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Athletic field, tennis courts planned

Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Owen Knutzen, The Board of Education, and the Future Central Committee have been working on a proposed concept which would expand Central's campus by creating a new athletic field, tennis courts, and parking facilities in a mall surrounding the Central and Joslyn Art Museum buildings

According to a record of the Board of Education's meeting of April 10, 1978, "the Board of Education moved the adoption of concept "e" of the Central High School Athletic Field and Parking Feasibility Study and to instruct the staff to initiate negotiations and appropriate discussions with other interested parties to this concept." The board allotted \$1,450,000 as the initial amount for the concept, a portion of which would be paid by the Omaha Public Schools, said Director of Building and Grounds for the Omaha Public Schools Mr. Nick Stolzer. "There are agreements to be

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a heavily emphasized concept. The delays, if they should even be called delays, are normal in a major project such as this," Central Principal Dr. G. E. Moller said. forth, ng 69-

Mall atmosphere

The physical plant created by concept "e" would yield a mall atmosphere and would create specific outdoor facilities.

"I consider this to be on the order of an expansion of Central's campus. It improves our present facilities and adds new nes," Dr. Moller said.

"It's kind of a mall concept. It volves landscaping and the losing of streets," said Mr. tolzer.

The concept would create an thletic field composed of a potball field and a running ack on the north side of the oslyn Art Museum, and two parking lots and three tennis

cept "e" drawing done by the architects hired by the school for the initial work, Dana, Larson, Roubal and Associates.

"The concept involves a renaissance of the whole physical area" of Central, Dr. Knutzen said. "When I say a renaissance, I'm talking about a very attractive type of setting.

"I would say that it is a redevelopment of an area that has been going down-hill. Anything that can be done to help downtown is justifiable. I personally feel," said Mr. Stolzer.

Many involved

Many people are involved with concept "e": those who are organizing the concept, those who will negotiate the concept, and those who will use the proposed facilities.

Dr. Knutzen met with the Future Central Committee "probably a year and a half ago" and originated the mall concept. "The input of the Board of Education is to advance the case of the school - in this situation, Central," he said.

Negotiations

If the concept progresses, the Omaha Public School System will negotiate with the Joslyn Art Museum, the city government, and Creighton University over the reorganization of the land involved.

"Land would be traded between Joslyn and the school, with parking for the museum and school shared," according to a February 28, 1978 World-Herald article.

"The changes that are proposed I assume are changes which Creighton University students would have an interest in because it relates to their neighborhood," Dr. Moller said. Dr. Knutzen added that Creighton University may also be involved

proposed renovation.

The facilities would be created mainly for the use of Central students; however, other people could use them, Dr. Knutzen said.

'The priority is for the use of Central while school is in session, but I would hope that the facilities would be able to be used by other members of the community. So its justification goes beyond just the needs of Central," he said.

Due to the indefinite nature of the concept, no commencement or completion dates have been set for the proposed construction

Actual construction

"After the decision has been made to go ahead with the concept and make it a project, actual construction wouldn't take

make that decision," Mr. Stolzer said.

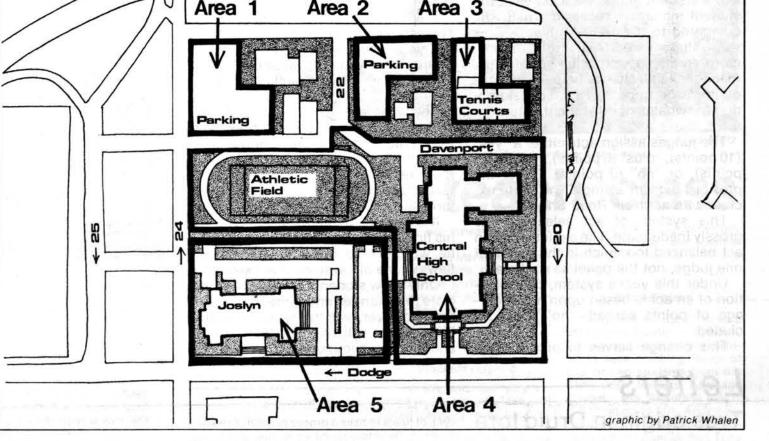
The concept would effect two regions: the actual area of construction, bordered by Dodge, Chicago, 24 and 20 Streets, and the surrounding area.

