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Smaller enrollment forces different attitude

Declining enrollment will force students to live with tighter budgets, fewer teachers, a reduced course selection, and a reduced activities program.

According to projections by the Task Force for Desegregation, the enrollment, now 1441, will drop to 1278 next year, the third annual enrollment decline since 1975.

Irving Young, coordinator of research for Omaha Public Schools, said the OPS projections will closely match the Task Force projection. Both projections could vary about 50 students, Dr. Young said.

Probably the strongest result of declining enrollment will be less money, particularly the support for the activities program, which the school must raise through activity card sales, game ticket sales, and contributions.

"Our gate receipts and activity ticket sales are down," said G. E. Moller, Central principal. "The same percentage of students are buying activity cards, about 65 percent; however, we don't have the same number of students to sell tickets to," said Doug Morrow, assistant principal and athletic director.

Both Dr. Moller and Mr. Morrow stressed the need for public financial support of the activities program.

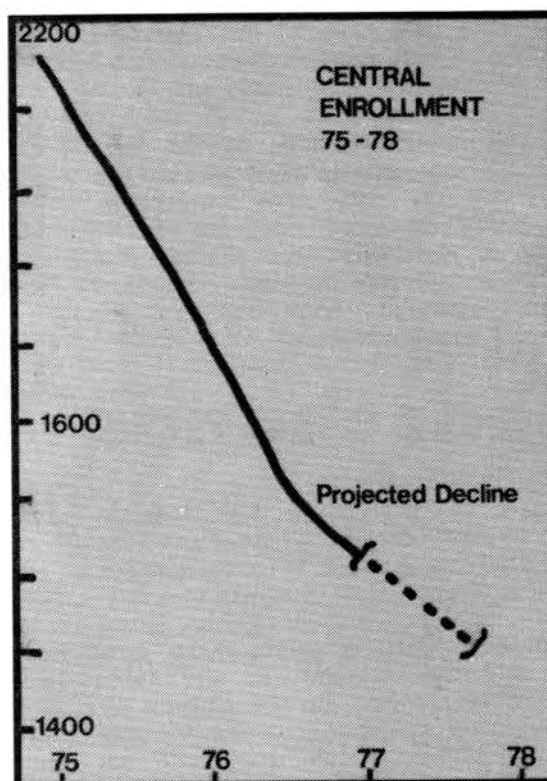
"The school board is going to have to accept the fact that its schools will not be able to finance the extra-curricular activities without tax money," Dr. Moller stressed. "If the trend of declining enrollment and declining gate receipts continues, the need for tax dollars is not too far off."

Mr. Morrow said, "The activities are an essential part of the school program. I would hope that this community will support at any cost our activities program."

But Dr. Young said, "There has to be prudence exercised when you have falling enrollments. It's difficult to increase the budget. It is a logical attitude."

Fewer students also affect the strength of the sports and activities programs.

"Declining enrollment would affect the number of quality players, and therefore the overall quality of the athletic program will suffer in the long run," said Mr. Morrow. These things (declining revenues and less team depth) mean in many cases the death of the program."



Parental pressure, though, will help maintain at least the existence of most programs, said Dr. Moller. "I doubt that we will have to decrease our activities program unless we come to the point that we can't provide sponsors or teachers."

I am not worried about shortages of students. I can't even see it over the horizon. I have a feeling that as long as we have six or seven kids who want a swimming program, we will be expected to provide swimming."

Over the past ten years Central added over 35 new courses. Declining enrollment threatens the existence of some of these courses, particularly the "special" courses such as Advanced Placement Chemistry, Political Systems, or advanced math, said Richard Jones, assistant principal. Dr. Moller, Dr. Young, and Assistant Principal Al LaGreca agreed.

"With declining enrollments, there will be the survival of the fittest. If there is a demand for a course, we will offer it; if there is no demand, we won't offer a course," said Mr. LaGreca.

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Eventually, as enrollment declines, teachers must be transferred or laid off—a touchy subject by any definition.

"The outlook is optimistic. General attrition will take care of most of the staff reduction," said Dr. Moller. "When it does not, there will be transfers. There was an eight teacher staff reduction last year. There will be another cut this year."

The decision to transfer teachers "ultimately" rests with Dr. Moller. "I stress the word ultimately. It's a decision made with department heads, administrators, and the personnel office," said Dr. Moller, somewhat subdued.

Dr. Moller hopes to recruit about 80-100 students, double last year's recruitment. "If we can recruit 46 students from just the Burke and Northwest attendance areas, that gives me hope that we can come up with 80-100 students."

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

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8:40- 9:40
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REGULAR TIME
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

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NO IV PERIOD
REGULAR TIME
1:09- 1:40
NO IX PERIOD

1:50- 2:50

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

10:15-11:15
11:20-12:00
12:05- 1:05
1:15- 2:15

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

H. R.	Activity
I	EXAM or study hall
II	regular class
III	regular class
IV	regular class
V-VII	lunch or class - study hall
VIII	EXAM or study hall
IX	regular class
X	regular class
H. R.	Activity
I	regular class
II	EXAM or study hall
III	EXAM or study hall
V-VII	lunch or class - study hall
VIII	regular class
X	EXAM (Students not taking exams should leave by 1:50.)
IV	EXAM (Only students taking exams need come to school.)
LUNCH	all students
V-VI	EXAM
VI-VII	EXAM (Students without exams should report to their VII period study hall.)
IX	EXAM (Students without exams should leave the building by 1:15.)



Senior Becky Couch (left) and junior Peggy Zerse (right) singing "Come and Play," the opening song of "A Night with A Cappella," held December 30.

'Central on Purpose' film presentation gives viewer misleading information

Central's recent attempt to recruit students through the slide show "Central High Purpose" insults the intelligence of potential students and misrepresents the present student body.

We fully support the recruitment efforts, but the slide show needs several improvements, improvements essential to attracting students for what Central Principal G. E. Moller calls a "good solid program."

