

register

Luttbeg to assume new position



Mrs. Linda Luttbeg will be a director of Omaha Girls' Clubs at the semester.

At the semester, Mrs. Linda Luttbeg will be leaving Central to work as a director of the newly established Girls Club of America chapter in Omaha. Mrs. Luttbeg, a social studies instructor at Central, will be working mainly in the curriculum area at the Girls Club.

Girls' Club: an after school program

Mrs. Luttbeg listed her goals as being "to help motivate girls to strive for the best. I also want to help both the girls involved with the Club and the community by trying to 'bridge the gap' between youth and

adults," added Mrs. Luttbeg.

Mrs. Luttbeg said, "Omaha doesn't have many programs for girls. I would like to help them as much as I can through tutoring programs and the like."

When she applied for the job, Mrs. Luttbeg knew that a person with an executive background was desired, but "I thought that my experience as a teacher would help me. I think that the key to my selection was my enthusiasm. It took a lot of thought before I decided to leave Central, but I felt that this job could enable me to reach more young people."

The Girls Club, which is not directly related to the national Boys Club organization, is, according to Mrs. Luttbeg, "a supervised after-school pro-

gram of various activities for girls from 8 to 18." The activities that the organization will offer are: Homemaking, Cultural (art, dancing, crafts, dramatics, and photography), Health and physical (first aid and athletics), Citizenship (leadership training) and miscellaneous (tutoring and career development).

The club will accept any girl member, from 8 to 18, regardless of race, religion, or social background. A one dollar fee is required to join, but, Mrs. Luttbeg added, "Odd jobs will be available for anyone that is unable to pay."

to help motivate girls

The program of the Girls Club movement is strengthened by the establishment of regional field service offices in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Tampa. These offices are staffed with professionals who will give "on-the-spot" service when required.

Three other teachers are leaving Central. Mrs. Patricia Correa and Mrs. Mary Harvey are both leaving at the semester because of pregnancy. Mrs. Ellen Trumbull, however, left on November 8. "I'm tired," she replied. "I simply felt that I could not continue teaching with energy. I've always tried to be 'up' and excited for my classes, but I no longer can find that energy."

Mrs. Trumbull added, "I am proud to have taught at Central. I often brag about Central, and I believe that Omaha is lucky to have a school like Central."

Principals comment on division of funds

by Steve Wise

Last year \$7,548.79 was collected by Central High School through the sale of Student Activity Cards. This money was allotted to various extra-curricular activities on the basis of need. This year's sale of S.A. tickets is down about \$300 from last year according to Dr. G. E. Moller, principal, but compares favorably with sales in the last five years.

Based on needs.

The vast majority of this money goes to athletics, journalism and debate. Dr. Don Benning, vice-principal, stated that "as for money disbursement, need is the overriding factor." Dr. Benning went on to say that: "if a sport is worth having, it deserves equal treatment."

Money is collected in three ways: through the sale of S.A. tickets, gate receipts from sporting events, and special drives such as the candy sale last year. Individual groups and clubs may have bake sales or other projects.

tice on, so the Board pays for transportation to Kellom Grade School for use of their facilities.

Central must pay for transportation to away sporting events. Central must also pay for uniforms for all sports. Dr. Benning indicated that no sport receives special treatment in buying uniforms, nor is there a distinction made between boys and girls sports.

First class

"We feel that we are first class in any activity," stated Dr. Benning. He went on to say that "our students don't suffer because of a lack of equipment, image or safety."

As for making money on activities, Dr. Moller said the Road Show is the largest money maker. He said that basketball also brings in a profit. Dr. Benning said that "we are almost always in the black."

