

# Styles change

Like the old saying goes, "It's the clothes that make the person." That phrase carries a compliment for the high school students of today. Central students feel better when they dress better. "Now the fashion has gotten away from the bummy look and students look better," said junior Daryle Brown.

"I don't like to look sloppy all the time. They (students) want other people's opinions of themselves to be good," said Teri Mancuso, Central senior.

"You make a better impression on teachers, a psychological advantage," added senior Bruce Denkins.

Many students are tired of jeans. "I get bored with jeans. I like to be dressed up," said junior Debbie Meiches. Senior Kathy Bohi said, "People are getting tired of the same old thing and since stores are getting more involved in high schools, they (students) like what the fashions are showing."

Local stores have noticed a new trend slowly moving from the West and West coast to Omaha although it is not as prevalent. According to Mr. Jim Lawson, assistant manager at Magees, the whole dress-up trend was here seven years ago. Mrs. Kathy Hayes, manager of the Daisy said, "People like to look nice. In the past, it was new to look sloppy. Now, students feel good if they dress up."

According to J. L. Wiechmann, Central counselor, the late 1960's were a time for sloppy jeans and t-shirts. Although jeans are still the American favorite, they have changed from a faded light blue to deep blue, straight-legged, and rolled up cuffs.

Boys, like girls, are wearing dress jeans, along with corduroys and wool slacks. For the girls, the pleated wool trouser should be paired with a blazer, cowl neck, and vest, added Mrs. Hayes.

Central guys will like seeing a change in girls' wardrobes. "A change from the jeans and the obvious ever-present and overpowering attempt to attract the opposite sex," said senior Robert Schueren.

Girls are not the only ones trying to make a good impression to the opposite sex. "Guys are becoming more picky about their clothing," commented Ben Simons' salesman Mr. Franc Kosch. The designer line is becoming popular. Along with the designer line is the League look. Tweeds, herringbone, and natural fibers are more important than the polyester or man-made fabrics, said Mr. Kosch.

The disco styles are increasing in popularity. Guys are wearing disco suit outfits to the prom, according to Mr. Lawson. Girls are wearing velveteen or satin skirts with sparkly tube tops under sheerouses.

Some students feel that impression is the most important thing. The whole thing is creating an impression; after all it is a public appearance. And you should look good in public," said senior Tim Martin.

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# Opinions expressed about Central

Choose the phrase or phrases that you think best describes Central: a) A college preparatory high school. b) A racially balanced high school. c) A downtown high school. d) Of, at, from, in, or containing the center.

Judging from a survey of about fifteen principals and students of Omaha public high schools, Central alumni, other people who are acquainted with Central, most Omahans think favorably of Central, and only a small number have criticism of it.

Some of the people interviewed had an overall regard for Central, and the major reason for this favorable opinion was Central's academic program. Most of the people interviewed considered Central's college preparatory program as the most important aspect of the school. Central's racial balance and its downtown location followed a Bob Paine second and third in significance.

Miss Mabel Boyles is one of those who just plain likes Central. In a letter to the World-Herald dated Oct. 19, 1978, she wrote, "Taking registrations for voting at Central High School, I arrived before classtime and walked through dozens of students just milling around. . . I had to ask directions to the room and received most courteous answers."

"When they registered, their manners and attitude were above reproach."

Miss Boyles said, "I hate to see young people all lumped under the same category — all good, or all bad; I thought that too many people sit back and ignore good things, so that's why I wrote that letter to the World-Herald."

University of Nebraska at Omaha sports director Mr. Tim Schmad, a 1963 Central graduate and former Central English teacher, is another Central fan.

"Frankly, I'm still proud of Central — like when I drive past and see the new gym. I think that it is the best high school in Omaha. I'm the sentimental type. I still get chills when I see it."

Burke principal Dr. Edward Klima said that Central is "one of the finest high schools in Omaha and in the Midwest. My son just graduated from it last year."

World-Herald reporter and 1969 graduate, Miss Sibyl Meyers said, "I think as far as college is concerned, it (Central) is one of the best high schools in preparing

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students for it, using honors and advanced placement courses."