The slide show boasts of Central's excellence in math, debate, and chess, but overlooks the intense student effort required to produce such results. The slide show also overlooks another crucial point: to maintain Central's tradition, the school needs hardworking, quality students.

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"Central On Purpose" fails to represent the black participation and population at Central. To attract students of any race, a school must provide social as well as educational incentives. From the black and white students we talked with, a general rule in selecting a school emerged: the population must consist of a fairly large amount of students of their own race. The slide show encourages segregation by neglecting to sufficiently recruit black students.

If integration is eventually to work successfully, students from different races must first have some incentive to meet, whether or not these incentives relate to integration.

editorial

The slide show approach contradicts its message. How can a school, proud of its academic reputation, distribute a production so similar to a soap commercial, a public relations campaign which will quickly put Central's academic reputation in doubt, an approach which contradicts one of the fundamental goals of an academic education: to develop a critical mind? The slide show simply makes too many assertions. Even the most loyal students and teachers must reject that Central has one of the best music, art, math, speech, English science, and social studies departments; that Central has the best math, debate, and sports teams; that all Central teachers and counselors are hardworking and dedicated.

Central may have "one of the best scholastic reputations in this part of the country," as the slide show's narrator, smooth and deep-voiced, suggests. (How can such a claim be supported?) But academic excellence demands constant criticism, particularly from teachers, administrators, and students.

Library policy needs change

The current situation of the library has caused much concern. Students are not aware of why the library has a new policy, and the library staff is not aware of why students are resentful to this policy. The Register staff has taken the first step in solving this lack of communication between the students and staff.

editorial

We are planning a meeting with Principal G. E. Moller, the librarian, and students to help find a logical and reasonable solution that will end the library bitterness. The students need to know why the library changed their policy; the library staff needs to know why the students disagree with the current rules. The Register staff is proposing one solution, but other plans are being proposed.

When group presentations and group projects are assigned, it is necessary for students to meet and discuss their plans.

When students miss school, it is necessary for them to get help from other students as well as the teacher. These situations require students to talk with each other in a peaceful place. Before school and during study halls are the ideal meeting times for avoiding conflicts with extra curricular activities, homework, and jobs. There are two rooms in the library. A logical solution would be to make one section of the library a silent room and one section a discussion room.

Cooperation needed

Many students are not getting the full benefit of the library because of the pass requirement. It is not fair to take away the advantages of an open library just because a few people abuse privileges. But if this privilege is abused reverting back to the total pass and total quiet library would be justifiable.

Only after the library staff and students understand each other, is a successful solution possible.

letters

Cafeteria trouble

"... It is very aggravating to wait my turn in line and ... see some (people) ... stepping into line ahead of me."

This sentence is from a previous complaint, and I agree with the writer. But I will go a step further. The people that do not wait their turn in line

should be named. It should be brought to the attention of everyone who they are. The culprits are those who give spirit to the school: the Eagles, senior cheerleaders, and the so-called athletes. There are others, but these are the most notable. We give them support so why can't they help us in return by helping to solve a major complaint?

Vicki DeWitt

Misunderstood

It is one thing to be misquot-

ed but it is entirely another to be misinterpreted.

My purpose in writing the letter about the people who "cut" in line was only to have validated the claims of those people claiming to be cafeteria workers; not to "point the finger" at anyone in particular.

I for one have not witnessed these same offenders as Ms. DeWitt; nor do I feel these are the primary offenders!

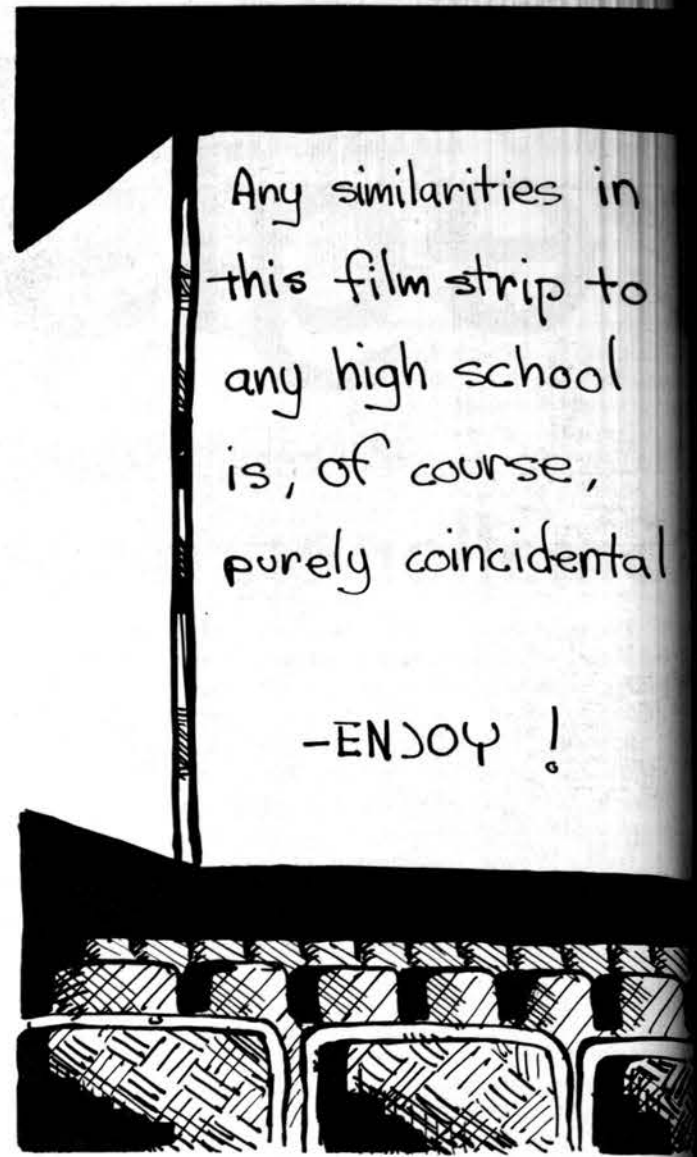
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'Goodbye Girl' tops floo

by
Chuck Reed

It's commonly called the "Christmas rush."