Central lost \$200 on athletics last year. Dr. Moller said, that Central's expenses are "fairly comparable" to the expenses of

Major 1973-74 Activity Expenses

Journalism	\$2,744.79
Baseball	1,110.00
Debate	1,000.00
Boys' Track	995.21
Girls' Swimming	489.16
Wrestling	386.20
Boys' Gymnastics	333.54
Girls' Gymnastics	123.45
Girls' Tennis	113.44
Boys' Tennis	65.25
Girls' Golf	103.60

Athletic expenses

Dr. Moller said that the School Board pays for only part of the cost for sports. The Board pays for the hiring of coaches and for certain equipment such as gymnastics apparatus. The Board has a list of facilities it must furnish to each school. If a school lacks these facilities, an effort is made to alleviate the problem. For example, Central does not have a football field to prac-

other schools. He said all of the high schools either lose money on athletics or barely break even.

Dr. Moller indicated that because of the rapid increase in prices recently, it is becoming more difficult to finance all of Central's activities. He said unless prices stabilize, the Board will have to subsidize schools, otherwise there will be a cut-back in the services offered at Central.

Townpeople meet Conrad Birdie, famous Rock-n-Roll singer, portrayed by Glenn Prettyman in "Bye, Bye, Birdie." At the railroad station, Birdie is making one last personal appearance before entering in the army. Other leads are Erica Olson, Debbie Hanek, and Doug Allen. "Bye, Bye, Birdie" will appear today through Saturday. Evening performance will be at 7:30 Friday and Saturday night. The ticket price for evening performances is \$2.00.



Smoking causes trouble

The problem of smoking is not a new one to Central High School. Teachers and administrators are aware of this problem and are alert to the smokers in the bathrooms.

The solution to this problem may be examined on two levels. On a long term basis, the faculty and administration of the Omaha Public School System could design effective anti-smoking programs to prevent students from smoking, but a solution that could be effective now is the designating of an area outside of the school where the students could smoke.

Perhaps, it is now the time to take a closer look at the anti-smoking programs presented to us as students in junior high. This information did not influence many students, who are now smoking, not to begin. The ineffective programs not only wasted the time and money of the schools and teachers but also failed in their primary purpose, discouraging the students from smoking.

The reasons that lead students to begin smoking are many and varied, but if programs and information were presented in a manner which did not preach to the students but instead made them fully aware of the dangers of cigarette smoking, these programs might outweigh the students' original reasons for smoking.

In order for the programs to be effective, they should begin on the elementary school level and proceed through senior high. As it stands now, Central does not have any formal programs in effect that are handling this problem. It is the school's responsibility to offer programs that are both informative and interesting to the students on matters such as smoking. School is supposed to be an institution that offers an education worthwhile to the students; perhaps, it has failed to present an education on issues concerning the student.

Yet, we cannot put the full blame of the smoking dilemma on the school. Administrators and teachers are now looking for a solution to end this problem. While suspension has not halted this problem, it has minimized it to some extent. In the short term, it is time to designate a smoking area outside of the school so that the smoking area in the bathrooms stop. The lack of facilities would hamper the setting up of an area for the students within the school.

For non-smoking students, it is an infringement to be overpowered by smoke. Teachers and administrators have better things to do with their time than to be constantly watching out for the students who are smoking.

Although a school can present effective programs against smoking, they cannot be totally responsible for each student. For the future, it would be the ultimate goal of the school to not have to deal with the smoking problem, as it would solve itself by students not smoking, but right now, if the school designates an area where students can smoke, the number of suspensions could be reduced. The administration is willing to consider a designated smoking area outside of the school, yet, as the policy now stands, students are not allowed to smoke on school grounds.

The school board, along with the Omaha Public School high school principals, is now looking at this problem and reviewing its present standing. They must take a more realistic position to deal effectively with this situation. Too much time has already been wasted on the smoking problem, it is now time for a positive change.

perspective

soap box

Pupil chides paper

Former Register readers probably remember the want-ads and personals columns that used to appear on the last page of the paper. For some unknown and unexplained reason this informative and creative spot has been dropped from the Register altogether. Rumor has it that some of the "personals" had under-lying and "bad" connotations, and to avoid this becoming out of control, the section was totally discontinued.

I don't believe the Register is truly a student newspaper. It is highly conservative and rarely touches on anything more timely than the latest scholarship winners, game scores, and visitors to the school. Letters to the Editor is the only place where important student views are expressed.