"A bunch of brains. I think Central has a really good academic reputation. . . . When you think of Westside you think of 'rich'; when you think of Central, you think of 'smart,'" said Burke senior Debi King.

Westside junior Nellie McKinney called Central's academic program "tough," and said its traditional scheduling makes it a "good school."

South senior Anthony Rabiola said, "If I was to choose between Creighton Prep and Central, I would choose Central; I have a good friend who goes to Creighton Prep, and Central seems to be at least just as good. . . ."

Some of the people interviewed commended Central's racial balance. Northwest Principal Dr. Jack Hallstrom said, "You've always been a melting pot at Central; that helped set the pattern for the rest of us — you've provided the leadership."

Miss Meyers agrees, "I think that it (Central) has a good mix of white and black students, which is important to have."

WOWT newswoman and 1970 Central graduate Miss Jan Rasmusson described the variety of races, nationalities, and religions at Central as an "added benefit."

Some of the people interviewed approved of the Central building and its location.

"It's an old downtown building, but it is well kept," said Miss Boyles.

Miss Rasmusson said that she has "always liked the kind of quaintness of Central's building."

A few of the people questioned criticized Central's college preparatory program, racial relations, and location.

"If I had to be critical of Central, I would mention that it emphasizes the academics too strongly and does not offer enough vocational training," said South Principal Dr. Leonard Hanson.

Westside senior Joe Cathrein criticized Central's building. "To me, Central is a downtown school. You think of it as dirty and cement and you want to stay away from it," said Joe, adding that he has never been inside Central.

Although not all the people interviewed liked Central, most agreed that Central is a fine academic school.



From left to right, Nickie, played by Melissa Canaday, Charity, played by Katherine Flick, and Helene, played by Gina Dorsey sing "There's Got to be Something Better Than This" in the recent production of "Sweet Charity." Matinees of the production were Nov. 9 and 10. The musical was also performed Saturday night, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12.

Photo by Stuart Wheat

# Improvements enhance conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday night, Nov. 16 and Friday, Nov. 17. This will be the second year for conferences at Central. Several improvements have been made to enhance the conferences. We support the improvements that have been made to parent-teacher conferences.

## editorial

Many suggestions were made by teachers and parents for the improvements of the conferences.

One change resulting from the suggestions was that the conferences take place on a Thursday night and on a Friday. Last year all the conferences were held on one day in the middle of the week.

This change will alleviate the fatigue teachers suffered last year and give parents a choice of time for attendance to help parents who cannot get away from jobs.

Other changes were made to help the convenience of parents. These changes were making all conferences on the first floor and providing regular chairs for parents and teachers.

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We support these changes because they demonstrate the administration's willingness to make the conferences a success.

Parent teacher conferences are very

important. They provide a communication between parents and teachers that seldom exists at the high school level. Improved conference organization will increase the communication between parents and teachers.

It is obvious that there is support for parent-teacher conferences. In an evaluation of last year's parent-teacher conferences, Mr. Al LaGreca, assistant principal in charge of the conferences, wrote to Mr. J. Jay Planteen, former director of secondary education, "This is our first year for the conference, and the general consensus of parents, teachers, and administrators was that it was a tremendous success."

**We believe the improvements that were made will eliminate many of the criticisms of last year's conferences . . .**

Last year 71 percent of all report cards were picked up by parents. We expect this figure to increase because of the added convenience of a night time opportunity that did not exist previously.

Approval of parents for the conferences was strong in an evaluation form that was returned by some parents. Seventy-four percent of the parents who filled out the form gave the conferences a grading of one on a one (highest) to five (lowest) scale.

We believe the improvements that were made will eliminate many of the criticisms of last year's conferences and will help to increase attendance of parents this year.



# Letters

## Coach Standifer thanked

To the editor:

The Varsity Volleyball team members would like to congratulate Mr. Stan Standifer on his first year as head volleyball coach. Switching from football to volleyball is quite a step; Mr. Standifer took over the job with great enthusiasm and expertise. We truly enjoyed working and playing for him as our coach. Best wishes for a great season next year.

