

Plans for merger are discussed

Would one combined district of over 70,000 students have an effect on the quality of education now offered by schools in the city of Omaha? What kind of problems would the schools face if the proposed merger of District 66, Ralston, Millard, and the Omaha Public Schools became reality? Size, transportation, administration consolidation, and public acceptance are all problems to be reckoned with if the merger passed.

would unify the area. "It would allow the entire city to support education." Mr. Calinger also sees other pluses in the merger. "We could save money on overall administration as well as offer specialized programs in vocational and occupational areas that would be beneficial to many students in other districts."

District 66 Superintendent Dr. Vaughn Phelps gives two reasons why he is against the

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The proposed merger is neither a new idea nor a direct result of the lid bill according to Walter Calinger, Omaha Board of Education member. The proposal probably would have been discussed earlier had it not been for the lid. Merger possibilities were also discussed in 1974 when L.B. 973 was brought before the State Legislature. The bill to incorporate metropolitan school districts failed to pass then as did a similar bill in 1976. Even if a merger were passed today, law suits would draw out its implementation for a couple of years.

What do the various district representatives have to say about the merger? Mr. Gerald Kleinsmith, superintendent of Ralston Public Schools says, "we feel we can handle the size of district we have now. We also have other things like the wishes of our patrons to look at. Our community likes a smaller district."

The Millard Board of Education does not think their students would benefit by the large district. Superintendent Dr. Donald Stroh said, "We will do everything we can to avoid the merger."

Walter Calinger thinks that having one school district

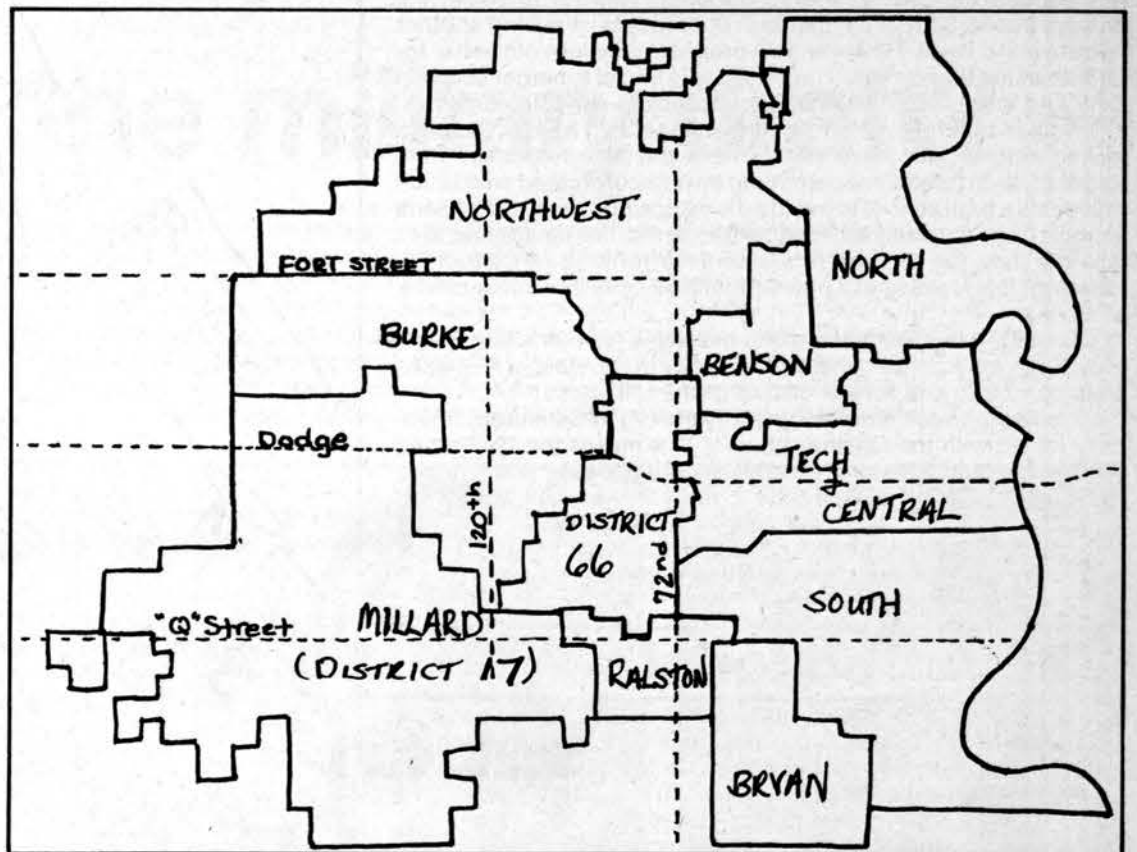
merger. "The maximum size unit doesn't allow flexibility for the development of quality education. Also, the social, political conditions do not allow for efficient operation," he said.

Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Owen Knutzen has said in news telecasts that he thinks merger is a good idea but he does not think it would be beneficial at the present time.

How do students feel? Millard Senior Class President Peter Storch said, "I think it would make the district so big that the school board wouldn't be able to satisfy the needs of all the individual schools."

Millard Senior Brenda McBride says she likes it the way it is. "There is a spirit of competition. I like it split up." Westside Senior Class President Toby Schropp states, "If OPS has enough trouble running the size district it has now, what would it do with a larger district?"

"I don't think it's a good deal" said Westside senior Steve Hagan. "I doubt that the quality of education would improve." Burke High senior Peter Sage seems to express the beliefs of many when he states, "I think it has its advantages and disadvantages."



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Districts as they are now.

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Homecoming spirit shown

With all the festivity of the fourth of July, Homecoming started with a big bang on September 29, as sophomores, juniors and seniors decorated Central High, exhibiting all the gaiety that comes with Spirit Week.

Throughout the week, spirit was shown by students becoming totally involved. Monday was purple and white day; "Hug a Band Buddy" day was Tuesday. On Wednesday students showed their spirit by wearing Cowboy hats, boots, and any other type of Western apparel. Thursday was Hat Day, with students wearing hats ranging from racing helmets to Mexican sombreros. On Friday, spirit was totally exhibited by the attendance at an all-school pep rally.

Three events added to the excitement. The bonfire was held

Thursday night, with the roasting of a Tech Trojan whetting the appetites of the Central Eagles. On Friday morning a pep rally was given by the cheerleaders. The auditorium was filled with shouts of "Go Grape Crush!" The Homecoming parade was held in the afternoon, with about 70 cars participating. The culmination of the day was the game when Central trounced the Trojans 34-6.

The "Main Event" was held Saturday evening, with an average attendance of 325. Entertainment was provided by Sound Images with a light show enhancing the music. Disc jockeys Allen Bledsoe and Tim Switzer believed the crowd was "fantastic!" The majority of the people enjoyed the "music and good company."

The main feature of the evening was the coronation of the

princesses and the King and the Queen. Last year's homecoming royalty were present and Jackie Washington crowned Ann Backer Homecoming Queen, while David Felici named Pat Hill the new King. A new addition to Homecoming was sophomore and junior princesses. Mrs. Cindy Ihle, cheerleading sponsor, said, "We wanted to get the whole school involved and the addition of princesses helped." Princes were not involved because "we have enough problems getting the guys to be King." Sophomore Becky Shaw was named sophomore princess while Roxanne Bushey was named junior princess.

Allen Bledsoe said, "Central has the most spirit and enthusiasm I've seen in a long time!" This enthusiasm was exhibited during Spirit Week.



photo by Bill Lovgren

Homecoming royalty for 1979: Junior Princess Roxanne Bushey, King Pat Hill, Queen Ann Backer and Sophomore Princess Becky Shaw.

Kaplan Center prepares students for exams

As many Central students prepare for college, they begin a flurry of activity to be accepted. High school transcripts, teacher recommendations, and worst of all, the Scholastic Aptitude Test scores are mailed to their chosen college.

