

Gymnasium work continues after floor dries

After six months of frustration and delays, final work has resumed for the completion of the new gym.

The main delay, according to Mr. Nick Stolzer, head of building construction for the Omaha Public Schools, has been the time necessary for the gym's concrete floor to dry out. The floor, which was completed before the gym roof was finished, absorbed much water from the spring rains. This moisture prevented the synthetic rubber

floor from being laid.

Mr. Edward McRoy, product manager for Swanson, Gentlemen, Hart Inc., the manufacturer of the synthetic floor, is pleased that work has started again. "It (the gym floor) isn't different than any other; we just had to wait longer for it to dry. All of the moisture is out of the floor, so work can begin," said Mr. McRoy.

Neither Mr. McRoy nor Mr. Stolzer foresees any more prob-

lems with the floor. However, Central students may still have to wait for the gym to open. Irregularities in the shape of the synthetic floor have forced workmen to cut every seam on every row of the gym individually, a process that takes time. Mr. Stolzer is still optimistic about the gym's completion date. "The gym should be open at about the second week in March," said Mr. Stolzer.

Financially, Mr. Stolzer said

the delays in the gym have not forced the price in laying the floor to go up, since the work was sub-contracted at the set price of \$26,000. The only extra costs Mr. Stolzer knew of were the extra heat used to dry the floor and the time lost for educational use.

The procedure for laying the floor is complicated. Workmen first lay a plastic epoxy to the concrete floor. Then the synthetic rubber floor is laid in rows on the floor. Edges and seams

are sealed together, smoothed, and rolled onto the epoxy. The floor is then cleaned, painted a uniform color (gold), game lines are drawn, and a final protective epoxy coating is sprayed on. After this, Mr. Stolzer said, it will take around two weeks to install bleachers.

"The delays have been a frustrating experience," Mr. Stolzer said. By the second week in March, the frustration of constant delays may finally be over for everyone.

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Iranians give views

Iran and its government may seem to be an affair far from the concerns of Central. But Rozi Ebadi and Saeed Faal, two Iranian students going to Central, are concerned.

Rozi Ebadi, a junior, has been in the U.S. for about four months. She says she stays informed about Iran and its government.

Rozi is not anti-shah. Although the shah deserves what ever he gets, she says "(the shah) is the only one who can run the country. He is the only one smart enough."

Now Ayatollah Khomeini is in control of Iran's government. Rozi feels with Khomeini's control there will be communism in Iran. "The U.S. needs Iran," said Rozi. If Iran becomes communist, the oil will be cut off, Rozi said. According to the newspapers, Khomeini has shut off the country and plans to rid the country of all foreigners.

Rozi doesn't plan to ever return to Iran although she does

have relatives there. She hasn't been able to write to them because Iranian post offices are closed and so are the schools.

Saeed Faal, a junior, has been in the U.S. for about a year and a half. He, unlike Rozi, is anti-shah. He says the Shah's government was militaristic and not for the people. He also feels if the shah ever returns he will be punished for his crimes against the people.

"Education was always for the shah," said Saeed. "Schools always taught that the shah was the greatest." Saeed also said there was no freedom.

Saeed was planning to stay in the U.S. but has decided to return as soon as possible. He says Iran is his homeland and most of his family is in Iran. Also Saeed says the customs are too different in the U.S.

According to Saeed, religion is free and always has been. He says there is a law against restricting religion.

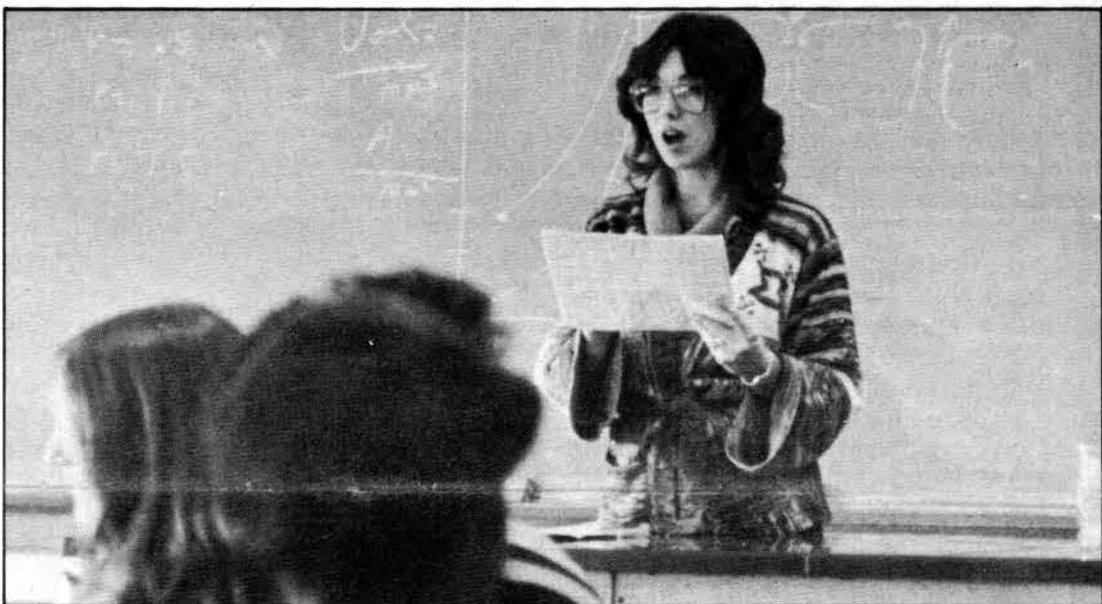


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Cherie Barg, substitute teaching for Mr. Jim Kimsey, finds that taking attendance is one of the first, and often the most difficult, of a substitute's tasks.

Substitute teaching attracts few

Don't look now, but substitute teachers on the high school level are becoming an endangered species.

"At the moment, we're desperately in need of secondary substitutes," said Mrs. Karen Crawford, who is on the personnel staff for the Omaha Public Schools. "The applicants in this area of teaching are few and far between. It doesn't appear that the situation will improve," she said.

Reasons

One of the reasons for the decline of high school substitute teachers is the decreasing enrollment of college students entering the educational field. Mr. David Kapel, Acting Dean of the Education Department at the University of Nebraska at Omaha explains.

"Today the average family is made up of 1.7 children. Fewer children mean fewer teachers. Since the job market for teachers isn't that secure, many college students have chosen alternate fields of study."

Dean Kapel also pointed out that ten years ago, 26 per cent of the college students were majoring in education, whereas the latest statistics show that only six percent are now majoring in this area. This semester 39 student teachers from Creighton University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha were

placed in senior highs around Omaha; this compares with 95 teachers last year and 400 teachers five years ago.

Another reason for the decline of substitute teachers is the lack of fringe benefits this part-time job offers. Substitute teachers receive no health insurance, retirement funds, or any other benefits. This deters many certified teachers who can't afford part-time jobs; they need full-time jobs to support themselves.

"There is a set daily rate which substitute teachers are paid, nothing more and nothing less. When the substitutes find a job on a full-time basis, they become unavailable to teach, thus causing a shortage in replacements," Dr. Ron Anderson, head of the personnel for OPS, said.

Advantages

Central math teacher Mrs. Patricia Miller was a substitute teacher for two years before she came to Central in 1976. She said that like everything else, the job had its advantages and disadvantages.

"The best part about being a substitute was meeting other people and going to different schools. Sometimes there were discipline problems — kids thought that when their 'real'

teacher was absent it meant playday," she said.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, also recognizes that substitute teaching has its shortcomings.

"Being a substitute teacher is not really a very pleasant job. The uncertain hours and unfamiliarity of students from school to school makes it more unattractive. Housewives, for example, don't wish to arrange their schedules around a substitute's hours. They either retire for good or wait until their children are grown."