The Register could use a little spark of life rather than

remaining a typically ignorant and boring, traditional school paper. Why not become Omaha's first original, outspoken, updated, liberal and liberated student creation? Why not focus on what's really happening—what students are really thinking and doing?

—Becky White

Cheating hurts all

There is an old saying that goes "Cheaters never prosper." As Central High School students, all of us are affected by cheating, whether we are the cheater or the "cheatee". But what many of us do not realize is that from cheating, we are not helping anyone and still further, we are hurting ourselves and everyone involved. Granted, many tests here at school are ridiculous, but cheating, in no way, is going to give us a break. It can cause unnecessary embarrassment, loss

Politics at Central

McCollister speaks to students

Four days prior to the recent off-year elections, Second District Representative John Y. McCollister, Republican, spoke to a group of students at Central. The native born Iowan, now heading for his third term, wasted no time getting to the issues.



Congressman John Y. McCollister speaks.

He started by saying that his opponent, Democrat Dan Lynch, accused him of being profit oriented. With this opening statement McCollister continued, "Let me remind you and him that it's profit that provides the jobs. It's profit that provides us with the widest diversity of goods and ser-

vices that any country in the world has ever seen. There is nothing wrong with profit."

People Oriented

As for being people oriented, McCollister said he would like to be judged on his record with people. "I don't think there are very many people in this community who have, in private or in voluntary groups and organizations, contributed more for the benefit of people than I have," McCollister said. "I am offended by being referred to as profit oriented."

Issues and Ideas

Lynch said that McCollister had voted "for" on one out of every ten issues that effect senior citizens. McCollister justified his "no" votes by explaining what the bills meant. "I have voted for every increase in Social Security. I am rather proud of my voting record for the elderly." McCollister added that Lynch never said how he would vote.

Congress recently voted for a \$10,000 stationery increase allowance for themselves, despite McCollister's "no" vote. He said four things about the additional \$10,000 for stationery he will now receive. McCollister said, "I don't know where it is; I don't know where the \$10,000 adds up to. I do know that we have three times as much mail. I do know the passing of the increase was underhanded."

McCollister stated congress-

men don't get everything free. McCollister stated he spends \$6,000 to \$8,000 to keep himself and his staff informed of legislative reviews and how newspapers in his district evaluate his performance and what's happening in the district.

Speaking of the congressional office he holds, McCollister said, "The independence of the member is more important than anything we have been talking about." He said he feels the public officials should be eliminated from receiving cash for honorariums. "The people deserve a full time representative," he said.

As far as labor boards are concerned, McCollister said he feels that the joining of the union should be on a voluntary basis, and these special interests groups should not be allowed to contribute to any political campaign. McCollister said, "I have not accepted one single solitary dollar from any special interest group this year."

New beginning in politics

"I hoped that 1974 could be a year of a new beginning in politics, a new credibility, a new honesty, and a straight forward direct approach rather than the type of approach used by Mr. Lynch. It irritates me that it brings discredit to this process which I feel is a very honorable process. I resent all politicians being classified as anything less than clean. This is a noble profession," McCollister said.

Teachers participate in politics

As the destiny of our country is shaped by our political parties, two Central teachers are shaping the Democratic Party. Both Mrs. Arlene Newell and Mr. Atley Wedemeyer began participating actively on the local level and now Mrs. Newell will be directly affecting the National Democratic Party.

In December, Mrs. Newell will be participating at the Democratic Mini Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. At the convention, elected delegates will begin to formulate rules for the Democratic Convention in 1976. In 1976 the party will nominate a presidential candidate. Mrs. Newell said she, "hopes to prevent the party from closing up," like in 1972

in which the party misrepresented large segments of its members.

Mrs. Newell said she was elected at the state convention in Norfolk because she said the party wanted someone who is "young, liberal, and a woman" to go to the convention. But, she feels she was also elected because "people voted for me as a person."