The "dreaded" SAT is an exam guaranteed to make even straight students quake. It consists of questions on verbal and mathematical skills over subjects ranging from proper nouns and addition to difficult areas like figures of speech and isosceles triangles. (What's that???)

For those thinking of taking

the SAT, the first glance over the preparation booklet gives a person a mild shock. "I don't remember this stuff" is a common wail heard frequently around registration time. Now there is a way to guarantee that a person won't bomb out of one of the most important tests of his life—one of the things that will decide his future.

Various Tests

The Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center's aim is to prepare students for any test in the "dreaded" category. They prepare students for Dental and Medical Boards, Nursing Licensure, Law School, Veterinarian

School, and any of the alphabet tests (SAT, PSAT-NMSQT, etc.) The Kaplan centers have been in existence since 1933, although the Omaha center is only three years old. Marilyn Barton, administrator of the Omaha center, states, "We have 88 centers in 70 American cities and three foreign centers." The foreign centers are located in Canada, Puerto Rico, and Switzerland.

The center functions almost like school. Students receive lectures and homework and often have tests. Their preparation for the SAT consists of material over the same subjects,

with questions written in the same style, full of tricky things to muddle the brain.

Preparation

Students work with a menu to select what to work on. One begins work with the easiest concepts and works up to the hardest. Often, the students have a Verisimul, which is a test over everything.

Mrs. Barton believes that the best way to be prepared for the SAT is to start early. She says, "Take as long as you can!" It appears that most students ready themselves four to five weeks in advance, taking as much time as necessary so they

may achieve high scores. "The rate of success is not important. We don't guarantee high scores, but we promise that the student will make dramatic gains," said Mrs. Barton.

The classes are small, so there is lots of individual attention. The classes average 15 to 20 persons and are held at different times throughout the year, with the next sessions starting in the spring. Each session consists of ten 4-hour classes. The cost is \$250 dollars, with a \$50 refundable fee. The fee is for homework, which is returned to the center.

Merger idea good one

Though the dust of the lid bill battle has yet to settle, the Omaha Public School System is in the process of raising another controversial issue. However, this proposal may turn out better for OPS than the lid ever will. The proposal is that of a merger between OPS and the Ralston, Millard, and District 66 school districts.

Talk of a merger is by no means a new idea. The idea has been kicked around ever since 1947. That's the date Nebraska State Legislature enacted a law permitting an unincorporated area which maintains a high school to avoid automatically joining with Omaha schools upon annexation. Roughly translated, this means that 1947 was the date the legislature allowed the forming of District 66. However, this forming of a new school district was unconstitutional.

In 1891, a law was passed into the Nebraska constitution stating: "Each incorporated metropolitan city in the state of Nebraska shall constitute one school district of the fifth class."

Unincorporated areas annexed by the city of Omaha automatically joined with the Omaha schools. This makes the 1947 ruling unconstitutional. This has been the basis of a lawsuit that is hoped to be brought against District 66 to force them to join with OPS.

Leading the pack of proponents of the merger lawsuit is former state senator, David H. Stahmer. Stahmer believes the only way this issue can be settled is by lawsuit. But whichever way you view it, it turns out to be messy business.

editorial

One of the problems that brought about the talk of a merger according to school board member, June Bostwick, was that of a "white — flight, wealth — flight area" in Millard. It's a "go west, young man" movement that has helped in the deterioration of the inner city while sending the suburbs in an explosion of growth. This is evidenced by the need for seven new schools in Millard. Meanwhile, the Omaha district is talking of closing ten schools due to effects of the lid bill.