Commercial aspects

The commercial redevelopment of the Central area is "not a motivation (of concept "e") because that is not our business," Dr. Knutzen said. However, he said that a Central mall could stimulate some "office, banking, and commerce" growth.

The purpose of the proposed mall is to specifically provide Central and the community with recreational facilities, and generally improve the uptown area, Dr. Knutzen said.

"This concept stands the chance of being the greatest



ourts immediately south of hicago Street, according to he March 13, 1978 revised condue to their ownership of The Guest House and the Oblates, two buildings on the area of too long - about four or five thing that has happened for the months if there is good weather. But it could take a long time to

public schools in a long, long, time," he said.

photo by Howard K. Marcus

Road Show managers named

The 1979 student Road Show managers are seniors Don Bahnke, Mary Long, Lann Osborne, Janet Perryman, Judy Reerink, and Dan Renn. They participated in the selection of acts and will assist in the Road Show rehearsals.

The faculty members supervising this year's production are Miss Caroline Davidson, Mr. Joel Edwards, Mr. Robert McMeen, and Mrs. Pegi Stommes.

Road Show student matinees are scheduled for Feb. 22 and 23 and public performances for Feb. 23 and 24.

The managers are, from left to right, Dan Renn, Janet Perryman, Lann Osborne, Mary Long, Don Bahnke, and Judy Reerink.

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Road Show act selection equitable

During the first week of school after winter break, the selection of acts for Road Show, Central's annual talent production, took place. The method for the selection of acts was revised this year. The new process of act selection is more fair, hopefully creating an improved quality of performance in Road Show.

Two

The purpose of Road Show is to provide a professional entertainment show for the community. The foundations for such a show must begin in the selection of acts.

editorial

Acts are judged by a panel of 17 adults and 6 student managers. Last year, the student managers received a half vote compared to the adults' full vote. This year student representation became more equitable with a full vote for the managers. The change helps to balance off the large amount of adult consideration for what is good student entertainment.

The judges assign acts either a "yes" (10 points), "plus" (6 points), "minus" (3 points), or "no" (0 points). Under the previous system a single "no" vote excluded an act from Road Show.

This system of act selection was grossly inadequate. The exclusion of an act balanced too much in the hands of one judge, not the panel as a whole.

Under this year's system, the selection of an act is based upon a percentage of points earned, "no" votes included.

This change serves to broaden the

Letters — Tree origin in Druid lore

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Hillel Bromberg's most offensive letter which appeared in the last *Register.* In Mr. Bromberg's letter, he described the evergreen in the courtyard as a "Christmas" tree. This is incorrect. The tree's origin has, in fact, nothing to do with the Christian religion. In actuality, the evergreen symbol originated in the depths of Druid lore. When the Romans "conquered" these pagans, to allow for a more accepted take-over they permitted the Druids to keep their symbol, the evergreen. They slowly dwindled in number until we few Druids are about the only remaining persons with the knowledge of the true nature of the evergreen, since today's society has forgotten its obscure origins.

We hope to have enlightened Mr. Bromberg and all other uninformed souls to the true nature of the incorrectly named "Christmas" tree.

Mark Gadzikowski Friends of the Druids Society of Central High

Hall noise disrupts tests

To the editor,

span of acts. What may be an undesirable act to one judge might be quality material to another. It appears that the producers of Road Show realize this fact.

Although Mr. Robert McMeen, Road Show director, considers Road Show a performance for the "community," the majority of the community in the audience for all performances are students.

The revisions in act selection, which was initiated under his direction, serve to benefit the student performers, which in turn benefits the student as well as the adult audience. No longer can a single biased judge alone exclude an act.

The panel of judges is designed to represent many different people. There are young and old teachers, teachers from different departments, and teachers with varying backgrounds and interests.

The increase in the student vote serves to increase previous token representation to a significant block of votes. This change is a needed move in the direction of providing judges more tailored to the audience of a student majority.

It is a tribute to Mr. McMeen, who is in his first year as Road Show director, that he was able to recognize the glaring flaws in the old system of act selection.

