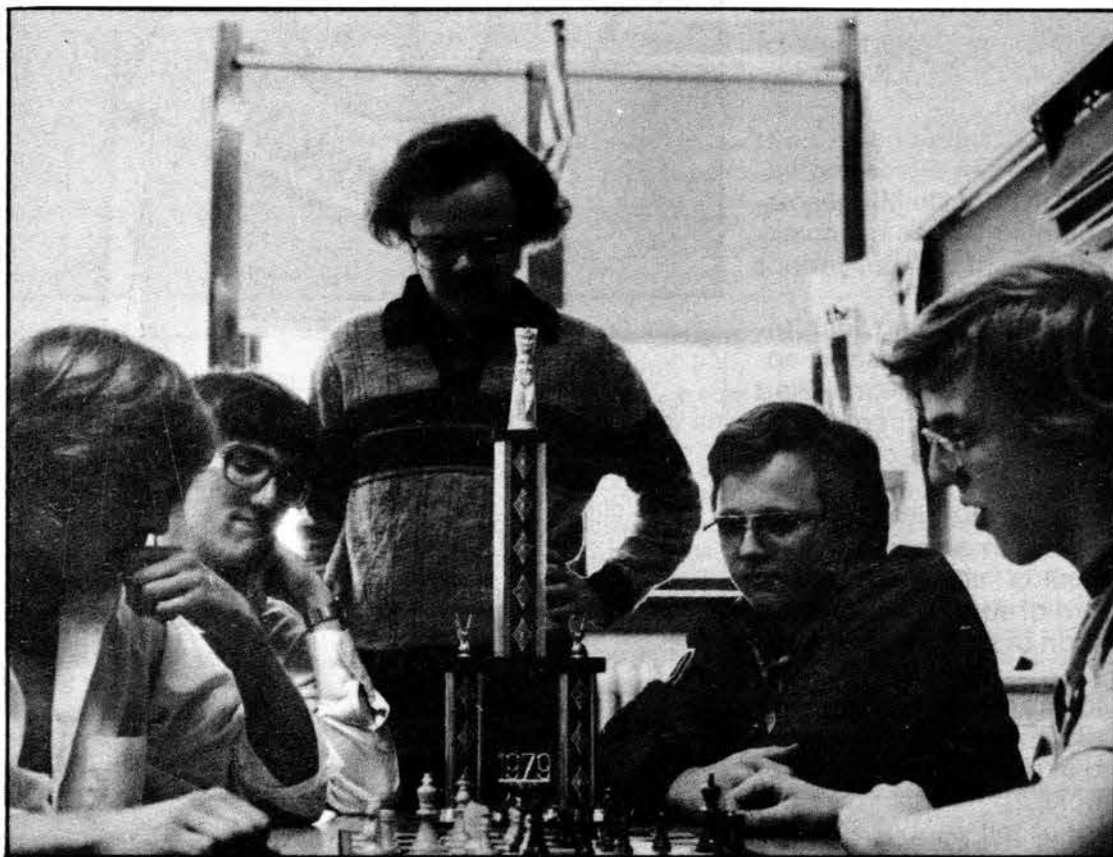


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Chess club attends Nationals



Chess club members, from left, Alan Jensen, Steve Nelle, sponsor Kevin Throne, Bob Ludson, and Jeff Henninger ponder the next move.

photo by Matt Holland

Central High School's Chess Club attended the National Tournament on May 2-8 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Although the Chess Club did not attain its goal of national placement in the upper 10 percent they did place in the upper 25 percent. There were over 80 teams participating in the tournament.

Members

Team members attending Nationals include Central seniors Jeff Henninger, Alan Jensen, Steve Johnson, Matt Lippold, and Joe Wilson; junior Bob Lubson, sophomores Steve Nelle and Ron Perceley. They were accompanied by Mr. Kurt Groether, who has volunteered his services by accompanying the team to Nationals for the last four years.

The club faced many disadvantages while at Nationals.

Obstacles

"We didn't have the chance to do as well as we wanted to in the tournament. Jeff had to play in the Division I, while the rest of the team was in Division II. That ended all hopes of national placement," said Alan. They were up against many other obstacles according to Jeff.

"Eastern high schools have credit courses in chess; this is a disadvantage to us. Also, there are sandbaggers in the tournament. Kids purposely enter the tournament and perform badly in order to drop their ratings so they can enter the lower division," Jeff said.

State title

Although the team did not place in the Nationals, they suc-

ceeded on March 24-25, for the third year in a row, by earning the state championship in chess. Alan added that the state competition was tough but even. The team has established a record of only two losses in four years, which include the metro and state championships. Their losses include the metro finals in 1979 and a dual match with Bellevue West in 1977.

Fundraisers

The team has held various fundraisers so that they could attend the national tournament. These fundraising events included bake sales and a 50-hour chess marathon. Central Principal G. E. Moller and Student Assembly aided Chess Club in these activities, for which Alan said they are very appreciative.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Fri., June 1	Regular classes for students until 10th period, shortened VIII and IX periods.
2:00	X Period class exam
Mon., June 4	Students will come to school only for their exams.
8:55-10:10	IV Period class exam
10:20-11:35	V-VII Period class exam
11:35-12:20	LUNCH
12:25- 1:40	VIII Period class exam
Tues., June 5	Students will come to school only for their exams
11:00-11:45	LUNCH
11:50- 1:05	III Period class exam
1:15- 2:30	IX Period class exam
Wed., June 6	Students will come to school only for their exams
10:15-11:30	I Period class exam
11:30-12:15	LUNCH
12:20- 1:35	II Period class exam

AP tests given

The year long struggle is just about over.

This is the week of the Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations; it is the climax of the school year for students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses.

The examinations, administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, are three hour, multiple-choice and essay tests covering the specific subjects that are covered by AP courses. At various times during the week, a total of 80 tests in American History, English, French, mathematics, and the sciences biology, chemistry, and physics will be given to Central seniors.

By successfully passing an AP Exam, students will be given college credit and/or advanced standing, the amount of which is determined by the individual college.

"I think the AP program is very good for students who can and want to get college placement and credit while still in high school," said Central's head guidance counselor Miss Irene Eden.

"I like the class (AP History)

because it's informal and a challenge," commented senior Jeff Olson.

Senior Sally Feidman added, "Sometimes they are a lot of work, but they're definitely worth it."

"I prefer teaching the subject matter of the course. It is good to be teaching toward a very clear objective," said English Department head Mr. Daniel Daly.

Mr. Gary Thompson, head of the Science Department and instructor of the AP Biology course at Central, said that the one advantage of the AP classes is that "everyone is wanting to be there."

"Central was the first school in the Omaha area to initiate the AP program, and for several years was the only school west of the Mississippi to have it," said Miss Eden.

One outstanding point for taking the AP Examinations, for which a \$32 per test fee is charged, is in the fact that over 200 institutions grant a full year's advanced standing—entering college as a sophomore—for three or four qualifying AP exam grades.

Class of 1889

A 90 year reunion? That's what the Omaha High School class of '89 would be having this year, if any of its members were alive.