Mr. Wedemeyer's advancement in politics began nearly the same as Mrs. Newell's. Both were elected to the State Democratic Convention by first being elected as delegates in their precinct and then at their county conventions. Mr. Wedemeyer said, "The Democratic Party is more representative of

lower and middle class people than the Republican." He continued to say most Republicans are funded by big business, and that this is a major reason for our economic problems.

Both expressed desire not to run for political office, but as Mrs. Newell said, "to seek out other ways of being involved." She said that politicians "have to be and should be accountable for everything they do."

Mr. Wedemeyer said one reason for the disinterest in politics is "people don't get paid in return for their participation and then they feel frustrated." He added, "Politics is a service. You give a lot more in money and time than you'll get back."

Guide presents facts on regional colleges

As the last article in a three part series about colleges, the Register presents a guide to area colleges. These colleges offer a post-high school education without going away to school.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is divided into eight colleges- Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Continuing Studies, Education, Engineering and Technology, Home Economics, Public Affairs and Community Services, and Fine Arts.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center

The University of Nebraska Medical Center includes the College of Medicine and the School of Nursing. Students are admitted as freshmen only

to the two-year program School of Nursing.

Applicants must have completed sixteen high school units including at least three in English, two in social studies, and two each of math, physical education, and science. Candidates for the B.S. in Nursing must have completed at least 35 hours of prescribed college-level work.

Creighton University

Creighton University is a private coeducational institution open to all students. The university is affiliated with the Catholic church. It has a liberal arts program, as well as professional and graduate divisions. Students applying must have at least fifteen units of high school work, including three years of English and two years of mathematics.



of teacher trust, and most important, loss of knowledge as well as self-respect. As pupils at a school with such high academic standards as we have here at Central High, we must wake up and realize that this type of deception is not only lowering our academic criteria, but it is hurting each individual student and his perception of study material.

Jeanette Obal

Harrison earns black belt

Christine Harrison, Central junior, says she can break two-inch boards with her foot, hand and elbow. She states although she has never broken a bone while practicing her karate, she has been "breaking other people's bones." Christine also warns she doesn't date guys who haven't taken karate because she "doesn't like a guy who can't defend himself."

Christine is the first black girl ever to be awarded a black belt in the Martial arts in less than a years time. Christine's taking a course "has nothing to do with Women's Lib," she professes, but she took it up as a sport that demands "synchronized body movement."

Performing in both simulated fighting and form execution, Christine has gone to several tournaments including those in Des Moines, Little

Rock, and Kansas City. Christine enjoys going to tournaments because "you meet people from all different cultures and ethnic backgrounds."

During the interview Christine was constantly pounding her fist on the table. She then stated that she has the second loudest scream at her karate school. She says the purpose of the scream is to "momentarily distract your opponent while you make your move."

The type of karate Christine uses is 'tae kwon do' and will be demonstrated at Central on November 22 to help finance FFA which Christine is a member. This type of karate she explains, has many different types of kicks. Some examples that will be shown on Nov. 22 are: tigersmouth, knife spear, straight punch.



Christine convinces reporter of the importance of karate.

Miller works with area vet

The operating room was large, bright and airy. The instruments were sterile. The doctors and nurses were dressed in spotless white. They were surrounding a patient giving birth.

Junior Debbie Miller was among these. The patient was a dog.

Debbie works week-ends for Dr. A. B. Pittman, veterinarian. She is interested in becoming a vet after high school and

looked two years for this type of job.

At work her duties consist of cleaning kennels and feeding dogs, doing some secretarial work at the front desk and assisting in surgery. While in surgery, Debbie's main job is holding the organ that is to be removed. The most common type of surgery done is spaying and altering dogs.

Menagerie at Home

To be a veterinarian Debbie feels you must have a deep interest in animals, and she certainly does. At home Debbie has her own menagerie in which she has four rabbits, two dogs, one guinea pig, five aquariums of fish, and two snakes, which she just let go. When asked if she brought home any abandoned animals from work, Debbie said flatly, "No, Mom said, 'No more pets.'"