Only a few students are able to appreciate the changes under the revised system. However, with this type of initiative, Road Show will be a quality performance for the community.

week of finals to have a proper examination environment. This includes minimal noise and an attitude to achieve on these tests. A solution to this noise dilemma for the duration of finals week would be elementary: close all halls during the day unless the student possesses a pass, and advise teachers to increase the closed hall regulations currently existing. Perhaps with these aids, the success of Central students would increase proportionally with the decrease of hall interruptions.

Dan Brodkey

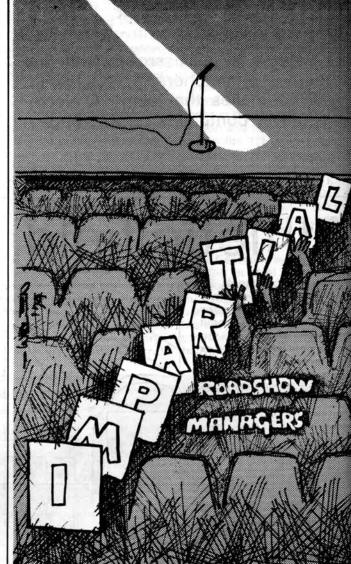
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Shiksa's Deli

Downtown Omaha has gained a new delicatessen since the last issue of the *Register*. Shiksa's Deli, 301 South 16, offers a variety of delicatessen foods in a fast food setting.

I asked owner Harlan Rimmerman why he chose downtown as the location for his deli. Mr. Rimmerman, a 1963 Central grad, said he felt there was a need for a fast food service in the downtown area. Rimmerman added that this service should offer "high quality food, which is unusual in the fast food setting."

The food definitely meets the expectations of the owner, and mine, too.

The reuben sandwich is a wily animal. Very few restaurants take the time to make them well. Shiksa's seems to have caged the animal by offering a very tender (and reasonably low-priced) reuben sandwich.



The restaurant itself is different. It occupies the building that once housed Malashock's Jewelry. There are two levels to the building. The lower level

provides a view of the corner of 16th and Farnam, and the upper level overlooks the lower level.

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TO the editor,

Though dramatically improved from last year, loud, boisterous students in study halls have disrupted classes and lessened academic performance. It is especially paramount in the

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Register maintains the right to edit letters without changing their meaning due to the limits of space. Views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the *Register* staff.

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Sandwiches make up most of the menu. Seven different kinds are available. Most cost \$1.79, with two exceptions: the reuben, \$1.85, and the salami sandwich, \$1.65. The sandwich meat can be bought by the pound, if you wish. This is an interesting practice and one that is not done by most restaurants.

You get a choice of light rye, dark rye, or a Kaiser roll for your sandwich's covering.

Drinks consist of the usual soft drink, milk, and coffee fare. All are priced at 30¢. Large drinks cost 45¢.

Three kinds of dessert are available. Cheesecake, ice cream, and sundaes round out the deli menu.

Bishop's

A note to downtown restaurant goers: downtown's Bishop's Buffet has better atmosphere and larger portions than its Westroads counterpart. While charging the same prices as Westroads, the downtown location has a distinct downtown feel, with the downtown Omaha regulars occasionally stopping by to eat. Black L

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Discos on rise

recent months, discos have e one of the most sucsful markets in the United s. The need for a place to has been on the rise all er the country and Omaha is exception. Two Central sers realized this need and ey, along with a 1978 Central juate, operate their own

Daryl Ammons and Mark mbers, along with Gayla mbers are the operators of a coknown as "Player Produc-" Their operation is no -night party, either. The have top quality equipt including four concert kers, a booster and a sound r along with duel B.S.R. tables. They also have spe-I light effects, but it all didn't ne easily.

Back in June, we helped yla give a disco for last year's luating seniors," Mark said. en Daryl and I saw how d the profits were, we real-Omaha had a big market discos. The three of us then ed our money and rented a ce to hold the disco."

The first disco, which was held in late June, turned out to be troublesome for the trio. "After we pooled our money, we rented a dance floor at the San Antonio Inn. We couldn't afford advertisements at the time so we spread the message by word of mouth. A major problem,' Mark said, "was when we found out the San Antonio had booked another party the same night. The other party was free while ours cost two dollars. We did manage to break even though."

