

Olympic champion Owens speaks at Central

by Brent Bloom

Jesse Owens, at one time acclaimed as the world's fastest man, had an engagement at Central Thursday, April 22, 1976 to speak to an all school assembly.

At the 1936 Olympic games, held in Berlin, Germany, Mr. Owens won international fame by setting new Olympic records in winning individual titles in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and broadjump; and he was also on the winning relay team.

Profound effect

Performing under the auspices of, at that time dictator of Germany, Adolph Hitler, Owens commented, had a profound effect on his life. Owens said that he used the Olympics as a springboard for the rest of his life, in order to do what he does now and has done for years, help other people; especially young people.

Mr. Owens, appearing to be a very dramatic and dynamic speaker, said in the course of his speech and the interview afterwards, that kids, even if they plan to be professional athletes, should go to college and get a profession first, because you cannot be a professionally competitive athlete all your life, and you should have something to fall back upon.

Causes frustration

Owens spoke on a variety of subjects, and when questioned on the highly controversial issue of busing to achieve racial integration, Mr. Owens commented that he "doesn't care for busing to achieve racial integration, but rather, the cities should equalize the area schools quality of education, and zoning boards should loosen housing boundaries and let more people move into more areas of the city." He also said that busing causes frustration in small children from a disadvantaged area. Owens said that "the child is bused to a nice neighborhood for school and he is exposed to a nice neighborhood and



Photo by Kevin Anderson

Ex-Olympian Jesse Owens makes an important point.

nice homes, and then he must go back home to the disadvantaged area, and this causes frustration."

Commenting on the difference in amateur standing in the United States and in some European countries, Owens said that he favors the system the United States uses, in that when a person performs after having the government pay for everything he does, he is owned by the government, and it should not be that way.

Owens spent much of the time in his speech talking about the way that he helps the disadvantaged and the way that other people can also. He said that the athletes and the good students in the schools should set good examples for the other students in the school.

'What is your dream?'

"What is your dream, what can you do?" was a major point of Owens' speech, in saying that everybody is good at something and that one should, as he did, set a goal for himself and try to achieve that goal.

Since retiring, Owens has spent much of his time working with high school age people. He is a member of the board of directors of Boys Town, and has been an active participant in many of its programs. His experience with youth all over the world seems to have made him well aware of many of the problems facing the youth of today.

The Jesse Owens Educational Foundation has been established to help make better educational opportunities available to every one.

Mr. Owens' purpose in coming to Central was probably summed up best by Mr. Cliff Herman, the representative of World Book Encyclopedia who brought Owens to Omaha. Herman said "The idea is to allow Jesse to convey to high school coaches, teachers, and students the quality and the spirit necessary to achieve excellence in whatever task one undertakes."

Candidate Cavanaugh brings campaign here

John Cavanaugh, Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, spoke to the Politics '76 Club on April 29. Cavanaugh is the only Democrat on the Representative ballot, and he is currently going to many area high schools and junior high schools to speak.

Cavanaugh is the second candidate to speak to the club; Hess Dyas, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Senate, was the first.

As one of the major problems in this country, Cavanaugh sees a lack of confidence. He said, "In the four years I have spent in the Legislature, I have experienced a deterioration in the confidence of the people (in the political system)."

Watergate, he said, "is the most peculiar and disastrous political problem in history." Watergate, along with Vietnam and the numerous political assassinations, has eroded the peoples' faith in the govern-

ment, he commented.

He said he is not one who believes in the economic theory that postulates that an economy must have either high inflation or high unemployment.

The goal of the government, he said, "is to establish an economy that expands so we can have full employment. It is disastrous to have 8 to 9 per cent unemployment. In fact we can have three and one-half to four percent unemployment (which he defined to be full employment) without inflation."

He believes the federal government should not align itself with either big business or big labor. "Government's role is to balance all of these interests, so we can live at a decent level and progress," he said.

An aide for Cavanaugh solicited and received campaign volunteers at the talk. The event was covered by KMTV news.

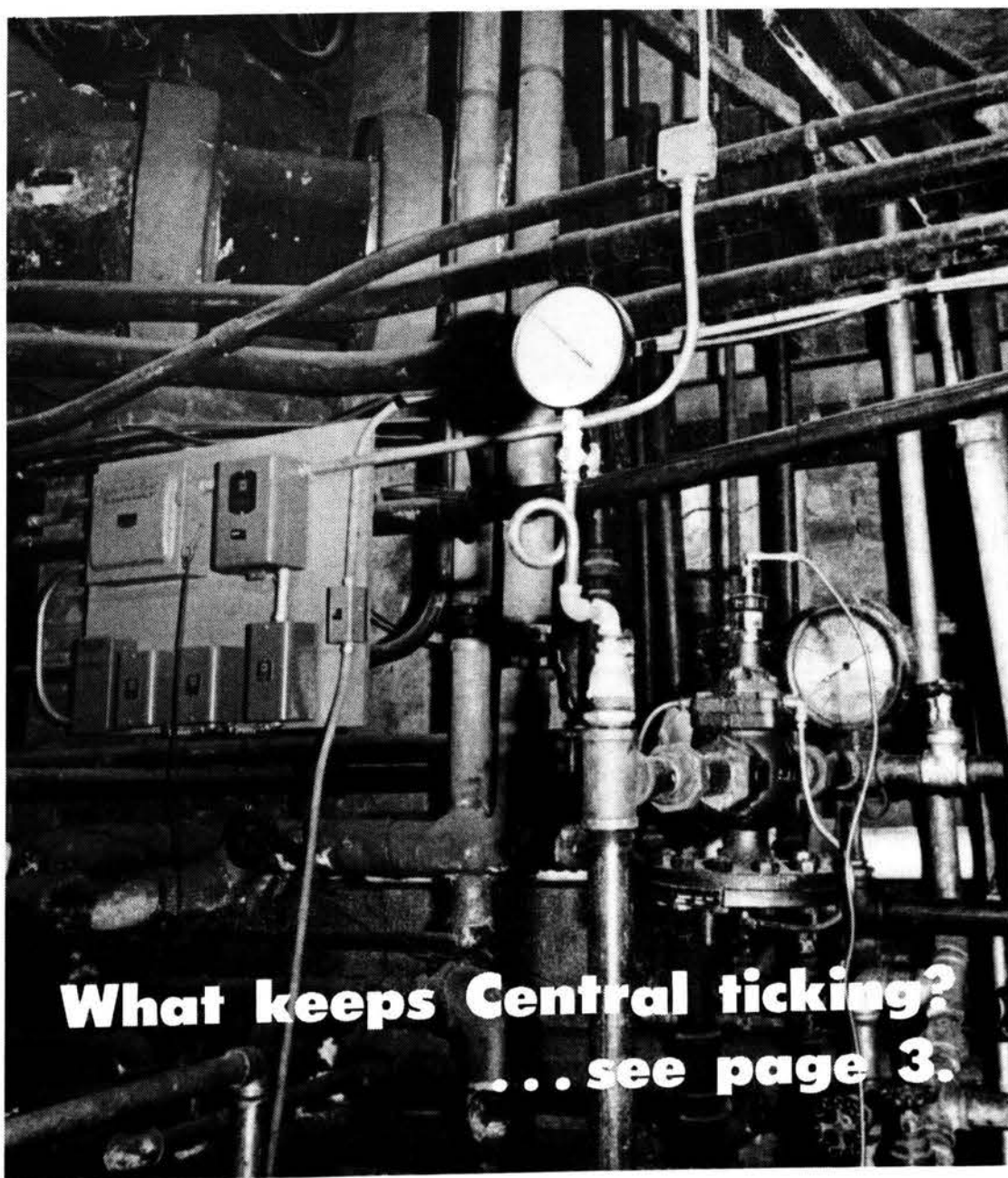
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AP exams scheduled