The picture at the side of this story now hangs in the Joslyn Art Museum, located across the street from Central High School. The photo was donated in 1957 by Mrs. William Palmatier. Mrs. Palmatier, whose maiden name remains unknown, was a member of the '89 class. She is located in the bottom row of the picture, third from the right.

Mrs. Palmatier was about 87 years old at the time she donated her picture to Joslyn. At the time, she lived in an apartment house at 4824 Cass Street. No one knows why Mrs. Palmatier chose to donate her picture to Joslyn instead of to Central.

Omaha High's principal in '89 was Homer P. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is in the picture also. He is the older man sitting near the center of the picture.

The only other identifiable person in the picture is Miss Comfort J. Baker, who was the class' only black graduate. Miss Baker's speech at Commencement, entitled, "One More Plea for the Negro," was very well-received by the audience, according to a newspaper account of the ceremony. Volume four of the *Register*, published in the school year 1889-90, published letters that Miss Baker wrote back to the high school after she became a student at Fisk University.

Graduation exercises included a speech entitled "Should the Present Jury System be Abolished?" by George S. McCague.



Act protects non-smokers' rights

State Senator Larry Stoney of Omaha has proposed that non-smokers' rights be protected in the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act, LB 344, which is currently before the Nebraska Legislature.

We consider LB 344 a major step forward in health legislation, which would go a long way towards equalizing the rights of non-smokers.

LB 344 calls for the designation of smoking and non-smoking areas in restaurants, stores, offices, and other buildings that the public frequents. Bars and restaurants with less than 1200 square feet could declare themselves as smoking areas.

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The State Department of Health will hold hearings to determine the proper rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of the bill by January 1, 1980.

LB 344 is proper because of the ill effects of sidestream smoke which non-smokers encounter.

An article from the New York Times on the effects of smoke on non-smokers stated, "In many respects, the sidestream smoke, which escapes into the air between puffs, is worse than the mainstream smoke that the smoker inhales directly. Sidestream smoke has more cadmium, twice the amount of tar and nicotine, three times more of the cancer causing agent benzopyrene, five times more carbon monoxide and 50 times more ammonia than mainstream smoke.

After spending 30 minutes in a smoky room, the non-smoker's heart rate and blood pressure are higher than usual and the level of carbon monoxide that accumulates in his blood could impair his ability to judge time intervals or distinguish relative brightness, such as from oncoming cars."

In addition, an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association last year pointed out that "Four classifications of persons who would be expected

to have their health compromised by sidestream tobacco were identified: (1) allergic and asthmatic, (2) infants and children, (3) persons with chronic heart or lung disease, and (4) contact lens wearers."

Major arguments against LB 344 include the expense required to designate and establish smoking areas. It is patterned after a similar law in Minnesota, which has been in force since April, 1976.

In Minnesota, the costs have been mostly limited to the cost of installing proper signs, according to Mr. Charles Schneider, a Minnesota Department of Health official, in an Omaha World Herald interview.

The efficacy of this bill appears difficult on paper. However, a working example of the bill is in effect in Minnesota. In that state, compliance has been very high with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act.

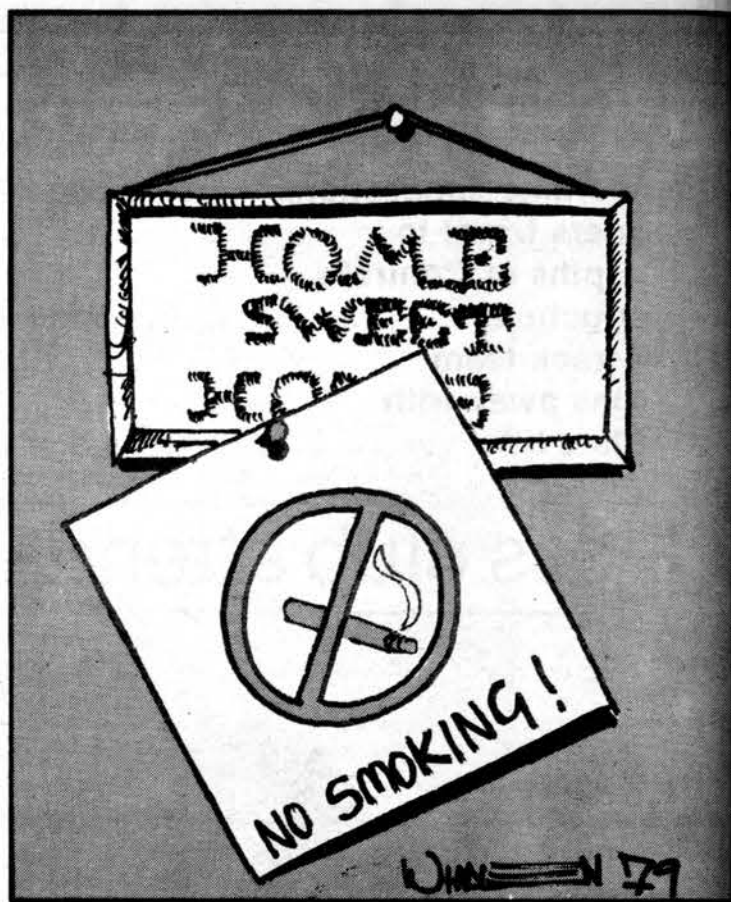
It appears that a Nebraska Clean Indoor Act would meet with the same approval. A recent poll in the North Platt Telegraph found that 72 percent of those asked favored a law designating non-smoking areas.

Does the state have the right to regulate where people can smoke? Stoney stated that the bill is "attempting to establish a standard of equity by providing for the designation of smoking and non-smoking areas."

The state also has an obligation to the public to regulate where people can smoke because of the adverse effects of side-stream smoke.

The state cannot tell people whether or not to smoke; however, the state has the right and obligation to protect non-smokers.

The Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act represents a bold step forward in health legislation. The practicality of the bill has been demonstrated in practice in Minnesota. We urge all Nebraskans to support LB 344.



Now that the year is about to end, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with a handy list of summer events.

Downtown concerts

Downtown, there will be concerts at the Central Park Mall during the noon hour. Many different bands will entertain downtown shoppers. Here are some of them:

Allspice-Missy Brown on May 22, Luigi Inc., a jazz group, on May 24, the Lenny 4 Combo on May 29, and Sapphire on May 31.

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Howard K. Marcus

In June, the groups entertaining will be Whole Wheat, playing bluegrass music on June 5; the Back Street Five, a ragtime band, on the 7th; the Stan Yank Combo on the 12th; Sonny Firmature with pop and jazz on the 14th; the Lesdema Family and Terry & Lydia Edwards, two Top 40 groups, on the 19th and 21st; the Chris Stovall Combo on the 26th; and a country band called Butterfield Express on the 28th.

Beach Boys

On July 2, the Beach Boys will perform at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha's first open air rock concert in 12 years. Though the concert may not exactly be "the night we've waited for, for the last 12 years" as the advertisements say, I'm sure the concert will be excellent.

Even though the group has been recording for the last 18 years, the "boys," all in their late 30's, do know how to entertain.

