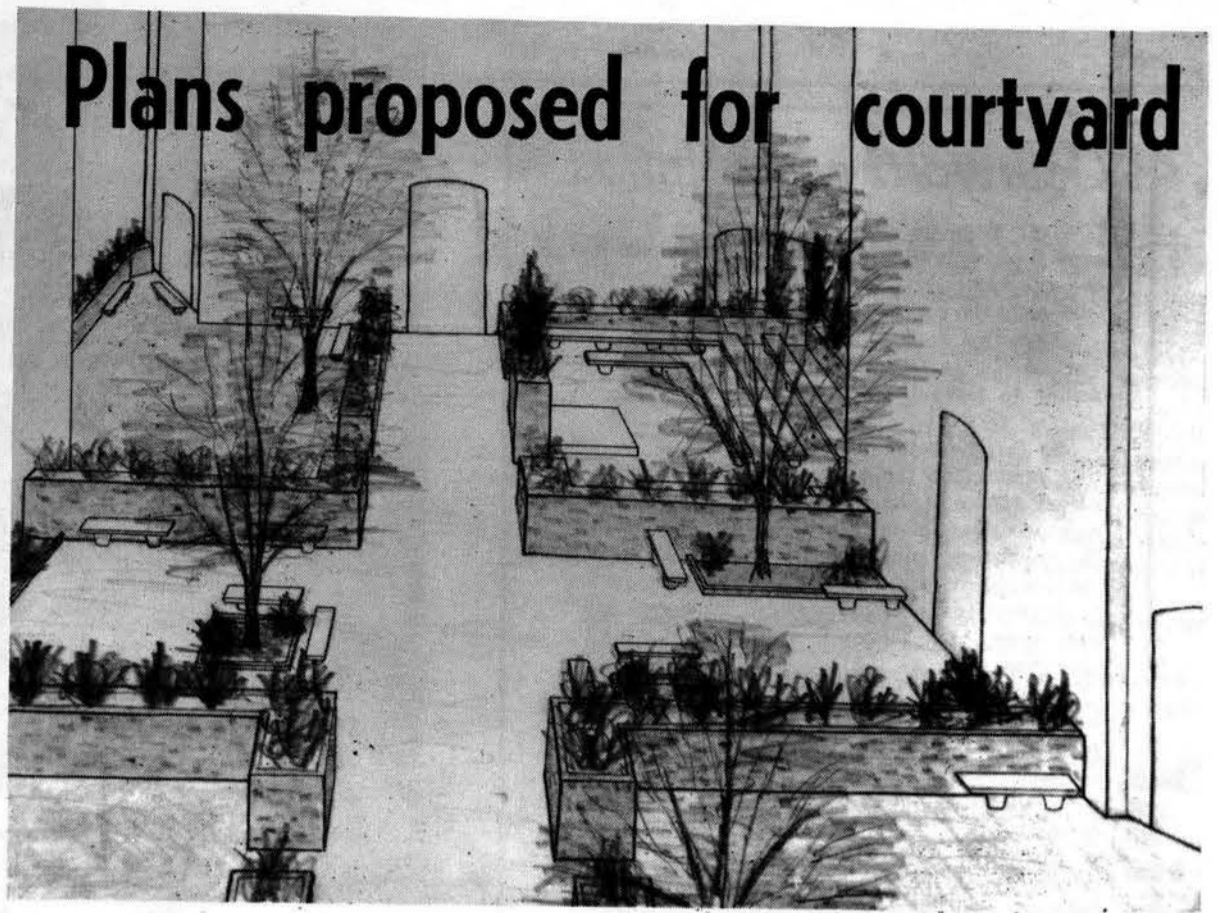


This drawing shows how the courtyard would look if the present plans which have been submitted by Central seniors Glenn Prettyman and Mike Simpson are approved.

The remodeling plans call for an open-air classroom in the form of a small amphitheater in the southwest corner.

Grass areas with many benches and trees are planned for the other three corners.

This architect's conception of the new courtyard, drawn by Mike Simpson, is looking toward the south ("2") side of the building.