Starting on May 17, Advanced Placement examinations will be given to those seniors who wish to obtain college credit for AP classes. Each examination costs 29 dollars. The tests will be given according to the schedule below:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday, May 17	English	Music
Tuesday, May 18	Mathematics: Calculus AB Calculus BC	French Language
Wednesday, May 19	Biology French Literature	American History
Thursday, May 20	German Literature Classics: Vergil Lyric Physics: Physics B Physics C	European History
Friday, May 21	Art History Spanish Literature	Chemistry

For further information, talk to your counselor or your AP teacher.

Register 'scoops' awards

Library rule changed

At last rules regarding the library have been changed so that they now benefit the student instead of hindering him.

Previous rules made it impossible for a student to enter the library unless he had specific permission from a teacher who "required" him to do research. Hence, a student who simply wished to do reading or research of his own during school hours was unable to do so.

As of last Thursday, students may now gain entrance to the library by obtaining a pass from the librarian before school. We feel that this is a much more sensible method because it encourages the student to use the library more than he did before.

In a brief survey of several library books, we discovered that the last check-out date on some books was 1950. Others hadn't been checked out since the 1930's. This is a good example of how frequently Central's library has been used over the years.

One of the main reasons for the disinterest in the library was the stringent rules employed until recently. Now, thanks, to administrators, the library is less of a fortress than it used to be.

However, the library should not become a "student lounge" where students can escape from study halls to be with their friends. The library is meant to be a place where a student can pick a book off the shelf, sit down, and enjoy reading, or use otherwise wasted study hall time to research for a report or term paper.

We hope that through the new rule students will "rediscover" Central's library and use it to their benefit.

The Central High Journalism Department received eleven awards, placing first in four of twelve categories, at the annual High School Journalism Conference sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha on April 21.

Central received the most awards among the 19 schools which participated. Last year, Central received eight awards.

According to a UNO official, there were more entries in competition this year than any previous year.

First place awards

Kevin Anderson received first place awards in Best News Photograph and Best Sports Photograph. He had received first place awards in the same two categories last year.

The news photograph was a picture of a spotlighted performer during Road Show. A basketball player of the future was the subject of the sports photo.

Peter Buffett received a runner-up award in Best News Photograph for his picture of the Central musical. He also received an honorable mention in this category. Mark Simon received a runner-up award in Best Sports Photograph for an

unusual picture of a basketball game.

A first place award was presented to Zan Bockes for Best Editorial. The subject of the editorial was a recognition of Central's consistently high standards in academics in the face of the fluctuations of other school's.

Joel Davies received a first place award for Best Inside Page Layout. Joel also received runner-up recognition in Best Front Page Layout and an honorable mention in the Best News Event category.

Runner-ups

Brent Bloom received a runner-up award for Best Inside Page Layout. The layout was a double page photo spread of fall sports. Brent received an honorable mention for his sports column, 'Athlete's Footnotes.'

Two runner-up awards in writing events were presented to Steve Swanson. Steve received a runner-up award in the Best News Enterprise category for his story about the effects of the shortened day policy. An interview with a former Centralite, Harry G. Mendelson, earned a runner-up for Steve in Best Feature. The Central High Register received a runner-up award for Best Newspaper. The Fremont High

Rustler won first place in this category, totaling two awards in the competition.

"Medalist" rating

The Central High Register also received a "Medalist" rating recently in a contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (C.S.P.A.) of Columbia University. The Medalist ranking is granted to publications selected from the First Place ratings.

The Register was in the First Place category with a total score of 980 out of 1000 points. According to the Association, the ranking "is based on those intangible qualities which become evident to the judges which could be characterized as the 'personality' of the entry."

"Perfect score"

The C.S.P.A. reported that in most cases "not more than 10 per cent of the entries in a given classification receive this special distinction."

The entries, which included publications from 1975, were judged in three general fields: content/coverage, writing/editing, and design/display. The Register had a perfect score of 400 in the writing/editing category.

According to Mr. T. M. Gaherty, Register advisor, about 1,500 newspapers entered the contest.

Bluffs board member looks at Central

Believing that old school buildings can function as well as new ones, Council Bluffs School Board member Mike Winchester visited Central on April 22 to justify his belief.

Winchester arrived unexpectedly but was taken on a tour of the building by Mr. Anthony LaGreca, CHS Vice Principal.

After seeing the building in operation and talking to several members of the staff, Winchester said that he was impressed by how well the personnel get the most out of the school.

"The staff here," he stated, "realizes its potential. They don't blame the building when something goes wrong; they just go ahead and get the job done." He added that too many believe that the building determines the quality of the school, but Central proves that

this idea is not true.

Winchester, who, at age 19, is the youngest member of the Bluffs board, is one of the two members of the seven-member board who oppose the demolition of Council Bluff's Kern Junior High School. Kern was built at about the same time as Central.

Winchester feels that Kern is in better condition than Central in many respects. "Some parts are carpeted; some sections are air-conditioned, and a new heating system has just been installed. Altogether, 500,000 dollars has been spent on improvements. And still, the majority of the board wants to tear it down."

Winchester concluded by saying, "I wish the whole board could come over here and see how well an old building can function."

New system to sprinkle lawns

Counselor Atley Wedemeyer has been attempting to secure bids on a lawn sprinkler system which he says will enhance the entire landscaping plan and greatly improve maintenance of Central's lawn, trees, and shrubs in the future.

