

Shortened day grows into a way of life

by Steve Swanson

"There are only two ways I can get money: from my parents or by working. I can always fall back on my parents, but I want money to spend. I'll need money for college, too, and I might get a car."

With these words, Central senior Joe Stephen summed up the feelings of many students. The need or desire for money leads many to seek employment while still in high school.

Desire to work answered

One aspect of Central's response to the desire of some students to work is the shortened-day program, which provides students with the opportunity to work during regular business hours.

As of the second semester, 572 Centralites have shortened days. Of these 572, the majority, 351, are seniors. The rest, 221, are juniors. Out of the total enrollment of the school, 2034, the 572 with a shortened day make up 29.7 per cent. Office records reveal that 69.6 per cent of the senior class and 35.7 per cent of the junior class are signed up for shortened days.

Only juniors and seniors are eligible to participate in this program. A parent-counselor

conference is necessary for a student to get a shortened day. When the counselor approves the request, the student has permission to leave Central early or come late in the morning, depending on the nature of the student's job.

This policy of Central has "just evolved," according to Mr. Anthony LaGreca, a Central vice-principal. He added that all Omaha Public High Schools, with the exception of Burke, have such a policy. "Each school's program has its own little wrinkles, though," he added.

La Greca went on to say that the shortened-day program is the response of a conventional scheduling system (as opposed to a modular scheduling system) to be more "flexible."

Reasons for increase

According to Dr. G. E. Moller, Central's principal, the number of students in this program has increased over the years because, for one thing, "the shortened-day policy has been liberalized over the years."

Miss Irene Eden, Central's Head Guidance Counselor, said that the desire of students to be "financially independent" of their parents has also increased the number of shortened-day

Centralites. "Students want to rely on themselves much more than they did 20 or even 10 years ago."

A scheduling problem

With the large number of shortened-day students at Central, the scheduling problems are "very great," according to LaGreca.

"What used to be an eight period day has now almost become a six period day. A lot of senior courses aren't even offered after VIII hour. In the morning, just about 100 per cent of the rooms in the building are in use. By X hour, nine rooms are standing empty. Many teachers have only very small classes by the end of the day," said LaGreca.

Another area which suffers because of shortened days is extra-curricular activities. Miss Eden said, "There are far less clubs than there used to be."

Other activities have adapted to the change, though. Mrs. Barbara Tegt, a Central Social Studies teacher and the sponsor of the cheerleaders, said that a recent change in the constitution of the cheerleaders was brought about by the need to be more "lenient" in attend-
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Photo by Peter Buffett

Will the shortened day policy turn Central's halls and stairways into a deserted no-man's-land?

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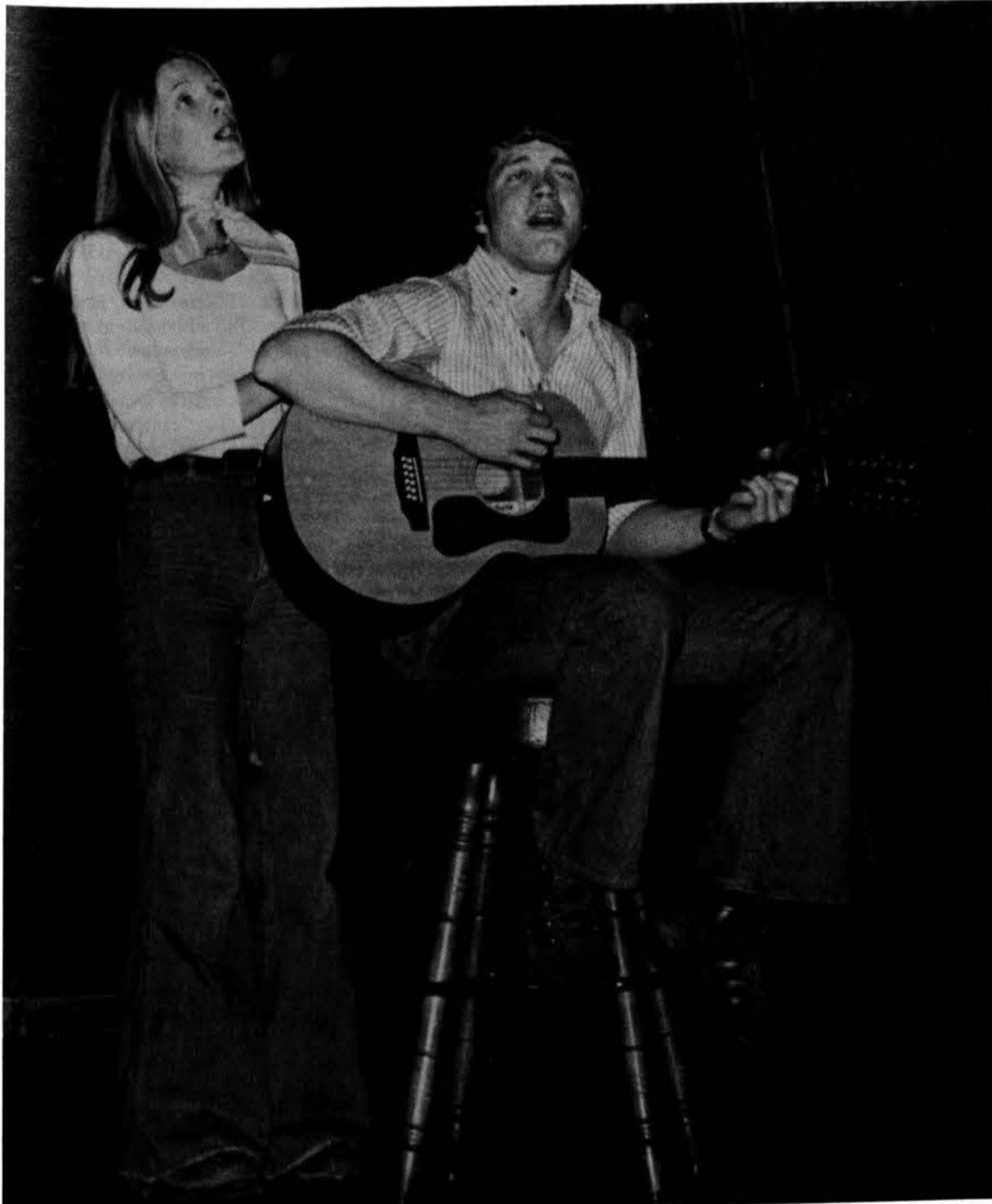


Photo by Kevin Anderson

Singers Linda Piper and Mark Haley in rehearsal for Road Show.

Road Show underway

The glimmer and lights of the 1976 Road Show will be presented in the Central High Auditorium February 25-28.

The freshman-sophomore matinee will be on Wednesday afternoon, February 25, and the junior-senior matinee will be on Thursday morning. Tickets for the matinees are now on sale at \$1.00 with an S.A. ticket and \$1.50 without.

The evening performances will be Friday and Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00.

Integrate other districts

Integration is an issue which involves the entire community of Omaha. Therefore, we think it is only fair that all public schools within Omaha's boundaries be integrated.

It has come to our attention that District 66, Millard, and Ralston will not be involved in the integration plan. The original court order requests only that the Omaha Public School District be compelled to integrate. The plan says nothing about the other districts.

Is this fair? We think that the exclusion of the other districts from the integration plan is a mistake, and that the problem should be corrected as soon as possible.