Conflict problems

Crawford also added that besides the family obligations housewives have to attend to, other substitutes are involved with civic or volunteer duties. Instead of being able to work five days a week as a substitute teacher, they are limited to working for only two. This puts the personnel department in a bind. Sometimes, especially when the weather is bad, the department will run out of replacements and the school will have to cover for themselves.

"The personnel department at Joslyn Castle (administrative headquarters for OPS) takes care of replacing teachers. They do their best to find substitutes, but this is not always possible. In that case, we use department heads, other teacher's planning periods, and administrators," said Dr. Moller.



photo by Matt Metz

Junior Gina Dorsey rehearses a dramatic act for Road Show. Public performances will be Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24, at 8:00.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In discussing the possibility of editorializing Representative Cavanaugh's Universal Service System the *Register* staff came up with differing opinions. These editorials represent these varying opinions.

Cavanaugh's Universal Service Revise Army Renew Draft

Representative John Cavanaugh has recently proposed that persons between the ages of 18 and 26 be required to serve either in the military or in some form of public service. The motivation behind this proposal does not warrant its implementation.

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Cavanaugh, by proposing universal service, is recognizing what he assumes to be a failure; the all-volunteer army is incapable of maintaining recruitment levels sufficient to meet the needs of the various branches of the military.

It is true that the military is deficient in its true manpower. However, this does not necessarily mean that the all-volunteer army should be scrapped for a form of draft.

Several revisions could be made in regulations and policies which would increase the manpower of the military.

If restrictions were eased on women, without dropping battle restrictions, the manpower of the military could substantially increase. A Brookings Institution study in the summer of 1977 stated that it is, "... conceivable to reach 400,000 or 22% of the force if the services liberalize various policies that restrict jobs for women."

Other restrictions, such as lowering physical standards for noncombatant jobs, could help increase the manpower of the all-volunteer army.

Despite substantial pay increases, the financial incentive of military service is not attracting recruits. The military needs to offer a better financial package than the private sector.

One way to do this is to offer tax breaks for noncommissioned officers. Another way is to offer incentives for a recruit to remain after his initial term. Pension should be available beginning with five years and should not be complete until after 30 years, not the present 20 years.

Representative Cavanaugh, in analyzing the deteriorating condition of the all-volunteer army, failed to recognize possible revisions that can be implemented to enhance the condition of the all-volunteer army. It does not appear that justification exists for implementing a peacetime draft.

At the present, the U.S. has an all-volunteer army. This method of forming an army has failed because of lack of high school graduates, willing volunteers, quality recruits after training, and the high cost of recruitment. There are just not enough people who want to "Join the Army."

The big problem concerns the shortage of reserve forces. Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia points out that the Army is more than 1,800 people short in the Individual Ready Reserve forces. The cost of recruiting just one volunteer nears the mark of \$2,000. It seems rather ridiculous to spend so much money just waiting for an inevitable draft situation.

The peacetime volunteer force the U.S. now has would be inadequate to fight even a limited war. Any war, big or small, according to Senator Sam Nunn, would force the U.S. into the draft.

Cavanaugh said that 110 days would be lost before an inductee could be drafted. Add to that several weeks of Basic Training.

A war that would involve the United States would not likely last more than three or four months. One hundred ten days alone could mean winning or losing.

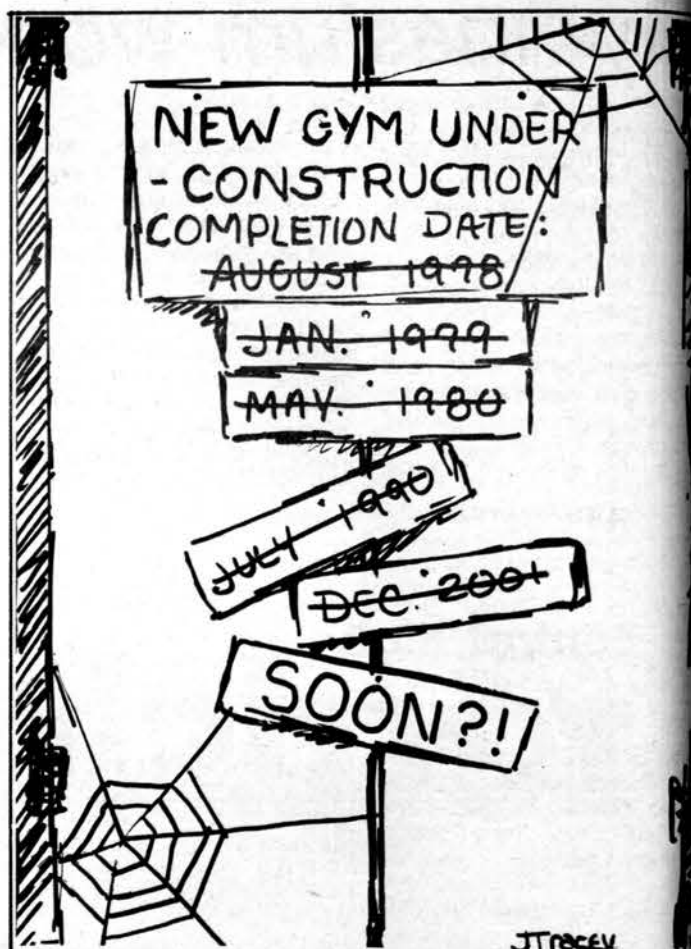
If and when the U.S. is finally forced into war, whether through the cause of economic disaster or of foreign activity, it would be dirty, involving many men and much effort. Our war would not be clean, quick, and cold as it would be with the use of nuclear weaponry.

A nuclear holocaust would be the very last thing either side would resort to in war-time, assuming that weapon technology does not greatly change toward the use of laser and proton beam defense.

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The entire matter of whether a Universal Service System is really fair to the people involved comes down to a simple symbolic explanation; does the youth of America today between the ages of 18 and 26 really appreciate what it has, or is today's youth spoiled, selfish, and shy when it involves being patriotic and willing to fight for a society in which it and others believe in and benefit from?

In this nation we are forced to be slightly militaristic because of adversary activity. Wave the flag and commit all resources, economic and human, or say goodbye to our society as we know it. Love it or leave it; it's as simple as that.



Letter

Road Show scoring creator

To the editor:

This letter is in regard to the editorial about the Road Show selection process which appeared in the last *Register*. The creators and designers of the scoring system were completely left out of the editorial. Mr. Joel Edwards, Central's instrumental music director and Don Bahnke, a Road Show manager, were the ones who developed that new system which has enabled Road Show to produce a much better show. These two men worked hard to develop this system for which they received no credit.

Charlie Higgins

The Chinese food fan should have no trouble satisfying the urge for chop suey, or Peking duck, for that matter.

King Fong Cafe

One of the most popular of those restaurants is the King Fong Cafe, located at 315 So. 16.

When you dine at King Fong, you feel as if you had stepped back in time to 19th century China. The chandeliers and tables probably can't be duplicated anywhere today.

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Howard K. Marcus

Even with my limited background in Chinese food, I feel I can say that the food was good. The Chinese chow mein cost me only \$2.40. Tea comes with the meal, whether or not you ask for it. Sometimes, it's better to accept the tea and forget any ideas you might have had about ordering another kind of beverage.

Some of the help has trouble with the English language and it can be extremely difficult to make your waiter understand what you want.

Great Wall

Across town, at 7211 Farnam, the Great Wall can provide yet another pleasant dining experience. The restaurant specializes in Mandarin, Szechwan, and Hunan cuisines.