Mr. Wedemeyer says that two written bids and one verbal bid have been received to date. The verbal bidder placed his bid so high that it would not even be considered. Apparently, he did not want the job. The two written bids, complete with layouts, were more reasonable and hopefully within the budget of the committee.

Central's faculty and student body donated over \$1500 to support the funding. That money

aided in the cost of the 1350 letters that were sent to Alumni personnel. The letters returned multiplied the \$1500 sum to \$4000. Another 2000 letters are to be sent to the Alumni and 1350 letters are to be sent to the surrounding businesses, according to Mr. LaGreca.

Central's huge lawn is very hard to maintain manually and it requires more manpower than is available. Thus, the lawn dries out and weeds erupt. Mr. Wedemeyer feels Central needs a sprinkler desperately.

According to Mr. Wedemeyer, this project will be installed only if enough money over the amount needed for the installment of the shrubbery is collected.

'Voice of the People'



Lee defends play

The spring play, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," was primarily selected on the quality of the script and its dramatic impact. The fact that few males try out for roles was considered but secondary in choosing the play.

When I chose Marigolds, I did not think it would be too deep or philosophical for a student audience to understand. I also thought the realistic and pathetic situation of the Hunsdorfer family would be easily grasped.

I feel my job as high school director in educational theatre is to present good drama in a variety of plays for students, many of whom have never been exposed to live theatre.

My purpose is not to entertain or make money but to give students the opportunity to experience and hopefully appreciate different types of drama.

The student matinees are well attended and therefore provide us with our biggest financial returns. Many students, however, demonstrate a lack of audience etiquette. Perhaps this is because they are used to viewing television where they can converse with friends, eat, and directly talk and scream at the tube during programs. Theatre is live and a certain kindness to the actors and politeness in the theatre should be taken for granted.

During the evening performance, the audience was polite, but unfortunately, only sixty people attended. This limits us to one performance because box office sales do not even profit enough to pay the custodians for a second night.

In closing, I want to thank those students who practiced audience etiquette and appreciated a dramatic piece. Those students who solely want to be entertained can experience this with Road Show, dinner theatres, or television sit-coms.

Ms. Lee

Eaglettes respond

In the last issue of the Register an editorial appeared on the fallacies of judging the Eaglettes of 1976-77. This editorial criticized the so-called "system" used to judge. The author of this article misquoted some of the facts. First of all, it is not a requirement for Eaglettes to be on the Honor Roll. Just for the record, ten of the twenty girls now on the squad were members of this year's Honor Roll. One-fourth of the judging is, however, based on teacher recommendations. Fifteen faculty members from various departments and ten Senior Eaglettes, now on the squad were the judges. The seniors together count as one vote. There were sixteen votes cast.

Performance is not judged on just how well one does the routine, but on one's poise and coordination while performing. The purpose was to judge on these points, but unfortunately popularity does play a part. However, Eaglettes is a social organization. No one approached the sponsor about

their scores. The ballots are kept on file and anyone may find out her score. She simply must ask the sponsor of Eaglettes. Any girl may see her ballots. She may not, however, find out who came before or after her. This is the only "secret" concerning the ballots. This is kept secret to protect the privacy of the other girls.

The administration is aware of the so-called "system" of judging. When forty-two girls try out for an activity and only sixteen are chosen, some are bound to be hurt.

This article is not claiming the "system" is perfect, for no "system" is. It simply means to state the facts.

The Eaglettes

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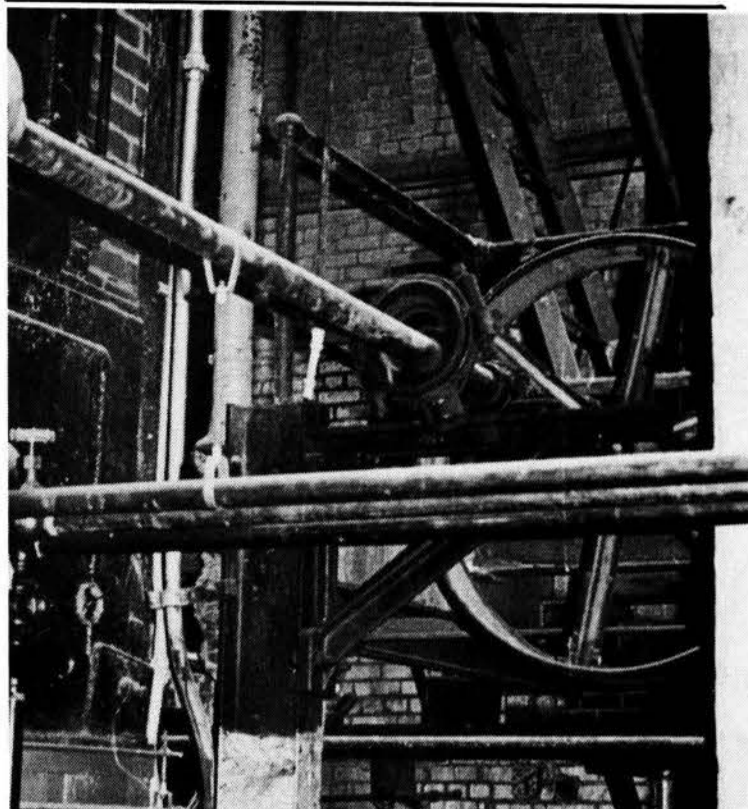
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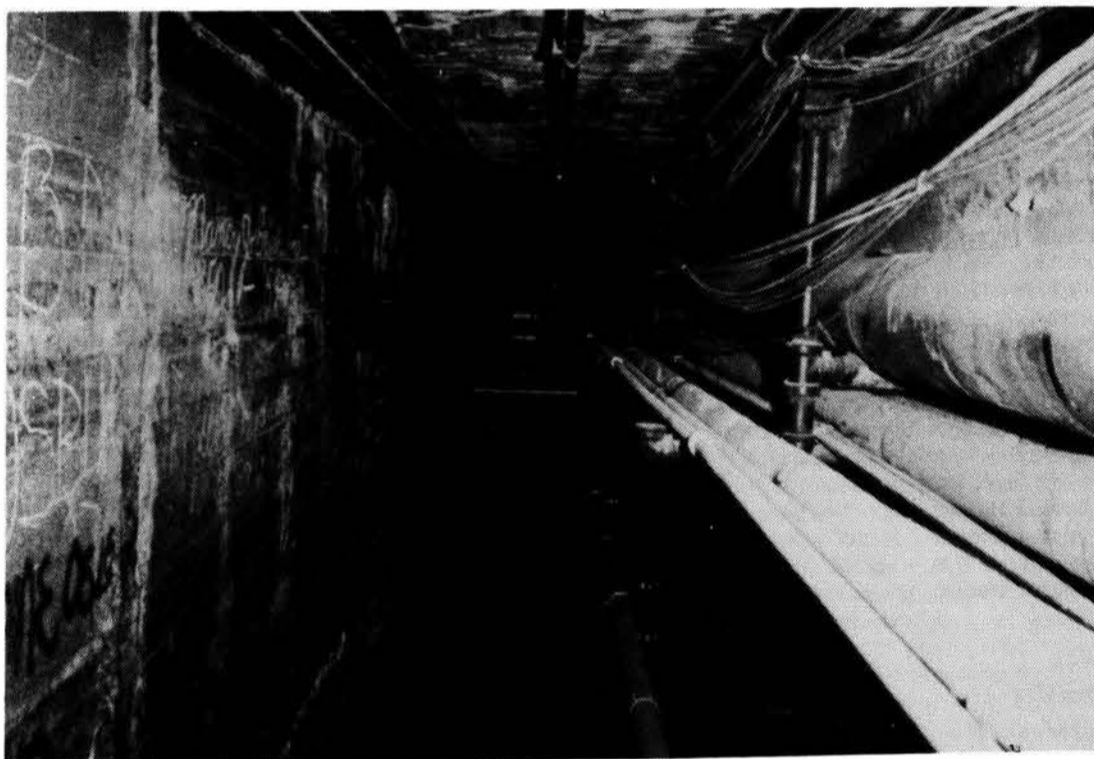
Deep in the heart of Central