Job is never routine

Although veterinary medicine deals with a wide range of illnesses, the most "gory" Debbie has seen is distemper. If an animal gets distempored it loses all control of the muscles of its body. Nothing really bizzare has happened; there is never a normal day. Everyday is different, some are fast and some are slow. "But it's all interesting, if you like that sort of work," Debbie stated.

Seeing a variety of animals and people, Debbie has noticed a tendency for the owners and their pets to have similar characteristics. If the owner is unexercised and overweight his pet tends to be too. Debbie has also met many nice people and mean dogs, and mean people and nice dogs.



Debbie douses dog as part of her daily routine.

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Stage crew nears completion of complicated "Birdie" set.

Crew constructs 'Birdie' props

Shakespeare noted, "All the world's a stage, and all the Men and Women merely players." As Central prepares to present "Bye Bye Birdie," on November 16, few people think of the actual stage production, said Mr. Thomas Marsicek, CHS technical director. He further stated that without the stagecrew there would not be a play!

Central's stagecrew consists of 17 members, about twice as many as last year. If you go down to the stage, you will find them busy working on set construction and stage design. Mr. Marsicek commented that the play they are now working on, "Bye Bye Birdie," is the most complex set the crew has built since he has been at Central. Th several different and elaborate sets include a two story house! Mr. Marsicek noted that they have to build this set just like a real house so that

actors can stand on the second story.

When Mr. Marsicek was asked where he got his ideas for the sets, he said that it was from "selective theft." He further stated that not every set they build is based on someone else's production, but rather he gets his ideas from the time and style of the period. Other ideas come from magazines and jacket covers of the play itself.

Mr. Marsicek stated that the cost has gone up for lumber and other production supplies, that often the stagecrew can't do a set the way they would like simply because they can't afford it. To get around the cost, Mr. Marsicek said, "The crew uses a back-drop three or four times, and a piece of wood will be cut and shaped until there is just about nothing left."

Last year Mr. Marsicek stated that the crew was getting a lot of criticism from the actors. No matter what the crew did the actors complained. Mr. Marsicek said he would simply like to remind the actors that the crew has put in as many hours, if not more, than the actors themselves. He further stated that when the curtain goes up it is the actors getting the applause, the crew once again doing a thankless job.

Stagecrew members are: Matt Dean-crew chief, John May, Vicki Abraham, Steve Chudomelka, David Hayes, Joe May, Darrel Fluehr, and Matt Horron. Other members are: Kevin Mears, Jacquie Montag, Ceila Pospichal, Bart Reed, Matt Schultz, Gayle Chatfield, and Karin Stark.



by
Ken
Milder

Wild fans assault Kings

Now that the football season is over, many CHS students can look back at the "pleasures" of Kings Restaurant. Since this reporter has attended Central, students have flocked over to 52nd and Leavenworth after every football and basketball game. Win or lose, there are often enough students waiting in line to fill up the stands at the Indianapolis 500.

The emotions seen at Kings are generally the same after any Eagle athletic endeavor. The atmosphere is usually happy and friendly (other than the management). Whether the students are drowning their sorrows in a cherry 7-up float or happily choking on a french fry, no one seems to be weeping too loudly.

Wins easier to digest

After the game against Benson, at Turkey stadium, the students in the "reserved" section seemed to have accepted the team's dismal defeat. However, Kings probably doubled its food output after the South game. Why is it, then, that the management is so unfriendly to the CHS student body? We certainly have not started any riots. Perhaps, we are a threat to the world's cherry mix reserves.

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Harriers dash to six wins

On Oct. 25 the Central High cross country team ran to an eighth place State Meet finish. "We were shooting for fifth place, but we're not disappointed. It was a quality meet," Coach David James said. Top finishers for Central included John Labenz 16th, Sam Huerta 37th, and Keith Schafer 44th. "Three of our runners turned in season best performances. Therefore, it was a good meet," Coach James said. The harriers had qualified for the state meet the week before by placing 2nd behind Bellevue in the District Meet.

Central finished with 44 points, fifteen points ahead of the 3rd state qualifier, Bryan. "After time comparison, we would have had a tough time making it to state in the other division. We were in the easier of the two divisions this time," said Coach James.