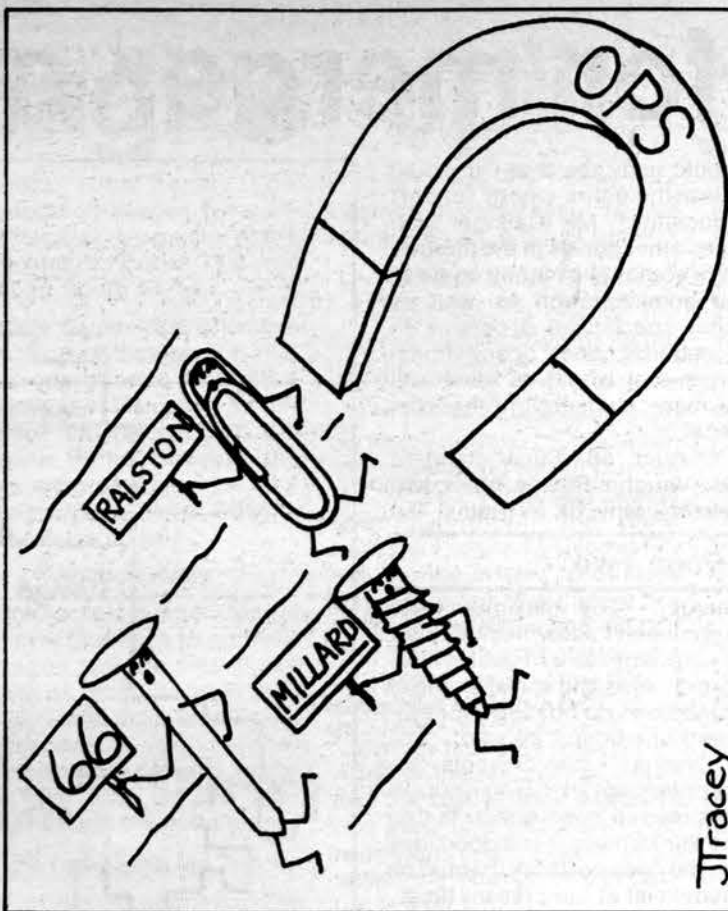
Unfortunately, the flight west is instituted by practically everyone except for those who cannot afford to leave. It will eventually leave the inner city desolate and of no further use. This would not only be a crime against the city as an economic center but also as a community by alienating people from their own city.

How does the merger affect this? A merger of the school districts would eliminate many of the reasons for this westward movement. Many people, though certainly not all, leave the city to escape court-ordered busing and desegregation. And though many of the suburban residents wish to escape the horrors of LB2, the zero percent increase on school spending which supposedly will keep property taxes down, they are actually spending more on property taxes down, they are actually spending more on property taxes then OPS district residents. A merger would not only help to soften the blow of the lid on the OPS system but if the lid remains in effect, it could help to stabilize property taxes.

By distributing the students evenly in one large district, schools that were suffering due to declining enrollments could be offered new hope. There is no reason that OPS should be forced to shoulder all the responsibility that goes with desegregation.

Omaha is one large community and one that people should be proud of. Let's help to keep it thriving and prosperous and not ignore the problems which face us. By working together as a community, as we should, these problems have a way of improving.

By studying the case at hand, it's evident a school district could be very beneficial to the Omaha community. Let's not sit idle and let this chance go by. A letter or vote of confidence to your local school board official will surely encourage action.



J Tracey

Letters

KDCO on again

Dear Central High School Editor,

Being the author of the letter to the editor that appeared in the Register issue dated September 21, "KDCO Cut", I would like to make a clarification. In it, due to the editing process, it appeared that I blamed the loss of KDCO to the lid petitions passage last August. While it did play a small part, the primary reason was the inability to find a qualified teacher to replace Mr. Marsicek. Fortunately, through Dr. Moller's concern, it has been arranged that KDCO radio will be able to again operate on a limited basis. I thank Dr. Moller for his work and understanding, and hope that any misunderstandings have been cleared up.

Roger Olsen
KDCO Program Director

Work ruined

To Whom It May Concern:

We want to thank all of the people who came down to Central and spent five hours decorating the school on Saturday morning. It is a shame that there were so many inconsiderate people that had to ruin all of our hard work. In years past there has never been a problem, but if destruction of school decorations continues, this long tradition displaying school spirit may be discontinued.