A photographic journey into the nooks and crannies of Central's maintenance facilities, areas which few students know of and even fewer have seen.

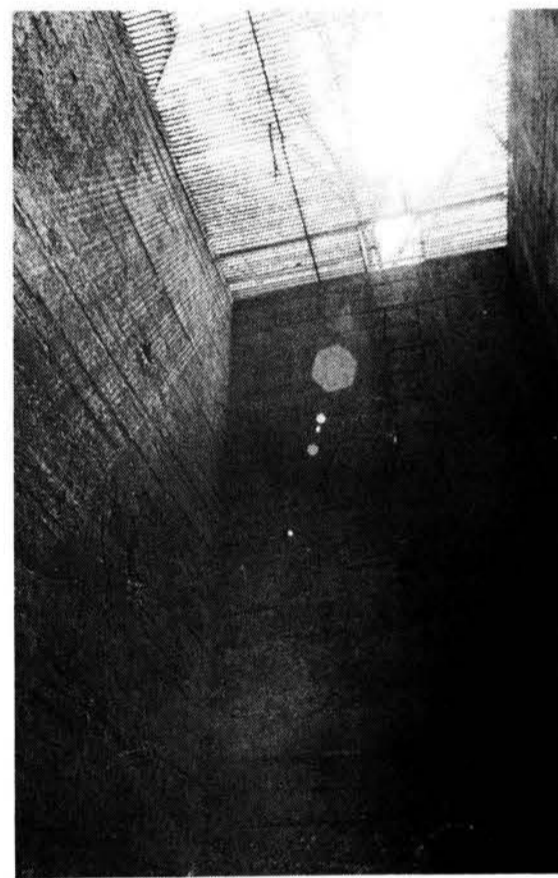
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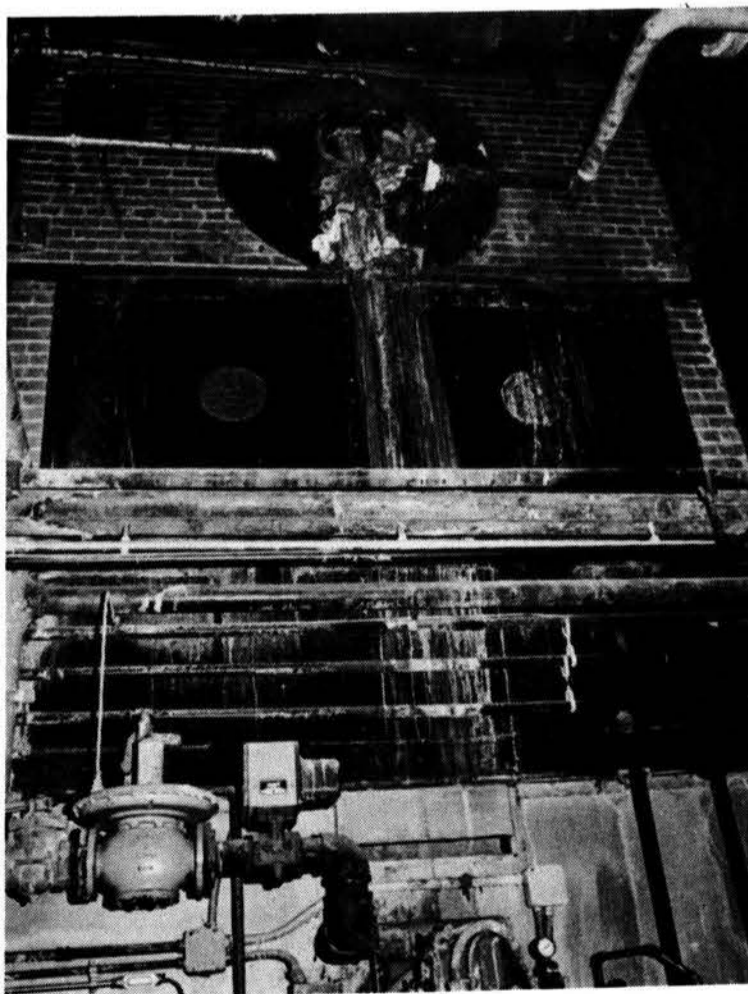
A view of part of the governing system for the abandoned boilers.



This service tunnel, for maintenance of the miles of pipes and cables which run through Central, runs from under the north staircase to beneath the courtyard.



This access pit, which lies just west of the smokestack (now no longer used), was originally used to haul heavy equipment in and out of Central's sub-basements.

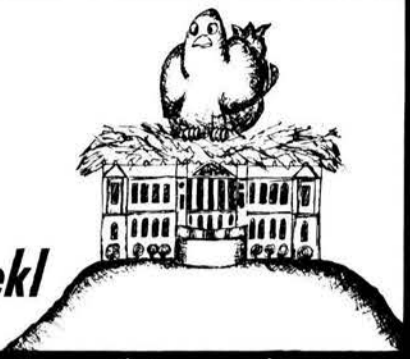


Central's ancient boilers, which are now no longer in use, tower overhead. Central is now supplied steam by the Northern Natural Gas Company from a pipe which runs under the southwest parking lot.