Summer park concerts

Omaha will again have many concerts in the parks this year. All of these concerts are on Sundays. The Lesdesma Family/Star Fire will be at Elmwood Park on June 3 at 6:30 p.m., Flair/Allspice, a rock band, will be at Hitchcock Park on June 10 at 7:30 p.m., the Vincent Emmanuel Concert Band will be at Carter Lake's Maybrey Park on June 17 at 7:30 p.m., Sapphire/Bourbon Street will play at Dodge Park on July 1 at 6:30 p.m., and the Omaha Pops Orchestra will perform at Benson Park on August 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Important Dates

- May 19 State Historical Marker Dedication
- May 22 Spring Musicales
- May 30 Senior Picnic
- May 30 Athletic Banquet, Peony Park
- May 31 Cap and Gown delivery
- June 3 Baccalaureate Program
- June 5 Senior Commencement Program

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Catacombs abundant below

by Patrick Whalen and Matt Metz

We readied our courage and stamina for the trek that lay ahead of us.

Matt prepared his camera, film, strobe, and flash light for any possible situation that might warrant the need of photographs. We both knew that plenty of photos would be taken and we had a slight fear of being in the middle of our adventure and running out of film.

We were ready. We gained the valued assistance of Central assistant principal Mr. Al LaGreca. He led us down to the basement on the "Three side." From a key chain which had a key for nearly every lock in the building, Mr. LaGreca unlocked the initial door between us and our adventure.

Once behind that door we would be on our way through the catacombs and rarely visited places of Omaha Central High.

The door slammed shut behind us, enveloping us in total darkness. Matt gave our fearless leader the flashlight. Mr. LaGreca led us down a short but incredibly steep staircase to our first tunnel. I trailed along riding shotgun keeping keen ear out for man-sized concrete eating rats.

lettering on the barrels read "Civil Defense Drinking Water."

That drinking water had remained there undisturbed since 1962. The room which they were in had been untouched since the turn of the century.

We moved on through dimly lit rooms that were filled with pipe and more pipe, and old desks where room permitted. We moved into the boiler room area, past air circulation fans that were as high as the ceiling.

The boiler room was high, huge, and dark. Miles of pipe lined all walls and filled the open spaces for maximum efficiency. We inspected the area with great care from ground level and catwalks. Mr. LaGreca pointed out the coal chutes above that were used decades ago when the building was coal heated.

Unknowningly, I was standing below one of these chutes when I looked up and saw just how corroded it was, and how dangerous and possibly unwise it was to stand there. Matt was there with camera and strobe in hand to capture the mood before I lighted out of there on tip-toes.

Mr. LaGreca led us to the room below where the famous

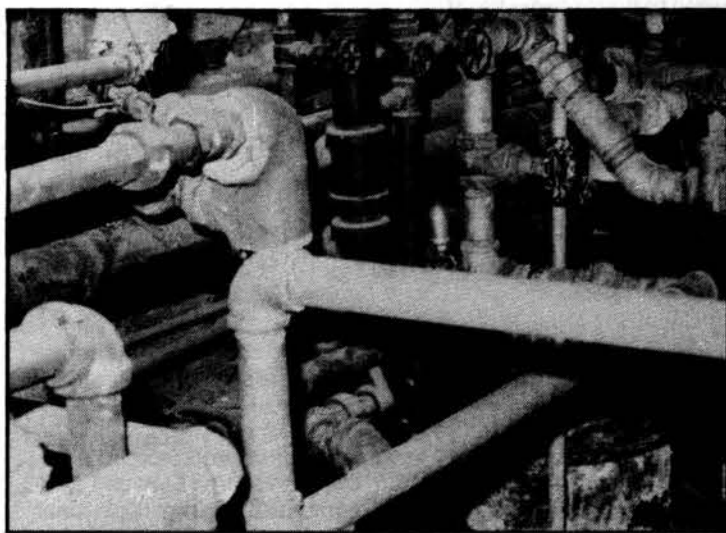


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Masses of heating and cooling pipe in the boiler room.

known. Rooms of darkness and silence flanked our sides. I could just see myself being grabbed from behind by one of those man-sized concrete eating rats, and my two cohorts moving on ahead of me not even noticing my disappearance.

I felt no sense of loss when we departed from the Roman-like catacombs. I'm sure that Matthew and Mr. LaGreca did, for all they could say is, "Look at this," and "Remember this for the story, Patrick!" We wound up at the stage. Plans were brewing for a view of the stage from the spotlight locations above the audience seats.

My reprieve was over. Depths, darkness, and big hairy rats

were not enough; incredible heights, darkness, and ostrich-pecking bats were now in store for me. My companions loved the suspense. I wanted a parachute.

We stepped onto the stage. The creaking of old wood below my feet reminded me of the doom that was approaching. I had never seen a bat before. Matt seemed to know what he was doing, he led the way.

We climbed a tall ladder to a point above the grid lights for the stage. We walked, I should say that Matt walked; I groped.

My colleague, minus a ground-loving and wise Mr. LaGreca, led me up two more

ladders and then... anticlimax, we were there! Matt strutted along the cat-walks far over to where the spot lights were.

"Wow, what a fantastic shot from here," Matt whispered-screamed. When I finally got over to where he was, I had to agree. Too bad there weren't any people on the stage for subject matter. The best view in the house, 50 feet above everything. It made a guy want to spit.

I refrained, but Matt took a couple of photos. Actually, it wasn't too bad up there, but the chance of falling through the ceiling and getting all messed up on the seats below, well, it left me speechless.

Mr. LaGreca then took us to the spot where the old gym had been added to the building. We took the liberty of getting out onto the roof to get a better look. The whole action of that end of the school had been interrupted midway by a "new" structure to cover the gym. I thought it was kind of a waste of one-of-a-kind architecture. Matt, being one of words, simply said "wow" and "get outta my way."

He got some great shots of the corner of the building with some tall downtown buildings in the background. Matt was done shooting and I was done memorizing; this was the end of our trek to the center of Central.

As far as I was concerned, our adventure was a success, thanks to Mr. LaGreca. I looked out over the city from this view point for the last time, and you know, it kind of made a guy want to spit.