The future of "Player Productions" appears to be bright with the exception of one thing. "We can't find a place big enough for our crowds," Daryl said. "Our biggest success turned out to be the last disco we could have at the San Antonio Inn. The crowd was too big. There were over one thousand people with about two hundred of them sitting outside because the place was too crowded. Right now we have to find a place large enough to hold the crowds we get."

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photo by Matt Metz

Three

Senior Tammy Rubin teaches Spanish to Harrison first graders.

Students teach class

"Uno, dos, tres," These words can be heard while Central seniors Tammy Rubin and Marlene Vergara teach Spanish to an accelerated first grade class at Harrison Elementary School.

The girls report directly to the grade school in the morning and teach a Spanish lesson from about 9:00 to 9:30. They are at Central in time for their third hour classes. The teaching takes the place of their regular Spanish class.

Spanish lessons

Tammy and Marlene are teaching in conjunction with the first graders' study of Mexico and its culture. The two Central students teach the children simple Spanish words and phrases for colors, parts of the face, and greetings.

"For the first two days, it was like talking to a brick wall. Then they began to answer back,' said Tammy. "It's really neat how they can respond. They seem to look forward to the lesson.'

Tammy and Marlene use filmstrips, flashcards, posters, and articles from Mexico to help in their lessons. Future lessons include Spanish music, dance, and possibly food tasting, said Tammy.

Students respond

"The students are very responsive," said Marlene. "It makes teaching really fun."

Discipline, according to Tammy, is no problem, as the children are very attentive.

"I feel comfortable with them because I know the language; I can speak it fluently," Marlene said. "If I'm sure of what I'm saying, they know that they can believe me."

Previous success

The program of high school students teaching a foreign language at a grade school is not new this year. A teacher at North High School successfully tried it last year, said Central Spanish teacher Mrs. Vickie Anderson.

Original plans

"Originally we hoped to do a language a quarter - Spanish, French, and German. We wanted to have teaching teams of one or two students from the fifth year foreign language classes," Mrs. Anderson said.

According to Mrs. Anderson, the elementary teachers at Harrison did not want all that. They did ask, she said, if a couple of Central students would come and teach the first graders Spanish in connection with their study of Mexico.

Future ideas

If the program is successful, Mrs. Anderson said that she is interested in the possibility of offering it to other elementary schools in future years. "It's a good experience," she said.

Of Central importance

The performance of hakespeare's Twelfth light, by the Nebraska heatre Caravan has been escheduled for Feb. 14 due o the snow day on Jan. 19, ccording to Mr. Dan Daly, English department head.

Twelfth Night

All senior English, Honors English, and drama classes will attend the presentation ind workshops as previously scheduled.

Hastings choir

Howard K. Marcus, Lann Osborne, and Camille Schmidt were chosen to sing the Annual Hastings Honor Choir, held on Jan. 25, 6, and 27, at Hastings Colge. For auditions, the vocalists were required to prepare a solo, and also to sing material provided by the audition judges. The choir consts of 75 voices, which were elected from tryouts conlucted throughout Nebras-

Central 'bowl'

Central will be the host of he annual College Bowl, in reparation for the Nebraska Junior Classical League Convention, April 6 at Creighton University.

The Central Certamen (College Bowl) is the competition between teams of Latin students from different schools. The Certamen will be Feb. 15.

According to Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher, - each school can bring six teams of four students or less." Fifteen schools have been invited and about 150 students will compete in the College Bowl.

The questions used in the Certamen are sent in by the teachers of the participating teams. They deal with mythology, derivatives, grammar, vocabulary, Roman culture, and history.

Each question is worth one point. To win a game, the team must score 15 points and win by two points.

Central teachers and counselors will be used as timers and spotters.

Business law

Approximately 75 Business Law students in Mrs. Eileen Conway's and Mrs. Rita Foster's classes got a firsthand look at District Court trials on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

The students witnessed robbery and motor vehicle homicide cases in Judge Murphy's and Judge Burke's courtrooms.

BOOK

Suggestion box effective

Senior class president Bill Barnhart's first campaign promise has been fulfilled. A suggestion box has been placed in the main office for the school's use.

Popular request

One of the most popular and frequent requests received in the suggestion box is the plea a toga party in the spring, banquets, picnics, the traditional senior wills, tee-shirts, and possibly a retreat at Camp Hitchcock.