The Varsity Volleyball Team

## Allow write-in candidates

To the editor:

I am writing, not in protest, but in hopes of impressing upon the minds of my fellow classmates their rights as students of Central High. My point is this: in any office, from president to sergeant-at-arms, write-in candidates should be allowed to participate in this campaign. Our mayor is in his present office through a write-in campaign. It is my own experience, in former elections, that if the candidate(s) running for a particular office is (are) not desired by the voter, the voter would then "write-in" a fictitious, or well-known person, as their choice. Two examples of this are Donald Duck and Hinky Dinky's very own Sam Jacuinta. However amusing this may seem, it only serves to defeat the purpose of democracy.

If the candidate(s) running is (are) not favored by his (their) constituents, then the serious campaigning of a write-in candidate is justified. In this election and in the future, people should have a choice and be allowed to write in a serious candidate. In fact, one of the offices up for election is this year's senior class doesn't have a choice! This is the ideal opportunity to exercise the right to write in. I feel that a policy change is due in the senior class voting rules concerning write-in candidates.

Matthew Metz

## Council thanks donors

To the editor:

We, as members of Central's Student Council, would like to thank all the teachers and students that helped make Blood Donor Day a success. We realize that donating blood isn't an easy thing to do and appreciate the time and effort these people have given. In all, 21 students and two teachers donated a total of 23 units of blood. Thanks again for participating in this worthy cause.

Lynette Heldt  
Chris Kalkowski  
Julie Martin

**Any criticism, praise, or problems can be voiced in a letter to the editor. Letters should be delivered to 317.**

For a change this week, let's look into what's available to eat outside of the regular hamburger sandwich.

The main entry in this category seems to be the submarine, poor boy, or hero sandwich, whichever name you prefer. I had a chance to visit two restaurants which serve these.

### Little King

The first, Little King, has locations all over town, with two locations close to Central. One is at 1907 Farnam. The other is in the Old Market.

Little King serves a good product although the bread in the hot sandwiches is sometimes a bit too chewy.

I'm not a meat inspector, but the meats and cheeses do seem to be of high quality.

An interesting feature of the restaurant is the glass case where the food is kept. It allows you to see just what you're getting. Also, each sandwich is made to order. That is, you tell the preparer if you want lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, or oil and vinegar on your sandwich. It's a kind of HAVE IT YOUR WAY. Reminds you of hamburgers, doesn't it?

**on the go**



Howard K. Marcus

### Yellow Submarine

The next entry is the Yellow Submarine and its take-out shop at 107 North 49 Street. The Yellow Submarine is really a van in disguise. The van-turned-submarine cruises Omaha's streets, usually around the downtown area.

I visited the take-out shop. The owner on duty (there are four) invited me to taste the beef used in the Yellow Submarine's barbecued beef sandwich, the Argonaut. The beef was quite good.

**The whole thing is finished off with a plug of bread stuffed into the end.**

The Yellow Submarine's U.S.S. Reuben is a good buy at \$1.30. Other offerings include the Holland (melted cheses and mushrooms), \$1.20, the Nautilus (meatballs, melted cheses, and italian sauce), \$1.45, and the Triton (italian sausage and peppers), \$1.50. The U.S.S. Reuben and the Triton are available only at the take-out shop. The Sub's sandwiches probably aren't quite what you're used to eating in the way of submarine sandwiches. Instead of slicing the bun in half, the Yellow Submarine hollows out the bun and stuffs in the good things (meat, cheese, etc.). The whole thing is finished off with a plug of bread stuffed into the end.

On the whole, the Yellow Submarine is a very good operation.

### Arby's

Last on the list of non-hamburger restaurants is Arby's. Arby's roast beef is some of the thinnest that I've ever tasted. Many different sandwich combinations are available. For example, a beef and cheese platter is available for \$1.99. Six other platters are available.

An unusual item is the potato cake. It's like a pressed piece of hash brown potatoes. It sells for 24¢.