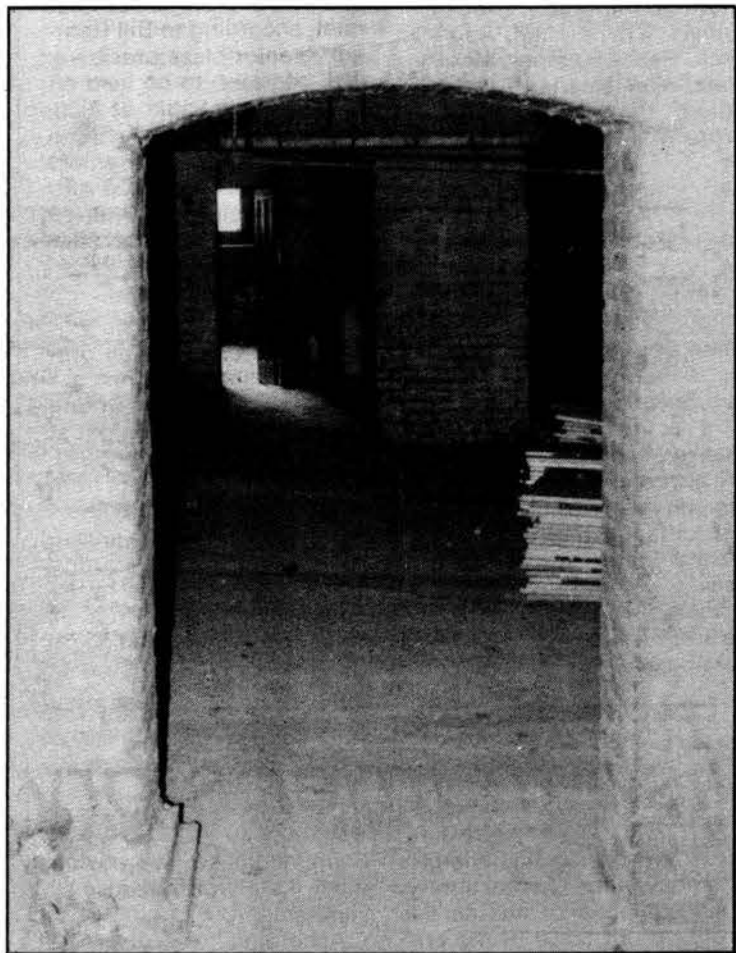


photo by Matt Metz

A passage way giving room to dark, open areas below the building on the three side.

Matt took over the flashlight and took his first three photos. Matt led the way ahead through the tunnel that was built for masses of pipe, not people.

Matt was followed by Mr. LaGreca who was heeled closely by myself. We went on blindly for 30 yards until reaching the tunnel's end.

We now had at least 20 feet of head room, even though we were still deep below ground level. Mr. LaGreca took over the light and the lead, scanning the area for points of interest and good shots for Matt, who kept telling me, "Remember this part for the story!"

We made our way, tripping through immense cold and warm air passages. Mr. LaGreca's flashlight found some green barrels that were stacked in two rows to the ceiling and as far back as we could see. The

smoke stack had been and showed us the bent and ruptured metal door which had held back tons of brick from crashing in to the boiler room. The amount of pipe was hard to comprehend, but even so, we didn't mind the inconvenience it caused us. At least I didn't mind it; I was fascinated by the machinery and technology from another era.

We treaded onward to more points unknown. We met up with Chief Engineer Elza Tabor who showed us the room that controlled the heat for the entire building. "None of us like to come down here because when the heat is on it gets up to about 160 degrees in that little room," added Mr. Tabor. That room was quite small and had an eeriness to it that I didn't like much.

We moved on from that room following a source of light un-

THE LEARNING SYNDROME



writing lab student

of central importance

State

Carol Giles, Vicki Benning, Grant Gier, and Jim Backer have been chosen as Central's representatives to the 1979 Boy's and Girl's State. They were nominated by their American government teacher, counselor, and were approved by a committee consisting of teachers, administrators, and counselors. The four alternates are Carol Knoepfler, Elaine Will, Mark Shaw, and Reynold McMeen.

State is an annual mock government held in Lincoln. This is the 39th annual convention.

Disaster policy

Which areas of the school would be the safest if a tornado struck? During spring break, Mr. Al LaGreca and Mr. Paul Semrad updated procedures on the tornado policy.

"For years now we've had the same plans for natural disasters such as tornadoes. Now these plans have been revised to fit the modern concepts of civil disaster and will better suit the needs for everyone concerned," said Central assistant principal Mr. LaGreca.

To help ensure the best possible safety measures in the new policy, a civil defense officer toured Central and pointed out the ten best areas to go to if a tornado did occur. Each room will be given a list of these areas. In addition, Mr. Semrad has planned a traffic flow for students which would limit problems in such situations.

Cheerleaders

The 1979-80 Central cheerleaders have been announced. Over 100 girls tried out for a total of 30 positions among the three squads. Miss Cindy Dale, cheerleading sponsor, said that next

year's squads have been entered to better serve the athletic teams.

The 12 members of the senior varsity squad are Susie Aden, Ann Backer, Tracy Bashus, Vicki Benning, Dawn Brown, Sandra Bushey, Linda Cushenberry, Julie Martin, Darlene McGee, Lisa Pepitone, Missy Slovek, and Jennie Tracy.

Junior varsity cheerleaders include Anne Conine, Nancy Culek, Sherry Freeds, Mary Hansen, Monica Meehan, Jennie Newhouse, Pam Palmer, Brenda Schuerman, Kay Willis, and Sophia Winfry.

Reserves, representing the sophomore class, are Cece Conway, Tanya Cook, Elizabeth Hairston, Julie Kully, Sue Srb, Lisa Walker, Barb Wright, and Holly Zerse.

UPI wire

Mr. Thomas Marsicek, teacher of radio and television at Central, has acquired a United Press International wire which is to be used by radio and television students. "We got it in late March, and right now, we're using it in radio production classes for news preparation," Mr. Marsicek said.

Central received the U.P. wire through funds of the mini-magnet program. "It costs \$55 per week for use of the wire," commented Mr. Marsicek. The wire service's local base is at the Omaha *World-Herald*. "When the wire isn't putting out news from Chicago, it's putting out local news," Mr. Marsicek added.

The service operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, giving non-stop news from across the world. "It gets pretty messy," Mr. Marsicek said. "There's paper all over the floor in the morning."

Mr. Marsicek plans to use the wire to develop a broadcast journalism program in the television newsroom. "The service will provide actual situation training, like

being in a real newsroom. What I'd like to see is some courses of broadcast journalism in the future. There's a need to show that other side of television journalism," commented Mr. Marsicek.

Girl Scouts

Two Centralites, Kathy Adams and Liz Anderson, will be representing the Girl Scouts of America as "Ambassadors of Good Will" with other girl scouts from foreign countries in Europe this summer. During their one month stay, they will be spending ten days in the Alps at the International Girl Scout Chalet. Here they will go hiking and sightseeing with other girl scouts from all over the world. For the remainder of the trip Kathy and Liz will visit London, Paris, Italy, Austria, Germany, and Amsterdam. They will be going with 11 other girl scouts and two adults from the Omaha area.

Teacher of the Year

Mr. Stan Standifer has been selected as the 1979 Teacher of the Year by Student Assembly. As a physical education teacher at Central, Mr. Standifer has coached many successful athletes in football, basketball, and volleyball. The Assembly recognized Mr. Standifer's achievements and will present him with a special plaque at the Senior Awards Day. Along with the plaque, Mr. Standifer's name will be engraved on another plaque with previous winners of this award.

JCL Banquet

Forty students participated in the Roman banquet held on Wednesday, May 9. Dr. G.E. Moller, his wife, Mrs. Gretchen Bramhall, Miss Irene Eden, and Dr. Catherine Thomas, a Latin teacher

from Creighton University, were honored guests.

The banquet was held in the courtyard at Central. The festivities began at 5:30 and lasted until 7:30.

