ecology Club

There is a new club and a new word at Central this year. The club is Ecology and the word is action. For the first time, a club will take action, instead of just dues and roll call!

The club will have a two-fold purpose. The first is to educate by means of films and discussions. The second is to act. The club will sponsor clean-ups, raise funds for Fontenelle Forest, sell household products that are biodegradable and phosphate-free, plant trees in the spring, and try to involve elementary and junior-high students in ecology projects. The Ecology Club will also work with other such clubs in the city.

The first meetings will be devoted to the discussion of pollution in regard to the household. Others will cover the aspects of ecology as it relates to over-population. The meetings will be run differently from those of other clubs as there are no officers. Instead, there will be student sponsors. A student can suggest a project or presentation, take care of getting it organized and carry it out.

The Ecology Club will be selling buttons and bumper stickers to finance their projects. An Eco-Corner has been set up in the library which contains paperbacks, hardbacks, and magazines. Only members of the Ecology Club are allowed to check out the paperbacks.

The club was started by Sarah Newman and Mr. James this summer. Mr. James and Mr. Eggen are the sponsors.

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