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## Officers elected for Senior Class

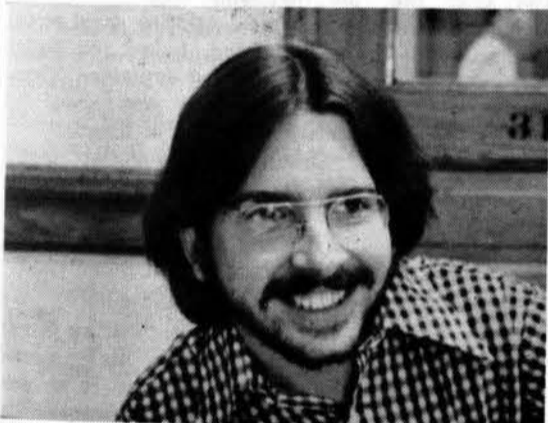


Photo by Kevin Anderson

Bob Hekl, Senior Class President

On Monday, November 3, the winners of the senior class election were announced.

Elected were Bob Hekl, President; Tommy Johnson, Vice-President; Toni Midder, Secretary; Sarah Mattox, Treasurer; Paul Burnett, Boys' Sergeant-at-Arms; and, Joan Labenz, Girls' Sergeant-at-Arms.

As President, Bob plans to have senior class representatives chosen as soon as possible.

"I would like to hear peoples' opinions and comments," he said. Concerning the class project, he said, "I would like to have a film festival sponsored by the senior class."

Tommy, a Centralite since his freshman year, agreed. He said, "I figure a film festival is better toward the end of the year."

He said that he was also in favor of having a picnic, too. As a fund raising activity, he said, the class could sell small buttons with individual pictures on them.

Toni suggested various parties, skating for example, and a picnic as class activities.

She said, "I am glad I got the office." Concerning proposals that the Class of 1976 might help replace the Dutch Elm trees which were once all around the building, she said, "It looks better the way it is. The trees ruin the nature of Central. They hide the beautiful building."

Commenting on her victory as treasurer, Sarah said, "It's something I've been looking

forward to; I plan to do my best." She has also recently been elected as vice-president of her Junior Achievement Company. She said that a class picnic is a tradition, and "we plan to make it a spectacular thing this year."

Paul said, "I would like to see senior class officers do more than they did last year." He said that he is glad the class has enough confidence in him to elect him.

Joan suggested a senior week where everything involved would be for seniors. She added that she was in favor of a picnic and movies. Concerning the reunion, she said, "I think it would be fun to come back and see everyone."

As for money, according to Mr. Moran, there is none. He said that any money left over at the end of last year went to the general activities fund.

The constitution adds that each senior home-room elects a representative to class officer meetings. These representatives act as a "go-between for the exchange of ideas," and they have no vote.

## Of Central Importance

### Debaters win GOLD

"We're number one because we have what it takes"

These were the words of Dr. Arnold Weintraub, CHS debate coach. Dr. Weintraub believes that his varsity and novice teams are of fine quality.

In the novice division Central took all trophies at the Ryan High School G.O.L.D. (Greater Omaha League of Debaters) tournament.

First place was taken by Rick Kucirek and Kathy McCallister. Second place was awarded to Charles Fishkin and Barbara Richardson. Placing third were Will Dye and Guy Gerhardt.

Barry Epstein and Jon Krogh placed fourth, and Debbie Barthalow and Bob Spitzer took fifth.

In the novice division all Central teams were undefeated with 3-0 records.

On Saturday November 15th, Central traveled to Norfolk for the Rodger Maxwell Invitational Debate Tournament. Anita Shodeen and Patty Gibson placed second. Dr. Weintraub commented that Central lost first place by very little.

### Book checkout halted

Students will no longer be able to check encyclopedias out of the library. This new rule was put into effect because of the large number of encyclopedias that have disappeared.

Mrs. Marilyn Skinner, one of Central's librarians, said, "The problem of missing encyclopedias has existed in past years; it just seems to be more evident this year."

Steps have been taken to reduce the number of missing encyclopedias. The encyclopedias are now located on the shelves behind the librarian's desk, and students must sign them out before they are allowed to read them.

Even though these steps have been put into effect, the encyclopedias continue to disappear. Four new sets were purchased, and seven volumes are missing from these sets.

"When there are ten students standing around waiting to sign out encyclopedias, someone takes advantage and walks off with one," said Mrs. Skinner.

As Mrs. Skinner said, "The encyclopedias are in the library for the students' value, and we hope that this privilege will no longer be abused."