A subterranean view of Central's marble steps. Daylight can be seen peeking through the cracks when one is standing below.

**A
Pigeon's
Paradise
by Bob Hekl**



OPS rules 'beneficial'

Few students attending Omaha Public Schools realize the great lengths that the district has gone to in order to make the school environment comfortable, enjoyable, and safe.

I have investigated some guidelines of OPS and also discovered a few of the results from this intricate system of education.

My sources are Practices and Procedures of the School District of Omaha, 1974, (without corresponding updates for the 1975-76 school year), and the Statistical Report of the school district of Omaha in the school year 1973-74.

One of the more obscure rules which I found involves shades or blinds: "The principal will establish a line to which all shades in the building will be drawn in the evening or when the teacher closes for the night."

Comfort of the student is of utmost importance. One regulation reads, "Attention should be given to supplying the correct-sized desk for each student. When they are requested, the custodial staff will make adjustments of desk height." This may be difficult with the desks at Central High.

Another rule adds, "In no instance should a student be al-

lowed to sit in a seat which does not permit his feet to touch the floor."

One might be fortunate to have developed exclusive use of the left hand. Concerning lighting, one rule states that "special attention should be paid to the seating of left-handed students."

The physical atmosphere in which the student works must be kept at a comfortable temperature for efficient output by the student. "Building temperatures in all classrooms shall be maintained between 70 and 72 degrees at all times." A minor miracle might allow Central to follow this procedure (air conditioning).

"Temperatures of toilet rooms should be maintained at 60 degrees. Temperatures in toilets should not exceed 65 degrees." I need not explain the obvious principle of having lower temperatures in these areas.

Effort is made to see that students are given some respect. According to the pupil personnel services policy, "Teachers are advised not to categorize students in terms of their apparent potential through the use of designation such as retarded, gifted, average, and genius." Is that the potential of the student or the teacher?

Although this is the bicentennial year and patriotism is emphasized, one's parents can authorize some non-patriotic actions. "Students may be excused from pledging allegiance to the flag or singing the national anthem upon the presentation of a written request from their parents."

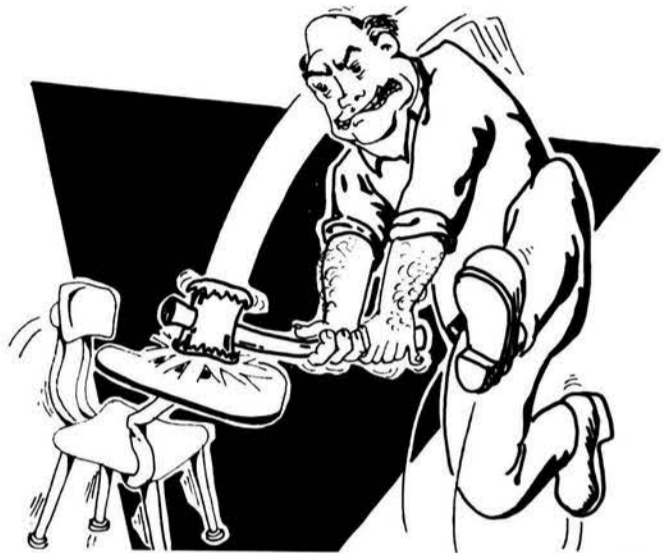
The health and cleanliness of students is a major concern of the school district. "All students are encouraged to be neat and clean in dress and person," one rule states. "When unfit to remain in school, they may be sent home by the principal."

Teachers must be on their toes. "The posture which the

Nevertheless, only six cases of students being absent because of pediculosis were reported during the 1973-74 school year.

"All cases suspected of being ringworm of the scalp should be excluded immediately." The term "immediately" might have been added to this rule rather than added to the one regarding pediculosis because of the school district's known disgust for worms.

One might wonder what is done with school books when left in the home of a person with a contagious disease. The



Graphic by Joel Davies

A custodian adjusts a Central desk.

students assume in walking and sitting should be observed by teachers, and if necessary corrected in an approved manner."

Regulations regarding illnesses near the brain (on the head) are outlined clearly. Students with "pediculosis cases are excluded (from school) when live vermin or nits are present in the hair."

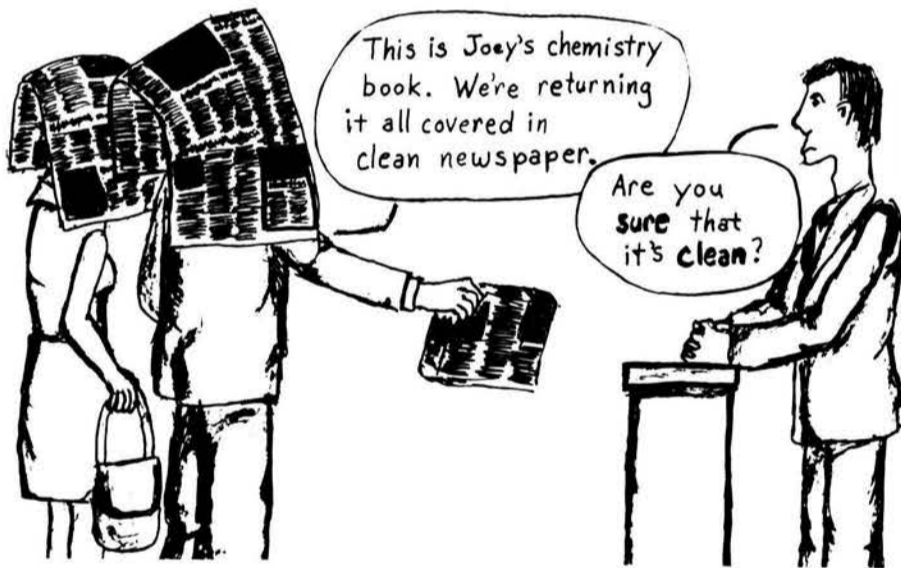
school district has found a solution. "School books which have been in homes where there is a contagious disease should be wrapped in a clean newspaper and returned to school by the family."

I understand why the family wouldn't catch the disease and give it to the school officials (the family is covered with clean newspaper), but wouldn't the book give the disease to the newspaper?

As a result of these fantastic rules and regulations, in the 1973-74 school year there were only three withdrawals in the elementary level because of pregnancy.

Only 87 students withdrew from school in the district that year because of marriage, none of which were in the elementary level.