No, it's not last minute present purchasing, but that annual end-of-the-year film flood that spills into theaters around Christmas. Hollywood hits the public during holiday season in hopes that people will visit local movie houses in a "giving" spirit.

Unlike past years however, the last explosion of 1977 releases yields some worthwhile entertainment for the damage done to the public's pocket-books.

for saturday night

THE GOODBYE GIRL

Neil Simon is considered by many to be America's greatest living playwright. His movies haven't been too shabby either. With hits like THE ODD COUPLE and THE SUNSHINE BOYS (both were originally stage productions), it is easy to see how Simon's most recent work, THE GOODBYE GIRL, can be such a fantastic film.

Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason star as two unwilling roommates, thrown together by her ex-boyfriend. Quinn Cummings steals several parts of the GOODBYE GIRL in her role as the smart-for-her-age daughter of Miss Mason. Dreyfuss rampages as second-hand actor Elliot Garfield, a man never caught short of words. Miss Mason plays the title role with perfection.

Simon successfully combines talent and a first-rate script to create a heart-warming masterpiece. THE GOODBYE

GIRL is everything a g film should be.

Do yourself a favor and "hello" to THE GOODBYE GIRL.

SEMI-TOUGH

Burt Reynolds and Kris Kofferson are teammates and roommates in the rather tamed and budy comedy SEMI-TOUGH. The females will likely pant over Reynolds and Kofferson while the males probably get into the not clean humor. Not quite two minutes of SEMI-TOUGH devoted to football-like the said- a fact that takes a away from the already slow plot.

Reynolds and the comedy usually together, meaning when Reynolds isn't on screen, dozing off becomes a distinct possibility. SEMI-TOUGH is semi-good.

THE GAUNTLET

THE GAUNTLET is an excellent, though a bit unbelievable adventure involving a questionable policeman (Clint Eastwood) and his mysterious prisoner (Sondra Locke). Guys and bad are popping everywhere with the intent of sending the two stars to obituary column.

Eastwood proves three things in THE GAUNTLET.

First of all, Eastwood shows that he can direct. Thanks to Eastwood's macho-style and good directing, THE GAUNTLET is saved from a plot counterfeit as a three-dollar Eastwood proves that doesn't need a stub cigar overdone macho facial expressions to turn in a respectable performance. Sure, there are a few faces, but the additional good acting makes Eastwood look even better.

Finally, Eastwood shows a strength that his vocal chords are strong enough to endure more than one hundred words in a two-hour time period.

So, go get involved in "Christmas rush" before all the presents are gone.

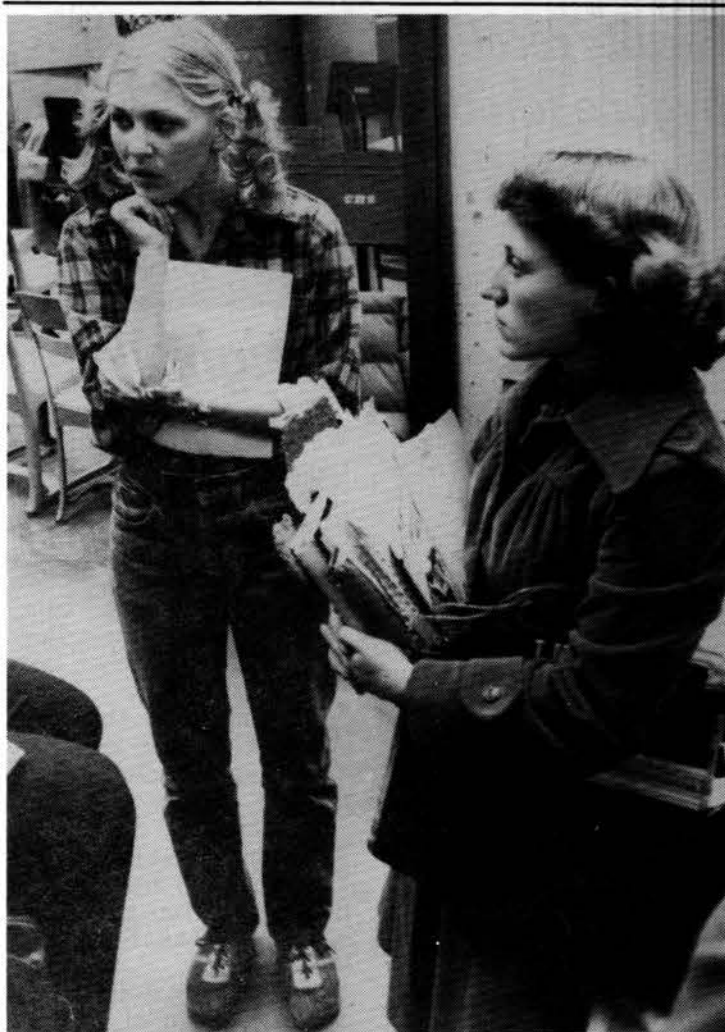
update:

In December the REGISTER reported on the school board's intentions to buy land for a new practice field or improve the old field.
 In October, the REGISTER reported on the Council Bluffs curfew, which stated that 16 year olds and under would not be allowed on the streets after 12:00 midnight.
 Both stories have progressed since the prior reports.