Arby's is famed for its shakes, especially the jamocha shake. Mmmm, good!

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## Skydiver makes first jump

The pilot cuts the engine. The jumpmaster orders, "Climb Out!"

He places his left foot on the step above the plane wheel and his right foot dangles dangerously 3000 feet above the ground. The next thing you see is Shannon Baumgartner, a Central sophomore, literally falling from the sky.

Shannon, a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), is presently involved in learning how to skydive through the United States Military Service, an organization that provides teenagers with the opportunity to perform military duties in any of the five branches of the armed forces.

"It all started at the Columbus Day Parade last month," said Shannon. "I was prodded by some ROTC people from Benson High to talk to Mr. Dan McMurray, a retired officer who is a representative of the U.S. Military Service in Omaha."

### Training

Shannon signed up with Mr. McMurray, and on Saturday, Oct. 28, he began his training and later that day made his first jump. The trainers were from the Lincoln Sportschute Club, all of whom were certified as master parachute riggers by the U.S. government.

"It requires a minimum of eight hours of training before you can jump. I trained eleven hours before I made my first jump," Shannon said.

Shannon is working toward getting his parachute wings insignia and class A license. It takes a

minimum of thirty jumps to reach class A status. Twenty five of the thirty jumps must be "free fall" style, where the parachute is deployed manually by the jumper, and five must be "static line" jumps, where the parachute is deployed automatically by an eight foot line connected to the plane.

The license system is divided into four classes, A through D, class D being the highest license one can achieve. A class D license requires a minimum of 200 jumps, many of which require special dangerous maneuvers.

"There are very few class D jumpers in the country," said Shannon. "A class A license entitles you to jump anywhere in the country."

### First jump

And what is that first jump like?

"It all happens so fast. On the way down I try not to think of anything except how to land correctly and safely. It's such a relief when you see that big green mushroom unfurl above you. I'm always listening to the ground observer (through a one-way radio) who tells me which way to steer."

In training, Shannon learned how to perform a Parachute Landing Fall (PLF).

"You've got to know how to land safely in trees, water, high winds, and powerlines, as well as the ground," Shannon said.

Shannon and a group of other high school skydivers plan to form a skydiving team with Mr. McMurray as their coach. "If we succeed," said Shannon, "it will be the first team of high school students in the country."

## Retirees travel U.S. and abroad

In the world of Central teachers, some have gone on a permanent vacation. Miss Virgene McBride, Mrs. Lois McKean, and Mr. Viggo Carlson are three teachers who have been traveling since their retirement last year.

Miss McBride retired after 38 years of teaching English at Central. Since then she has taken a Caribbean cruise and traveled to Colorado to visit her brother. She is also involved in volunteer work.

One of the organizations she belongs to is the 'Community Playhouse Guild,' which raises money for the Community Playhouse productions.

Another organization Miss

McBride belongs to is the 'Way of City.' This organization studies the civic life of different parts of Omaha. Miss McBride said they have visited the new St. Joseph hospital and Junior Theater.

"Let's say it was traumatic," said Miss McBride, referring to her retirement. "I had a difficult time adjusting. I missed the students."

Miss McBride says she plans to take care of her house and dog and probably go to Florida for the winter.

Mrs. McKean retired after 24 years of teaching mathematics at Central. Since then she has traveled through the western states sightseeing. A few of the national parks she saw were the Grand Canyon National Park and Yo-

semite National Park. In California, she said, the only thing she missed was Disneyland because it was closed.

Talking about her retirement, Mrs. McKean said, "(It's) time to do other things. I missed the kids, but I enjoy doing other things."

Mrs. McKean says she plans to catch up on her reading and sewing, which are her hobbies.

The other retired teacher was Mr. Carlson, who taught music for only two years at Central. Since then he has traveled around Maine, New York, and Massachusetts. Mr. Carlson says his retirement is "great." He is painting and doing things he's wanted to do.

## Of Central importance

### Student council

"Student Council will be holding its first annual Thanksgiving raffle this month," announced Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Student Council sponsor.