Thus, the court order is only for the Omaha Public Schools, but since District 66, Millard, and Ralston are definitely a part of Omaha, we feel that plans should be made to include them. Our argument is supported by the fact that District 66 is a district within a district — it is completely surrounded by OPS.

If the plan continues the way it is now devised, District 66 may become a small "non-white" island in a sea of integration. In the future it is possible that District 66, along with Millard and Ralston, may become a refuge for those who do not wish to be integrated or bussed to another school. A direct result of this problem might be overcrowding in District 66 schools.

As they now stand, schools in the other districts are not sufficiently integrated and do not meet the required racial balance established by the Federal government. As we understand it, District 66, Millard, and Ralston were excluded from the integration plan simply because it does not belong to OPS.

Schools in District 66, Millard, and Ralston are provided with excellent facilities and curriculums. Including those schools in the integration plan would definitely be an advantage not only to the students assigned there but also to the entire integration program.

Leaving District 66, Millard, and Ralston out of the affair is an injustice to its students because they are deprived of the benefits of integration. If the school districts are not compelled to integrate, the situation can only cause friction between the Omaha area districts.

By proposing that the other districts be included in the integration program, we are not suggesting that they be dissolved into OPS. We are saying that cooperation between all the districts is necessary to achieve racial balance all over Omaha.

As we stated before, integration is an issue for the entire city of Omaha. It is important that all public schools participate in the program and solve the problem together.

Students get on-the-job training

Business Week, February 8 to 15, honored the business world of secretarial work, accounting, and bookkeeping. Already ten Central students are on their way to a business career as a part of the Vocational Co-op Program.

"The Co-op program gives students a chance to learn business techniques at school and then use them on the job," said Mrs. Wanda Utecht, business department head. The students are required to work at least 15 hours a week and take a business course such as office practices or shorthand. They must also be seniors.

"The students go to class in the morning and then work in the afternoon. They work in large and small offices—travel agencies, insurance companies, typewriter and oil companies," explained Mrs. Helen Coulter, Co-op program coordinator.

Travel agency

Candy Kemper works at Loyal Travel Agency, where she answers the telephone and makes travel reservations. She plans to continue working there after graduating and "maybe go to travel-agent school in Kansas City," she said. The school is sponsored by TWA (Trans-World Airlines). "It's pretty exciting to learn about a lot of different places," Candy remarked.

Accounting is Niel Miller's main interest. He is currently employed at Tully's, a men's clothing store, where he has worked for three years. "I became interested in accounting through courses I took in school, mainly bookkeeping," Niel said. "I plan to go to college at Oklahoma University and major in accounting."

Amy Crowley is employed at Precision Services, where she answers telephone and does typing and filing. "I enjoy working there, and next year I'd like to work there full-time. I might



Photo by Kevin Anderson

Barb Wells makes travel arrangements at Brandeis' Travel Services.

take night courses in using business equipment," Amy stated.

Other students involved in the Co-op Program are Jill Nelson, Nancy Nelson, Nancy Watson, and Mavis Davis. Tina Johnson, who graduated in January, is now a full-time employee for the Aetna Life and Casualty Company.

Retail business

The Vocational Co-op Program is not limited to the business department, however. Ten more students are involved in retail work. "The students work in grocery stores, at Sear's, and at Kilpatrick's," Mrs. Thelma Grush, distributive education teacher, said. In addition to clothes and grocery stores, two students are working in the want-ads section of the Omaha World-Herald, she reported.

Musicians participate in Festival

The All City Festival was held at the Civic Auditorium Saturday, February 7.

Participating in the festival were: a junior high age orchestra, band and chorus; a fifth grade chorus; and a senior high age orchestra, band, and chorus. Central had more participants at the festival than any other school.

Dr. Gerald Ottley, Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir of Salt Lake City, Utah, was guest conductor for the chorus. Mr. Robert McMeen, Central's vocal music director, said Dr.

Ottley was brought in to "provide students with an opportunity to work with a national director."

The All City Band was directed by Dr. Issac Greggs of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Lynn Moller, Central's band and orchestra director, said Dr.

Greggs tried to give the students a feeling for the emotion of the music.

He added that Dr. Greggs was impressed by the Central students' abilities. Dr. Greggs thought some of the Centralites were good enough for the Youth Honor Band, which he helps direct.

'Voice of the People'



raise the pitifully low spirit of Central, this Assembly has been the most active one in recent years. The Assembly is doing something that is unparalleled anywhere in Central High: It has increased its activity four- to five-fold over last year.

Why don't you, the students know? The Central High Register refuses to tell you.

The Register obstinately refuses to print Student Assembly news. There have been many cases in which Register staff people interview Assembly members (myself included) and write an article which never appears. The journalists (and I use that term very loosely) at the Register would rather print stories of old men and belly dancers. Other clubs are being ignored as well. The student assembly has gotten over its problems of recent years.

It's time for the staff of the Register to get over theirs.

Hubert Brown

Assembly complains

Some students at Central allege that the Student Assembly is not doing much for the students. This statement couldn't be more wrong.

From the beginning, when the Assembly reorganized sophomore elections to be more fair to everyone, to the current time, with The Assembly beginning the bicentennial bathroom project and using other ways to

Lee performs in Norton play

Ms. Vicky Lee, drama director at Central High, and Becky Harris, a Central junior, are both currently in rehearsal for "The Imaginary Invalid," a 17th-century farce being presented at the Norton Theater in the Old Market.

"The Imaginary Invalid" was written by one of the most famous French playwrights in history, Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, otherwise known as Moliere. The play is about the misadventures of a hypochondriac named Argan, and everything the other characters do revolves around his imagined illnesses.

Argan's daughter

Ms. Lee, who said that she plays Argan's "dumb but beau-

tiful daughter; a real bimbo," added that the play is very vaudevillian with a great deal of slapstick. "Also," she continued, "the play can be open to a pretty bawdy interpretation. There are a lot of double-entendres.

"Moliere wrote about extreme characters: hypochondriacs, misers, etcetera," she related. "He also directed his own plays, and acted in them too. It is interesting to note that he died of a heart attack while delivering a speech about chest pains as Argan in 'Imaginary Invalid'."

As Angelique, Argan's daughter, Ms. Lee portrays a girl in love with a young man who is, to Argan's great disgust,

not a doctor. Angelique is further beset by her sister, Louise, a "twenty-year-old brat" played by Becky Harris.

Becky admitted that it's hard work doing homework when she has rehearsals every night, "especially since we've been really late the past two weeks." Nevertheless, she is, and has been, very active in Omaha theater. "I've done 'The Crucible' at Norton, 'Marigolds' at Chanticleer, and all sorts of school plays," she said.

Voluntary actresses

Ms. Lee also found teaching school in the daytime and then showing up for rehearsals at night to be difficult. "I just have to budget my time," she said. Incidentally, because the Norton Theater is a community playhouse, neither Becky nor Ms. Lee is getting paid to act in "Invalid."

Why do it then? Ms. Lee, a native of Soldier, Iowa, who got her start in drama in junior high, said simply, "I hadn't been on stage since last spring. I like to act, and I like Moliere, so I just tried out."

The play, in its last week of rehearsal, will open February 20th in the Old Market. Interestingly enough, the director, Dwayne Ibsen, is also a teacher of drama at North High School, (as well as being a direct descendant of the great Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen).



Photo by Peter Buffett

Ms. Lee rehearses with fellow cast members.