The Latin students provided the entertainment. First year Latin students presented the play "The Bad Plan," and first, second, third, and fourth year together put on a play. The dinner music was provided by Liz Gibson.

The first year students were the slaves, and as is the roman custom, they removed the sandals from the honored guests.

Eaglettes

Tryouts were held recently for the 1979-1980 Eaglette squad. A total of 67 girls tried out, and 24 girls were selected.

Next year's senior members are Daryle Brown, Mary Car, Leslie Douglas, Monique Gray, Connie Hill, Denise Ish, Shelli Jansa, Arlett Moss, Diane Nelson, Susie Reynolds, Anita Robinson, Sydney Rubin, Teri Stilen, and Margaret Whedon.

Junior members include Diane Donaldson, Becky Haines, Cherie Hiatt, Angie Jech, Renee Kemper, Merry Metz, Teri Reerink, Jackie Stilen, Patty Tillson, and Britta Wheeler.

Problem bowl

Four Central students competed in the Nebraska State Department of Education's Future Creative Problem Solving Bowl held April 18-21 at the University at Nebraska at Lincoln.

The competition, attracting 45 teams from Canada and different regions of the United States, involved the solving of "fuzzy" problems — a problem that is not well-defined — by four team members.

Central's team consisted of Don Bahnke, Judy Bouma, Nancy Koperski, and Karen Ray and was coached by Central physics teacher Dr. Robert Wolff.

The teams were required to solve a problem using very specific problem-solving techniques. The problems are "brainstormed" for solutions, the solutions are then evaluated and the best solution is presented to a panel of judges. The entire process takes about two and one half hours.

"It's fun, interesting, and gives you a different viewpoint for looking at the world," said senior Judy Bouma.

The fuzzy problems to be solved concerned the flaws and conflicts of today's society, such as overpopulation and energy shortages. The Lincoln competition was won by a team from Scotia, N.Y., and the problem concerned the conflicts between oil and non-oil producing nations.

"The competition was gruelling and very intense," said Dr. Wolff.

Senior Banquet

Club 89 will be the site of this year's senior class banquet, according to Bill Barnhart, senior class president. The banquet, to be held on May 23, will begin at 7:00. Chicken, steak, or shrimp will be offered to the seniors at the prices of \$6.00 and \$8.00, respectively. Club 89 will be providing the after dinner entertainment.

Prom

"As we reminisce on precious moments like this . . ."

Reunited, Central's Spring Prom, will be held tonight at the Carter Lake Warehouse, 213 Carter Lake Club from 8:30 until 12:30 a.m. Bittersweet will provide the music.

Tickets are on sale during lunch and after school by the attendance office. Price is \$8.50 for couples and \$5.50 for singles.

Teachers collaborate to publish murder story

Josephine Frisbie, former head of Central's English Department, and Gunnar Horn, Central graduate, have collaborated on a mystery novel, *Murder in the Old Mill*.

The catch? *Murder in the Old Mill* was written eight years ago but was put on the market just last week.

The book is about three murders in a small town's mill. Intimate knowledge of the workings of the mill keep the identity of the murderer secret. The setting is based on the town of Red Cloud, Nebraska, Miss Frisbie's home town.

According to Miss Frisbie, she wrote the book because "I've always liked to read and it came to the point when I wondered if I could do something myself." The same is true for Mr. Horn. In fact, he enjoyed writing so much that, in 1931, he was the managing editor of the *Central High Register*.

Red Cloud is still very close to Miss Frisbie — she works for the Willa Cather Memorial Association which is based there. Miss Frisbie also volunteers for the American Cancer Society and

writes articles for the Midlands Business Journal.

Mr. Horn, former head of the Benson High English Department, is also retired but is presently working on a history of the Paxton-Biersly Steel Company.

The authors tried to publish the book eight years ago, when it was first written, but no one was interested. According to Miss Frisbie, Mr. Horn called her recently and asked, "Do you remember that book we wrote? Should we try again?"

Publishing and printing *Murder in the Old Mill* was a joint effort. Miss Frisbie asked

Miss Zenaide Luhr, former Central Art teacher, if she would design the cover. From Miss Luhr, the book was sent to the Wright Printing Company, and then to a bindery in Council Bluffs.

Murder in the Old Mill is being distributed through the Omaha Education Association and the Educator's Credit Union. This is partly for convenience and partly because the authors did not want to have to pay a bookstore a commission for selling the book. The cost is \$3.50 per copy, and Miss Frisbie and Mr. Horn think they will break even after about one thousand co-

pies have been sold. There is one copy in the Central library.

Almost none of this cost is profit. About \$3.00 of the purchase price will go toward publication and printing costs. The other 50 cents will be donated to the Health Care Center Fund of the Omaha Education Association. Both Miss Frisbie and Mr. Horn are trustees of the OEA

Foundation, so "we obviously think it's a worthy cause," Mr. Horn said.

According to Mr. Horn, "It's been really fun to write. Miss Frisbie is fun to work with — she's a very talented person."

Incidentally, the murderer turns out to be . . . well, you'll have to read *Murder in the Old Mill* yourself to find that out.

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Central students find 'twin life' a challenge

A girl is seen walking down the hall on the "4" side. A girl that looks exactly like her is sitting in study hall 235. Seeing double? Clones? No, they're twins.

"Identity crisis"

It was unanimously agreed to by many twins that the worst part about having a twin was being compared." Carolyn said she and her sister were sometimes "thought of as one person." Kristi felt that constant comparison by parents and friends to her twin sister Karen was "unbearable." Senior Terri Agosta agreed that comparison to her twin Tammi "gets on your nerves."

To people that don't know them, twins may seem, and often are, identical. But Junior Carolyn Linphier, whose identi-

her twin to play with. "My opinion of being a twin changes with my age," Kristi added.

Positive advantages

But Terri pointed out many good things about having a twin. She said that she is noticed more often, and people will come up and "ask which is which. People come up and talk about it." Carolyn agrees that you know more people, and "get around easier." "The attention you get because of your twin is great," Kristi said.

Kristi added that "you have to learn to share and compromise a lot more." When Karen and Kristi got their driver's licenses, they had to share the car on their first day driving. Jackie said she shares many thoughts and feelings with her sister. And of course birthdays are shared.

"The attention you get because of your twin is great."

ical twin is Geralyn, said, "I don't feel like I look like her. I don't see a double." Though Carolyn sees herself as different from her sister, her father does not. "My Dad still can't tell us apart," Carolyn said.

Different styles

But senior Jackie Bender, whose twin is Janine, does not have trouble keeping her own identity. She feels there are many differences between her sister's personality and her own. Though they have common friends, they often go their separate ways when it comes to socializing. "As you grow older, you develop your own style," Jackie said.

When they were young, however, Jackie and Janine were dressed alike. Younger days were great, said senior Kristi Sloan, because she always had

Casual acquaintances are often embarrassed when they say "hi" to a twin, realizing later that it was not the one they knew. When Kristi was younger, people would call her Karen so often, "I wondered if anyone knew who I really was."