Top prize includes a dinner for two at the Plankhouse Restaurant with a Six West Theater movie pass for two. Second prize will be a ten dollar gift certificate at the Athlete's Foot. An extra large pizza with choice of toppings from Johnny Sortino's is the third prize.

Raffle tickets are priced at 25 cents apiece with the proceeds going to support further projects of Central students. Tickets may be purchased from any student council member or by contacting Mrs. Anderson.

### Donor day

Twenty-three people gave of themselves Oct. 30 on Blood Donor Day. Of these, two were teachers. The 23 units of blood which were collected will be typed, grouped, and then sent off to one of the 110 hospitals which are sup-

plied by the Nebraska Red Cross Blood Center. A unit is slightly less than a pint.

The blood van goes to each high school in OPS and stays for four hours a day for as many days as needed. The process of extracting a unit of blood takes about five to ten minutes, so the goal is about 30 people per day. Recovery time varies from person to person but takes about 30 to 40 minutes for most people.

"It went really well," said chairman Julie Martin. "We were really glad that so many people participated."

### Chariot race

Junior Classical League had a chariot race Saturday, Oct. 21. Eight schools participated.

North came in first place, Central second, Mt. Michael third and South fourth. Westside, Bellevue, Northwest, and Burke were the other schools.

The chariots were pulled by one or two people, changing every lap for twenty laps. North won a 'traveling' trophy, which Central had won last year.

## Century winner named

Senior David Haggart has won the Century III Leaders Scholarship competition at Central High School.

David is now eligible to compete with other high school seniors throughout Nebraska for two \$1,500 scholarships, two \$500 scholarships, and also for a \$10,000 national scholarship that will be awarded in a conference of state winners in historic colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

### Local winner

"David triumphed in the local phase of the Century III Leaders program, a scholarship competition which emphasizes the future concerns of America. Students were judged on the basis of their leadership abilities, community involvement, and score on a current events examination. He must now write a brief projection outlining what he thinks

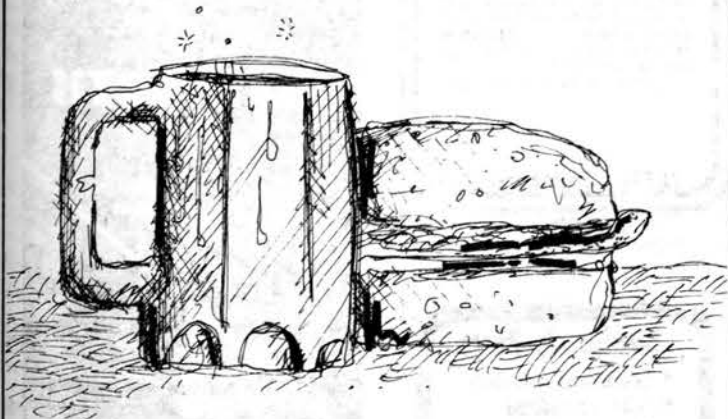
is one of America's future challenges and how it should be met," said Mr. Jack Blanke, chairman of the social studies department.

### Scholarship chance

If David is one of the two Nebraska winners he will receive an all expense paid trip to the third annual Century III National Leadership Seminar in Williamsburg, March 1-6, to participate in seminars on current issues. Central has had one of the two state winners in each of the two previous years of the competition. In 1977, Kenneth Allen and in 1978, Patricia Gibson were state winners, Mr. Blanke said.

The program is administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and funded by Shell Oil Company. At Central the competition is directed by the social studies department.

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By Robert Schuerman



### Orienteering

Orienteering began in the late 1800's in Scandinavia as part of military training. In 1919, Major Ernst Killander devised a sport where a runner ran a course and had to use a map to choose his route. He had borrowed this from the military to revive interest in Swedish track and field.

The new sport grew quite rapidly in Europe but didn't reach the United States until 1946. It failed to grow due to a lack of organizers and local enthusiasts.