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Fellow officers working with Bill are vice-president, Anne Scott-Miller; secretary, Diane Washington; treasurer, Chris Kalkowski; girls' sergeant-at-arms, Sally Pollack; boys' sergeantat-arms, Howard Marcus.

Box helpful

"I feel the suggestion box is the most effective way to communicate with both students and faculty in a school the size of Central," said Bill. "The suggestion box is necessary to determine what the students and teachers want out of their school."

So far, response to the suggestion box has been pretty good.

"The class officers have gotten positive feedback from many ideas placed in the box; of course, there are always some ideas that are jokes and some that could never be realized," remarked Sally Pollack, sergeant-at-arms.

for a change machine. This request is not new; student council tried to buy a change machine earlier this year and ran into difficulties. The problem -\$1,500. Both officers and council members agree that the expense would be too great to handle alone.

"The demand for a change machine is certainly a legitimate one. However, with the risk and price factors involved, this type of machine is out of reach for the time being," said Central principal Dr. G. E. Moller.

Funds for future

Besides working on ideas from the suggestion box, the senior class officers have kept busy in a number of other ways. With the help of senior homeroom representatives, the officers held a bake sale and established funds for upcoming activities. Future plans include

Ideas credited

"A lot of our ideas for class events can be credited to the homeroom representatives," Anne Scott-Miller, vicepresident said. "The officers and representatives work together as a unit. I don't think the representatives realize how important they are."

Homeroom "reps"

Representing their homerooms are seniors: Kit Barrett, Cathy Bauldwin, Dwayne Caldwell, Diane Carpenter, Kelly Conhor, Marsha Cooper, Martye Falk, Sally Feidman, Dave Haggart, Julie Hardin, Vanessa Johnson, Hal Koch, Susy Mains, Trent Majors, Norene McWilliams, Mary Margrave, Mary Martin, Tina Nisi, Jeff Olson, Marvin Olson, Betsy Shukert, and Chris Steiner. 21.1.1. P.

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Coach's authority challenged

A Northwest High School senior has appealed to the Omaha School Board because of a coach's decision to cut him from the team. Charles Smith, a transfer this year from Creighton Prep, was cut from the Northwest varsity basketball team at the beginning of the season. Following are some reactions of Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal and Mr. Jim Martin, Central's head basketball coach, to the points raised by Smith.

Parent's position

The situation was caused because Smith's parents felt "at least one student with no previous basketball experience won a spot on the team," according to the Omaha World-Herald. Smith has played football and basketball in junior high and at Prep. Mr. and Mrs. Smith appealed Northwest Coach Richard Koch's decision to the Board of Education after several conferences with school officials. The Board voted to uphold Coach Koch, and there has been talk of legal action.

Three important questions deal with the discretion of coaches in selecting a team, the ability or power of the Board or district administrators to "second guess" coaches, and how team members are chosen in the first place.

Dr. Moller said about choosing team members, "The coach is the final authority. But he can't be dictatorial any more than administrators. He's obligated to explain his decisions tempered by wisdom, personality, and more. For so long school people had said 'no questions — do it.' That's wrong. Students have a human right, just like anybody else, to ask an intelligent question and expect an answer."

Coach's standpoint

From the coach's standpoint, Mr. Martin said that the three qualities on which he bases team member choices are ability, attitude, and the intangibles. "Included in the intangibles is a question of loyalty. This does make it difficult for the senior transfer because the junior that has been there has proven himself, and the coach doesn't know how the transfer is going to work. The situation would be different if the transfer was from out-of-state instead of a different school in the same system."

As far as knowing the standards, Dr. Moller said the coach, just as the teacher, should announce to a class (or team) that, "This is the way I do things, this is what is expected." That way, "everybody starts out on the same level," he concluded.

Wrestlers continue success

The Central Wrestling team added another tournament championship to its list of victories. The team won the 9th Annual Burke Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Central finished with 1421/2 points to out-distance Westside's 133 points for the title. Six Central wrestlers competed in championship matches, three gaining individual titles.

Individual champs

The individual champions were sophomore John Curtis in the 98 pound weight division, senior Leonard Hawkins in 155 pound weight division and senior Mark Rigatuso in 185 pound weight division.