But when things are bothering a twin, there seems to always be one person to talk to and confide in — their twin. Terri said she and her twin are very close, get along well, and go out together. "I can tell her anything," Terri said.

"Everyone is always asking 'do you like being twins?'" Kristi said. The answer was difficult for Jackie because, "I don't know what it's like not to be a twin," she said. "She (my sister) has always been a part of my life. There are days when I wish she wasn't there, but there are more days that I'm glad she is."



One of Eric's 1,000 stereoviews is shown.

photo by Howard K. Marcus

Collection includes views, brass

What is a stereoview? It's a kind of three-dimensional picture that can be seen only through the aid of a special viewer.

Central senior Eric Swegle has about 1,000 views in his collection. The views range from those of Victorian houses to those of the late 1800 Johnson town, Pennsylvania flood. Though many famous photographers took the views, Eric says that he will "buy anything as long as I think the subject matter is interesting." "I don't care about the photographer."

Eric became interested in col-

lecting when his family lived in Manhattan, Kansas. "My brother brought home a shoebox full of stereoviews. He knew they were stereoviews, but he didn't have a viewer." However, after the family bought a viewer, the whole family became interested in collecting.

Eric has views from all of the major expositions that were held at the turn of the century, including a few from the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which was held in Omaha in 1898.

Other interesting items in Eric's collection include views

of Central from before 1900.

Though the collection contains views of many subjects, Eric's favorite views are the many that he has which show Victorian houses. The houses were built in varying shapes. Views of round and octagonal houses are not unusual.

Eric doesn't just collect stereoviews. He says that he will "collect anything that can be collected." For example, Eric has boxes of brass hardware that was salvaged from places like old farmhouses. "I don't like new things very much," said Eric.

Marker to identify historical site

Due to the efforts of the Central High School Committee of '76, consisting of Central alumni, past and present teachers, and members of the staff, on May 19, 1979, a marker will be unveiled commemorating the site of Omaha's first public high school building.

The marker will be unveiled by Mr. Joe Hart, Jr., member of

the Executive Board of the Nebraska State Historical Society and treasurer of the Douglas County Historical Society.

The marker was authorized by the Nebraska State Historical Society and is on the south campus. It briefly states the history of all the schools that have been on this site. The marker

will be unveiled at a 2:00 p.m. ceremony on May 19.

Mrs. Raymond Means, President of the CHS P.T.S.A., Teri Mancuso, President of Student Assembly, Mr. Marvin Kivett, Director and Secretary of the Nebraska State Historical Society, and principal Dr. G. E. Moller will present dedicatory remarks.



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Physics day held

On April 9, Central High physics students placed second out of nineteen participating schools in this year's Creighton University Physics Field Day.

Physics knowledge

The Field Day, which attempted to measure physics students' knowledge of physics as accurately as possible, consisted primarily of four events: an "egg drop", a chalk talk, a bridge building contest, and a written test.

High rankings

Overall, four Central students from the two teams participating placed high in the ratings. Central seniors Pete Newton and Bob TeKolste placed third in the written test competition, Leora Mirvish placed third in the chalk talk event, Bill Barnhart placed third in the egg drop, and Dave Haggart placed eighth in the bridge building contest, leaving Creighton Prep as the only school that achieved a higher score over Central.

According to Dave Haggart, Central senior and a participant in the contest, the most work and originality was placed in the egg drop and the bridge building events. In the egg drop event, the contestant is asked to develop some method of keeping an egg from breaking while dropped from a standard distance during the contest.

Central's method

The Central contestants used a foam rubber/parachute device which, although rather primitive, according to Dave, still managed to bring Central to a third place standing in the event.

Toothpicks

The bridge building portion of the contest consisted of constructing a bridge out of toothpicks and glue that could hold the most weight during the contest without breaking. Central placed eighth in this event, with the first and second place awards going to a small school in Centennial, Nebraska.

The following is a list of the 1979-80 Journalism assignments and a list of the 1978-1979 Register accomplishments.

1978-79 Register Awards

Nebraska Journalism Championships:

- Luther Harris — 2nd place Sportswriting
- Tim Peters — 1st place Feature Writing
- Patrick Whalen — 1st place Advertising
- Patrick Whalen — 2nd place Editorial Cartoon

University of Nebraska at Omaha — High School Competition:

- Register — Runner-up Best Newspaper
- Jay Cihlar — Runner-up Best Feature Story
- Howard K. Marcus — Runner-up Best Sports Photo
- Dan Renn — Runner-up Best News Event
- Sarah Jane Ross — Runner-up Best Feature Story
- Sarah Jane Ross — Runner-up Best Front Page Layout
- Robert Schuerman — 1st place Best Column
- Patrick Whalen — Runner-up Original Art

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Anthropology survey

Students in Central High's anthropology classes were recent participants in a survey of man conducted by Mr. Creighton Steiner, Central anthropology teacher.

According to Mr. Steiner, the survey, a two-part, 50 question questionnaire, was given to 50 anthropology students as a demonstration of surveying techniques. The survey covered many different topics, including drinking, drugs, family unity, sex, and religion.

The first section of the survey contained 40 short questions over many contemporary topics. The results were divided between men and women and were tabulated by a percentage score.

According to Mr. Steiner's survey, when most students were asked about the value of college, most students felt that college was of great importance for future advancement. Both male and female students were split at around 50 percent when asked if students would like to do more with their family.

One of the more surprising results of the questions, according to Mr. Steiner's report, was the reaction of female students when asked what job they were preparing for. Over 55 percent of the women surveyed said they were planning to take up professional careers, whereas the men answered strongly in many different areas, with 30 percent undecided about a job. Likewise, when women were asked if they would follow in their parent's profession, they voted unanimously no. Seventy-four percent of the men also said they would not go into their parent's profession.

More controversial subjects brought varied views from students. Around 95 percent of males surveyed and 44 percent of females surveyed felt that the present feelings against premarital sex are overemphasized, while 7 percent of the men and 33 percent of the women felt that it was under-

emphasized. About 71 percent of the men and 55 percent of the women surveyed said they have participated in the use of marijuana, and 71 percent of the men and 44 percent of the women surveyed felt that current marijuana penalties should be decriminalized nationwide.

Most students say they drink an alcoholic beverage at least one day a week, and about 55 percent of the men and 10 percent of the women said they got drunk at least 2 or 3 times in the past month. Finally, 93 percent of the men and 53 percent of the women surveyed believed a bill to raise the state's legal drinking age to 21 should not be passed. The second part of the survey involved 10 longer essays that were written over several days. Mr. Steiner then compiled the essays in his report.

When students were asked on one of the essays what was wrong with the school system and in particular Central High School, students suggested that there should be less homework, people with good grades should be rewarded, the administration shouldn't be so strict on tardies, there should be an open campus and longer lunch periods, more resource centers, smoking and non-smoking lounges, and better prepared and more healthful foods in the cafeteria.

Another question asked what makes an ideal friend. Students answered that friends should hold common interests, be honest and dependable, be good listeners, and be fun to be with.

"Yes, back in '29, Central was recognized as being the highest academically. There has never been an equal in town," said Miss Gertrude Braig.