### 'Dimension' planned

If you are presently looking for a way to express your artistic abilities, you should know about Dimension.

Dimension is a collection of stories, poems, and artwork contributed by the students of Central. It is being sponsored by the Creative Writing class.

"Response from the students has been very little," said Mrs. Patricia Autenrieth, English V and VIII and Creative Writing class teacher.

Anyone in the school may submit a piece of work to Mrs. Autenrieth in room 230.

The artwork can be a story, poem, drawing, painting or anything that shows artistic talent. You should

include your name, your English teachers name, and your homeroom.

Dimension is scheduled to be released on March 1st.

### Students tape news

Foreign language broadcasts were recorded by Central students Steve Swanson, Becky Claassen, and Barbara Kendall.

The German and Latin Broadcasts can be heard on KIOS during the weeks of November 24 and December 1.

Steve and Becky recorded the German reading and conversation. "Briefly, it was about the health spas and baths in Germany. This is very big business there."

Barbara's Latin reading was a selection from Caesar's commentaries on the Gallic War.

# Nigerian compares schools

Mr. Edet Obot, a University of Nebraska at Omaha student from Nigeria, observed activities at Central for 12 days to gain credit toward his degree.

Mr. Obot is majoring in Education, Administration, and Supervision in his courses at UNO.

While at Central, Mr. Obot found that "teachers and students treat each other as equals for the most part. In Nigeria students would always answer the teacher by saying, 'Yes, sir.'"

## Nigerian education

"The education system is quite different in Nigeria," Mr. Obot noted. "A student will start elementary school at the age of six and continue at this level for six or seven years."

After high school, students can attend college or post secondary school. However, Mr. Obot explained that only about 5 per cent of the students from a particular school he knows of went on to college.

Students pay for education directly, with the exception of one or two scholarships awarded to each school by the government.

## Basketball

Mr. Obot said that there is organized high school competition in Nigeria. Most popular are boxing and soccer.

He made an interesting comment for Central students: "Only girls play basketball in Nigeria. It is not considered as manly as other sports."

"UNICEF was founded by the United Nations in 1946, but it is not in any way financially supported by the U.N. The money comes solely from the Halloween collections, the Christmas card sales, and donations," Mark stated.

Mark summarized UNICEF by saying, "UNICEF is everything at once, that's what UNICEF is."

## World Wildlife Fund

In addition to his position on the UNICEF board, Mark is also the State Representative for the World Wildlife Fund, an organization which helps endangered plants, animals, and habitats.

Mark has been a city representative since ninth grade, and was chosen as a state representative last July.

"I've been working to the fund and I've been working for the organization for a long time. It's something that I'm very proud of," he said.

One of Mark's duties as state representative is to raise funds for the organization.

Mark belongs to three Omaha Explorer Clubs (the zoo, Union Pacific, and Papio Natural Resources District divisions). He is also a member of Central's gymnastics team.



Photo by Kevin Anderson

Mr. Edet Obot

## Lewis receives chairmanship

Every Halloween, children can be seen trick-or-treating for UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund).

Trick-or-treating is precisely how senior Mark Lewis got involved with UNICEF. Today he is chairperson of the Omaha UNICEF Board and, being 17 years old, is the youngest person ever to acquire that position.

He became a member of the Board in 1974, and in June of this year he became the chairman.

## Danny Kaye

Mark was responsible for entertainer Danny Kaye's arrival in Omaha October 30. Kaye is presently the National UNICEF Day chairperson and was making a UNICEF promotion tour of 65 cities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. He remained in Omaha for fourteen minutes before he departed by plane for Kansas City.

"We were really kind of lucky, because Omaha was one of the cities chosen for this five-day tour, but I had to arrange for his (Kaye's) reception, contact the media in the city, get the mayor to proclaim October 31 as UNICEF Day in Omaha, and arrange with the School Board to get the second graders of Harrison and Lothrop out of school so they could come," Mark said.

Harrison and Lothrop are Omaha's sister schools, which means that Harrison's population is entirely white and Lothrop's population is entirely black.

Kaye arrived at 10:20 at Epply AirKaman, a private sector of Epply Airfield. He was met by newspaper reporters and the Bryan High School band.

## Courtyard needs funds

Ever since the vines were removed from the courtyard walls to re-seal the bricks last summer, the courtyard has looked bare and prison-like. Obviously the courtyard needs some improvement.