Black History month active

Because this is Black History month, Wantu-Wazuri is making plans for an interesting and enlightening program to highlight February. Wantu-Wazuri has proposed two programs, one on February 12, and the other on February 19.

On February 12, there was an eighth period all-school assembly. There were two selections sung by the Central High School Singers. The first selection was "Freedom," and the second one was "A Bomb in Gilli." The guest speaker of this assembly was the Rev. James Allen, the Pastor of Zion Baptist church. Allen spoke on the Black Prospective for the Bicentennial. In Allen's speech, he said that the students should work together, because the hope of the nation is in their hands.

Adults caused "monumental problems"

"The older adults have caused monumental problems in the world that the students must solve," Allen said. He feels that the way Central celebrates Black History month is very interesting and very worthwhile. He also feels that there is strong interest in Black History month. At the close of the program, the Central High School Singers sang "Lord, Show Me The Way," with Paul Burnette playing the piano.

The second program, on February 19, involves an act after school that is open to the public

in room 145. This will be to show the different forms of Black expressions, songs, poetry, and dance, that will be performed by Central High School students.

Mrs. Mary Harvey, a teacher at Central, said, "With so many students in so many diverse activities, it is hard to arrange the Black History month programs. This is the first time an all-school assembly has been organized for Black History at Central High School. In 1971 the Black History program was scheduled after school and attendance was optional, but the auditorium was full (about 1200)."

Program to inform, involve, interest

The reason this program is given is to show more people about Black History and to show involvement, interest and concern. For the last six years, Central has observed February as Black History month.

Black History week was started nationally by Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. He started this program in 1926, in order to acquaint more people with the role and contributions of Negroes. In later years, the week of celebration for Black History was changed into a month's celebration.

Students receive pre-registration papers

Recently, Central juniors, sophomores, and freshmen received "pink slips."

Miss Irene Eden said these slips were given to the students to verify their addresses and to allow the students to look at their choices for the school they will attend next year.

Two other slips, one blue and one white, are being sent through the mail to students' parents. Both of these slips, she said, must be signed by the parents with one of the school choices marked. If a choice is not marked, the school board will make its own selection.

A spokesman for Omaha Pub-

lic Schools said there are four copies: a pink one for the student, blue & white slips for the parents, and a yellow one for the school. If a student loses his form, this yellow one may be used.

Also included with the slips was a letter from Dr. Owen Kuntzen, Superintendent of OPS. It had the following major points:

—Students are being given a chance to participate in voluntary desegregation. If enough students from the correct attendance areas voluntarily transfer, a mandatory plan can be avoided.

—Additional non-black stu-

dents (Caucasian, American Indian, Asian, American, Spanish Surnamed American) must be enrolled at Technical High School. These non-Black students must come from Burke, Bryan, South and Northwest attendance areas.

—The enrollment of Black students at Benson (25%), Central (35%), and Tech must be limited. Black students from these areas (especially North) must be enrolled at Burke, South, Bryan, or Northwest.

—Transportation will be provided according to guidelines established by the Board of Education.

Mathletes take Creighton Field Day

Central High mathletes captured first and second place at the Creighton University Mathematics Field Day held Saturday, February 7. Nearly six hundred students from 118 teams came from Midwestern cities including St. Louis, Mason City, Plattsmouth, and Sioux Falls.

Members of the first place team were David Williams, Marlon Weiss, Dan Olsen, Barry Hoberman, and Bob Hekl.

The second place team members were Steve Swanson, Joe Stephen, Leigh Simpson, Mike Perelman, and John Harris.

Each team competed in four main events having names such as Leap Frog Relay, Mad Hatter Marathons "A" and "B," and Chalk Talk Derby.

The Leap Frog is a competition in which two members of the team each attempt to solve a set of thirty problems during an hour. At the end of the hour, they may discuss any problems they have for five minutes and then exchange tests. The next hour is used to check answers and finish the problems.

The teams of seniors Barry Hoberman and Bob Hekl, and John Harris and Mike Perelman received first and second place awards, respectively, in this event, with two points between the top two places.

Mad Hatter Marathons "A" and "B" refer to the events geared for the senior and sophomore levels, respectively, comprised of quick-answer questions flashed on a screen every twenty to forty seconds.

Junior David Williams placed first in the "A" marathon with

senior Joe Stephen coming in fourth.

Sophomores Dan Olsen and Leigh Simpson made second and sixth place showings, respectively, in their division.

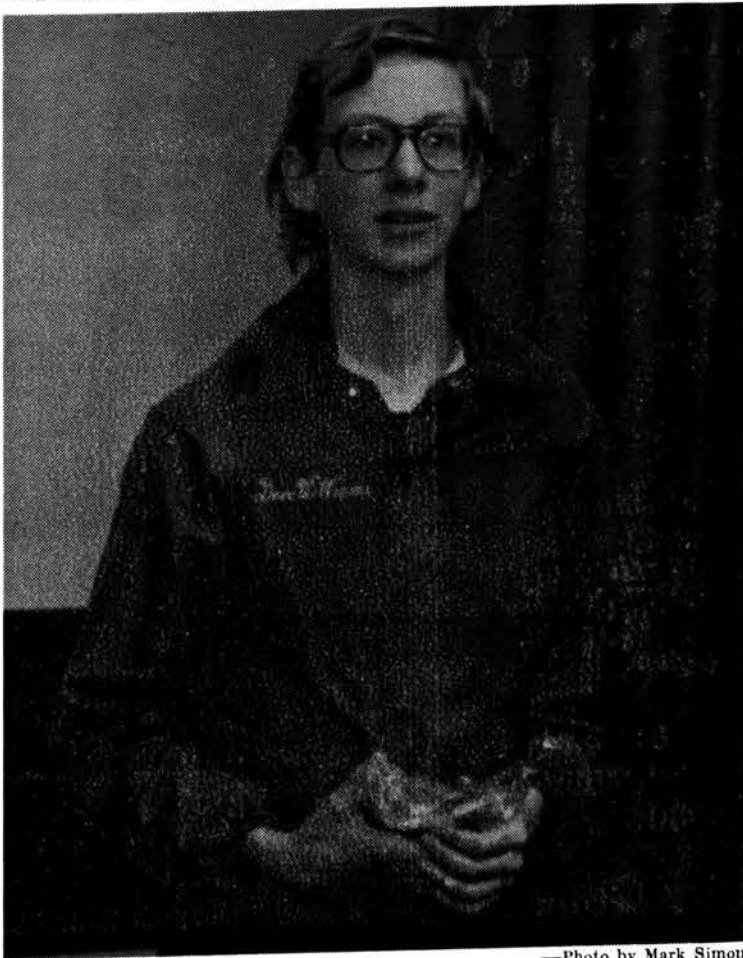
The Chalk Talk Derby is an event in which competitors receive points by taking a written test and giving a speech utilizing the chalkboard to a maximum. This year the topic for the talks was "continuity."

Marlon Weiss placed fourth, and Steve Swanson placed fifth

in the Chalk Talk. The two seniors were a point apart in their total scores.

Miss Virginia Lee Patt, Math Department head and math team coach, said, "The Field Day is one of the major events of the year. The competition is strong because the teams are from such a large area."

All of the teams competed in the large, medium, or small school division. There were 46 teams that competed with Central in the large school division.



—Photo by Mark Simon

David Williams clasps first place plaque.