The atmosphere in the Great Wall is different. Traditional musical instruments line the walls. The entire restaurant is bathed in a reddish glow from lamps that overhang the tables.

The menu has a very wide selection of foods. From the inexpensive chop suey to the Mongolian fire pot, which requires six hours' advance notice, the Great Wall has it all.

Here are a few examples from the large menu: (Appetizer) fried won ton, \$1.50, (Soup) sizzling rice soup; a blend of chicken broth, meats, vegetables, and fried rice, \$2.25 for two persons, (Seafood) shrimp with lobster sauce, \$4.75, (Fowl) cashew chicken, a mixture of diced chicken, bamboo shoots, and cashews, \$4.25, (Meat) Mongolian beef, slices of marinated beef and green onions on a bed of white noodles, \$4.75, (Pork) pork with Peking sauce, \$4.25.

Joan Dickson passed away Tuesday, Feb. 6

The Central High School student body and faculty was saddened at the loss of Joan Dickson, who passed away Tuesday,

February 6.

The Central community tends their sympathies to Joan Dickson's family and friends.

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Honor roll announced

Three hundred eighty out of 1336 students at Central have been named to the honor roll for academic excellence. 26.3 percent of the sophomore, 28.3 percent of the junior, and 30.9 percent of the senior classes were chosen for the honor roll. Fifteen or more honor points are required for a student to be named to the honor roll.

Sophomores

Sophomores qualifying for the honor roll are David Anderson, Joseph Barker, Scott Bates, Elizabeth Blanke, Stephen Bouma, Larry Bouza, Vicki Brown, Holly Brown, Alan Buresh, Kirk Burson, Mary Carlson, Ryan Chan, Anne Conine, and Mark Conway.

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latsky, Joseph Taylor, Sterlena Taylor, Patricia Tillson, Patrick Timmins, Carmen Trandahl, Donald Tyler, James Vanmetre, Ruthmarie Vawter, Warren Vik, and Karen Volkir.

Darryl Wagner, Janis Welch, Juli Welk, Robert Wells, Britta Wheeler, Lora Will, Jacqueline Williams, Sharon Willis, Jeffery Wilson, David Wintroub, Gloria Wipperling, Ronald Wozny, Suzanne Wright, and Theresa Zalewski.

Juniors

Juniors qualifying for the honor roll are Linda Akiens, Elizabeth Anderson, Melissa Armstrong, Ann Backer, James Backer, Jeanette Bailey, Bruce Bartholow, Ann Bashus, Gerald Beacom, Dennis Belieu, Vicki Benning, Thomas Bertino, Connie Boje, Julie Boldan, Don Brodich, Hillel Bromberg, Daryle Brown, and Jean Brunner.

Sandra Bushey, Lynne Callahan, Curtis Cannon, Mary Carr, Richard Chan, Leah Claassen, Gregory Combs, Linda Cushman, Elizabeth Degraw, Stephen Dennehy, Kenneth Ehline, Janet Elder, Brett Emsick, Saeed Faal, Kristin Fellows, Astrid Figger, Judith Fleissner, and Joan Fleissner.

Christopher Foster, Christopher Francke, Tiffany Franklin, Robbin Frazier, Stewart Gaebler, Juan Garcia, Grant Gier, Carol Giles, Mike Gillaspie, Margaret Gray, Catherine Grow, Michelle Guenette, Janet Hansen, Debra Hare, Cathlina Heim, Linda Heise, Kathleen Hekl, Cindy Hiatt, Amanda Hicklin, Charles Higley, and Lynne Hilliar.

John Hoburg, Jeffrey Holt, Gahyee Huey, Michael Hutton, Danita Irwin, Denise Ish, Lauretta Jensen, James Jaspersen, Eric Johnson, Alan Karp, Nancy Karstens, Nicole Keeling, Valerie Kegley, Carol Knoepfler, Karl Kohrt, Nancy Koperski, Gary Krehbiel, Elizabeth Krin, and Debra Kusch.

Craig Lamberty, Mary Lang, Michael Lustgarten, Allison Major, Joseph Mancuso, David Marang, Rebecca Marsh, Rebecca Martinez, Reynold McMeen, Deborah Meiches, Miles Moore, Ruth Morgan, Arlett Moss, Joann Nichols, Susan Pallat, David Powers, Julie Pulverenti, Susan Reynolds, Patrick Rhoads, Carey Rice, Kenneth Rihaneck, and Diane Rockhold.

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Kristine Schmidt, John Schroeder, Robert Shaw, Mark Shaw, Steven Skarnulis, Debra Smith, Jennifer Tracey, Megan Uehling, Jose Vergara, Margaret Whedon, Lisa Wiley, Elaine Will, Janssen Williams, and Arleen Zimmerle.

Seniors

Seniors qualifying for the honor roll are Kathleen Adams, Nancy Adams, Julia Allen, Denise Ashcraft, Donald Bahnke, Mary Baker, Michaela Balsano, Nancy Barnes, Ann Bienhoff, Kathryn Billig, Kathryn Bohi, Judith Bouma, Tressa Brooner, Rachelle Bye, Melissa Canaday, Diane Carpenter, Robert Chambers, James Cihlar, Ronald Convey, and Marsha Cooper.

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Students to travel

They will travel to England, France, Germany, and all of Europe, absorbing the sights and sounds of a unique and far away part of the world.

This summer, 20 Central students will leave their mark on the inviting countries of Europe. The students will stay with a host family in the country of their choice as part of an exchange program sponsored by Lions International, a public service organization.

"The exchange program is a chance for young people from all over the world to visit other countries and spread good will," said Mr. Frank H. Gaines, state coordinator for the Lions International Youth Exchange Program and a 1956 Central graduate.

Out of the approximately fifty high school and college students participating in the program from Nebraska, 20 are from Central. Beth Nelle, senior, Susie Reynolds, junior, and Janet Schwartz, senior, will travel to Austria.

Daryle Brown, junior, and Cindy Radulovich, sophomore, will go to Belgium, and Sally Pollack, senior, and Janet Hansen, junior, will go to Denmark. Margaret Whedon, junior, will be staying in England, while Ruth McCully, senior, will be staying in Finland.

Seniors Marlene Vergara and Robert Wolf, junior Connie Boje, and sophomores Joseph Taylor and Britta Wheeler will all stay in France. Senior Jeff Olson along with junior Paris Helen Kubik and sophomore Lisa LaViolette will travel to Germany.

Seniors Eugenia Fotopoulos, Karma Peterson, and David White will go to Greece, Norway, and Spain, respectively.

"I'm going to major in foreign culture, and I think that it will be a great experience and a chance to get out of Omaha," said Janet Schwartz.

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The students were selected in January by Mr. Gaines on a first come, first serve basis, and the only requirements for the journey, besides plane fare and having to be between the ages of 16 and 21, are "a good, clean appearance and a good moral character," said Mr. Gaines.

The students are to leave Omaha July 2 and will stay from four to eight weeks with their foreign family, the host of which is a member of Lions Club. The travellers also have the option of making an additional tour of Europe at the end of their stay.

Lions International is a public service organization with over 1,300,000 members in 150 different countries around the world.

"We specialize in things such as eye banks and kidney banks," said Mr. Gaines, "but our main purposes include furthering persons with sight and hearing deficiencies and helping handicaps in general."

Lee journeys to Taiwan

A home away from home? This statement describes senior Denise Lee's travels to Taiwan.

Traveling agenda

Following an early graduation, Denise departed on Feb. 5 to spend three or four days in Tokyo, Japan. Another stop on her agenda is Tainan, Taiwan. "Since the future of Taiwan is uncertain now, it is the last opportunity to see my grandmother," said Denise.