From those who
helped decorate

Central ROTC in coronation

For the 56th annual year Central ROTC cadets will be taking part in the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation on Friday, October 26, as the honor guard. The honor guard, however, is a fairly new part of the event having only been in existence since 1975. Prior to that time, the Central ROTC filled out the ranks of the King's Hussars and Lancers.

The four cadets representing Central are brothers Bruce and Brian Craig and twin brothers Jeff and John Swanson. The reason for the use of brothers is the fact that a standard height is required for the honor guard and brothers tend to be similar in height. The standard height for this year's honor guard is 5'10½". As a result of the height requirement, humorous instances have occurred in which the four cadets have been well below average size for a normal male. In that case, the honor guard looked very insignificant in the huge Ak-Sar-Ben coliseum, according to Major Ed McDaniel, ROTC instructor.

Words to Grow by

by Cathy Grow



I think that it can safely be assumed that most everyone who has made his way to senior high has ridden on a bus at one time or another. And I am sure that these bus riders appreciate this particular mode of transportation. In fact, if one rides with MAT long enough one becomes quite good at it, and I'm sure notices certain peculiarities associated with the people who use our city's transportation system.

The bus that I have had the most experience with is the number 2 leaving Central after school. This vehicle also happens to be one of the most crowded. But despite these rather over-populated conditions, the bus is almost always driven by an old man pushing pension, or a really big woman.

As a rule, the women are surly and growl as they hand you your transfer. On the other hand, the men are somewhat shy, accept your money and feebly ask that everyone move to the back of the bus.

Have you noticed that both groups keep their little black shades prohibiting anyone from disturbing them? Why the women do this is beyond me, but I think I can make a safe wager into reasoning behind the old gent's actions. . . . He knows what goes on in the backs of the buses loaded with high school students. He knows all the horror stories. Chances are, he doesn't want to see anything. He just wants to collect his pension and retire.

Just what does happen in the back of the bus? Well, when I first started riding to school, I used to believe that the more primitive people sat in the rear, drawn there by a certain instinct, much like vultures to a dead buffalo. From some of graffiti I have read back there, a dead buffalo wouldn't have been noticed. Unless, of course, it was taking two seats.

As I grew older, I ventured to the rear of the bus and found it to be little different from the center, where I was accustomed to sitting. In fact, when the bus is nearly empty, this is the best place to sit. Not only does it afford one a wonderful view of the other passengers, but most everyone is too polite to turn around and stare at you.

As you slowly work your way forward, you begin to notice a certain air of restriction permeating from the seats located near the center of the bus. In fact, I have noticed in my extensive research, that the closer you move to the driver, the more likely you are to sit on the outside of your seat. In doing this, you force a stranger to risk conversation just to sit down. Most people don't like the odds and prefer to stand.

Ah, the front of the bus. How many times have you been forced to sit in the handicapped seats, right next to the driver. Even worse, forced to sit directly across from someone you didn't know. Have you ever had to look across stranger in the face because you were too polite to look at the other people around you.

At first, riding in such close quarters with so many strangers made me uncomfortable. But as time passed, I became accustomed to it. I learned how to politely ignore everyone around me, how to stare at someone and appear to be looking out the window. I even got used to the strange noises from the back of the bus. I don't know if all this will help me down "the road of life" but I have learned to travel the road to school with no psychological side effects.

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Viewpoint

Reinstating the military draft?

In June, 1973, military draft of young men for armed service was discontinued by the U.S. Government. Since that time an all-volunteer system of recruitment has been installed, and from its very beginning it has drawn criticism from various groups.

Senators and Congressmen have been some of the most vocal proponents of a possible revision of the draft. Many believe that the national defense would not be able to compete with the Soviet Union if an outbreak of war should occur.

Even though many Congressmen have strong feelings for a draft revision, so far none have come forward with strong legislation. There seems to be many ideas and opinions floating around.