Miss Braig is the organizer for the fiftieth reunion of the Class of '29. According to her, the search for the 1929 senior class has been going on since last September.

Reunion contact

"Everybody seemed to know where at least one other person was," she said. "They would look in their address books or Christmas card lists and contact one other person. This person would contact another and tell them about the reunion, and have them contact another."

Ads ran

We also ran ads in the *World Herald* and some California papers. Between these ways and the telephone book we managed to account for about 273 people out of a graduating class of 340. We know that 66 are dead, and we have not been able to find 67."

"We even had one grad respond from New Zealand," she said.

Rendezvous point

"We booked thirty rooms at the New Tower for the night of May 18. This is going to be our rendezvous point. Millard Gibson, who was in all the Operas and Road Shows, is going to

play the piano and sing. On May 19th and 20th, we are going to dinner dances and brunches at different country clubs around town," she said.

Tilly Lerner Olsen, one of the grads, was honored at the May 12 commencement at UNL. She became a Doctor of Arts and Letters. Mrs. Olsen is a published author, with some of her works being taught at UNO.

Mrs. Olsen's works include *Yonnondio* and *Silences*.

In a letter to Miss Braig, Mrs. Olsen said that Sarah Vore Taylor was her English teacher and that she still had her stylebook. She remembers being called up on the carpet to be chastised by Jessie Towne, the Dean of Girls, and how "She would love to leave flowers on her (Jessie Towne's) grave."

World-Herald letter

Another grad of 29 that everybody has probably read but probably does not know is Keith Wilson. Keith Wilson worked for the *World-Herald*. He covered Washington for the *World-Herald* for part of the World II, and reviewed movies. He later became editor of the paper, and was one of the leading editorial

writers. He now writes editorials for the *Midlands Business Journal*.

Sneak day

Miss Braig remembers the Sneak Day of 1929. "We had homeroom with Mr. Masters that day. He was warning us not to take a skip day and that serious measures would be taken if we did. We all got up and walked out" she said.

Omaha sniper

Around the time of graduation in 1929, Miss Braig said that there was a sniper in Omaha. "It was very much on everybody's mind," she said. "One day, when the Regiment (a forerunner of JROTC at Central) was drilling, one of the cadets dropped his rifle, and it went off. People all over the school hit the floor and crawled under desks. We thought the sniper had struck."

The school of '29 also plans to tour the school on Saturday, May 19 after attending the dedication of a historical plaque on the south lawn at 2:00 p.m.

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Lady Eagles achieve success; top state

The Central girls' track team, after only five years out of the #1 team in the state, has come across the privilege again after winning the Nebraska State Track and Field Championship in North Platte on May 12th.

"All around effort"

Mrs. Joanne Dusatko, head coach for the Lady Eagles, called the girls' performance "an all around effort." As the Eagles picked up a total of 80 points to outdistance last year's champion, Scottsbluff. "I couldn't have asked for more,"

"Mrs. Dusatko said, 'but we did outstanding performances at the state meet, winning five of the ten running events in Class A. Winners of Class A gold medals were the 880 yard relay team of Kay Willis, Gwen Combs, Jackie Washington, and Beverly Pulliam; Jackie Washington in the 80 yard hurdles; Wanda Hartso in the 440 yard dash; the mile relay of Jackie Washington, Debbie Smith, Joi Pulliam, and Wanda Hartso; and the 440 yard relay of Wanda Hartso, Beverly Pulliam, Joi Pulliam, and Jackie Washington."

"They were the most fun team I've ever had," Mrs. Dusatko said. "But when it came down to performing, they were absolutely serious. They were set for big meets."

have our disappointments." One of the bigger disappointments in the state meet for Central was the non-allowance of the 10.2 second 80 yard hurdle run by senior Jackie Washington because of a sudden wind gust near the end of her run. The time would have tied the national high school record in the event.

Performances

The Eagles recorded many

Mrs. Dusatko doesn't feel she has a handle on what to expect from her team at next year's state meet. "It's hard to make predictions. I couldn't have been able to predict what happened this year at this same time last year, but at this point things look pretty good. We took ten girls to state and six of those were sophomores. One was also a junior." The lady Eagles went through the '79 season undefeated.



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Wanda Hartso wins the mile relay. Miss Harso finished first in Class A 440, but was defeated by one tenth of a second in the Grand Championships.

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Summer Activities

With the summer months almost upon us, most of us find ourselves anticipating the beginning of a new era in college or dreading the monotony of an eight hour work day. Of course, there will be many various summer activities to partake in: golf, swimming, camping, fishing, disco dancing, etc.

Pools

Here in Omaha, there are at least 21 public pools which are spread out all over the city. Although some of them will be closed for repairs, I'm sure most people will find those which are open to be refreshing comfort from the stifling summer heat.

Golf

There are those who find golf enjoyable. Omaha has several fine golf courses including the Applewood, Elmwood, and Benson courses. Of course, everyone isn't able to hit a golf ball over 200 yards and get it to fall into a little hole in the ground with less than seven swings of the golf club, so there is miniature golf. These types of courses can be found at Peony Park and also at other various spots here in Omaha, such as Putt-Putt.

Fishing

Another favorite in the list of summer activities is fishing. Those who like to fish find it a relaxing way to pass the time. Branch Oak Lake, in Malcolm, Nebraska, just south of Lincoln, is a favorite out-of-town fishing spot. For those who don't want to travel very far, there is Dodge Park and Carter Lake.

Camping

Camping has always been a special way of escaping from the carbon monoxide fumes of the city. Throughout the Midwest, there are a number of available public campgrounds. For more information, contact the tourist information bureau of the state you are traveling to.

Travel

Some families may decide to just pack up and travel across the country, although at this time it isn't an inexpensive way to spend a vacation. But, the midwestern states have a scenic route which passes through or by all of the important historical monuments. Such a trip can be both fun and educational.

Disco

For the people who won't get the chance to leave Omaha this summer, there is one very worthwhile pastime, disco dancing. Omaha's number of discoteques has been steadily increasing since the rise of the big discos in New York. Today there are several discos a high school student can go to have a good time and also learn some of the new dances.