Relations strained

In January, the United States broke relations with Taiwan and recognized the country of China. "It's difficult to put into words. Realistically it was inevitable, (the U.S. recognition of China). Carter could have done it with more finesse. Personally, because of my relatives and trip, it puts a certain amount of pressure on me," said Denise. Although Denise's mother's relatives are in California, her father's relatives remain in Taiwan.

University studies

Denise will attend the University of Tunghai in Taichung, Taiwan. She will be taking two

classes "to get in touch with her heritage." The two courses she will be attending are in the Mandarin language (universal Chinese language) and basic Chinese history.

Language barrier

The main problem Denise will face is the language barrier. Although her knowledge of the Mandarin language is enough to get around, her desire is to be able to speak the language fluently. Other problems such as the Code of Conduct, which is stricter than the American way of life, forbids the use of make-up during school hours. Money is not expected to be a problem according to Denise. Items in Taiwan are less expensive than in the United States.

Future plans

Denise has visited Taiwan three times previously.

Denise's plans include tutoring in English, travelling around the country, and visiting relatives during her six month stay in Taiwan.

Denise feels it will be hard to get used to, but she will adapt.

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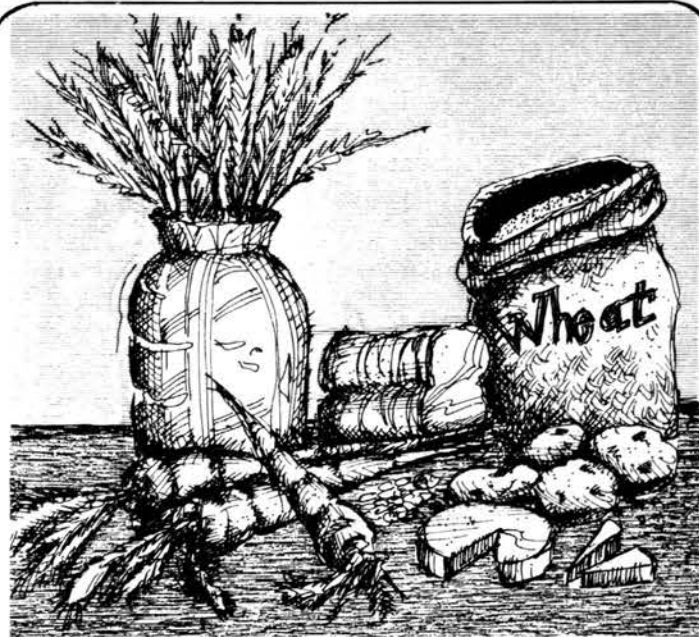
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Food for health

Are you a die-hard junk food fan whose idea of health is washing your Hershey bar down with a malted milk?

Then you'll have to work up a lot of nerve to stand in the kitchen of Connie Boje, Central junior. Nowhere in sight are any signs of Hostess cupcakes or Pringles. Not even an empty Oreo wrapper is to be found.

Instead it's very common to see homemade butter, bushels of fruits and vegetables, bean sprouts, yogurt, and maybe a few bags of brown rice by the microwave.

Connie started an interest in cooking when she was in fourth grade. Back then, all she had on her mind were cakes and cookies, but this changed. "I stopped eating sugar at the end of ninth grade," said Connie. "That's when I read the book *Sugar Blues*, by P. Duffy. It convinced me that the more sugar your body takes in, the more likely you are to be uptight and hyperactive. Sugar has also been related to diabetes and cancer."

Saying the Boje family doesn't eat desserts isn't true. Connie makes her own candy bars out of sugar-free chocolate, peanut butter, and honey. "And let's not forget my eleven-egg-honey-French cake," Connie said.

If you want to be cured of your junk food cravings temporarily, go over to the Boje household for dinner one night. You may find that dinner has been cooked in a wok, an oriental stir-fry utensil. "I like to make up my own recipes, just throwing everything together," Connie said. "I like Oriental food for the same reason I like health foods, because it's simple."

Or maybe your additive-preservative cravings will be cured by a trip to the New Landscapes. No, junk food fans, this is not a Marvin Gardens addition to the Central Park Mall, but a health food restaurant featuring vegetarian dishes and herb teas. It also happens to be Connie's favorite restaurant, along with The Great Wall, a restaurant specializing in manderin-oriental cooking.

Will Connie go into healthful cooking as a full time job? "No," she replies. "For me cooking is more of an art than a profession."

Electronics popular

It's third and five on the Oiler's 35-yard line. The ball is hiked, the receiver is wide open in the end zone . . .

The Astrodome? No. It's the halls of Central High School.

More and more Americans are becoming a part of the computer age. Vast amounts of information within a second's notice. Sure. The ability to do thousands of years of calculations in a few seconds. Of course. But it seems that the major impact on the high school student of the computer age is not the ability to speed through his trig, but to play electronic football during lunch.

The cause

According to a *World-Herald* article published a few weeks ago, a large number of the Omaha area stores that stock the games have bare shelves because of the game's sudden popularity. What's the cause of this sudden interest in electronic games? Perhaps it's because of the fact that the games provide an easier way for the student to get involved in his favorite sport, without the hassle of "working out" four or five months a year. Or perhaps students today need more of an escape than they did years ago, and, since electronic games are so inexpensive, why not take advantage of them?

Popular hangout

One of the more popular hangouts for students on Friday nights is Gizmo's. Whether a person would like to drive a race car, dual in a gun-fight, practice blowing up submarines, or ride the bumpercars is merely a matter of choice. Bells,

whistles, whirs, and bangs abound in the action-filled evening at Gizmo's.

Also increasing is the market for larger, more complicated games. "More and more people are looking towards computers as toys," said Jon Taute of the Omaha Computer Store. "People come in and ask what kind of pictures it can draw, not what it can do." Evidence for this statement is the fact that many of the smaller computer systems being sold today have many added accessories such as the ability to print and draw in color, make noises, and be controlled by small game paddles. A large number of these computers are being sold in places such as Team Electronics, proof of the fact that more and more electronics manufacturers are paying attention to the interests of the "average" person. These computers can be used to an advantage in other areas, too, such as keeping recipe files and balancing a checkbook.

Other benefits

One of the other benefits of being able to put bigger and better things in smaller packages is educational. Not only have the prices of electronic calculators dropped sharply in the last several years, but new gadgets such as flash card games, and Texas Instrument's new spelling game that actually talks back have been invented.

Who can help?

After all, who wants to have Mom or Dad help with homework when a pocket-size machine can pronounce a word, and, after being spelled, tell whether or not it has been spelled right or wrong?



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Learning to cook is easy for junior Tim Washington and senior Mike Slaughter.

Boys become Central chefs

Move over Julia Child — the John Child's of Central High's homemaking department may be next.

"The number of boys taking homemaking classes at Central has increased. More boys realize that they won't be living at home forever; the skills they learn in these types of classes will prove valuable later," said Mrs. Joann Roehl, homemaking department head.

Mrs. Roehl and Miss Cynthia Dale make up the homemaking department, which offers a variety of courses — from Family Living to the traditional homemaking course. Both homemaking teachers have a number of boys in each of the classes they teach.

"Someday I'll be on my own; the course I'm taking now will help prepare me for what's ahead. Besides, I really do enjoy cooking, especially the main dishes," senior Michael Slaughter, a student in a Foods and Nutrition class said.

Many of the boys taking homemaking classes do so for

different reasons. Some boys take the class because they want to learn how to cook or improve their previously learned "culinary skills." Others, like Mike, take the class so they'll be able to fend for themselves when they leave home.

"Central's homemaking classes haven't always been open to boys," said Mr. Richard Jones, Central administrator. "There used to be an 'unwritten law' that boys weren't allowed to take homemaking. We were not trying to discourage the boys from taking the class — it's just that the facilities were inadequate and the classes too crowded to include boys in this particular curriculum."