Alternatives delay practice field

Central's practice field improvement has been delayed until February 20, 1978.
 The Omaha Public School Board voted 8-4 to delay action on the practice field.
 Board member Chris Cornett, in favor of delay, said, "We hired a consulting architecture firm to bring to the board feasible proposals for improvement of the field."
 Mr. Cornett said the Board delayed to help get the best possible facility, allowing the architects to compile possible alternatives and estimates.
 "Just because the project was postponed doesn't mean practice field improvements couldn't be ready before next fall," said Mr. Cornett.
 Board member Pat Gerringer, also in favor of delay, said, "We voted to delay action on the project because we did not know which choices of improvement were available."
 Mrs. Gerringer said the Omaha Public School Board hired Dana Larson Roubal & Associates to gather possible alternatives and estimates for improvement.
 Dana Larson Roubal & Associates will meet informally January 10 with school representatives. Formal presentation of the proposals will be February 20, said Mr. Cornett.
 Bill Larson of Dana Larson Roubal & Associates said, "There are eight or nine variations of field improvement we are considering."
 According to Mr. Larson, the first meeting

with school officials, January 10, will be to pool information from school representatives and architects. The information gained will show the direction the architects should take in their plans.
 Joslyn Art Museum will be active in the field improvement also, according to Mr. Larson.
 Cost estimates are not available because of the varied proposals, explained Mr. Larson.
 Mr. Larson commented that the field could be a community as well as a school area with walking and bicycling paths surrounding the practice field.
 Mr. Cornett said a new field could possibly require an acre of land.
 According to Omaha Public School Superintendent Owen Knutzen, quoted in the "Omaha World Herald," the field would be similar to Lewis and Clark Junior High's field. The plans could possibly involve closing city streets in the area chosen for the field.
 "Improvement of Central's practice field has taken a long time because a few years ago it was questioned whether Central would remain open," explained Mr. Cornett. He added that Central is here to stay, so improvements will be made.
 "I think we could use the spring and summer for construction, and have the facility ready for fall if there are no great delays," said Mr. Larson.
 The mood of the School Board is action, and action will be taken on Central's practice field, according to Mr. Cornett.



photos by Tony Smith
 Karen Merrill and Terese Jones await Road Show auditions.

Curfew effect 'too young to evaluate'

Warning! Those under 17 may never return home if found in Council Bluffs after 12:00 midnight.
 According to Council Bluffs Police Chief Edward Dinovo the city council, without great opposition, passed the new curfew October 24, 1977.
 The new curfew stipulates that 16 year olds and under are not allowed on the streets after 12:00 midnight. If youths are found on the streets after 12:00, they will be arrested and taken to the Christian Home, a youth center. Parents must pay a fine for the youngster's release.
 Council member James Scheer said the age limit was the only conflict over the curfew; the original proposal involved 17 year olds. Mr. Scheer voted for the present curfew because the age restriction was dropped to 16.
 Walt Piper, a new council member, said he would have voted in favor of the curfew. Mr. Piper added, "Vandalism is a serious problem. We should try something to stop vandalism, and

the curfew is worth a try."
 Chief Dinovo said 12 people have been arrested since the law was enacted on October 24. The average fine has been \$25 plus processing costs.
 Chief Dinovo was unable to determine if Omahans have been arrested under the new statute.
 "I have mixed emotions over the effect of the curfew because all vandalism is not done by people 16 and under," said Chief Dinovo. Mr. Scheer agreed.
 Mr. Piper, commenting on the number arrested said, "I would measure the effect of the curfew not by the number arrested but by the decrease in vandalism. If a dent in vandalism occurs, then the curfew works."
 Asked if he would ever vote to revoke the curfew, Mr. Scheer said, "If necessary I might vote to adjust the curfew, but I would not vote for revocation."
 Chief Dinovo said, "It's too soon to evaluate the effect of the curfew."

Portrait of an auditioner

"I really have to go to the bathroom," exclaims the budding young pianist with star potential, three minutes before his audition for Road Show.
 The budding young pianist with star potential is me. Actually I'm not really budding, and I definitely don't have star potential. It's still nice to fantasize though.
 While waiting in the bandroom before auditions, I try to convince myself that I'm just as good as anybody else.
 As I do this, the reincarnations of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig van Beethoven play an excerpt from "The Barber of Seville" as if were "Chopsticks." I feel like I'm going to throw up.
 Between sessions of beating my head against the wall, I notice that my audition is only two acts after the Beethovens. I see my life pass before my eyes.
 When I hear my name called, I realize that now is not the time to go to the bathroom. I take a seat on the piano bench and begin to sweat, profusely.
 As my glasses slide down my nose, my fingers manage to hit every dissonant chord known to man. I feel a thousand eyes staring over my shoulder, clinging to every error. Please let me live through this.
 I near the final chord. If I hit it right, the song may leave a good impression. I hit it wrong.
 I manage to stumble off the stage, and I stroll to the bathroom. I try to convince myself that I never wanted to be a star anyway.

of central importance

KDCO goes on air

KDCO radio is now broadcasting to all Central students who have radios. The AM station is located at 540 on the dial. The station has a relatively weak signal but can be heard clearly anywhere in the building. The signal will not be picked up any further than two blocks from the building. The disc-jockeys are frequently rotated, featuring Bill Mc Andrews, Stan Perry, Dan Renn, Patrick Whalen, Mark Gadzikowski, Scott Bullock and O. J. Pulliam.

Richardson and DAR

Barb Richardson, senior, is Central's representative for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Major Isaac Sadler chapter selected two high school representatives this

year. Both of the representatives received an outstanding citizen award. A good citizen must have such qualities as dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The selection was done through a three-part test. First, the nominees had to write about their personal achievements; then they had to write an essay on their feelings about citizenship; and third they took a history test on government.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is an historical society that has many chapters across the country. The good citizen committee began in 1934. There are approximately 10,000 schools who participate in competing for good citizen representatives for state.

Once the representatives are chosen, their transcripts

are mailed to the state competition. At state, the winner wins a \$100 U.S. bond, and then she goes to the national competition. The national winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship towards the university or college of her choice.

The Daughters of the American Revolution do such things as print manuals for citizenship, and set up historical monuments. Their name originated from the daughters whose fathers were the actual fighters in the American Revolution.

Seniors participate

Pat Gibson, Jonathon Krogh, and Charles Fishkin, all seniors, represented Central at the Creighton University Centennial Scholar Colloquium, a gathering of 100 students in the Omaha area.

At the program, held during the evenings of Jan. 10 and 12, students listened to speakers, questioned the speakers, and separated into smaller discussion groups.