A new angle of math

As everyone at Central High knows, math is as "number one" as basketball, chess, debate, or whatever. But understanding the unique variables formulated in the field of mathematics is not an easy endeavor. Therefore, as a member of the Math team, I am making an effort to reveal to one and all the secrets of producing mathematical wizards.

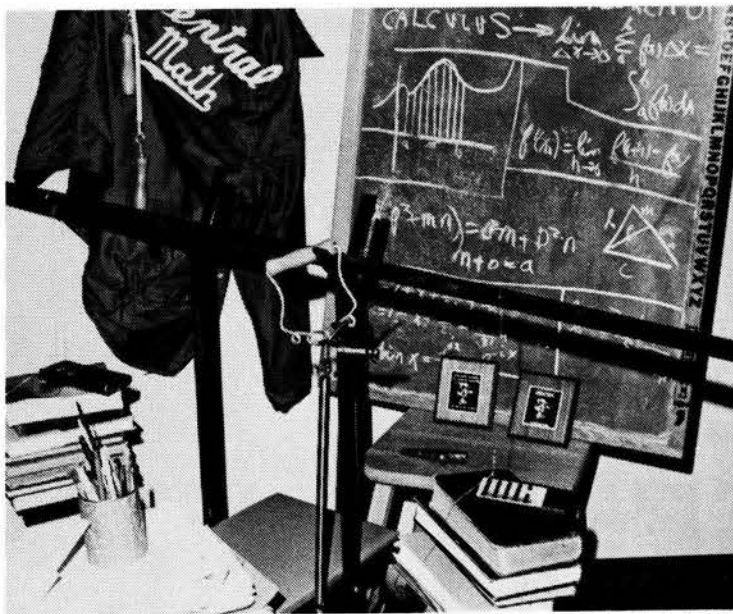
"Training is the soul of success," said Auntie Lauga Rythm in 1906. Because of the complexities of math, individuals feel that training can be done in a variety of ways.

One such activity involves the method of Gaussian's newton meditation. This basically is a mental process in which the individual selects his "private" complex number and repeats it silently to himself, squaring it every third repetition. Some people say that they have seen visions of angles in heaven while doing this exercise.

Mathletes see red in practice

While mathletes may be proficient in solving ancient problems of the ages, few find the rigors of addition and subtraction an easy task. Therefore, one bright student, Polly Hedron, came up with a practice drill.

Polly uses this method: First, pick any inanimate object and call that object a "drak yoola." Imagine hundreds of these objects in a curve around the circumference of a circle. Set a timer for



—Photo by Bob Hekl

A mathematical training center.

thirty seconds and mentally count the objects as fast as you can.

While Polly says this drill helps her clear her head, most people think that this process (called "Count drak yoolas") can be a real pain in the neck.

Correct form is important when doing math problems. The back should be slouched forward approaching the slope of a hyperbola at any particular point. One should sit on the edge of the chair with the weight of the body on the balls of the feet in case a difficult problem is solved and the solver must stand up and shout, "I just solved a difficult problem."

When beginning to do math problems, individuals should clutch the pencil tightly as to create a natural pencil rest in the fingers by the time they get tired. Nose erasers can be purchased to be used when in need of a quick correction.

"Wristwatch" aimed at hands

At the actual math contests, several winning techniques are used. One such technique is called "Wristwatch." This defensive maneuver simply involves all of the members of one team looking at the wrists of all of the members of the other team. The theory behind this is that solutions to problems must travel through the wrist in order to get to the paper. Observing the wrist stops the flow of thought. In essence, the "Wristwatch" is a kind of mental block.

Competitors using this technique, however, must be sure that judges are informed of the practice because of the eye contact near to the opposing team's papers.

Another interesting device is to wear clothes with math formulas on them that are incorrect. While everyone is trying to get a good look at the latest fashion, you can be reading the correct formulas that you've written in Braille on the inside of your socks.

Broken pencils — broken morals

Members of the opposing team breaking pencils is a good indication that they are trying to cheat. Get even with them by interrupting their code with breaking pens or cracking knuckles.

Sometimes, however, the plan of attack backfires, and you get covered with ink or break a finger. But this can work to your advantage if you distract your opposition by rolling on the floor with red ink while screaming, "The limit of my function is approaching infinity; the integral of this sine is indeterminable!"

While these are only a few tricks of the trade for math lovers, a complete volume called "A Guide to Producing Winning Math Teams" may be purchased from Asymptotes Unlimited, Eccentricity One Drive, Quadratic Cone, Iowa.

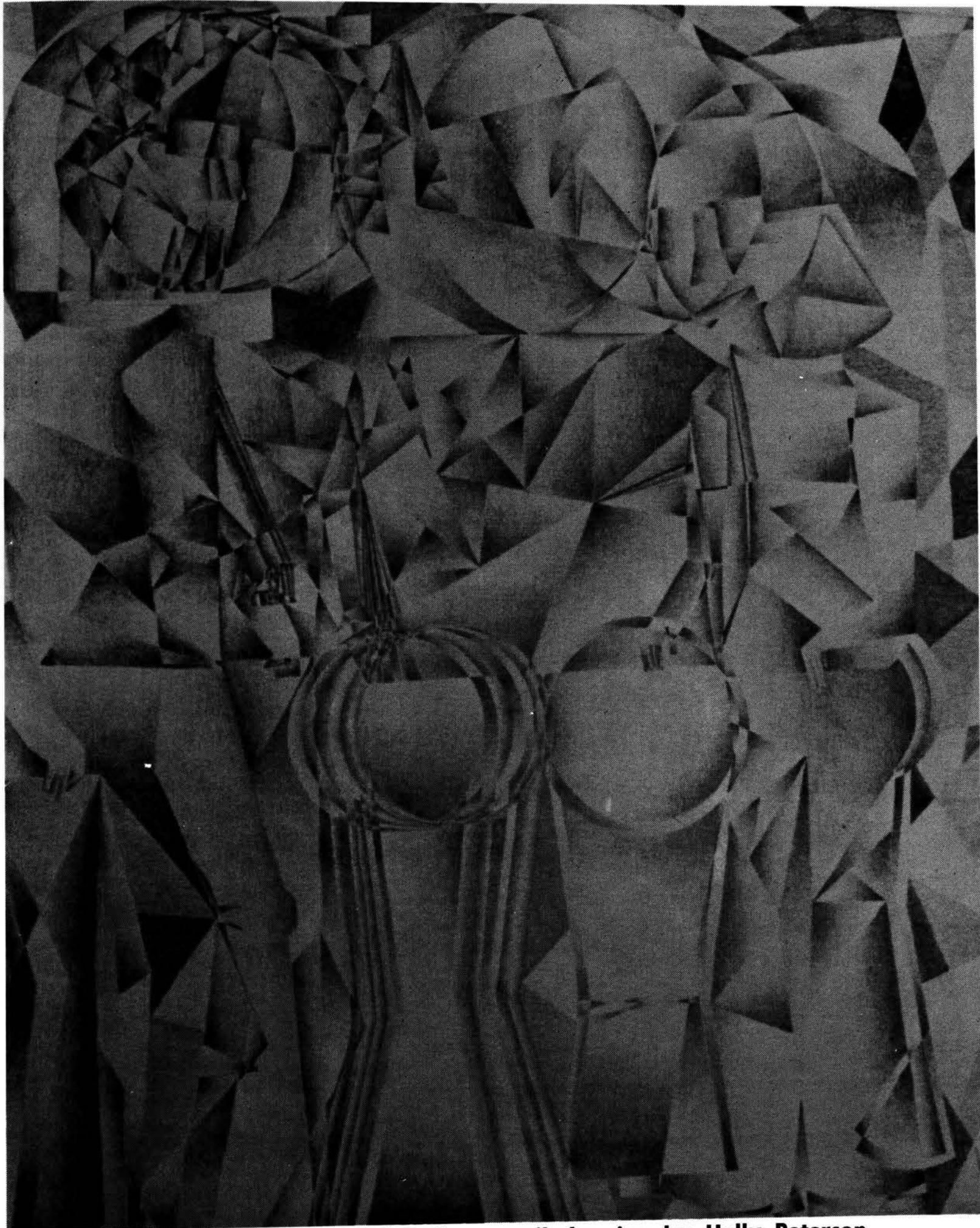


Detail from "Wind Erosion," an ink drawing by Jim Wolford.