And last, but not least, a mere two students quit school at the age of 16 because of lack of interest, who were enrolled in the elementary level during 1973-74.



Graphic by Bob Hekl

French immigrant Durand talks

On Wednesday, April 17, Madame Lucienne Durand visited several of Mrs. Donna Curtis' French classes.

Madame Durand immigrated from the city of Lyons, France, a city in the south east of France with a climate similar to that of Omaha. Durand had been in the United States only three weeks when she came to visit Central.

Having worked for the World Health organization in Cancer research in France, Madame Durand is now working for the Eppley Cancer Research Institute in Omaha. Durand commented that there is close cooperation in cancer research around the world and that researchers in the United States are working on many of the same things that they are working on in France.

The students in the individual classes posed questions for Durand (who speaks almost exclusively French, but understands and speaks a little English) in French, and she answered them in the same language.

Questions the students asked Madame Durand of France included such subjects as clothing, the weather, European men, eating habits, the cities of France, television in France, the French educational system, dating, popular actresses and actors in France, popular music, sports, hair styles, and whether she would like to correspond with students from Central.

In commenting about American men and women as opposed to European men and women, Madame Durand said that "European men are very romantic, but American men are much

more direct in their approach." Durand also commented that "women's clothes are more feminine in France, with much more emphasis being placed on dressier styles for the women."

Durand commented that dating depends on what the person's parent's say and that now the schools are mostly co-ed, unlike the past.

Madame Durand concluded by saying that it seems to be easier to become acclimated in the United States, in that people accept a French person more easily in the United States than would the French accept an American.

Madame Durand plans to travel to the West coast of the U.S. as she has already seen much of the East Coast and New England.

Centralites attend Cotillion; Blackburn sells most tickets

The Cotillion is an annual affair for young black ladies to be introduced into society. This year's was the Seventeenth Annual Cotillion, which is presented by the Omaha Chapter of Links, Inc. The theme of the Cotillion was "We've Only Just Begun," and the Cotillion was held at the Peony Park Ballroom on Sunday, April 25, 1976.

There were 36 young ladies in the Cotillion. Out of the 36 young ladies, 18 of them were from Central High School. The 18 girls in the Cotillion from Central were Karmeline Blackburn, Thelma Bradford, Drusilla Dillion, Sheridan Harris, Kimberly Fowler, Patricia

Galvin, Leilani Garrett, Debra Hollingsworth, Tina Jenkins, L'Yanya Johnson, Zenee Lee, Sarah Mattox, Ramona McGaugh, Maretha Baltimore, Regina Hunt, Mercelyn Morrow, Pamela Stearns, and Michelle Tatlor.

Miss Cotillion of 1976 was Miss Karmeline Blackburn, for selling the most tickets for the Cotillion. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Blackburn. The second runner-up was Miss Michelle Scott, daughter of Mr. Ronald Scott. There was a tie for third runner-up, which was between Miss Regina Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, and Miss Phyllis Deason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carnell Deason.

Journalists hear McMorris

On April 21, Robert McMorris visited Central's Journalism I class to talk about his job with the paper and to give some pointers on interviewing. McMorris has his own column in the World Herald five times a week, and on Saturday he features an interview with a local personality.

"In my kind of work I really have to depend on the generosity of people," McMorris told the journalism class. Although McMorris isn't required to go to the office every day, he does. People call him at his office to relate stories that they think he might be able to use in his column. He also says that he finds it helpful to "try to get out among people" for inspiration.

The stories McMorris uses must be true. According to Mr. McMorris, checking a story to see if it's true can sometimes

become very involved. One such story concerned the theft of a bag with a dead cat in it. According to rumor, a woman saw a bag sitting in an open car and stole it. She went into the same restaurant as the owner of the car had to see what she had picked up. When she opened the bag, she got quite a shock. After thorough research, McMorris found that this story just didn't hold up and printed his findings in his column.

Sometimes Robert McMorris' column follows one idea. Easter, for example, was the theme of one such column, which appeared in the April 26 World-Herald. One of the incidents described went like this: "A local church bulletin announced that a member of the congregation, in observance of Easter, 'will come forward and lay an egg on the altar.'"



Photo by Kevin Anderson

On Thursday, April 22, the Home-making Department, headed by Miss Betty Tisher, Mrs. Carol Lien, and Mrs. Nancy Stroh, held its annual Fashion Show.

The show, entitled "In the Spirit of Fashion" was held after school in room 245. An admission of 75 cents was charged.

Approximately 50 or 60 girls participated in the show. Each wore an outfit they had made themselves.

Refreshments were served during the show. According to junior Mimi Lonergan, "The fashion show was super. It was better than last year and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves."

Of Central Importance

Debate season ends

Bringing the season to a close, Central High Debate Team participated in the National Forensics League Student Congress. The event, held at Mercy High on Saturday, April 24, featured guest speaker, Senator Frank Louis of the Nebraska Legislature.

The congress consisted of a senate and three houses. The number of students sent from each chapter was determined by population similar to the U.S. House of Representatives. Of the 17 Central participants, 14 were novices. Charles Fishkin and Barry Epstein served as presiding officers in their respective houses.

The results of the Student Congress were: Rose Kudlacek received Superior Senator; Barb Richardson was nominated for outstanding speaker in the first house; Barry Epstein won Superior Speaker in the second house. In the third house, Emily Allen, Richard Kucirek and Kathy McCallister were all nominated for Outstanding Speaker. Kathy was elected to this position.

An April 10 National Forensics League District Speech Tournament held at Nebraska Wesleyan involved eight Central Debaters in all four categories. Ken Allen took second in Boy's Extemporaneous Speaking. Rose Kudlacek also received second in Girls Extemporaneous Speaking. Second in Dramatic Interpretation was taken by Emily Allen, the only sophomore novice to make finals in district speech. Central also took second in sweepstakers.

At the end of the 1976-77 debate season, Dr. Weintraub proudly stated that Central Debate involved 45 students at 30 tournaments winning 64 trophies.

Concert successful

"I was pleased. It was a fine concert," said Mr. Robert McMeen, vocal music director, commenting on the annual A Cappella Spring Concert that was held on Tuesday, April 27. Mr. McMeen

said that he appreciated the support of the parents and students, although he wished the attendance had been better. The poor attendance problem was caused by the concert date being changed to April instead of May and by the date being in the middle of the week. Many alumni were still at college, said Mr. McMeen.

The attendance was down from last year by about 100 people. Last year over 300 attended the concert. A total of 197 dollars was made on this year's concert.