Already a design for a new courtyard has been worked out to detail. All Central lacks is the money to make the project a reality.

## New gym

So far there are no definite plans as to getting money for the courtyard. The most likely money source is the Omaha Public School Board, and, according to the Future Central Committee, the courtyard renovation would probably be in conjunction with the building of the new gym.

However, there are several problems which may arise if the money is appropriated with the new gym.

First of all, a rough estimate of 5,000 dollars has been made in regard to the courtyard improvements. Realistically, there is little chance that 5,000 dollars will be left over when the new gym is finished, or that 5,000 dollars will be able to be provided by that time.

Since the gym will have top priority, it is possible that the courtyard will not get ample funding until several years after the gym is completed.

Secondly, the new gym will take at least two years to complete. The courtyard improvements, which everyone could be enjoying in the meanwhile, should not have to wait for an indefinite period of time.

## Rising costs

In addition, it is a well-known fact that the cost of living as well as building expenses are on the rise. We believe it would be wise, therefore, to renovate the courtyard before the cost becomes outrageously expensive. Since the plans have already been developed and are ready to be applied, we do not think the courtyard improvements should be held back by the new gym.

Other ready money sources have not been found in case the School Board is unable or unwilling to allot money for the courtyard. However, we feel that if the School Board does provide adequate funds, they should not bear the entire burden.

Centralites, who will be using the courtyard, should pay some portion of the remodeling costs. Money could easily be raised through donations and organized fund-raising activities. Once completed, the courtyard would mean a little more to those who contributed to its renovation.

Central's courtyard is a unique structure worthy of preservation. We believe that the new design would not only further enhance the courtyard's uniqueness, but make better use of the space it provides.

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## Play audience unruly

I believe student matinees should be completely eliminated.

I was ashamed at the conduct of the students at the junior and senior matinee of the Apple Tree. They were rude and wild.

It is unfair to the people who want to hear and it's unfair to the actors. It's not fair to exploit the actors just to earn extra money for the school.

Adele Joseph

## Rallies not appreciated

After reading the article which appeared in this paper's last issue about pep rallies, I resolved that the harshness of the opinions expressed was due to the lack of knowledge and

understanding of pep rallies on the part of the student body.

The cheerleaders are required to present a certain number of pep rallies each year. The main reasons for having pep rallies are to introduce the various athletic teams to the student body, recognize the teams for their accomplishments, and to help promote our school spirit.

I personally have been told by other students that they dislike pep rallies because of the long team introductions. I know from experience that the procedure can sometimes become monotonous, but it is the only means through which Central's athletes can receive the recognition that they deserve.

Also, in reference to the re-

marks made in the previously mentioned article on the skits that are put on in pep rallies, I, along with the entire Central cheerleading community, do not profess to be a creative genius. It is not easy to think of original skits that will please all of the people all of the time.

Keeping this thought in mind, with the permission of Mrs. Barbara Tegt, the cheerleading sponsor, I would like to invite any interested students or school organizations to present a pep rally to the student body that would be pleasing to everyone. But if this one stipulation is asking too much of you, just do the best that you can, and, like the cheerleaders, you will

receive criticism as your only reward.

Greta Jackson

## Student 'airs' views

The voice of the people is the voice of God. Right now "God" seems to be yawning. Before we all fall asleep, I'd like to ask whoever deals with these matters if we could get some new windows. Not the "ultra-modern" kind, but the same kind we have now, only lighter and easier to close. I bet it would cost less than air-conditioning; besides, we don't really need air-conditioning. Think of the operating costs! Air is free. So are we. But what can we do about apathy?

Stephen D. Wentworth



## 'Voice of the People'

Vox Pop, Latin for "voice of the people," is reserved for students and teachers who wish to express their views in the form of an article or 'letter to the editor.' Bring signed articles to room 317. We reserve the right to shorten articles. The Register needs you!



Photo by Mark Simon

Clockwise from top left: Rich Zajic, Dan Huffman, Ken Jansa, Mike Reinsch.

## FFA in land judging competition

Team members of Central's FFA (Future Farmers of America) chapter came through the land competitions winning several awards this year. Land judging, a very needed agricultural skill, is determining the quality and best possible use of given sections of land.