Central artists receive awards



Detail from "House of Many Moods," an acrylic water color by Jim Wolford.



Detail from "Cubic Motions," a pencil drawing by Holly Peterson.

Central artists recently won three of five Hallmark award nominations and 12 Key awards in the Nebraska Scholastic Art Awards competition.

The competition, sponsored by Scholastic Magazine nationally and by Brandeis locally, awarded 142 achievement keys to the superior pieces of artwork out of a field of 2,750 entries from junior and senior highs statewide. Out of the total number of Key awards, five works were nominated for the Hallmark award for this area.

The Hallmark nominees from Central were senior Jim Wolford, who received two nominations, and junior Holly Peterson. Their winning entries are shown on these pages.

Other Centralites who received Key awards without a Hallmark nomination were Peter Buffett, two Key awards in photography; Gayle Chatfield, two Key awards in textile design; David Martin, mixed media; Mike Nash, mixed media.

Patty Pugh, pencil drawing; Bill Skog, pencil drawing; Mary Smith, printmaking; and Allan Wheat, ink drawing, also won Key Awards.

Central students who were given Honorable Mention included Kevin Anderson, Peter Buffett, Cathi Curran, Catherine Dalton, David Eck, Scott Peters, Bill Skog, Mary Smith and Jim Wolford.

The artwork of all winners and Honorable Mention receivers is currently on display at the downtown Brandeis store on the Mezzanine level, until the 20th. The exhibition will then move to Brandeis in Lincoln.

Photos by Peter Buffett

Eagles to face Prep

The last regular game of the 1975-1976 varsity basketball season will be played at the Civic Auditorium, tomorrow night, against Creighton Prep.

The varsity Eagles have so far accumulated a record of 14 wins and five losses, their latest defeat coming at the hands of the Benson High School Bunnies. In their two most recent victories, the Eagles have overcome the Bryan High

In the Eagles' most recent defeat, they were beaten by a fast moving and hard playing Benson Bunny team.

Central scored first in this hotly contested match, with many Benson fouls marring the first quarter. Benson center Dan Clausen did not start for the Bunnies but came in late in the first quarter to play voracious basketball, especially under the boards.

to six points, 52-46. Benson had a scoring barrage at the end of the game, thus making the final score 72-59 in favor of the number one ranked Benson Bunnies.

Commenting on the upcoming Prep game to be held at the Civic Auditorium, Coach Jim Martin said that he was glad that the game was moved to the Auditorium, as he feels that it will give the Central team a boost. Martin also commented

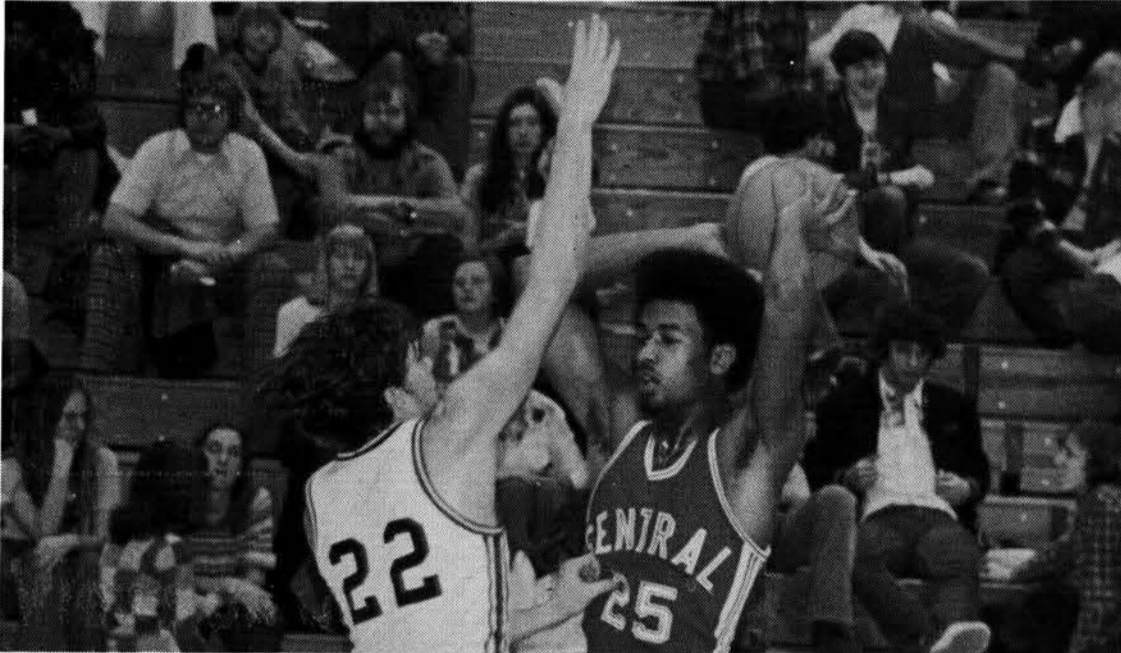


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Stomach thumping by Bryan defender is evident while Lawrence Wilson tries to find an open Eagle.

School Bears and the Huskies from Northwest.

Most recently, the Eagles defeated the Northwest Huskies by a score of 51-43.

In a game marked throughout by Central domination, the Eagles led at the end of the first quarter, 17-7. During the first quarter, Central used a man-to-man press much of the time and the Huskies did not get an unblocked shot off until less than 2:30 was left in the first quarter.

Both teams played a fairly good second quarter, with the score ending up tied at half-time, 33-33.

The third quarter proved to be none too good for the Eagles, as at one point they were behind by 11 points. Lonnie Easter scored a basket at the buzzer, making the score at the end of three 51-44 in favor of the Bunnies.

Near the end of the game the Eagles came on strong, at one point narrowing Benson's lead

that the Central team has not really had a chance to score an upset, and this might be their chance.

Coach Martin commented that the Eagles might have won the Benson game if their shooting had been a little better: the Eagles shot 37.5% compared to Benson's 58%.

In the district playoffs, Central's first game will be against Papillion High School, a team that recently upset a strong Lincoln High team.

ATHLETICS FOOTNOTES by Brent Bloom

Another competition thoroughly unique to the Eagles of Central High School has, alas, come to an end.

This competition had at least as long a season as any other sport at Central, although it is a completely non-contact sport. One did not have to be an athlete to participate in this competition, and no varsity letters were awarded.

Anyone could try out for this contest, and once one got started, there was rarely a cut made.

What, you may ask, is this extremely unusual type of competition? It was the "First Annual Central High School 'Register' Bicentennial Beard Burgeoning Bash."

A total of nearly thirty "beardaletes" tried out for this contest, and nearly as many finished.