But in 1967 the U.S. Marines sent a scout to an orienteering event, and as a result a program was developed at their academy. Other armed forces followed suit, and interest is spreading throughout the United States. Some universities are now offering it as a physical education class.

Why all this nonsense about orienteering? Because a team from Central won an orienteering competition held by Creighton University. This is the third year Creighton has sponsored the event, and Central took first and second the first two years, respectively. Major Edward McDaniel, Senior Army Instructor, commented, "I guess two out of three is not too bad."

Ten schools, including the eight Omaha Public high schools, Bellevue East and Bellevue West, and over one hundred cadets participated.

Each of the cadets was given a map, a compass, and was told to find as many of the red and white cardboard markers placed around Hummel Park as fast as possible. Whatever the weather, Major McDaniel said they had to go "through dale, over hill, etc. and find the markers." Central's teams found all of the markers in an average of 42 minutes.

After their victory, the entire squad, according to Major McDaniel, "adjourned to Godfather's!"

Members of the teams are Sherry Beerman and Cathie Eldridge, Pat McGahan and Kirk Goetsch, Larry Hall and Cory Williams, Ken Rihaneck and Clark Crinklan, Robert Shaw and Allen Pattee.

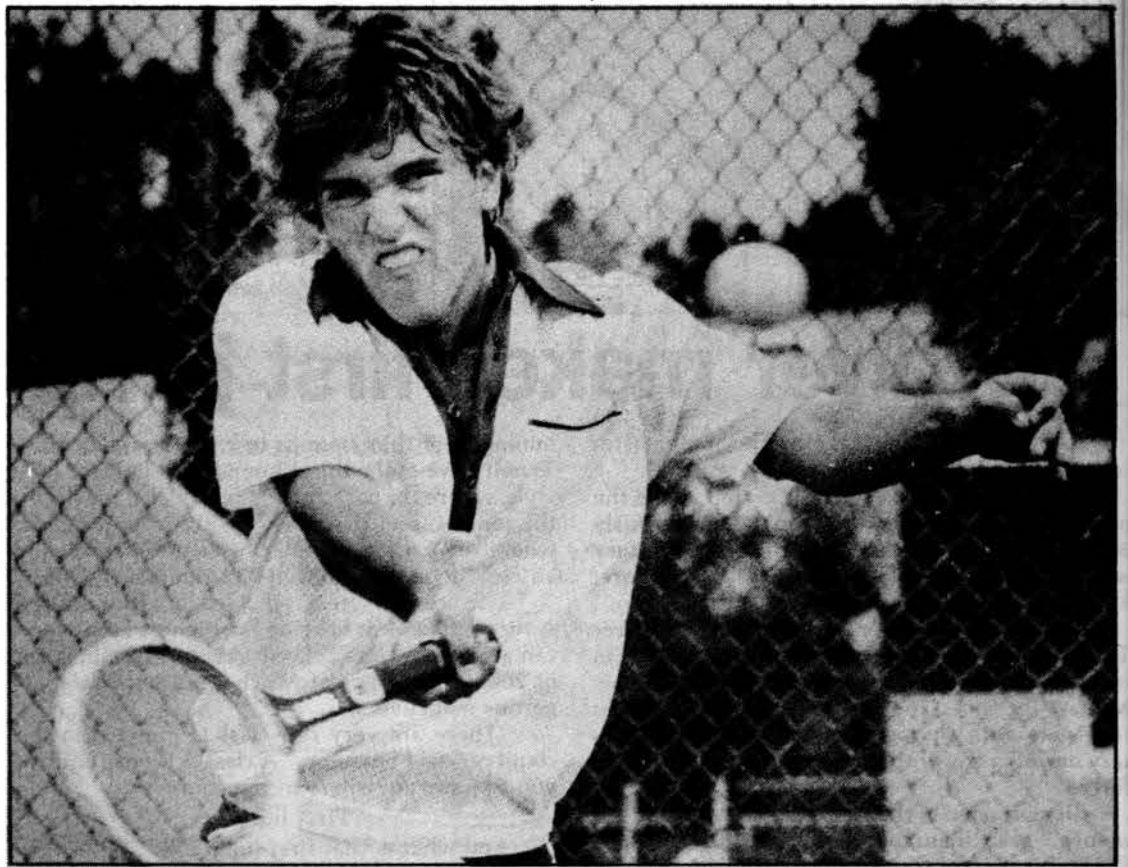


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Koch returns serve in state tourney action.