Club elects officers

On Wednesday April 28, French Club selected the officers for the 1976-1977 school year. President is Kathy Sloan, Vice-President is Diana Engel, Secretary is Diana Elliott, Treasurer is Karen Seitzer, and Sergeant-at-Arms is Leigh Bernstein.

Also at the meeting, Mrs. Doris Adrian's Honors Eight class put on a skit. This skit was presented at the competition at Wayne State last Friday. Refreshments were served afterwards.

FFA banquet held

Awards were given to three Central High School F.F.A. students at a banquet held on Thursday, April 29.

Senior Debbie Miller was the winner of the Star City Agri-Businessperson award. Debbie won this award by putting in 2,000 hours of work at a veterinarian's. Junior Mike Reinsch was named Star Chapter Farmer. Mike put in 900 hours in farm labor. The Star Greenhand award was given to sophomore Brian Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, Debbie Miller's parents, were given an award because of the time and support they gave Debbie.

Mr. Keith Bohlander was also given an honorary award. Mr. Bohlander is the dairy farm manager at Boy's Town. He was given the

award because of the time, use of facilities, and expertise that he gave to the Central students.

This year will be the last for F.F.A. at Central because not enough students will be taking Agriculture Business next year. To sum up the past year, sponsor Tom Fredericksen said, "It is regrettable that the tradition built up through F.F.F. won't be carried on at Central. This year we reached a great height of glory with the awards that we won on the district and state level. The Omaha F.F.A. Chapter will suffer with the passing of Central."

Walkathon 'all wet'

On April 24 over 5,000 people walked in the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, despite the steady rain which cancelled the walk after 3 hours.

Diana Elliot, a junior, claims that the walk was quite an experience. "I was cold and sore, but it was worth it. This walk was kind of special to me."

Kiki Seitzer, who worked in the distribution of food, said the people coming in really looked pathetic after the walk. They were all shaking. Because of the rain, the band was cancelled. Also since only 5,200 people showed up out of 8,000 expected, there were a lot of extra hot dogs and pop.

"I wish it hadn't have rained as much as it did. A lot of people would really rather have walked in the rain than quit. They had to pull a lot of people out of the streets. Some still walked the 20 miles," Kathy Slavin, CHS said.

Many people from other schools were seen walking, including principals and faculty members. Also, there was a dog that walked 14 miles at 49 cents a mile.

Walkers will be rewarded at Peony Park on May 29. Prizes will be awarded to the people collecting the most money.

Centralites visit Lincoln, hear minority problems

Dr. Thomas Nitsch of Creighton University talked to Mrs. Bernstein's ninth hour English class and Mrs. Mary Harvey's Afro-American cultures class on Thursday April 22. He talked about the problems that minorities have today.

He said native America is the Indian's mother earth, so to take something from it is sacrilegious. Dr. Nitsch also talked about ethnocentrism, which is a tendency toward viewing alien cultures with disfavor. As a final note, he said, "The minorities are gaining power."

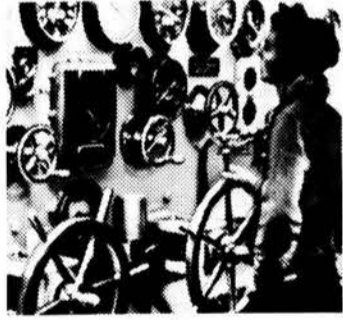

Lunderman talked about the roundness of things, which was mentioned in a book the students had read, and how the Indians worked with the circular pattern of nature. The Indians also have a woman dominating society. He said this is right because "if it wasn't for the women in our society none of us would be here today." He commented that Congress is always passing

laws for the benefit of the Indians.

Mrs. Bernstein's class also went to Lincoln on Friday, April 23, to see the Indian Exposition at the State Fair Grounds. They saw several display areas showing items from expensive hand-made turquoise jewelry, to handwoven blankets.

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ATHLETIC FOOTNOTES

by Brent Bloom

For sixty days this spring and summer, one might find his friends deserting him for names like "Honest Hombre," "Speedy Spook," and "Clems Queen."

Surely the aforementioned names are not those that refer to people, they refer to thoroughbred horses that run at Ak-Sar-Ben track from mid April through mid August.

I took my first excursion to "the track" last week, it is something totally different from any place else I have ever been. There are more people winning and losing money there than just about any where else in town, save a bookie's office. And the races, as long as you bet at the track, are legal.

Must be of age

One must be of legal age and legally no longer a minor to bet at Ak-Sar-Ben.

There are a variety of publications published daily for the racing fan who wants to know more about his horse. Among these are the Official Program of the track, the Racing Form, and the Blue Sheet. All provide basically the same information, although some are more in depth than others. All offer their suggestions on what horse will win each of the nine daily races,

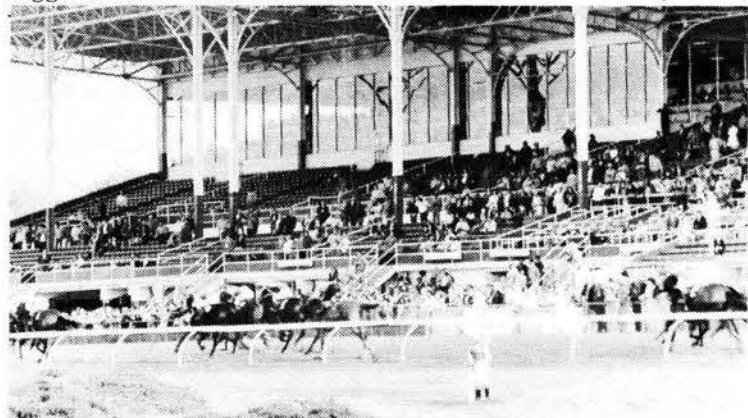


Photo by Peter Buffett

A view looking toward the grandstand from the infield at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Combinations

The Exacta is a contract by the purchaser of a ticket combining two horses in a single race, selecting the two horses that will subsequently finish first and second in that race as officially posted. Or so says the Official program of Ak-Sar-Ben.

The Daily Double is exactly what it says, one must pick the winning horses in two different races in order to win the money.

The horses may run a variety of lengths of races, at either a mile and 70 yards, a mile and one sixteenth, six furlongs, five and a half furlongs, and four and a half furlongs.

Try it, You'll like it

All in all, if one enjoys watching horses and if he has, unfortunately some gambling watching in him, at least one day at the races is recommended. I'm sure you will enjoy, if not the horses, all the different and diverse people and their reactions of winning and losing. In other words, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Gym shorts

Boys' Track

The Boys' Track team is hoping to reach its peak in performance for the Metro meet at Burke High School tonight, and for the District meet, May 14 and 15. The State meet the following week.