Top team finishers were John Labenz who placed second, and Keith Schafer and Sam Huerta who finished 10th and 15th, respectively.

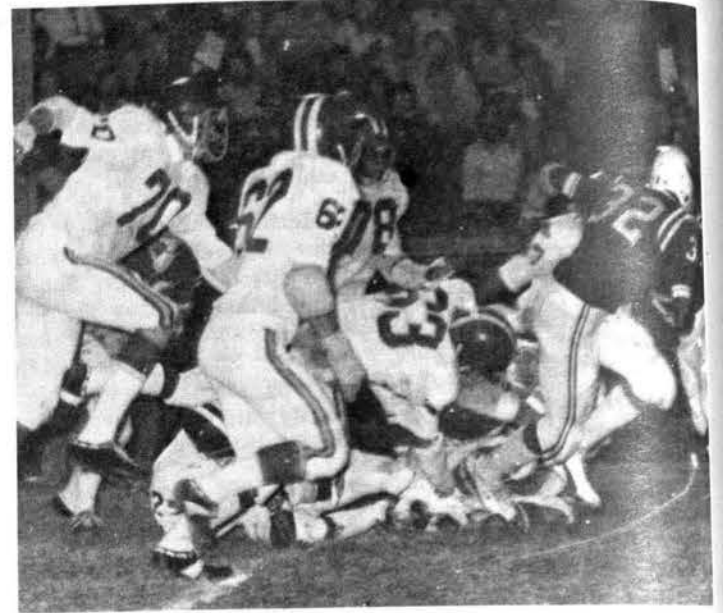
Earlier in the month the harriers placed sixth out of 13 teams in the Metropolitan In-

vitational. The top place finisher for Central was John Labenz, who placed 18th with a time of 13:30.

Girls volleyball ends first season

The girls' varsity volleyball team ended their regular season with a big win over Bryan, 15-3 and 15-7. The game gave the team a final record of 2-6. The junior varsity squad ended their season posting a 4-4 record.

District matches on Nov. 5 at Millard proved disappointing for Central. "The girls didn't play as a team," explained Mrs. Penny Graham, girls' volleyball coach.



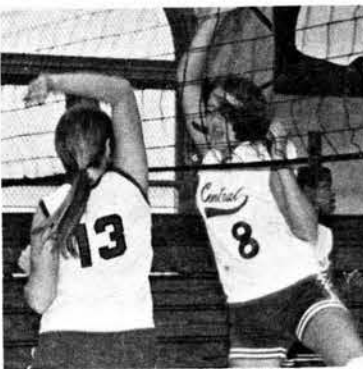
Gordon Sims splits Bunny line in Benson game.

Gymnasts harvest victories

The Central High gymnastics team recently took another step toward building a respectable reputation. The team placed 7th out of 13 teams in the Metropolitan Gymnastics Meet. "The teams that beat us are scoring well enough to become state champions. I think we did real good," Coach John Koucerek said.

The gymnasts travel to Bellevue November 14 and 15 looking strong with the Metro champion Barry Carlson on the side-horse and Steve Jones, who placed 6th all around. "We're working real hard for the District Meet. Realistically, I think we can place a strong third," Coach John Koucerek said.

The State Meet will be held in Lincoln at Lincoln High on November 21 and 22.



Girls show poise at the net.

"All the schools' coaches and players learned much this first year," said Mrs. Graham. "One of our main problems was poor referees. The male ones were the worst of all!" Mrs. Graham went on to explain that rules differed from referee to referee.

JV's, Reserves claim season very successful

The junior varsity football team concluded their season with an even 4-4 record. On Oct. 17, the Eagles fell to Gross with a 12-13 score. One week later the squad posted a win over Abraham Lincoln in a 16-6 battle. The final game ended in defeat, as Bellevue shut out Central 8-0.

The reserve team holds a 1-7 final record after suffering losses of 6-13 to Thomas Jefferson, 6-29 to Abraham Lincoln, and 8-35 to Bellevue.