The program dealt with the differences between the humanities and the sciences. The theme of the colloquium was: "The challenge of synthesizing reason and wisdom in a changing world." Creighton faculty members Allen Schlesinger and Bruce Malina were the speakers.

As part of its Centennial Celebration, Creighton University will distribute to all participating high schools a one hour video taped synopsis of the program.

Mural contest ahead

The Art Club is sponsoring a mural contest scheduled to take place at the end of the month or in early February.

The mural will be painted on 4 x 8 sheets of primmed and jessoed plywood. Acrylics will be used. When finished, the mural will be hung in selected areas in one of the cafeterias.

Sally Pollack, Art Club member, originally suggested the idea after projects for an art show and bake sale failed. Mr. Steve Nelson, art instructor, said "Everyone in the club will have their fingers in the paint." Mr. Nelson also said there would be no prize for the winning mural design. "It's to feed your ego."

The art club members will decide the rules for entry and judging. The mural contest will be an annual event with future art clubs doing the art work. After about five years, when there is no room left for murals, the murals will be removed and stored.

Faculty recollects bygone schooling

After going to Central for 4 years, how could anyone possibly want to come back to Central? But that's exactly what some Central teachers have done.

Ten teachers were former Central students. They are Virgene McBride, Sarah Anderson, Steve Nelson, Vicki Anderson, Virginia Pratt, Marlene Bernstein, Pegi Stommes, Myrlia Gauff, Ed Waples, and Arnold Weintraub. Two faculty members Mrs. Zerzan and Al La-Greca, also attended Central.

Leaving for good

"When I graduated from Central, I thought I was leaving for good," said Mr. Nelson. He said he was an average student, but considers it a great privilege to be teaching at Central. "It gave me the chance to see both sides—the teachers' and the students'."

"I was pleased to be assigned to Central. It's a first-class honor," said Miss McBride.

Dr. Weintraub commented that he was surprised at how quickly his former teachers accepted him. "I wasn't the only one. A lot of them had graduated from Central, too," he said. Miss V. Anderson and Mr. Nelson both said that they felt awkward when they first came back to Central. "I thought, how can I go back to be a teacher when all of my old teachers are still there," said Miss Anderson.

Commenting on the musicals, Miss McBride said, "Musicals used to last three to four nights and they were always packed full." There were no student matinees. "We also had Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies. We honored the idea of Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Remembering her high school days, Miss Pratt said that students would choose the teachers they wanted. Students would "run for classes" and try to sign up for certain teachers before other students did. "People made rushes for popular teachers, so it was physically dangerous," she said.

Acceptable school dress is very different today, according to Miss McBride. Boys used to wear good trousers, shirts, neckties, and jackets. Girls wore skirts, sweaters, and dresses. "If a boy didn't wear a belt, he was sent home," she said.

School dress

"Students were not allowed to sleep in study halls," said Mrs. V. Anderson. "Students appearing to study, would open their books and prop their heads up." She also said that student's social lives revolved around school things. "We went to everything. There used to be sock hops and dances. We always got involved," Mrs. S. Anderson said.

Commenting on the high school years, Mr. Nelson said, "It was a painful time. You're trying to find yourself. Trying to find out where you're going. High school is where you make your mistakes."

One of the best things about Central is that it hasn't changed in terms of the format, according to Dr. Weintraub. "That's the number one thing Central has going for it." While everyone else is trying to get back to the basics, Central has never left the basics, he said.

"It's a first-class honor to teach at Central, and students should consider it a first-class honor to be at Central," said Miss McBride.



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by Kiki Seitzer

Weight Watchers cut inches

Seventy million Americans are overweight. Weight Watchers, the biggest and most reputable of several national self-help dieting associations, is trying to decrease that number by maintaining 1.6 million members on balanced diets and lowered calorie intake.

"The idea with Weight Watchers is that you put the extra weight on slowly, and you should take the weight off slowly. This way you learn good eating habits," said Marlene Bernstein, Central English teacher and Weight Watcher lecturer.

Strive for goal

Most people that join Weight Watchers have tried every other diet imaginable—egg, grapefruit, rice, etc. Those types of diets will take 20 pounds off in two weeks, yet you usually gain the weight back later on.

"The word diet is avoided like the plague at Weight Watchers. Food is just one part of your special program. Your monthly meetings are very important," said Mrs. Bernstein. Four years ago, Mrs. Bernstein lost 30 pounds in five months. She has stayed with Weight Watchers ever since.

Mrs. Bernstein said that the classes are very open with exchange of many ideas between the classmates. She became a lecturer because she participated extensively in class a lot. Her lecturer thought she would be qualified.

Mrs. Bernstein said that Weight Watchers costs

eight and one-half dollars to join, and three and one-dollar a week until you reach your goal weight. Students and senior citizens get reduced rates—three dollars and two dollars.

Once you reach your goal, you become a lifetime member, and you don't have to pay anymore. However you must stay within two pounds of your goal to remain a lifetime member.

"During the holidays, I asked what my class would want the most. I thought they would say to be thin," said Mrs. Bernstein. "The class said, 'That I'd never have to always be battling with the thinking of food.'" Mrs. Bernstein said that New Year's Eve and Mondays are the biggest days for people that want to join. Have you ever heard—"I'll start my diet on Monday . . ." "My New Year's resolution is . . ."

Whale on menu

"We have a national nutritionist who checks the food we can eat. The latest items added to the food-we-can-eat list are: rattlesnake, armadillo, and whale meat. After the whale, it said the whale is endangered species, but you can still eat it," said Mrs. Bernstein.

Patti Bennett, Central student, said that after trying many different diets including the grapefruit diet which she starved to death on, she tried Weight Watchers. She added that the Weight Watchers program was the best.

Weight Watchers doesn't work for everyone though. Some people don't have the willpower needed for the program.

I have just touched on a few of the aspects of the Weight Watchers program. I am not saying that Weight Watchers is the last word in dieting. Moderation seems to be the right answer in dieting, and that's what Weight Watchers stresses.