Some of the questions surrounding possible legislation include: who will register, who is exempt from the draft, will women be used in combat, and what age group will be involved. As present feeling goes, all males and females, 18 to 26, will be required to register. The capacities they would serve in have yet to be decided.



Bob Anderson, senior

"I don't like the draft. I wouldn't want to go off and fight in someone else's war. I'm willing to fight for America, but others may try to evade the draft."



Mary Fisher, sophomore

"I think women are equal and should be fighting alongside men. I don't think there is cause for a standing army because it costs a lot of money, and there's better things to do with it."



Norris Hudson, junior

"Good idea to have a standing army. We have to keep our national defense up. Women should also have equal duties of combat. If they want equal rights, they should have equal rights in combat."



Liz deGraw, senior

"I haven't given it much thought. I guess it's good to be prepared, but if there isn't a threat they should hold off."

Committee fights for cable T.V.

The Omaha City Council is faced with having to make a decision on whether to publicly own a cable television franchise in Omaha.

Citizen Committee

Last August, a citizens' committee headed by Annette Mason was set up to find out the views of the general public on the issue of ownership of a cable television franchise. So far the results have not been much like good. At a public hearing held last September 20, thirteen persons testified before the committee, but Ms. Mason believes that only one or two were really expressing the views of the general public. The rest, she said, represented institutions such as schools, city government utilities, and other interest groups near the including a cable television research company which is itself bidding to operate a franchise in Omaha.

No Input

According to Ms. Mason, "We didn't hear what the public wants. Without public input, we'll just have to work with what we've got." But what is the significance of a cable television station in Omaha?

Already cable television reaches one-fifth of the national television audience, or about 14.5 million homes out of 73 million households. Sets hooked up to cables that transmit images and sound, over as many as 36 channels, much like telephone wires that run alongside these cables carry phone calls.

And it seems that the possibilities are almost limitless.

Satcom 1

Since 1975, cable programmers have been able to receive signals from an RCA communications satellite, Satcom 1, which hovers 22,230 miles over the equator. This new communications device has allowed companies to send signals from a single studio, via satellite and earth stations, into cable systems all over the country. Since the introduction of the satellite and looser FCC regulations, the industry that at one time was losing money is now bringing in \$1.4 million dollars a year.

Programming

For a basic rate of about \$15, a cable television company will run a wire through your present telephone cable and will hook it up to the back of your T.V. set. Then for a monthly fee of about \$7 you will be able to pick a maximum of 35 stations plus many UHF channels that are otherwise too weak to pick up. The cable brings in sharp, clear pictures, and enables a viewer to have a much wider choice of programming.

Decoder Box

For an additional \$8 to \$10 a month, a subscriber may get a special "decoder box," which enables him to receive special stations he is otherwise unable to receive. These offerings include first-run features such as recent movies including *Annie Hall*, *The Turning Point*, and

The Goodbye Girl; and sporting events not shown on local television such as basketball, hockey, and track from Madison Square Garden, or top-card fights from Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. There is no advertising on pay cable, (such as HBO, Home Box Office) so shows and sporting events continue without interruption for the length of the program.

New Advances

Many new advances are still taking place. Warner Cable Corporation is working on a "two-way" cable system that would enable viewers to talk back to their sets by pressing a series of buttons. The programs are news and quiz shows in which performers ask the television audience to answer questions. A computer scans the answers and indicates the number of yes and no answers on the screen. The system is very expensive, and it may be years before it will be able to go into use by home subscribers.

Future

In Omaha, however, it may be a few years before a franchise is even chosen. Once a company is chosen, it may begin to build an earth station which will be needed to pick up signals from around the country. This, in itself, will probably take another year or two. It all depends, as City Council president Tim Rouse puts it, "on how long it takes for the Council to make a decision on the future of cable in Omaha."

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PTSA disbands

By a decision made at a special meeting on August 20, the Central High Parent, Teacher, Student Association is no longer in existence. Instead, concerned parents are in the process of forming a new group which is separate from both local and national PTA.