## Koch competes nationally

With a dual record of 80-7 and Metro singles and doubles championship titles, senior Hal Koch has to be considered one of Central's all-time best tennis players. Hal completed this year in style as his dual record of 30-2 led him to a Metro singles title and a tough showing at the state tennis tournament.

### MVTA

Hal has played for Central's tennis team since his sophomore year. But the beginning of his tennis career started much earlier in the first grade. Hal has belonged to the Missouri Valley Tennis Association (MVTA) for five years.

The MVTA, which includes the states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, sponsors tennis tournaments for the top players in all age groups from each state. The MVTA provides a summer tennis circuit and has just recently added a winter tennis circuit.

### Doubles play

Hal, in the past, has had great success in the MVTA circuits. While competing in the 14 and under doubles bracket, Hal, along with past partner Peter Conant, now of Burke, finished in the top five teams for a number of years. Koch and Conant won the doubles title in their last year of competition in the 14 and under bracket.

Hal and new partner Mike Inman of Sioux City, Iowa, are presently ranked second in the 18 and under doubles bracket.

Hal and Mike's goal for the MVTA winter circuit is to capture the 18 and under doubles title.

Hal says his style of play is best suited for doubles competition. Hal feels his service and volley games are at their best when completed by a partner. Besides playing better in doubles, Hal says he enjoys the doubles game much more than that of singles.

As well as his success in doubles competition, Hal has also fared very well in singles action. Hal's best showing in singles competition was a fifth-place ranking in the 18 and under bracket.

### Nationals

Through competing in the MVTA circuits, Hal has also

qualified for many national tournaments. He has played in San Francisco, California, Little Rock, Arkansas, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Ohio, and many others. Hal has done exceptionally well in national competition.

Hal feels this is the year when he can really achieve something very notable. Coaches

### Universities

from universities all around the country will be looking for scholarship material at many of the tournaments Hal will be competing in. Hal has already had 10 to 15 scholarship offers from universities around the country. These included offers from Arizona State, Nebraska at Lincoln, and some Pac Ten schools.

### Future

Hal feels very confident about the future. He feels he has grown physically and mentally stronger in his three years at Central. He now believes he can win the "big matches" and can come through in the "clutch."

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Gymnastics

The boys' gymnastics team finished up its season with a very successful dual record of 13-3. Central also finished third in the toughest district in Nebraska.

The team split its last two dual meets, as it took to number one in the Northwest and captured a win over Benson.

In district action, the team finished behind top-ranked Northwest and third-ranked Lincoln East. The team did not qualify for state, as only the two top teams of each district qualify. The Central team is still one of the best in the state, according to Coach John Kocurek.

Kocurek said the team was disappointed at not qualifying but understood the drawing system for districts. Kocurek felt Central could have finished fourth or fifth in the state finals. Many teams that Central had defeated during the season qualified for the state meet.

The three seniors on the team, Tom Evans, Terry Gargano, and Dan Pankow, all qualified at the district level.

Swimming

The Central girls' swimming team had a very enjoyable season, according to Captain Sally Pollack. Although suffering through a losing season, the girls all reached their individual time goals.

At the state meet in Lincoln, Nov. 2 and 3, Central was represented by senior captains Kit Barrett, Denise Haller, and Sally Pollack and junior Sandy Slezak. All four girls swam in the 200 meter medley relay and the 400 meter free relay.

Kit Barrett also swam in the 100 meter breaststroke, as Sandy Slezak swam in the 100 meter backstroke. Sally Pollack also swam on the individual level, as she competed in the 50-meter free-style event. Although all the girls swam their best times at state, none were able to reach the finals due to the keen competition.

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