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ROTC senior receives top award

Central senior Frank Kerkemeyer was awarded the Legion of Valour Bronze Cross in a senior auditorium homeroom on December 21, 1977. It is the highest award anyone can earn in the ROTC program.

According to a typed statement prepared by Senior Army Instructor Edward McDaniel, the award is for "outstanding character, personality, appearance, and scholastic ability during the school years 1975-1978."

Those present at the ceremony included Owen Knutzen, Omaha Public Schools superintendent; Paul Kennedy, president of the Omaha Board of Education; Colonel E. H. Kaufman; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerkemeyer, and Ralph Kerkemeyer.

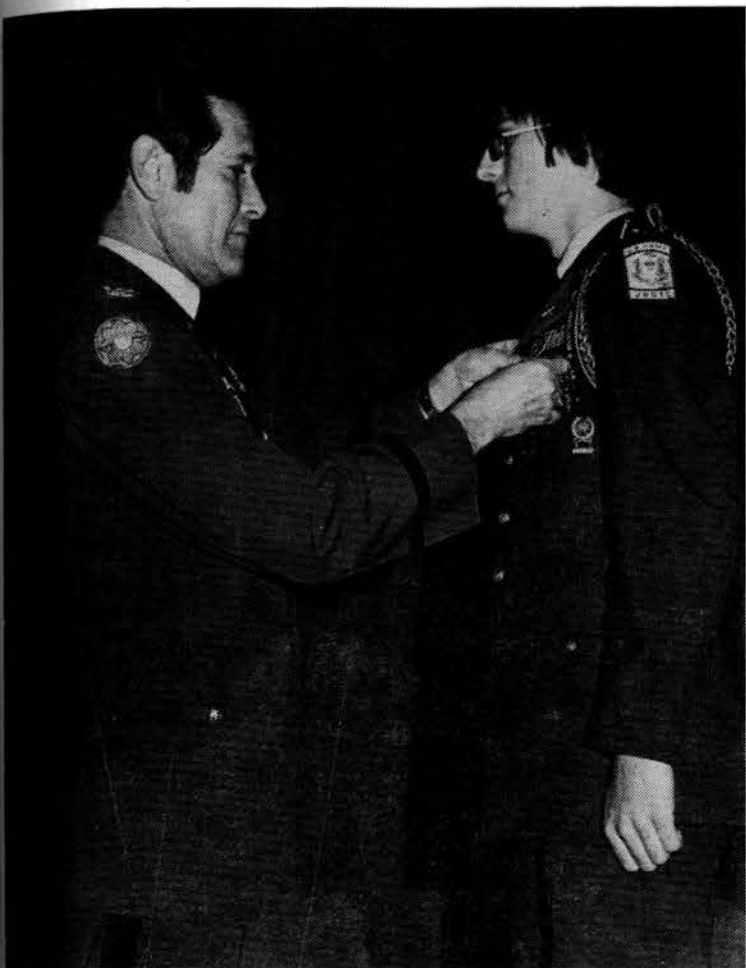
Colonel Kaufman, a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, presented the award. Only persons who have received the Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross are eligible to present the Legion of Valour Bronze Cross.

Frank said that there was no one reason for winning the award. "It took into consideration the grade point average, so (taking) honors courses helped," he said.

In April 1976, Frank was presented the American Legion Scholastic award for academic excellence. He has been on the honor roll all of his last six semesters.

The award is important when a student applies for a ROTC scholarship, said Major McDaniel. "It automatically puts him at the top of the list for application," he said. The ROTC scholarship is good in over 250 colleges and is worth from 16,000 to 18,000 dollars.

Only 19 students in the U.S. were awarded the Bronze Cross in 1977, out of about 50,000 ROTC students, said Major McDaniel. Frank was one of three to receive the honor in the 15 western continental U.S. Another Omahan from Bryan High School also was awarded the Bronze Cross.



Kerkemeyer receives the Legion of Valour Bronze Cross.

Math team begins competition

Central's Math team is preparing for several upcoming contests, including the National Math Contest, held in March. So far this year, the team

has competed in the Atlantic-Pacific (ATPAC) League. According to math team coach Virginia Lee Pratt, the team didn't finish as well as it would

have liked. But Central scored higher than every other area school except Bellevue West. The Thunderbirds outscored the Eagles by only one point in the two test composite scores.

The Math team, comprised mostly of Enrichment Math students, plans to compete in a contest at South High later this month against 15 area high schools.

Early in February, the team will compete in the annual Creighton University Contest against teams from surrounding states. "This is perhaps the biggest contest we enter," Miss Pratt said. "Sometimes I even think of it as bigger than the National Math Contest."

The National Math Contest, which Central has won 17 times in the past 20 years, is held in March. According to Miss Pratt, each team member takes a test that is sent to a data processor at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln to be scored. The top three scores on each team are then combined to comprise the team score.

This year's math team (not including the practice team) is comprised of seniors Dan Olsen and G. Earl Gerhard, juniors Virgil Miller and Bob Tekolste, and sophomores Pat Rhoads and David Marang.



photo by Tony Smith

There's a lot more to chess than meets the eye.

CHS takes metro chess title

Central's Chess team has maintained a winning season by attaining a four wins one loss record. The team's only loss was to Bellevue West which, according to Coach Charles Lettes, was a "fluke."

Central's next goal is state. Despite an imperfect record, Central clinched the metro championship and wound up

with the best record in their division.

One player has shown "commendable improvement" this year. Will Dye, a senior, has "realized his full potential," according to Coach Lettes. Will, Tim Grotheer, John Weisman, Alan Jensen, Jeff Henninger, Steve Johnson, Matt Lippold, and Jeff Fisher comprise the top eight team members.

Only one loss

Central's next goal is to win the state tournament in February, for the second consecutive year. In the meantime, some of the players will compete in the Green Palms Invitational. "This particular tournament is a free-for-all, where the players compete individually for a prize instead of as a team," Coach Lettes said.