John Curtis gained his title with a 4-1 decision over Larry McCallum of Tech. Curtis now has two individual titles as well as a 3rd and 4th place finish in the four tournaments he has competed in. Curtis is also undefeated in duel competition.

Leonard Hawkins decisioned Sylvestor Pierce of Papillion 6-1 for his title. This was Hawkins' first individual title as he finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in earlier tournaments. Hawkins is also undefeated in duel competition.

Mark Rigatuso took his title with an overwhelming decision of 14-3 from Mark Berg of Burke. Rigatuso adds the Burke title to his North Invitation and Bellevue West Invitation title. Rigatuso has lost only one match in 20 outings.

Runner ups

Three Central wrestlers took runner-up honors. Sophomore Jody Mease at 112, senior Terry Gargano at 119, and senior Mike Cross at heavy weight. Jody Mease was surprised by Dan Naylon of Prep in the final match. Mease, who had defeated Naylon twice earlier in the season, dropped a 6-4 decision. Mease adds this 2nd place finish to a first place finish at the Bellevue West Invitational. Mease also took the award for the fastest pin, pinning Kent Smith of Papillion in 31 seconds.

Terry Gargano dropped 6-0 decision to Jeff Beckley of Benson in the final match. Gargano adds this 2nd place finish to another 2nd place finish at the Bellevue West tourney.

Mike Cross lost a tough 5-3 decision to Mark McClellan of Westside. McClellan scored a take-down with 30 seconds left in the match for the victory. Cross now has finished 2nd in two tournaments this year.

Junior Kevin Kimsey had to

settle for a 4th place finish after defaulting his final two matches. Kimsey suffered broken nose in his secon match and had to call it quit Kevin finished 2nd at the Non Invitational, as well as 2nd at the Bellevue West Invitational.

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Central is now 4-3 in duel at tion, after dropping two clos duels, one to Gross 28-24 an one to A.L. 30-28. Central de feated Benson 26-22.

The wrestlers now look fo ward to the Metro champion ships. Coach Jim Kimsey fee confident that the team will fin ish well with the possibilities a few individual champs.

Other wrestlers competin were Kirk Brunson at 105, Gran Gier at 126, Randy Long at 132 Jay Ball at 145, and Brett Em sick at 167.



photo by Howard Marc. Dave Felici goes up for two over a North high player.

Basketball fourth, 6-7

"We had a good draw," said Mr. Jim Martin, head coach for the Central Eagles basketball team about the Holiday Tournament. "We played pretty well, which got us into the semifinals. Against Tech, we played well. I think we should have won that game. The kids came back flat against Prep. It's kind of hard to get up for a game after a tough loss."

The varsity basketball team finished fourth in the Holiday Tournament.

In their first game of the tourney, the Eagles easily defeated Ralston, 59 to 41. Michael Lambert led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points. strongly to win 52 to 50 in the final seconds. Jay Murrell le the Eagles in scoring with 1 points.

In the consolation fina Central faced the Creighto Prep Bluejays. Prep defeate the Eagles 76 to 61. Centra offensive attack was led to Grady Hansen who finished with 20 points.

Recent action

In more recent action, Centri has fared no better. The Eagle coming off a fourth place finis in the Holiday Tourname dropped a close game to Mi lard.

The team bounced right bar in the next game taking anoth tight game from Gross. The winning basket came with on seconds remaining as Mi Slaughter grabbed a reboun and put in a short jump-shot for two points.

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In their second game, the Eagles faced the North High Vikings. Central pulled away from the Vikings to take a 74 to 62 win. Jay Murrell led the Eagles in scoring with 23 points.

In the third game of the tourney, Central faced the secondranked Trojans of Tech High. Central played the Trojans close and even led by 10 points at one time in the third quarter, but the Trojans came back



In the Burke game, the Eagl played very well as they four themselves with a 10-point a vantage at half. The second h was a different story as Bur got a hot hand and took a 68victory.

The Eagles in their next gan against Papillion had a little of an easier time. Central had comfortable lead most of the game. Papillion did cut Ce tral's lead to only one point the third quarter, but that we the last time they were even close.

The basketball team is now 7 on the year. The team fac Abraham Lincoln at Norris (Saturday night.

Junior ublic perfe 8:00.