The FFA, a national organization, holds many contests involving a variety of skills that the agri-business students are taught. Central's FFA chapter competed in the land judging district competition, and, after passing that, went on to the state-wide meet.

Among Central's winning team members were Dan Huffman, Rich Zajic, Mike Reinsch, and Ken Jansa. The district competition for Omaha's area was held at Tekamah, Nebraska, about a forty minute drive from Omaha.

All of the district participants went to a field near Tekamah. "The field was divided up into four half acres of land," said Dan, "each section had a hole dug into it about five feet deep. This was used to determine many aspects of the soil below ground level.

"From the hole, each partici-

pant had to determine things like erosion, top soil quality, permeability (the property of water absorption), surface texture, and other items. Then the rest of the land had to be considered for its slope (angle of land), and what you would do with the land if you owned it."

There were fifty competitors at each site, and they rotated from one site to the next so that everybody would judge all areas. However, careful attention was used to keep no two members from the same team at the same competing site. That way, each competitor was on his own, and had to rely on his own knowledge.

After everybody had judged the land areas, came the assessing of the information. "After the individual judging," Dan said, "we had to take all the information we recorded, put it all together, and give one final figure for the land. The land was classed by giving it one number for its quality.

After the results were tallied, the participants from Central had won one team ribbon and eight individual ribbons. Mike Reinsch, the highest scorer from Central, won a purple ribbon.

Phil Worthing, a member from another team of Central's chapter, took a blue ribbon.

Over 200 FFA members participated in this meet. From this, the top three teams would go on to state competition, with the winners from the other seven districts in Nebraska.

Lyons, Nebraska took first and third place for this district, while Omaha Burke took second, and Central's team came in fourth place. But since each school can be represented at the state meet by only one team, the third place Lyons team dropped out and Central came up to third place, and then on to state.

The state competitions were held at David City, Nebraska, on the 28th and 29th of October.

"The state finals were much more difficult," Rich and Dan agree, "because we were there going against the best teams in the state." The Central team, though, did not win the state competitions.

The team as a whole came thirty points away from a ribbon. And in the individual scoring, Mike was seven points short of a ribbon, Rich needed six, and Dan was only one point away from the ribbon.

## Centralite Bowen is multi-instrumentalist

Ever since she was six years old, senior Linda Bowen has been playing some kind of musical instrument.

Now she is able to play the piano, violin, flute, oboe, harp, and recorder. She also experiments with the viola, cello, bassoon, and French horn.

"I used to mess around with the piano when I was little, but my mother got tired of it and asked me if I wanted to take lessons. So I started to take piano lessons when I was six," related Linda.

Linda learned to play her next instrument, the violin, in fourth grade. Encouraged by her music teacher, she began taking private lessons for the violin in fifth grade. The violin, she admits, is her favorite instrument.

"It's very hard to be a good violinist. It's a hard instrument to learn and it takes a lot of practice," said Linda.

In eighth grade, Linda learned to play the flute. As a freshman, she learned the oboe, and last year, as a junior, she began harp lessons.

Linda has played the violin for three years in the All-City Youth Orchestra, three years in the State Music Clinic, and five years in the Omaha Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Last summer Linda played in the Burke High School summer musical "No, No Nannett." This year she participates in Central's pit orchestra and Pep Band.

Surprisingly, a musical career is not Linda's goal. She plans to go into medicine.

"I've decided against going into music because I think a medical career would be more of a challenge for me. Music would be more like an avocation," Linda explained.

## Nurse saves heart attack victim's life

Mrs. Geri Thomas, Central High School nurse, was able to practice a technique most nurses never get to use.

It was 5:30 p.m. Friday, October 31. Mrs. Thomas was on her way home. As usual, she stopped to pick up her two small daughters from their sitter's house located at 3544 North 37th Street.

After entering the house, Mrs. Thomas discovered a frantic young man using the phone. He was Stan Baker from across the street.

His father, Leroy Baker was having a heart attack. The boy had run across the street to call a rescue unit because there was no phone in his own home.

Mr. Baker, who takes medication to control his heart condition, had run out of medicine on Thursday. Mrs. Thomas reasoned that this was the probable cause of his attack.