Mr. Jones noted that things have changed since Central's enrollment has gone down and the facilities have been improved. Attitudes also have changed, according to Miss Dale.

"Women are no longer expected to stay at home and do all the housework. Roles are being reversed or shared. Be-

cause of the changing lifestyles, I think it's a good idea for the boys along with the girls to take a homemaking course. A little knowledge about cooking and sewing will help them in the future," she said.

But what about peer pressure? Would a guy really want to take a class with all those girls? And what about the girls? Do they mind the boys stepping in a traditional female dominated class?

"I think the guys add a lot to the class. Nowadays it's more common to have boys in homemaking — it's not a class just strictly for girls anymore. Sure, we tease them, but they eat it up," said senior Hope Taylor.

Senior Perry Washington doesn't seem to mind the teasing. He took the class because he thought it would be a fun way to learn how to cook and meet others at the same time.

"It's hard to decide what I like best about this class, said Perry. "I guess salads are my specialty, making and eating them."



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Of Central importance

Latin Bowl

Thirteen schools participated in the Central Bowl held at Central on Feb. 15.

Central's first year team won. The four people plus a substitute on the team were Eric Johnson, Cherie Hiatt, Stewart Gaebler, Anne Cornine, and Jim Vanmetre.

Central's third and fourth year A and B teams tied each other for first place. The A team consisted of Becky Martinez, Monique Gray, Marty Nisi, and Liz Gibson. The B team's members were Mike Custard, Luther Harris, Brett Emsick, and Jerry Beasom.

Marian won the second year competition.

Six schools competed from the Omaha-Council Bluffs area with Central winning first place in three of the six possible categories. Overall, Central won ten out of the twenty possible awards given at the contest. Central won awards for the best overall full team and the best advanced team at the contest.

Students participating in the contest were seniors Jon Taute, Pete Newton, Karen Ray, Kathy Mach, and Dave Hagart; juniors Ken Rihanek, Eric Johnson, John Hoburg, Dave Chappell, and Jamie Harris.

All-City

Several Central High students from the vocal and instrumental departments participated in the All-City Music Festival, which was held Febr. 10 at the Civic Auditorium. Students in Junior Choir and A Cappella represented the senior high choir while students chosen from the instrumental department represented the senior high band and orchestra.

Those instrumental students chosen for first chair from band at Central were Dennis Bellieu, french horn; Dan Gutierrez, treble clef baritone; Jim Jespersen, trumpet; Lann Osborne, second section trumpet and Daniel Renn, baritone saxophone.

Central's first chair students who played in the orchestra were Ann Bienhoff, second section clarinet; Allison Major, clarinet; Anne McCormick, cello; Laura Mierau, section violin; Jenny Ross, violin; and Bill Schroen, viola.

Ray wins honors

Senior Karen Ray was named one of 300 students nation-wide to be included in the honors category of the Westinghouse Science Research contest.

According to Karen, the award helps get scholarships and invitations to other science fairs. "It opens up a lot of areas," she said.

Out of about 1000 entries, 300 are chosen for the honors category and forty of those go to Washington, D.C. for the finals.

Programmers win

Central High computer programming students recently competed in the first annual Tech High programming contest on Jan. 27. Two advanced teams and a beginning team from Central attended the contest to demonstrate their skill in six programming events.



photo by Stuart Wheat

Senior Jonathan Swoboda in rehearsal.

Swoboda wins solo contest

Pianist Jonathan Swoboda, a Central senior, took first place in the Omaha Symphony Young Artists Competition held February 3. The competition, sponsored by the Omaha Symphony Guild, was for individual concertos, and about 20 students from Nebraska and Iowa participated.

Solo performances

Because of his first place standing in the competition, Jon will play the first movement of Shostakovich's 2nd piano concerto with the Omaha Symphony in the Symphony Youth Concerts on March 5, 6, and 7.

The first place winner was also awarded a \$100 cash prize and a scholarship to the summer Festival of a Thousand Oaks held for five weeks in Peru, Nebraska.

"I felt very happy," said Jon about winning

the competition. "And it's always nice to compete."

Sophomore Jennifer Ross placed fourth in the competition with a violin concerto. She was awarded \$150 in prizes and a scholarship to the Thousand Oaks Festival.

Jon practices the piano on the average of one to two hours daily. He accompanies the CHS Singers, plays in Central's stage band, and is involved with Road Show.

Jon's piano playing activities are extensive partly because he is planning to become a concert pianist.

"I'd like to try," said Jon. "Right now that's what I'd like to do."

Jon won the 1977 Morning Musical Young Artists Competition, and just recently he flew to Denver to audition for the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

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Consultants to aid students

Specialists in the major areas of written English composition will come to Central at selected times during the school year to instruct students.

As a part of the English department's mini-magnet program, four writing consultants will help students in the areas of exposition, creative writing,

journalism and public relations, and poetry.

Opportunities

The purposes of the program are to give students interested in those specific areas of composition an opportunity to learn more about them and for students to get help with any type

of composition that they may need help with. The consultants are very versatile and will aid teachers by helping students with any problems in English, besides their specialties.

Lack of teachers

Another reason the specialists are being hired is "we don't have enough teachers," said Mr. Dan Daly, English department head. Mr. Daly hopes that having the specialists in the writing lab will help English teachers.

Procedures

Each consultant will come to Central four to eight times and will be in the English writing lab (room 229) during the entire school day. The dates that each specialist will come to Central can be obtained in room 210 or from any English teacher. Any student who has a particular interest in a specific area of English composition is encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities.

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School policies differ

At Northwest, North, South, and Burke, counselors approve students' absences excusing them to walk in the halls during class time, and parents sign forms allowing their children "shortened days," or "work releases."

Each Omaha public high school has different rules and policies regarding student conduct.

"I think that the superintendent (Dr. Owen Knutzen) and the school board feel that high school faculties should have some autonomy. I think that their primary expectation is that the schools be justifiable as to the rules they create. There are no limits except what would be outside of school board policy and what simply would not work. The administration of a high school has quite a bit of leeway as to how they want to run things," Central principal Dr. G. E. Moller said.

Each high school differently interprets school board policy, creates some original policies, and enforces both in varying degrees. High school rules differ because the high school's faculties and student bodies differ.

"Each school's policies will reflect its administrator, its administration," Burke principal Dr. Edward Klima said.

"I don't doubt that South thinks that the policies we have are better than Central's, and that Central thinks their policies are better than ours," South principal Dr. Leonard Hanson said.

"I think that student bodies differ. They differ by where they live and by their ethnic proportioning, etc.," Dr. Moller said.

Northwest

"Rules are necessary for every large group of people. Whether you have 1600 or 43 young people together, you have to have order," Northwest principal Mr. Jack Hallstrom said.

"Of course, the fewer the rules, the better. The teacher that has the fewest but the most consistent and fair rules has the easiest time enforcing them," he said.

Mr. Hallstrom described the character of Northwest's policies as "appropriate."

"I hope that they are enforced, basically, to our knowledge, one hundred percent of the time."

"Now, just like on the highway, where some people drive over 55 miles per hour and get away with it, some of the students break our rules and get away with it," he said.

"Northwest's student government plays a large part in the creation of school policies regarding student conduct," he said.

"The student senate has a committee that, during the second semester each year, looks over the student handbook. I have always bought the changes they made because usually they were clarifications of the wordings of rules in the handbook," Mr. Hallstrom said.

North

North principal Mr. D. James Friesen said, "I believe in a much stronger prevention, rather than cure, practice."