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after the anthem

by Jim Zipursky

Physical education in the schools

James Michener stated in his most recent book, *Sports in America*, that a strong health and physical education program should be emphasized in most American learning institutions. Mr. Michener said, "It is the schools' duty to impress upon the students the importance of exercise and physical activity. If a person doesn't learn to take care of his body when he is young, he never will."

"Many high school kids think that you have to play football or basketball to stay in shape. What they don't realize is that it can take twice as much energy to play a game of racquet ball as it does to play basketball," the author said.

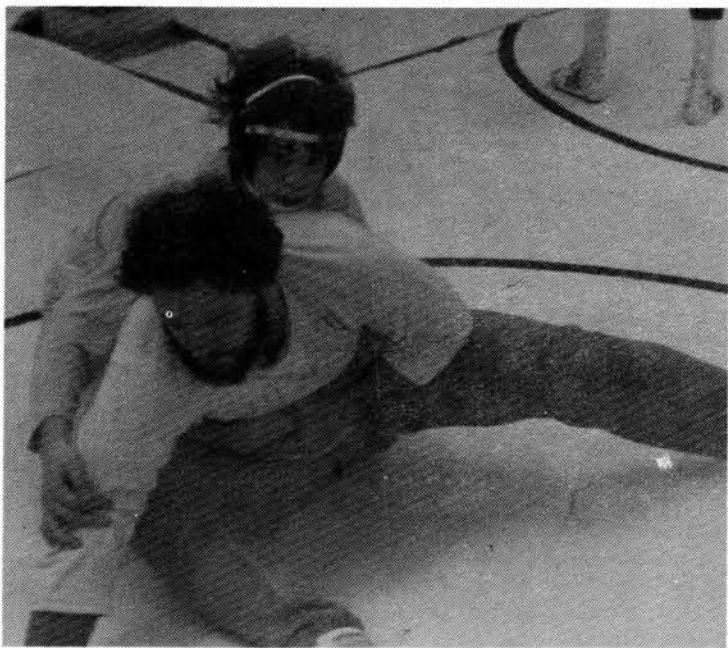
Improper preparation

Mr. Michener feels that one problem with various high school athletic programs is that they prepare athletes for sports in which they will not participate for the rest of their lives. "Most football players' careers are over at age 30, basketball players at 35. Of course, the sports may still be participated in past that age, but not with anywhere near the same intensity. However, most people can start walking or swimming at a very young age, and continue these exercises for the rest of their life," he commented.

Central girls' swimming coach, Dirk McNeely, agrees with the author. "I was pleased with what Michener said about swimming when I read the book. Swimming is easy to learn and provides vigorous exercise. The most important thing is that age doesn't make a difference in swimming, both young and old can participate."

Lifetime sports

Sports such as tennis, bowling, fishing, boating, golf, and bicycling are classified by Mr. Michener as activities that are either highly recommended or worth investigating, as one may take part in them throughout his entire life. "It doesn't really make a difference if you run five miles every day, or play basketball once a week, the important thing is to remain active throughout your life," the author concluded.



Father Kimsey gives son Kevin some pointers.

Kimsey family enjoys wrestling success

by Dan Goodwin

Because of their many feats in wrestling, you might think that Jim Kimsey and his sons Kevin and Jim Jr., were natural born wrestlers.

Ballet too tough

Papa Kimsey, a 36 year-old biology teacher, didn't wrestle in high school. He was an all-state football player at Johnston High in Des Moines, Iowa, and went to Indiana on a grid scholarship.

While at I.U., Mr. Kimsey was channeled into wrestling. "Football players were assigned to take ballet. After about a week, I switched to wrestling because it was easier," he said.

Sons tag along

But he didn't really get interested in wrestling until he was a football coach in Mediapolis, Iowa. Basketball was the only winter sport at Mediapolis so Mr. Kimsey started a wrestling program to build up the football program. Mr. Kimsey's sons tagged along to the practices since they were in the second and third grades.

After a while, I learned to like wrestling just from being around it," said Jim, Jr. But Kevin's interest in grappling evolved somewhat differently. "I started

winning my first matches and decided I liked winning, and wrestling," he said.

Skipped wrestling

Young Jim, the oldest Kimsey boy, is an eleventh grader at Tech. When the family moved to Omaha from Underwood, Iowa, Mr. Kimsey didn't know where he'd be assigned to teach; so Jim, Jr., went to Tech, since it was only a few blocks from their home.

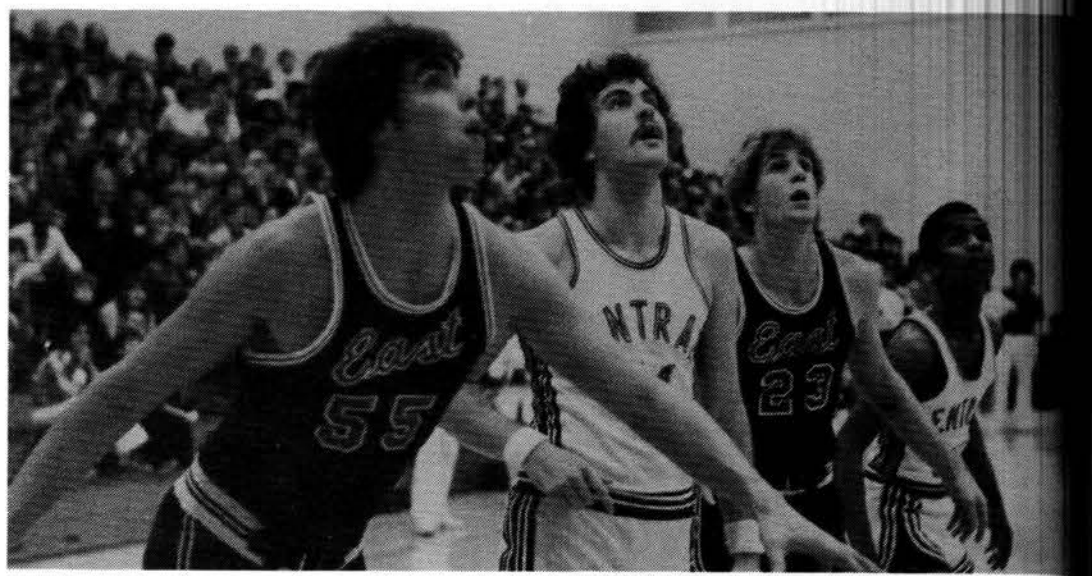
"At first, the switch from Iowa to Omaha was hard; I didn't even wrestle my sophomore year," said young Jim. "I just didn't feel up to it."