The Bash lasted from the middle of October until the half-time of the last home basketball game, which was last Friday night, when the Eagles took on the Northwest High School Huskies.



Photo by Kevin Anderson

"Beardaletes" bask in the sunshine in the courtyard with clean shaven faces.

Throughout the nearly five month duration of the contest, many different types of facial hair were exhibited. The different styles the "beardaletes" exhibited ranged all the way from the small continental look of the goatee to the rather concealing full beard which sometimes gave the contestant an appearance somewhat akin to the back of their own head.

Some people had a little trouble getting out of the proverbial starting blocks, as one contestant complained that all he could grow was a muffler around his neck. Others in the contest were stymied when small patches of what one might call a beard only appeared on certain parts of their face and not on others.

Many people also found that social pressure from other people tended to be a problem. Many more conservative members of our society tend to have an aversion to the word 'beard'. They will say things to the effect of "Uncle Sam had whiskers, Charles Manson had a BEARD."

Most other people were much more tolerant of us 'beardaletes' and many times offered to disinfect our growths in order to kill anything that might be living in them. Personally, I



Photo by Kevin Anderson

"Beardalete" champions are chosen in a choice exhibition.

wasn't quite sure whether to take many of the comments as gestures of good will or as sarcasm, like the time someone offered to trim my beard with a chain saw.

Anyway, congratulations are in order for the winners of the Burgeoning Bash. The audience at the halftime of the Central/Northwest game judged the contestants, and the one with most applause won.

The first place winner, John Barnhart, received a one-year subscription to the "Register." The second place award, given to Peter Buffett, is a two-year subscription to the "Register." The third place winner, Zan Bockes, who entered the contest with an imitation beard scotch-taped to her face, received a small bottle of Vaseline hair tonic for her trouble.

I know I enjoyed growing a beard for the contest, and like John Barnhart said, "It was fun and exhilarating, and anyway, I liked not having to shave."

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C-Club elections

Here at Central there are two clubs for the athletically inclined who have been talented enough to achieve a letter. The young men's club is known as the "O" Club. For the young women there is the "C" Club.

Election of officers for the "C" Club was held February 9th. The new "C" Club officers are: president- Sharon Finch; vice-president- JoAnn Olsen; secretary- Radean Rasmussen; treasurer- Sally Schrein.

When asked how she feels about being the new "C" Club president, Sharon Finch said, "I think it's exciting and it should be quite an experience." About what she will do while in office, Sharon commented, "I hope to make the female athletes of Central made more aware of by the rest of the students."

At this time there are more than 50 members in the "C" Club. These girls hold letters in one or more of the following sports: swimming, golf, volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, tennis, track and field.

Wrestling

The Central High wrestlers will send four representatives to the State wrestling meet tomorrow in Lincoln. They are: Junior Terry Conyers in the 98 lb. division; Tom Gargano at 138 lbs.; Elroy Fuerstanau at

185 lbs.; and Heavyweight Jim DiCola.

Coach George Garrett is very pleased with his young team and was "especially surprised with Gargano's good performance."

The top four wrestlers in each weight class from the district advance to the State Tournament. Conyers took first in his class, Gargano was fourth, as was Fuerstenau, and DiCola took second, after losing a decision in overtime.

The State Meet will be held tomorrow, Friday, and Saturday at the Coliseum in Lincoln.

Jayvee Basketball

After getting off to a slow start, the Junior Eagles put it all together to beat the Northwest Huskies 62-50, last Saturday night in the Norris gym.

The game was in question at half time, with the score tied at 27. The Eagles took command in the second half, and never gave up the lead. All the Eagles played, with Jerry Whittaker, Irv Harris, and Ambrose Jackson getting into double figures.

After taking the lead in the first half, the Eagles lost it at halftime resulting in a defeat by the Bryan Bears, 66-44, February 7 in Bryan's gym. Three Eagle starters and two Bryan starters fouled out. Both benches were called for technical fouls on what they felt were bad decisions on the part of

the officials. Ambrose Jackson led Eagle scoring with 11.

On February 6 the Eagles traveled to the Northwest gym to battle the Benson Bunnies. The game was very tight until late in the fourth period, when Benson put in 10 unanswered points to win the game.

Jeff Goodwin led Eagle scoring with 22 points, 14 of which were free throws. A check of the records showed that Goodwin had shot 21 free throws without a miss until the Bryan game. Irv Harris was also in double figures with 14.

The Eagles' last game of the season will be tomorrow against Prep in the Civic Auditorium at 6:15 p.m.

Boys' Swimming

Finishing eighth in the Metro Conference championships was some consolation to Central swimmers as they beat some teams that had defeated them earlier in the season in dual competition.

Central won the consolation 200 medley relay, Greg Reischlein placed third in the consolation 50 freestyle, Tom McLaughlin took third in the consolation 100 backstroke, and Bart Reed took third in the consolation 100 breaststroke.

Coach Brian Watson said that his team has been working hard, and added, "I would like to see the team do as well in districts as they did here (at Metro)."

Olsen leads gymnasts

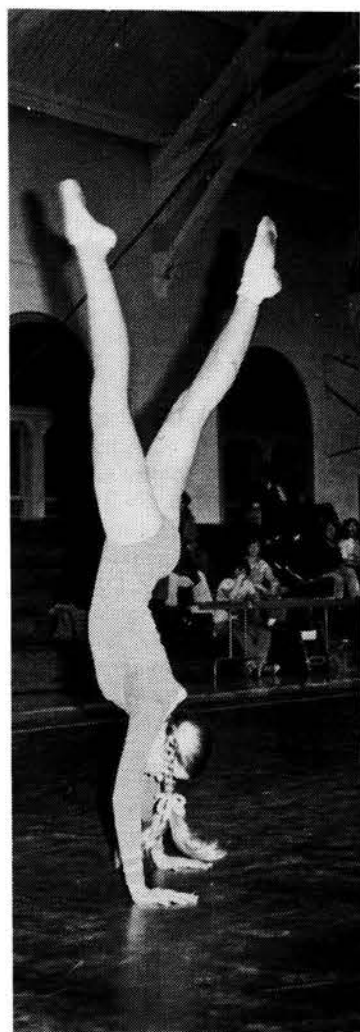


Photo by Kevin Anderson

Gymnast Terri Johnson exhibits skill and balance in performing a floor exercise routine.

The girls' gymnastics team has compiled a record of 4 wins - 10 losses with wins over Westside, Roncalli and Ryan. The losses were against Benson, Tee Jay, North, Bellevue, South, Lincoln Northeast, and the highly ranked Burke Bulldogs.

JoAnn Olsen, the leading scorer, now has 98.85 points to her record. She attributes her success to her conditioning with track. She said that a maneuver such as a handspring vault "is 90 percent run and 10 percent guts." In the last six meets, JoAnn has placed no less than second in each. Her average is 8.1 points.

In the meet against Westside and Roncalli, Central placed first with 59.33 points. Central placed first in every event but the uneven bars. Senior Terri Johnson placed second in the all-around competition.

Against Benson and Tech, Central scored 64.85. JoAnn Olsen placed first in vaulting. The final team standings were Benson with 74.73, Central with 64.85, and Tech with a forfeit.

Junior Kelly Zenchuk placed second in floor exercise against Thomas Jefferson and Ryan with a 5.85 average. Kelly is now the strongest girl on floor exercise with a 5.8 average in the last six meets. JoAnn Olsen placed first in vaulting with 8.0 points.