"Some rules can be enforced and made to stick, and some simply cannot work. It depends on how you approach enforcing them," he said.

Mr. Friesen characterized North's rules as "reasonable."

"From what I've heard from other students in other schools, our rules are average. In some areas we are more or less strict than others, but that is because of differences between the high schools."

Mr. Friesen became principal of North in August, 1978. North's rules are changing somewhat in reference to the change in administrators, he said.

For example, cigarette smoking was previously prohibited on North school grounds. Now the faculty permits it in a specific area during lunch hours, Mr. Friesen said.

"It isn't the most pleasant thing for me to allow. But it certainly does lessen our enforcement problems. You give a little and you take a little," he said.

South

"We have the rules that we have because of the number of students that go to South. I expect that they are not unreasonable, and I expect them to be followed," Dr. Hanson said.

Dr. Hanson characterized South's rules as "a little bit more strict than some of the other schools. I would say that comes from myself being a little more older and being in an older school."

The student body helps create South's rules, but the administration does the majority of the work, he said.

Burke

"Burke is very much a part of the conservative Midwest. We are probably a better school than those on the lenient coasts," Dr. Klima said.

Parents, students and teachers are involved in the rule-making process; yet the administration, because it does the actual phrasing of the rules, does most of the work creating them, he said.

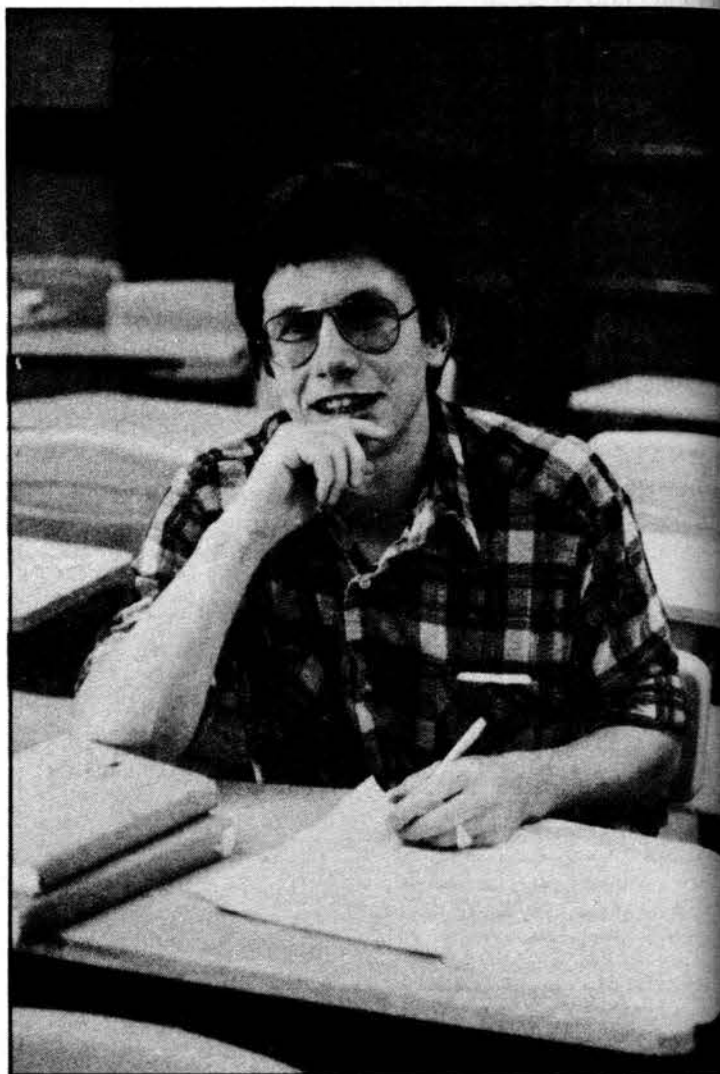


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Raymond . . . in school half a world from home.

From Africa to CHS

The family of Central High senior Pete Newton is playing host to a Rotary Club foreign exchange student, South African Raymond Ronne.

Tested for attitudes

Raymond was picked last fall by the Rotary Club of his hometown Mooi River in South Africa after undergoing a series of tests to pinpoint his attitudes and personality quirks.

Since South Africa is in the southern hemisphere, their seasons run six months out of phase and consequently Raymond graduated last December. Raymond started classes at the beginning of this semester and will probably continue with classes here next fall.

Although separated by thousands of miles and completely different cultures, Raymond sees little difference between the teenagers of his country and the teenagers of his homeland. It is not uncommon for Raymond and his friends to go to parties on Friday and Saturday nights, and they are all very active in the nation's favorite pastimes, rugby and cricket.

As noticed entering the small foreign country, some of the first things that are noticed are the small differences in daily life that we all take for granted. For instance, in Raymond's country, all light switches are mounted so that to turn them on one must turn the switch down. He was quite surprised to find that this was not the way in the United States as well. Also, quite often Raymond can be found wrestling with the driver of a car for his seat thinking that the driver is supposed to sit on the right side of the car like they do back home.

Relaxed

According to Raymond, the major difference between U.S. schools and the schools he attended is the fact that schools here are much more relaxed. "Relationships with teachers other than those involving classroom work were absolutely unheard of," said Raymond. Students were required to wear uniforms where he attended school.

Youth take part in groups

A basic necessity of human life, besides food, shelter, and clothing, is the company of other people. One way for high school age people to fulfill this need is through participation in one of the many religiously-affiliated youth groups around town.

Dundee

The group with perhaps the best representation at Central is the Dundee Presbyterian youth group. According to Carol Knoepfler, one of the members, Central has had as many as 50 persons over the last couple of years.

"For a normal meeting," said Carol, "we will have choir practice followed by dinner. Then we will break up into three smaller groups and have discussions."

"These discussions can cover anything," said Erica Means, another member from CHS. "Sometimes we will talk about current events, morals in the modern world, or even cults," she said.

"This level of the group is open to people of high school age," she said. "We meet every Wednesday."

Campus Life

Campus Life is a non-denominational Christian organization that has been in existence since about 1946.

"The purpose of Campus Life is to help kids with the pressures of high school years and

to present them with the claims of Jesus Christ in a non-threatening way," said Mick Diener, the Omaha area Campus Life director. "This is not a church group; rather it is more like an extra-curricular program. We try to be a friend to kids of every group. We try to reduce the uncomfortableness of people and break down the barriers of peer pressure."

"We're not really trying to reach any particular group, just high school kids with the claims of Christ and a chance to react to them," said Diener. "In a world of changing values and morals, it gives people something solid to relate to and get help from."

The meetings are never exactly the same. "Sometimes," says Diener, "we will use music, humor, or drama to lead up to our basic format for discussions."

"Some of the other activities that we have are backpacking trips in the summer and two ski trips to Colorado in the winter," said Diener.

Another youth group that is geared to high school students is Kadimah. This group was started in the mid 1950's, says adult group adviser Rick Canfield, who is a Central High grad of 1971.

"Kadimah is a religious, social, and athletic group that was formed with the idea of getting Jewish kids together," said Canfield. "Religion is the cornerstone of this organization."

"Sometimes we will get together for a weekend and practice our religion, go to synagogue, and then out to dinner," says Canfield. The highpoints of the year happen twice a year when we go to another city like Des Moines for a convention and meet with other groups. We look upon these seminars as learning experiences," he said.

"This group is mainly social," said Canfield. "We don't have as many discussions about our religion as the groups of other faiths. We leave this to the Hebrew schools."

Another group, one which meets on Sunday nights, is the West Hills Presbyterian youth club.

"This is a Christian oriented youth club," said Peggy Zerse, who has been a member for two years. "At the meetings, we sing and have Bible lessons. This is a discipleship group where you can enjoy friendly relationships and good fellowship," she said.