At the Bellevue Invitational, run last Friday, April 30, the Eagles placed in several events.

Marion Collins took second in the 100 yard dash with a time of 10:1. Doug Allen took third place in the 220 yard dash with an individual best time. The two mile relay team also had a second place finish in their event.

Coach David James commented that Collins is running very well, especially for a sophomore. Bellevue came in first in their own invitational, which was to be expected, as the team is, according to many sources, the best in the state.

Coach James said that he

hopes that the team will do well in Metro and in districts, but he also commented that Central is in a very tough district.

Girls' Tennis

The Girls' Tennis team has compiled a 2-3 record so far this season, most recently defeating Gross, 4-3. Debbie Denenberg has gone undefeated in all of her matches.

According to Coach Joyce Morris, Karen Seitzer has "given a good showing for a sophomore," and will be added the first singles spot for Metro and State with the absence of Denenberg.

The doubles team for Metro, on the 11 and 12, will be Kris Anderson and Pam Kohout. They will also be travelling to the State meet on the 14 and 15.

The next meet will be today against Northwest.

Any takers?

Dear Editor,

I am under the impression

that Central students feel that Westsiders are spoiled, pampered, children because of reputation and the place in which we live. I challenge any Central runners (boys or girls) to run the 24 hour relay, which will be held in June at UNO. The Westside boys have had a team for the past two years. Two Westside girls ran on an eight woman world record holding team. I think that if Central students and runners would participate in this event they might find out what pain really is, and that Westsiders are not really that bad.

Thank you,

Terri Perrone
Westside student-member of the track team, sports writer on the Westside Lance.

P.S. Maybe running this could improve relations between schools and students.

Editor's Note - Any Takers?

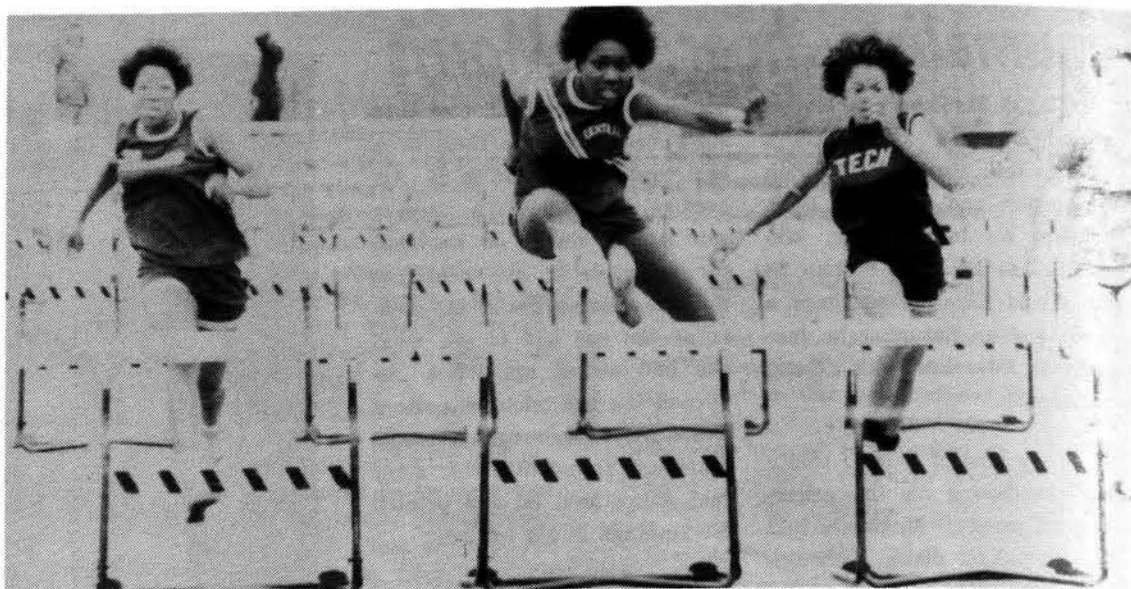


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T.J. Thompson wins the 80 yard low hurdles at the Metro Meet.

Girls second at Metro meet

The Central High girls' track team lost the Metro Girls' Track Championship last Wednesday to defending champion Bellevue by 6½ points. Five days earlier, on April 23, Central beat Bellevue by 9½ points at the Bellevue Invitational.

At the Metro Championships, the Central team was behind to Bellevue by 3½ points going into the final relay, the 880. Bellevue won the relay, and the meet. Another factor was that Bellevue had 18 points in field events to Central's 1.0.

One of the highlights of the meet was the mile relay. Cen-

tral won the first leg, losing the lead to Bellevue half-way through the second leg. Sophomore Ann Rigatuso ran the third leg and captured the lead and let junior JoAnn Olsen to widen the gap between the two teams. Ann said that she knew she could regain the lead. "I just stayed back until I knew I had the strength to take the lead. It's not every day I win a relay."

Toni Midder, who won the 100 yard dash with a time of :11.3, tying her meet record of last year, was pleased to win and added, "many people ex-

pected me to win the event again this year."

The next meet for the girls is the district qualifying meet. Central's district includes Benson, Bryan, Northwest, Papillion, and Gross. Coach Dusatko feels it is the most important meet of the season since it means qualifying for the state meet in North Platte. Dusatko wants to qualify as a team, but she also wants to send as many individuals as possible to State.

The district meet will be held tomorrow at Bryan. The state meet will be May 14 and 15 at North Platte.

Gross falls; first Varsity victim

The Boys' Baseball team will face its next opponent, Benson, tomorrow, Thursday, May 6, 1976, at Boyd Field.

A Gross win

In its last four games, the varsity team has won one. The lone victory came Friday, April 30, as the Eagles downed Gross High School by a score of two to nothing.

The win, pitched by Kirk Trofholz and Tom Curran in relief, came as Dan Hooi tripled, Mark Gillespie singled, and Tom Greco walked, giving the Eagles the lead that they held throughout the seven inning shut-out.

On Saturday, May 1, the Eagles were beaten by a strong Lincoln High team, seven to three. In the early going, Lincoln High took a one to noth-

ing lead over the Eagles, but they soon came back to tie the score and lead Lincoln High two to one.

In other games, the Eagles were beaten April 22 by Bryan High School by a score of six to three. Central also lost to a team from Northwest on one home run, by a score of one to nothing. Bellevue High School also gave the Eagles a hard time, by beating them by a score of six to nothing on April 28.

Coach Paul Pennington cited Kirk Trofholz as being one of

the leading pitchers and for pitching several good games.

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