"Our Reserve team comes from a number of junior highs," Mr. John Haskell, reserve coach, explained. "Sure we like to win, but one of our main objectives was to get the boys prepared for varsity play. They learned much, and in this way we had a very successful year."

Central posts winning mark

Benson capitalized on numerous Central mistakes in handing the Eagles a 49-0 loss at Benson Field. The Eagles were unable to move the ball consistently against the No. 1 team in Class A.

The first score came, surprisingly, on the opening kickoff. Charlie Green, a 9.9 sprinter in the 100 yard dash, took the ball 93 yards to pay dirt for Benson.

Following an exchange of punts, Central fumbled, giving Benson the ball on the 29 of Central. Benson did not score, however, and the Eagles seemed to be right back in the game.

Central then marched to the 28 of Benson before they were forced to give up the ball on loss of downs. Another exchange of punts put the ball on the Central 35 yard line and ended up with Green scoring his second touchdown. With 43 seconds left in the first half, Benson made it 21-0 on a pass play covering 44 yards.

Central pride seemed to make the Eagles determined to avoid a shutout. But when Herman Badgett fumbled the ball away on the Benson 5 yard line, avoiding a shutout was impossible. A Bunny recovered the fumble in full flight and ran 95 yards for the final touchdown. Final score: 49-0.

Season ends in victory.

The Central varsity football squad finished their finest season in fourteen years with a 22-12 win over South at Bergquist Stadium on Nov. 1. The Eagles ended the season with a winning record of 5-4, the first since

1960, when Gale Sayers headed the team.

The Packers managed an early lead of two touchdowns on a 16 yard pass and an 80 yard dash. Central came right back, as Senior fullback Gordon Sims smashed into the endzone from the two yard line. The score followed a 17 yard pass from Mike Bruce, senior quarterback, to Senior Ed Anderson. Two points were added as Mike hit Clayton Bullard, senior receiver, in the endzone to post the 12-8 halftime deficit.

At the close of the third quarter, Senior Morris Holland stripped the ball from an unwary Packer, and Dick Denton, junior safety, recovered the fumble. Gordon blasted nine yards for the touchdown, and the Eagles took a 14-12 lead.

Gordon also shined on defense, as he recovered a South fumble on the Packers' four yard line to set up the final score. Clayton grabbed Mike's pass in the endzone, and Gordon added a two-point play to muster the ten point winning margin.

The Eagles have run up some pretty impressive figures during the season. Gordon Sims rushed for 675 yards, averaging 5.7 yards per carry, and added nine touchdowns. Clayton Bullard has caught 22 passes for 352 yards and two touchdowns. Mike Bruce passed for 666 yards, averaging 46.4 percent. Steve Watson, junior guard, led the defensive statistics with 41 tackles and 19 assists, just ahead of Seniors Morris Holland and Rob Firth.

Basketball is coming!

There will be a meeting for all those boys who wish to try out for Central's varsity, junior varsity, or reserve team on Nov. 18. 6:30 a.m.—Freshmen and Sophomores
3:30 p.m.—Juniors, Seniors, and all returning squad members.



Sidelines by Neal Steinbart

Television has brought money and fame to many of the world's Mohammed Alis, Joe Nameths, and Billie Jean Kings. One such "superstar" has missed these acres of fame and money. Mr. John Koucerek, Central's gymnastic coach, instead got a few inches of experience as he appeared on television's CBS Sports Spectacular.

Mr. Koucerek was asked by a friend at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to be a judge for the National Junior Olympics in Lincoln on July 8 and 9. The events were shown on nationwide television.

Eight judges composed the panel that Mr. Koucerek worked on, judging about 100 athletes from ages 12 to 18.

"I've competed on television before, but this was the first time that I've judged," responded Mr. Koucerek. "I don't really think being on television affected my work."



Mr. Koucerek highlights CBS.

After seeing the ability of the athletes competing, Mr. Koucerek plans to work on more difficult routines for Central's team. The gymnastics coach plans to judge competition in the Big Eight this year.

When asked whether he would like to be on television again, Mr. Koucerek simply replied, "Sure, why not?"

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