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Girls perform well

The girls' basketball team, with a record of 6-11, has done very well during late season play. In the last two regular season games, the girls have drubbed their last two opponents by at least 15 points. Central buried the Gross Cougars by a score of 59 to 39, and then whipped the Westside Warriors, 74 to 59.

Gross

In the Gross game, the girls were led by a trio of scorers topped by Faith Bullard with 19 points, Evelyn Davis with 16 points, and Zeta Tucker with 15 points.

Westside

The Westside game proved to be a special win for the lady Eagles. "The Westside game made me so happy," said Faith. The Warriors had defeated the Eagles, eliminating the Eagles from the Holiday Tournament back in December. The leading scorers for Central were Faith Bullard with 24 points, Zeta Tucker with 14 points, and Georgette Gates and Evelyn Davis with 13 points each. "For all of us, Westside was the most exciting win," Faith replied.

Improvement

According to Georgette (Gigi) Gates, the girls have improved tremendously. "There's always room for improvement, but we've improved a lot compared to earlier (this season). I think the biggest reason we've improved is more teamwork," Faith said. "We've also been passing better. Now it's fantastic!"

Concentration

The girls also prepare mentally for each game. "We sit in the locker room and concentrate," Chris Felici said. "The coach (Mr. Paul Semrad), talks to us before each game. We talk to each other, too."

Districts

All of the girls feel they will do well in district competition.

Finals

"We're going to beat Tech and Marion," Chris said. District finals will be tonight at Lewis and Clark at 7:00.

Varsity Eagles 'shaky'

The Eagles were as cold as the weather — four degrees below zero — as they went down at the hands of the Creighton Prep Blue Jays 61-37 at the Civic Auditorium.

The Eagles showed their worst night of the year at turn-overs, including seven in one one-minute period.

After a steal at the Prep end of the court, or a rebound at that end, the Eagles would start their offense occasionally by a long pass down court to whoever was open, despite the fact that they were picked off more than once at this.

Weak Guards

The guard department seemed to be particularly weak. Coach Jim Martin agreed with this only to a certain extent. "Dave (Felici) was not shooting that night," he said, "but he could run the offense better than some others. And as a guard against Prep, he was probably our best defensive player."

Thomas Jefferson

The Eagles bounced back at their next game with a win over Thomas Jefferson, 74-64. In this game, senior Grady Hansen scored a career-high 37 points.

"Blew 'em"

Senior Dave Herman said, "We used the fast break and blew 'em away."

Grady Hansen felt almost the same way. "We blew them away in the first half, and stunk the rest of the game. At one time we were leading 23 to 7. They ran the score up to 23 to 19 before we scored again."

South

The Eagles had another bad game against South. The final score in that game was South 70, Central 58. South led by about 20 for most of the second half after a tight first half.

Northwest

The next game was better, as for the first time in three years the Eagles beat Northwest by a score of 67 to 60.

"Almost worth it"

"It was almost worth losing to South to come back on this one," coach Jim Martin said. "But it would have been nice to win both of them."

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Jay Murrel gets easy lay-up.

Strong Sophs

Sophomores figured strongly in that game. Both Steve Cannon and Rick Everett have been moved up to the varsity squad. Cannon was second high scorer for Central against Northwest with 14 points.

Record

The Central won-lost record now stands at 10 and 9.

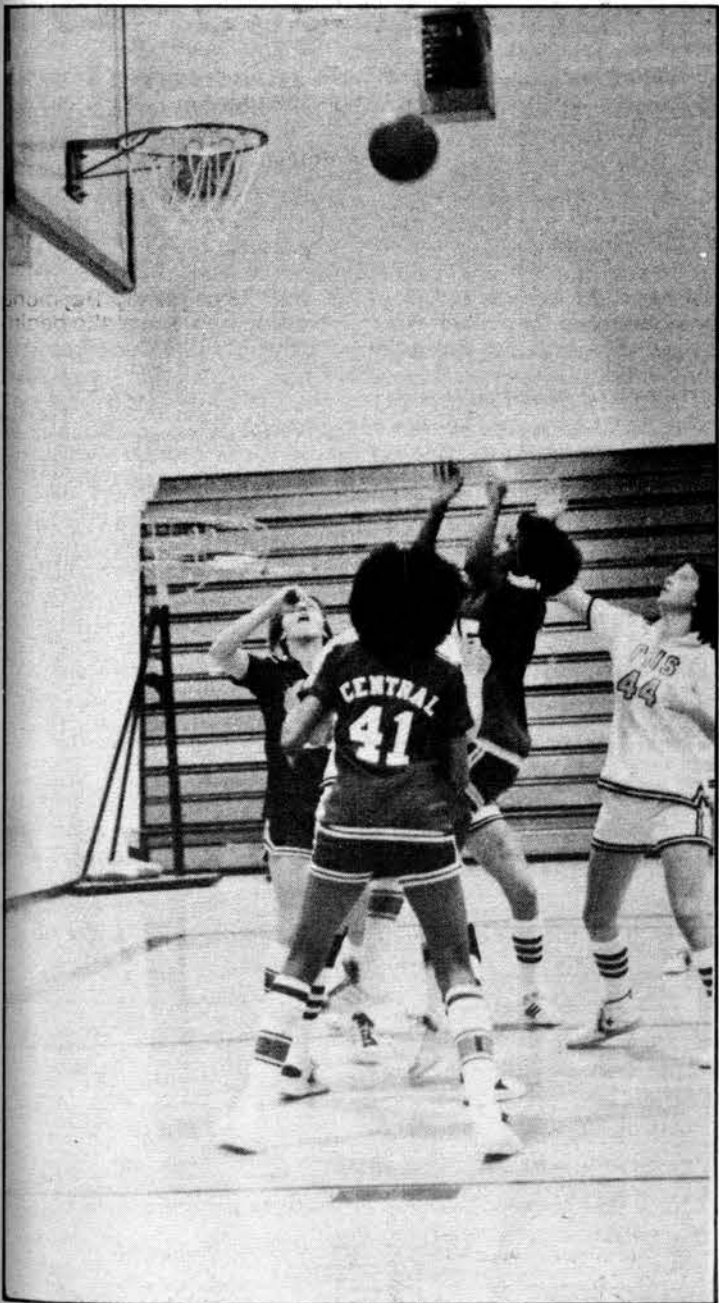


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Georgette Gates scores against Papillion while No. 41, Brenda King, watches.

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James Davis

Naturally, not all people would be courageous enough to endure the physical punishment associated with the art of boxing. But with senior James Davis, this isn't the case. In fact, James enjoys boxing.

Father's Influence

"I've always liked the sport," James said. "I've been boxing for the 1140 Boxing Club for about eight years now." My father, Joe Davis, used to be a professional boxer until about 1968 or 1969. He fought against some of the best known boxers of today like Ken Norton and Jerry Quarry. In a fight here in Omaha, the referee cheated him out of a win. He got mad and hit the ref. He had his license suspended for it. I'm taking his place."

Defeats Murphy

Thus far, James has filled the shoes of his father. Boasting a record of 20 wins, 10 by knockout, and 1 loss, James emerged into the public eye by defeating last year's 156-pound Golden Gloves Champion Michael Murphy. "Murphy beat me in the finals last year, but I expected to beat him this time around. I knew if I fought inside of him, I could beat him. If I didn't I would lose. Last year, I didn't know how to fight a left-hander, but I've trained real hard to learn how to fight a southpaw. My coach, Leonard Hawkins, taught me how to (box a left-hander). I beat Murphy by staying underneath him."