While the boy called, Mrs. Thomas rushed to the Baker

house. She quickly examined the pale 60-year-old man. Mr. Baker had no pulse and wasn't breathing, so Mrs. Thomas started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

When the rescue unit team did arrive, they switched Mr. Baker to oxygen. He was taken to Veterans' Hospital, where he is currently listed in satisfactory condition. Mrs. Thomas checks daily with her sitter on Mr. Baker's condition.

Mrs. Thomas considers herself and Mr. Baker lucky for she had recently (the previous Tuesday) completed a course in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). This course dealt with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage. The American Heart Association offered this six-week course.

"I never thought I'd have the chance to use what I learned in CPR," reflected Mrs. Thomas.

## A Pigeon's Paradise Entertainment lies in beholder

This is the season of "No Interest" in high school social life. Football games have ended, and basketball has not yet begun. The weekends begin to look bleak and dreary.

What would happen if all of your friends were to vanish for the weekend? "A horror!" you say?

To alleviate the sorrows of being left alone with nothing to do, I have compiled a list of exciting things to do when you are left alone with nothing to do.

While most people do not recognize emus as lovable creatures, these birds make wonderful dates. Take an emu to Westroads and show him a movie or play some pinball.

All emus have that secret desire to go skiing, so have him try on some skis. Be sure to stay away from cages, however, because emus are very sensitive.

Maybe you would rather stay at home and have a party. But what do you do about guests if none of your friends are around? The procedure is simple.

First, purchase two cases of baked beans and put them over

slow heat. Then make a large sign which reads, "FREE GAS" and your address. Place the sign on Dodge Street and wait for your guests to arrive.

If snow is on the ground, there is always something to keep you busy. Try something unique.

Build a ¼ scale replica of the Empire State Building out of snow in your back yard. Climb up to the top with a Sleepie-Weenie doll and growl at the attacking pigeons.

Be the first one your block to break the World's Record for eating snow. The most recent record was set by Abe Nominable in 1958 when he consumed thirteen cubic feet of snow in five minutes.

This record was found to be invalid in 1965 when it was discovered that Abe was really a snowman in disguise.

Caution should be observed, however, while attempting this feat. Discolored snow showing a yellow hue should be discarded as its "Recommended Eating Date" has expired.

Perhaps your creative ideas are bursting to get out. Discover new innovations to be

patented. Make an automatic shoe tying machine to save time on those busy mornings.

Design a toy that will not break, does not make any sounds, cannot move, is not sharp, and does not smell. Give it to an enemy and let him figure out what to do with it.

If all else fails, there is always at least one friendly plant around. Plants make good conversation. Rarely do you find a plant that will argue with you.

Most will comment on the intensity of the light they are receiving or on the density of the carbon that you are exhaling. Plants also enjoy seeing a movie now and then, but too much television is bad for their pistils.

Pet rocks are probably the best pets on the market. These little wonders are paper trained. They need no food and are completely silent when stationary.

While they are good protection against burglars, they are extremely safe around people they know.

When there is absolutely nothing to do, you can always teach your pet rock to play dead.



Photo by Kevin Anderson

Emu ogles shiny baubles

# Gym shorts

## Boys' swimming

Despite the disadvantage of having a team consisting of only about 15 members, CHS boys' swimming coach Mr. Brian Watson is optimistic and looking forward to a good season.

Watson commented that he has a couple of sophomores who seem to have a lot of promise, but the bulk of the load will probably be carried by a few swimmers, including returning seniors Greg Reischlein and Bart Reed. Watson also commented that it was unfortunate that returning senior Mark Haley is not eligible this season.

Mr. Watson said that he was disappointed that such a small percentage of the school's male population came out for the team and thought that more people should try out.

After a season record of five wins and one loss last season, the team will begin its season December 5 with a double dual meet against North and Tech.

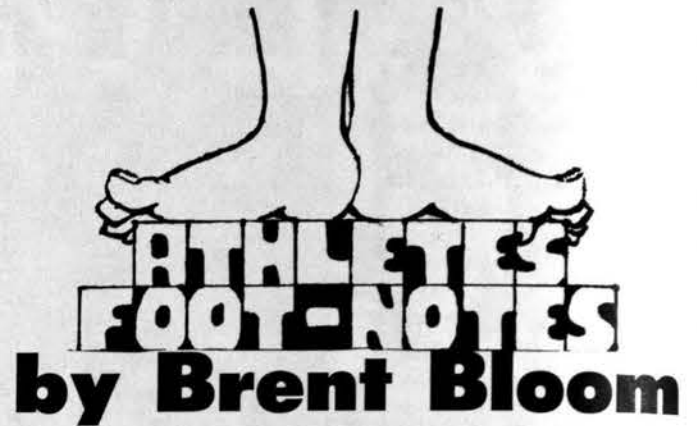
## Teacher refs

"I have always associated with athletics. After suffering a back injury I wanted to get the physical activity a coach would and I felt this would be less strenuous,"

said Mr. William Lovercheck when asked why he became a referee.