There were several reasons stated at the meeting for splitting off from PTA. The financial advantages of not belonging to a national organization, more effective lobbying with the Omaha Public School board, and greater communication between teachers, parents, and the administration were mentioned. A possible increase in membership and in parent's involvement was cited as another advantage.

Mrs. Ann Newton, president of the group, felt that "the PTSA didn't answer Central's needs. We wanted everyone involved."

She said also that many parents are "turned off" by the PTSA and that a "new image" is desired for the group to make it more effective and more attractive to potential members.

In organizing the new parent-teacher association and writing its by-laws, the board went to Benson High School for assistance. Benson also has an organization which is independent from national PTA. Mrs. Jean White, co-president of the Benson High Booster Club, said that the Club has been a great help in raising school spirit and creating better communication between parents, students, and teachers.

Advice was also sought from Westside High School, area parochial schools, and Northeast High School in Lincoln, all of which have similar parent-teacher groups.

According to Mrs. Newton, the reactions of G. E. Moller, Central principal, and the OPS board have all been positive. "Dr. Moller has been very supportive. He has been terrific, as have Mr. LaGreca, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Morrow."

Dr. Moller said that the organization's board was very enthusiastic about forming a new group and that he has high hopes about the remainder of the year.

Giles elected Girls' State Lt. Governor

What's it like to win an election? Senior Carol Giles experienced the thrill of victory this summer when she won the office of Lieutenant Governor at Girls State. Boy's and Girl's State are held each year during the first week in June at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Students from all over the state participate in a mock government.

"Girls State was the most valuable experience I've had in high school," said Carol. "Being Lieutenant Governor will help me in getting scholarships and it shows that I have leadership ability."

Both conventions had similar daily routines. Speakers talked in the morning and evening, while government activities such as party caucuses and elections took place right after lunch. Competition between towns in sports was held between 3:00 and 5:00.

Seniors Vicki Benning, Grant Gier, and Jim Backer also participated in the week-long convention. Jim and Vicki gained valuable political experience by running for governor. Grant ran for Secretary of State.

The main purpose of the convention was to give students an inside look at state government. And that's what they got. Campaigning, making speeches, and participating in discussions were all an integral part of the convention. The enjoyment of participating far outshadowed the verdict of winning or losing. Students participated in all three branches of government: judicial, executive, and legislative. Grant and Jim were both victorious lawyers in mock court battles.

The Boys Staters say "Husker Highlights" one evening and asked questions of Nebraska assistant coach Jerry Pettibone. Both conventions participated in a walk to the State Capitol. Dancing was one evening's activity. A visit to Memorial Stadium was also a highlight for many.