Training

Like any other sport, boxing takes a great deal of training and discipline. The practices for James include shadow boxing, sit-ups, push-ups, and running about an average of three miles per day. James also spars regularly with his sparring partner Wayne Grant. Also in boxing, like wrestling, there are the weight divisions and with weight divisions comes weight control.

Weight Control

"I don't eat too much," James said about controlling his weight. "I avoid eating foods like bread and potatoes. I eat a little meat and salad. I also eat a lot of honey for quick energy."

Midwest Championship

James, with his city win, advances to the Midwest Golden Gloves Championships to be held at the Omaha Civic Auditorium on March 2. "I expect to win the championship," James said. "I don't know any of the competition, but I know they have to be good because they are winners, too."

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Football coach named

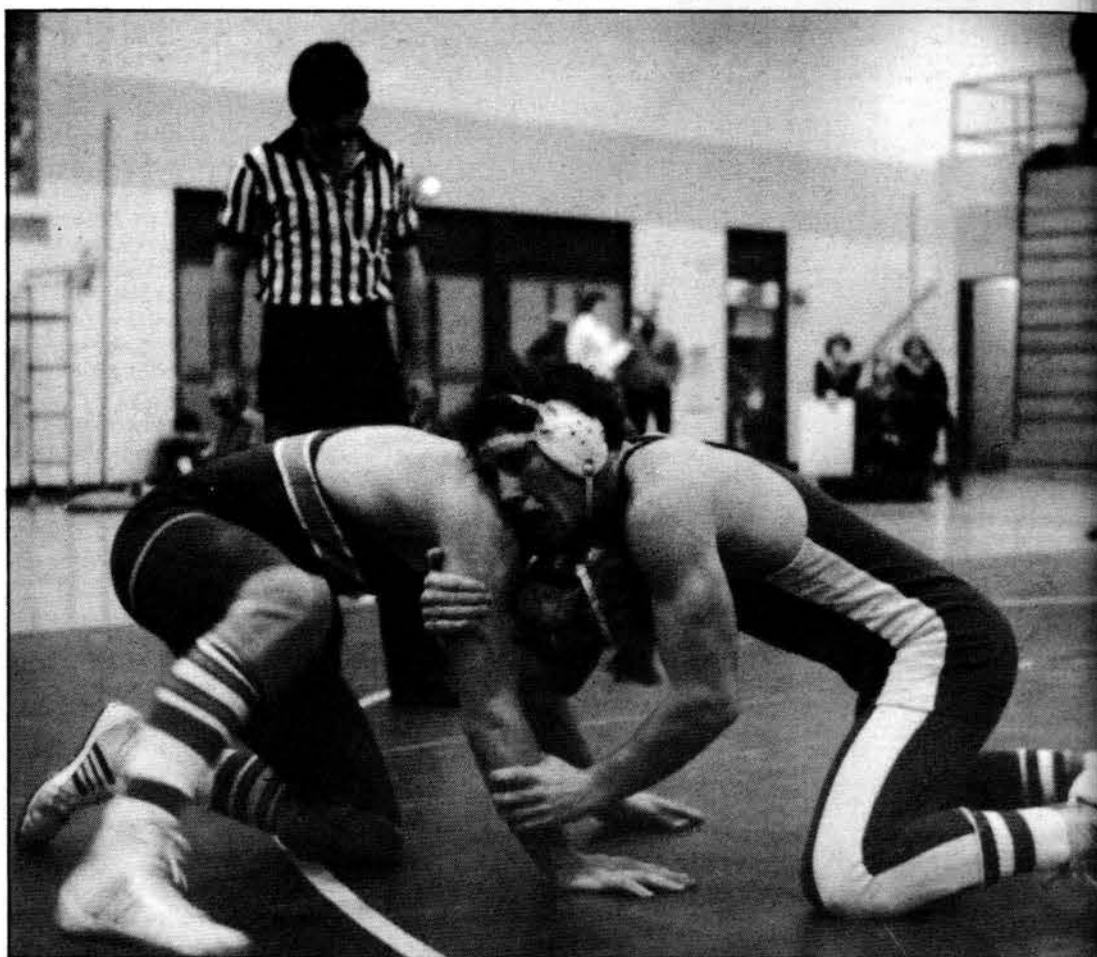
The Omaha Public Schools Friday named William A. Reed to succeed Gary Bailey as head football coach at Central for the 1979 season.

Reed, a native of Monroe, La., has been an offensive backfield coach at Benson for the past three seasons.

He joined the Omaha system in 1970. He coached Monroe Junior High teams for four seasons, losing only twice.

Background

Reed is a graduate of Arkansas AM & N, where he played football and ran on the track team as a sprinter. He is married and has three children.



Rigatuso vs. Winkiski in district final.

photo by Bob Wolf

Wrestlers top districts

The Central wrestling team completed a very successful season as it finished as district champs and placed sixth at the state meet in Lincoln.

Districts

The team fared very well in a district that was one of the toughest in the state. The district included Bryan, Central, Gross, Papillion, Ralston, South, Tech, and Westside. Central qualified seven wrestlers for state and edged out Westside by a point and a half for the district crown.

Central had three individual champions in junior Kevin Kimsey at 138, senior Leonard Hawkins at 155, and senior Mark Rigatuso at 185.

Other qualifiers for the state meet were John Curtis, who placed second at 98, Jody Mease, who placed third at 112, Terry Gargano, who placed second at 119, and heavyweight Mike Cross who finished fourth.

Champs

Kimsey, in his bid for the district championship, had to face Jeff Miller of Papillion. Miller had defeated Kimsey twice earlier in the year. Kimsey took a 4-2 decision and the district crown.

Hawkins had an easier time, as he pinned Russ Pierce of Papillion in 54 seconds in his semi-final match. Hawkins defeated

Mike Rome of Gross, 9-2 in the finals.

Rigatuso earned his district title by defeating a tough John Winkiski from Gross. Rigatuso took a 5-3 decision in the final match. Mark also captured the Metro title in his weight class.

Runners up

Central could have easily had two more district champs in John Curtis and Terry Gargano. Curtis dropped a 2-1 decision in overtime to Jeff Perry of Ralston. Curtis had taken second in metro, losing to Perry 3-2. Gargano lost a disputed overtime match to Jeff Williams of Papillion. Gargano, leading 6-5, was penalized for stalling; the match ended in a 6-6 tie. In overtime, Williams scored the first takedown, which won it for him as the overtime period ended 3-3. The rule being, in an overtime match ending in a tie the first wrestler to score a takedown wins.

Others

Other wrestlers competing at districts were Kurt Burson at 105, Grant Gier at 126, Randy Long at 132, Dan Meehan at 145, and Brent Emsick at 167.

State

Central did well at state, placing sixth as a team and having an individual champ in Leonard Hawkins. Both Kevin Kimsey

and Mark Rigatuso, placed second.

Hawkins

Hawkins showed both strength and wrestling skill as he won easily in early rounds. Hawkins defeated Mike Rome of Gross 9-3 in the final match. Hawkins on the season was 25-4, was metro, district, and state champ.

Kimsey

Kimsey said he wrestled his "best of the season," at the state meet. Kimsey wrestled very tough and had few problems until his final match. In the finals, Kimsey met Tim Kohl of Norfolk, last year's 132 pound champion. Kohl was too tough, as he took a 17-7 decision. Kimsey on the year was 21-8-1, placed second at metro, was district champ, and won 138 pound title at the Burke Invitational.

Rigatuso

Rigatuso faced Griffis of Columbus for the state title. This was a rematch of last year, when Griffis defeated Rigatuso 10-9. This year's outcome was the same, as Griffis won a very tough match 5-3. Rigatuso was 26-2 on the year, being both metro and district champ.

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