Mr. Lovercheck, a sociology and World Studies teacher, officiates four different sports. Most officials do not handle the variety of sports that Lovercheck does. The sports include football, basketball, track and softball.

In the past, Mr. Lovercheck has officiated Junior Varsity football and basketball games involving Central. Now the schedules are arranged so that one does not officiate a game in which one could be involved with one of the teams.



Editor's Note—Due to the illness of Brent M. Bloom, this week's column was written by Mark Simon.

Football is more than the 48 minutes on Friday, or the 60 minutes that are in college football Saturday afternoon. I went to Central athletic director Dr. Don Benning, and he told me what goes into making a football team a winner or a loser.

"The easiest part for the team, and the coach, is game day, when the team is on the field," explained Benning. "The whole thing in college ball starts Sunday after all the games are played." Benning explained that the coaches review the films of the game and grade the players.

"Say for example a defensive lineman's average grade is 66. If he scores a 70, it is good, 80 it's great, and 90 it's super." Said Benning, "If that lineman scores a 59, the coaches think about replacing that player."

## Game starts on Sunday

Benning also said that by the Sunday meeting, the coaches will have charted the next week's opponent's plays, and they will know their "tendencies" in a situation. "They will usually know what a team will do in a certain situation," said Benning of a team's tendencies. "They will practice all week on making the tendencies second nature to the team, so they can react in the proper manner."

## It's all in the mind

Benning went on further, saying that football goes beyond the physical. "Osborne's (Tom Osborne, Head Coach for the Nebraska Cornhuskers) problem for the game this week, (the Oklahoma game) will not be to get the team physically ready," said Benning, "as all they will do is reinforce the team's good points, but he has to convince the players that if they play well, they can beat Oklahoma."

"If a team gets too high," said Benning, "mistakes will put them into a deeper depression than they would have been if they would not have real high emotions." He also said that a team can't depend too much on emotions to win a game.

## Coach has his problems

Benning also explained the problems of the coaches, besides the calling of plays on game days. "A coach has to get the team physically and mentally ready for the game. He has to make them work as a team, and has to make the actions of the other team known to his players, and he has to deal with the player's personal problems too."

"The quarterback has as much pressure on him as the whole team put together," said Benning. "He has to know different kinds of defenses and decide whether to call an audible or not. Then the team has to react properly to the audible. The coaches practice this with the team until it becomes second nature."

Benning said that teams that lose have psychological problems that are hard to overcome. "When a losing team has things start to go right for it, they start to look for things to go wrong and they don't concentrate on football." He then added that it takes a lot of setbacks for a winning team to start to fall apart. "When you win you become psychologically strong, and when you lose you become psychologically weak."



Photo by Mark Simon

Central end Ron Jackson is one of six named to All-Metro

# Six named to All-Metro

Six of Central's varsity football players have been named to the Metro Conference's National Division All-Metro team. The only Centralite to infiltrate the first team line-up is senior guard Chris Sorensen. Sorensen, during the regular

season, besides being co-captain, had a total of 31 tackles and 21 assists.

Gaining recognition as All-Metro Honorable Mention were seniors Larry Pollard and Tommy Johnson at the defensive back position, senior line-

backer Tim Austin, senior tackle John Krolkowski, and senior Ron Jackson at end.

The All-Metro team is selected by a vote of the coaches in their respective (American and National) divisions.

# Girls' basketball debuts

With 19 girls on a varsity and a junior varsity team, the CHS girls' basketball team will start its second year in existence after winning the O.P.S. championship last year.

Coach Paul Semrad said that he is hoping for a good season this year, especially with the leadership shown by senior

Sharon Finch.

Semrad also commented that many girls have improved since last year and that he is expecting good performances from many, including junior Janice Deal.

The team will make its season debut December 4, against Westside at Westside.

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