Mr. Kimsey doesn't know whether Jim would rather attend Central, but he would like to have him here. "I think Kevin probably feels bothered being coached by me," said Mr. Kimsey. "It's natural for a kid to feel that way. I don't expect anything more out of them (Kevin and Jim) than from anyone else, but they might not realize this," he added.

Both brothers rated high

Being coached by their father hasn't harmed either of the sons' performances.

While at Underwood High, where Mr. Kimsey coached wrestling, Jim became the youngest wrestler to take state in Iowa. He won the class A, 119 lb. title as a fourteen year old freshman. Now after a one year layoff, Jim is the top-ranked 167 pounder



What goes up must come down—sometime.

photo by Alan P...

Eagles' next opponent State champ

With consecutive wins over Gross and Tee Jay last weekend, Central increased its record to eight wins and two losses. The Eagles broke out of a two game slump that included losses to Bellevue East, in the first round of the Metro Holiday Tournament, and Millard. The loss to Millard was Central's first conference loss.

State champs upcoming

Central's next opponent is Papillion. The Monarchs carry a 3-7 record into tomorrow night's game to be played at UNO. It is a home game. Central faces State champion Burke High on Saturday. The Bulldogs, led by seniors Randy Belmont, Ken Holst, and Tim Heyne, and juniors Dan Schmucker and Kurt Korinek, will bring an 8-4 record to Norris Junior High. Game time is 8:00 P.M. for the Varsity,

6:15 for the Junior Varsity.

Second half surge

Central trailed Gross by three at the end of the first half; however, any upset hopes the 5-7 Cougars might have had fell as Central outscored them 20-4 in the third quarter. The Eagles were led by Michael Johnson's 20 point performance. Daryl Davis, Dave Felici, and Brad Bone combined for 25 points.

The Eagles' victory over Gross became even more impressive when the Cougars upset number one rated and Holiday Tourney champ Westside the same night Central got by Tee Jay, 60-54.

Early lead falls

Central used the hot shooting of Davis and Johnson to build a seven point halftime lead over the Yellowjackets. Davis scored 14 of his team leading 18 points in the first half. Johnson, who fouled out in the opening min-

ute of the fourth quarter, added 16.

Tee Jay held the Eagles six third quarter points as Central didn't score a point over half of the quarter passed. Junior Michael Lambert scored all six of his points the fourth quarter to split Central.

Lambert hit for four his points after Tee Jay tied the score with five minutes left in the game. The Yellow jackets kept the game close with a balanced scoring attack as four men scored in double figures. The loss left Tee Jay with a 5-6 record.

Prior to the Gross game Central had been rated ninth the Class A basketball rating. The Eagles could move up this week's poll thanks to Westside's double loss weekend. In addition to their loss to Gross the Warriors also lost to Bellevue West.

Team struggles, loses six in a row

The Central girls' basketball team has encountered a losing slump. After dropping six of their last seven games, tomorrow night the Eagles will try to avenge an earlier loss to Bellevue East during the Holiday Tournament.

Trailing early, 14-4, Central rallied back to tie the score at 24. The Chieftains responded by pulling away in the final minutes of the game and won 38-32.

Make no changes

Coach Paul Semrad said no changes will be made for the East rematch. "We'll have to work on our passing to get better shots. We've just been playing badly. I'm not sure

what the problem is," he added.

Eagles blitz Ralston

Even Miss Thompson's game high of 20 points was not enough in the team's worst offensive showing, as six Eagles hit only 2 points apiece to complete Central scoring in a 47-32 loss to Bellevue West.

The following week the unpredictable Eagles started slowly, but came on to play up to their potential in blitzing Ralston 49-35. Miss Harrington sparked Central by scoring 13 of her 17 points in the second half.

The first round Holiday Tournament win over Ralston thrust Central into quarter-final action with previously unbeaten Northwest. The Huskies jumped

to a 11-2 first-quarter lead and coasted to a 46-39 victory. Coach Felici kept Central within reach many times with sharp outside shooting. She finished the game with 8 points, while Thompson and Harrington scored 10 apiece. Miss Thompson is the team's leading scorer, averaging 13 points per game.

A winning record

Losing their last two games to Benson 37-22 and Papillion 54-46, Central's record dipped to 2-7. Their inability to put four solid quarters together has made the difference in most of the games. Coach Semrad hopes the girls don't get discouraged and pointed out, "We still have a chance for a winning record."

in Nebraska.

Kevin doesn't mind calling the coach dad. His decision to attend Central was based on more than just wrestling. "I did want to have dad as a coach, I also chose Central for its academics," he said.

Because of his wiry frame, Kevin doesn't look like a wrestler, but he's as tough as his big brother. Kevin is the state's third-ranked 119 pounder.

Both boys agree that their father taught them everything they know about wrestling.

Team has success

Mr. Kimsey's knowledge of the sport has helped bring success to Central's wrestling team.

In their four tournaments so far this season, the Eagles have placed fifth or higher in each. Central took fifth in the Papio Invite during the holiday vacation. They were powered by Mike Cross who won all three of his matches by pins on his way to the heavyweight crown. Undeclared Bob Johnson won the 155 lb. title, and Greg Brooks was runner-up at 138 lbs.

Johnson (first) and Cross (sixth), join Kevin Kimsey (state ranking), along with 185 pounder Mark Rigatuso (second).

It looks like ballet's loss is wrestling's gain. One else seems to be bothered being coached by Kimsey, either.