JoAnn also placed first in the meet against Bellevue and Burke ahead of the top metro contenders in vaulting. Although Central placed last, they scored their all time high of this year with 66.55 points.

Sophomore Cindy Coldwell scored a 5.2 to place second on balance beam behind Tammy Driscoll who placed first in every event. The final team standings were North with 76.95 and Central with 62.85.

Against South and Lincoln Northeast, the only Centralite who placed was JoAnn Olsen. JoAnn placed second in vaulting with an 8.15. The final team standings were Lincoln N.E. with 78.15, followed by South with 75.70, and Central with 61.05 points.

The next meet will be the state meet later this month.

O-Club will test athlete endurance

In order to raise funds for athletic trophies, the Central High O-Club is sponsoring the first Central High Sooper Starz.

According to O-Club vice-president, and event co-chairman, Keith Schafer, "Terry Gutierrez brought it up at one of the meetings." He said it is very much like the one seen on ABC-TV.

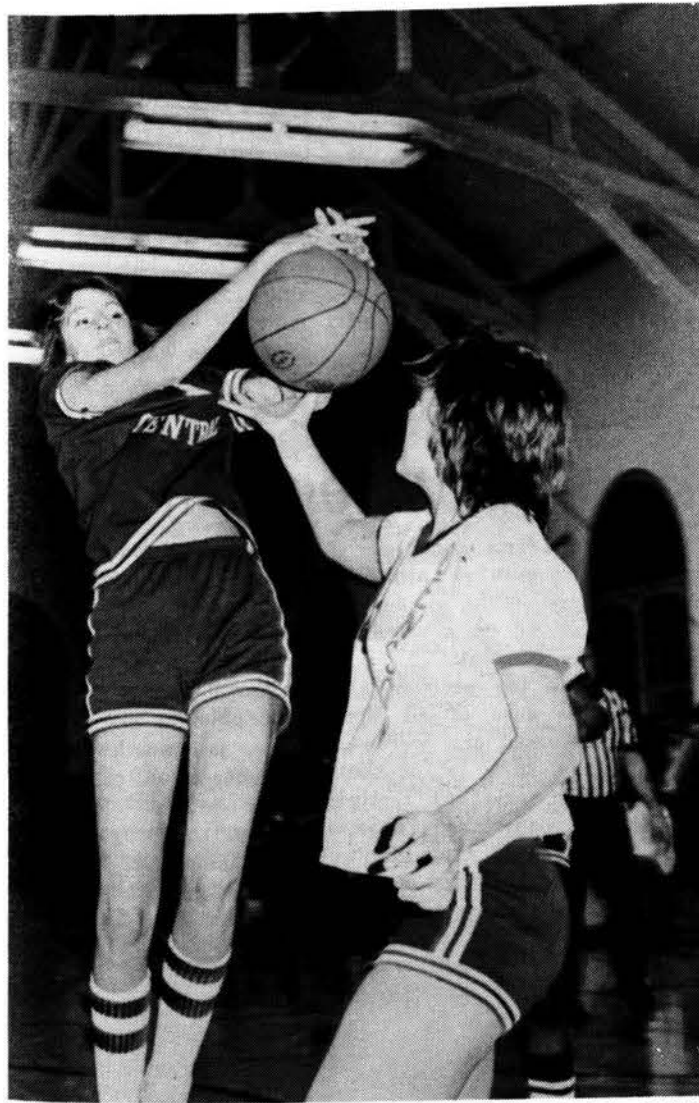
The events for the Sooper Starz include: baseball hitting, free throw shooting, the obstacle course and ping-pong.

Other events are: 100 yard freestyle, tennis, 100 yard dash, 880 yard run, and weight lifting. Keith said that bicycle racing was included, but

since not everyone has a bicycle of equal construction, and the donation of bicycles would make the athletes involved professional, the competition will not be held.

The rules are similar to the Super Stars. Lettermen cannot participate in the sport that they lettered in, and if they lettered in two sports they may choose one of the two sports. One thing different about the Sooper Starz is that the obstacle course is not mandatory.

The competition is open to O-Club members, faculty and students, including females. The entry fee will be two dollars.



—Photo by Peter Buffett

Girl basketballers work toward their current 7-3 record.

Good effort shown

Girl Eagles now 7-3

The Central High School Girls' Basketball team has won seven out of ten games, with the Metro championships yet to come.

In its last two games the team has beaten the Bears from Bryan High 31-30, and lost to the Burke Bulldogs 72-58.

Coach Paul Semrad commented that the team is very tough, with three starting sophomores. Semrad also commented that guard Sheila Walker has been doing a good job on scoring, and Jackie

Harrington has been doing a good job on defense.

In commenting that the team has been showing a good team effort both offensively and defensively, Semrad added that the team will probably be very strong next year and that he is looking forward to the upcoming season.

The next Girls' Basketball game will be held during the Metro Tournament, which takes place the last week in February.

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Of Central Importance

Best teacher named

Mr. Steve Nelson, a graduate from Central who has been teaching art at Central for 6½ years, was voted Teacher of the Year for the school year 1975-1976, an award made by the Student Assembly.

"We take a list of teachers at Central for this school year and then we hold nominations," explained senior Hubert Brown, Student Assembly chairman. "Each person who nominates a teacher must give reasons why this teacher should be given the award. After nominations and discussions are finished we take a vote and the winner is announced."

Hubert further explained that teachers for this award usually possess the following characteristics: a good relation and understanding with the students, and a willingness to spend time with students.

Mr. Nelson will be Central's representative in the State Teacher of the Year Award, put on by the Intra-City Student Council.

Nominees named

On February 3, two seniors, Debbie Denenberg and Steve Swanson, were chosen as the two nominees from Central to compete for a National Honor Society Scholarship.

The application consists of a series of questions concerning the nominees activities in school and in the community. Winners are chosen on the basis of grades and activities.

Miss Irene Eden, Central's Head Guidance Counselor, said that the winners of the scholarship from Nebraska are generally from outstate Nebraska. "I think that the students from the smaller towns probably have a better chance at winning since the schools they attend are

so small that one person can participate in a wider variety of activities."

The winners of the competition will be announced later this school year.

Blood day successful

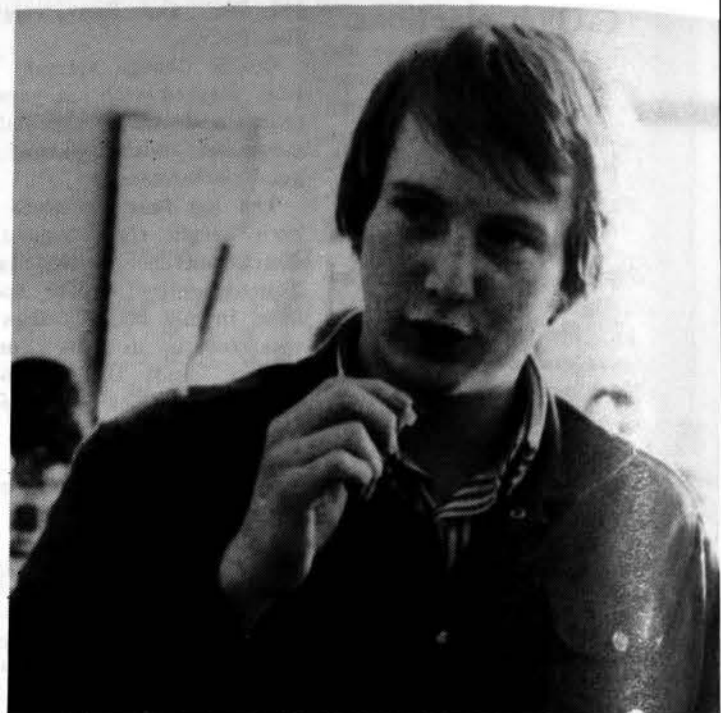
On Monday, February 9th, Student Assembly scheduled a second Blood Donor Day.