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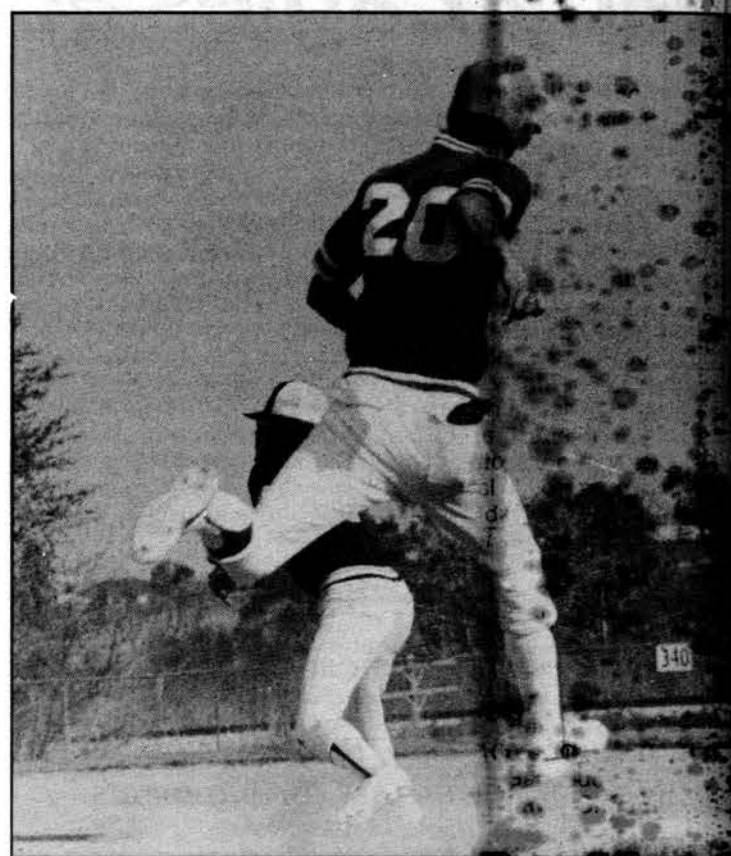
Central takes district win

The Varsity Baseball squad started out a bright season with a 4-2 record after the first six games. Since that point in the games, the eagles have won only two of thirteen games.

Coach Paul Pennington felt that "poor defense" was the major problem for the Eagles this season. He said that with all the returning lettermen from last year that he had expected a very good team. Coach Pennington also commented on the inconsistent hitting the Eagles have been getting this year. Tim Lahood leads the team in hitting with an average of .400.

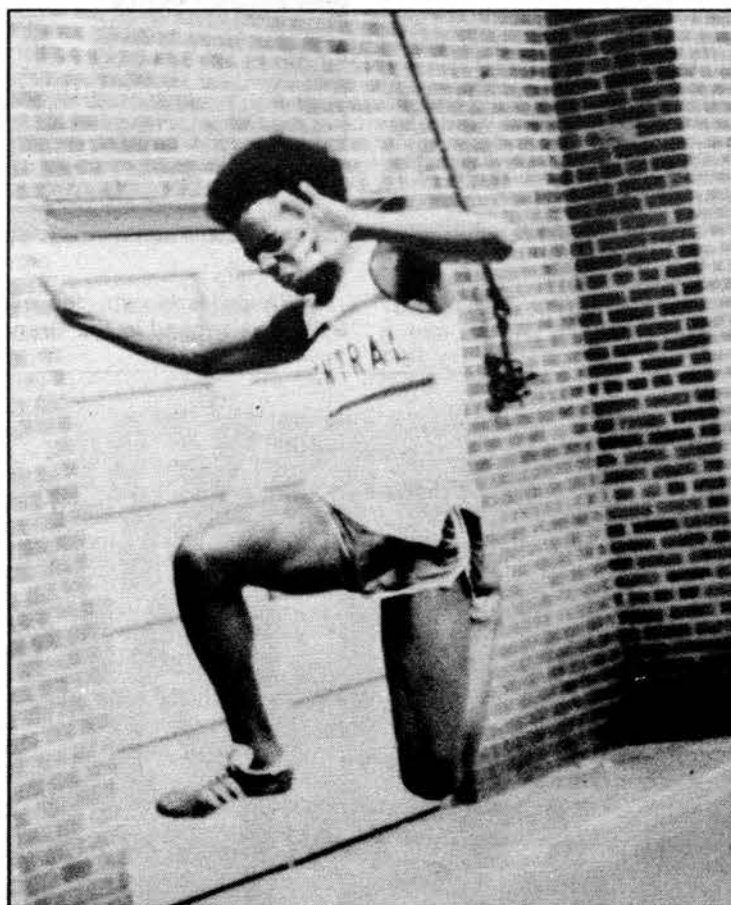
The Eagles finished the regular season 5-13 and faced Technical High in the first round of district play. Central beat Tech high 10-0 in a runaway. Central collected 15 hits with Bill Curfman, Mike Gaeddart and Pat Hill each getting three. Grady Hansen was the winning pitcher as he struck out twelve Tech batters. Grady is 4-4 on the season with an E.R.A. (Earned Run Average) of 0.6.

Central faces 15-3 Burke. They boast a 12-2 regular season victory over the Eagles.



Grady Hansen runs out single.

photo by Matt Metz



Luther Harris competes in long jump. photo by Matt Holland

Sprinters do well at districts

The Central boys' track team traveled to Bellevue East for the district track meet. The Eagles finished third in the field with a total of 68 points behind the boys' metro champion Burke with 173 points and Bellevue East with 83 points. Central qualified seven tracksters for the state meet in a total of eight events.

At the district meet, the Eagles showed a great deal of depth in the 100 meter dash when defending state champion Mark Patten, and sophomores Roderick Washington, and Michael Lee all qualified for the state meet finishing 1, 2, and 4 respectively.

The other Eagle qualifiers were Jim Labenz in the two mile run, Robert Barnett in the 180 yard low hurdles, Luther Harris in the long jump, triple jump, and 440 yard dash, Mark Patten in the 220 yard dash, and Clarence Major in the mile run.

eagle feathers

J. V. Baseball

The J.V.'s finished with a 5-5 record, "their best record in six years," according to coach Paul Semrad. Semrad felt that the team had improved itself throughout the season, especially in the area of hitting.

Semrad commended pitchers Jim Backer and Mike Svoboda for a very good year. Brent Emsick and Scott Strain were cited for excellent seasons at the plate. Semrad felt, "it was just a good J.V. season."

Rigatuso honored

Senior Mark Rigatuso was

Weightmen at metro

The state meet will begin this afternoon at Burke Stadium starting with the field events of all classes at 2:00 p.m.

With the addition of the new weightlifting in a competitive trial has added another Varsity sport, Powerlifting.

Powerlifting is a form of weightlifting is a competitive form. In a meet, contestants have three attempts in three different lifts. The lifts consist of the bench, the deadlift, and the squat. A contestant's final score is found by adding his best lift in each event.

Central's Powerlifting team recently participated in the first Metro Powerlifting tournament. Central as a team finished fourth, with six of its members placing in the meet.

The team was led by Senior Mark Rigatuso, who placed first in the 198 pound division. Mark was pleased with the team performance as well as his own. He felt that the team did very well for only having their new facilities a few months. Mark pointed out the fact that the three teams that placed ahead of Central, Burke, Northwest, and South have had weightrooms for the past years.

Other lifters that placed are as follows: Terry Evans 165 pd. division, 5th; Reese Freeman Hwt, 5th; Joe Clark 220 pd. division, 4th; Tom Goethe 220 pd. division, 6th; and Tim Patten 148 pd., 5th.

recently named to play in the annual High School Shrine Bowl. Mark, along with the other 31 players on the North squad, face the south squad in a game to be played at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln on Aug. 11.

The selection of the 60 players was made by the Coaches of high schools around the state. Mark was also named to the All-Metro, All-State football squads and recently placed first in the 198 pound weight class at the Metro Powerlifting Tournament.