Unlike the first Blood Donor Day, which was a failure, this one was a success. A total of 41 people donated blood.

Plans for Blood Donor Day got under way last summer. The Bloodmobile must be booked in advance in order to set up nurses and get the necessary equipment.

The mobile was at Central from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It took approximately 10 or 15 minutes for each person to donate.

So far, Student Assembly has made no further plans for another Blood Donor Day.



—Photo by Paul Fisher

Tim Austin samples a tasty morsel.

Octopus, caviar on Steiner's menu

Last week, Mr. Creighton Steiner's anthropology classes tasted venison, personally bagged by CHS art teacher Mr. Michael Mathias, as well as smoked frog legs, octopus, artichoke hearts, quail eggs, caviar, matza, gefilte fish, poi (a Hawaiian bread), and palm hearts.

Reactions were mixed. Centralite Tim Austin said, "They (the quail eggs) look sick. I don't think I can eat lunch today. Even the Kool-Aid is nasty."

Ruth Coren said the octopus was good, and she added at the end of the class, "I ate so much I am sick."

Cindy Siedschlag, who was canvassing the class for Mrs. Mary Harvey's sociology class said, "I found a majority of the class liked the octopus." Octopus tastes smoked because it is tightly packed.

Also served were smoked grasshopper legs. Cindy said she thought they were delicious. About the meal in general, senior Elaine Spindler said, "I liked it. I didn't like it as well as regular food though."

Becky Harris, a junior, commented "Most of it was OK, some was pretty bad; nothing was in between. It was all either good or bad; the Kool-Aid was the only thing that was really any good."

Mr. Steiner collected about 18 dollars from his three classes. He and Mr. Mathias purchased the food at the gourmet counters of Hinky Dinky and Brandeis. They hoped to get whale meat, rattle snake, and fried grasshopper, but they were not able to find any.

Mr. Steiner thought that the project had worked out well. He is hoping to do it again next year.

Views on drinking shown

As a follow-up to the World-Herald's recent series on teenage alcoholism, a survey of Central High students was taken. Do you drink? yes 48% no 52%

At this point, those who said "yes" were asked one set of questions, and those who said "no" were asked to respond to another group of questions.

DRINKERS

How often?	occasionally 73%	often 7%
	all the time 6%	rarely 14%
Why do you drink?	social 47%	taste 32%
	depression 5%	other 10%
Do you think drinking is a problem among teenagers?	yes 44%	no 56%
What do you think the legal age should be to drink?	20-Over 7%	19-17 79%
Do your parents drink?	yes 68%	no 32%
Would you let a drunk friend drive?	yes 10%	no 90%
Do you think drinking is worth it?	yes 30%	no 52%
		sometimes 18%

NON-DRINKERS

What do you think of people who drink?	don't care 21%	it's ok 50%
	undecided 3%	opposed 26%
What do you think the legal age should be to drink?	20-Over 37%	19-17 32%
	undecided 10%	none 16 7%
Do you think the majority who drink have a problem?	undecided 8%	yes 52%
Do your parents drink?	yes 52%	no 48%
Why don't you drink?	don't like the taste 44%	other 56%
	turns me off 10%	
Would you let a drunk friend drive?	yes 2%	no 98%

What is the average student's response to drinking? Some feel drinking "might hurt somebody," or "it's sort of dumb." Others say, "I like to drink!"

Drinking appears to have become a common passtime. Why? "Kids try to find a way to escape," say some students. Others complain, "What else are you going to do?" Some students feel drinking is relaxing.

Common reasons for not drinking are: "I don't drink because I don't want to get drunk," "It's not the way to have fun," and "If you can't handle it (drinking), you shouldn't be drinking."

Many students feel that the teenage drinking epidemic is being overplayed. Drinkers, they say, should be able to do what they want with their lives.

Spring play to feature female cast

Ms. Vicky Lee, Central drama teacher, has selected the spring play to be presented April 6, 7, 8.

Entitled "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds," the play is a three act drama by Paul Zindel. The drama was a winner of a Pulitzer Prize, an Obie Award, and the New York Drama Critic Circle Award as the Best American Play of the season.

There are three high school age girls, a mother, and an old lady over one hundred years of age in the cast. Briefly, the story is about Beatrice Hunsdorfer and her two daughters; one daughter, Tillie, undertakes a gamma ray experiment with marigolds which wins a prize at her high school.

Tillie is a shy girl with an intuitive gift for science. Her sister, Ruth, is high strung and subject to convulsions. The other characters are a girl in competition with Tillie, and the old lady, Nanny.

While the cast is comprised of five women, Ms. Lee said that the play was chosen specifically for its quality as excellent educational theater.

In response to some complaints about the all-female cast, Ms. Lee said, "Last year I had to cast a female in a male role. There are ten times as many females as males in the try-outs. Boys that want to help with the play can request to do directional help, technical help, stage work, or other jobs."

Ms. Lee said that try-outs will be held February 25 and 26 after school.

Working students alter CHS

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ance requirements at athletic events. Many of the girls are unable to attend on a regular basis because of work.

"We had a big problem at Christmas because of all the girls who worked and weren't able to come to a lot of the games," Tegt said. "I really don't mind shortened days, though, as long as they aren't used as an excuse to get out of other work."

On the other hand, an organization such as the Pep Club has a difficult time trying to keep its juniors and seniors interested in the Club if they work.

Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, a CHS English teacher and sponsor of the Pep Club, said, "It's harder to get seniors or juniors to take the responsibilities if they have to think about their work also. I also find that it's harder to arrange officer meetings."

Athletics not affected

One field which does not seem to have suffered as a result of shortened days is athletics. According to Mr. Gary Bailey, CHS Physical Education Department Head, the number of students trying out for sports has not been affected by the policy.

Even so, some people wonder about the effects which working and shortened days have upon a student's grades. Commenting on this subject, Dr. Moller said, "I've read any number of studies on this subject. They all say that work will affect a

student's grades 'somewhat.' Miss Eden, however, stated that there are too many factors which could influence a person's grades. "A bald statement that work will hurt grades would be impossible to prove."

Is it worthwhile?

Adding up all of the information, one is left wondering whether the program is really worthwhile. Dr. Moller thinks so. "It's good for young people to have a job. The priority of school shouldn't change, though."

"Up through the sophomore year, the first obligation should be to schooling, but past that, the school should have less control over the student's life. At that age, people are coming to maturity and should be able to determine their own course."

LaGreca, however, regrets the way some have abused the shortened-day policy. "Some of our students who have shortened days don't have jobs. They're getting out of school for no good reason."

He also stated that the shortened-day program is "just like any other freedom. If it's abused too much, it'll have to be shut down, but we're not hurting that much right now."

Even though the total impact of the shortened-day policy probably won't be known for a long time, several programs have already had to adjust to this sudden growth of the number of working high school students. And, as LaGreca said, "It's no fad; it's here to stay."

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