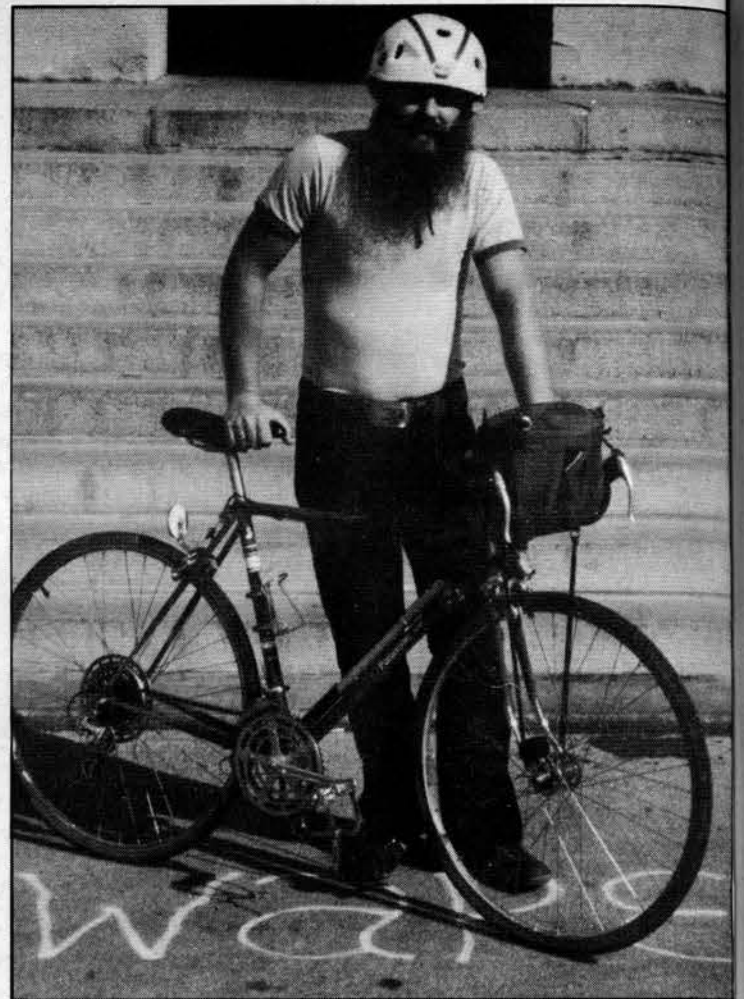


photo by David Chappel

Mr. Roeder on his Panasonic touring bike.

Bikers to ride on

One of a child's earliest memories is the experience of riding a bicycle for the first time. The initial terror eventually turns into sheer pleasure as the youngster begins to coast and pedal around the block. The excitement builds as he grows older and is allowed to venture out onto the open road.

For those dedicated to biking, the excitement never ends. They push themselves into riding farther, building speed and entering races. Other faithful patrons feel that riding not only saves on money for gasoline but also is a healthy, physical activity that can be shared and enjoyed by the entire family.

Steve started young

Central High senior Steve Skarnulis became interested in biking as a young child. He used to be a passenger on the back of his mother's bike. Now Steve rides a Panasonic DX-2000 12,000 at least 25 miles every day. Steve modified the bike himself and has added accessories including a high pressure pump, a handle bar bag complete with tool kit and panniers (saddle bags). He recently spent \$35 on a pair of 6 ounce pedals.

Although Steve enjoys the 6 mile ride to school, it does present a few problems. According to Steve, having to share the road with motorists is not always fun and games.

"I have the feeling that any second I'm going to be run down," says Steve.

Steve is not committed only to the streets. He participated in the Pepsi Marathon on September 30. He also plans to ride in Pete's Century to be held in the spring.

Also riding in the Pepsi Marathon was Central High Science teacher, Allen Roeder. He completed 81 miles in 4 hours.

Mr. Roeder has been biking since the age of 4. He has now advanced to a Panasonic touring bike which he rides to and from school every day from his home located 7 miles away.

As a veteran biker, Mr. Roeder shares in Steve's feeling toward motorists.

"Bus drivers are very unpleasant to deal with," says Mr. Roeder.

According to Mr. Roeder, it is ironic that the first lobbyists to try to achieve paved roads were not drivers of automobiles but bicyclists. One hundred years have passed and bikers are still fighting for the road.

Karstens on tour

Europe! The word conjures visions of the Eiffel Tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Westminster Abbey, Swiss Alps, and other landmarks.

For Central senior Nancy Karstens, visiting these places was an experience she will never forget. Although she is blind and could not see these sights, she utilized her remaining senses to the utmost. She listened to the sounds of bustling cities and people speaking French, Italian, and German. She sniffed the exotic smells ("Vienna wasn't exotic, it just smelled bad!" she says). She also enjoyed foreign foods — of which chocolate ice cream was her favorite.

Youth in Concert

Nancy was a member of America's Youth in Concert, a 250 member group which toured Europe, singing and entertaining audiences. Youth involved in this tour visited Rome, Florence, Vienna, Innsbruck, Geneva, Paris and London. The entourage included an orchestra, chaperons, and a choir of which Nancy was a part.

Nancy heard about the group and decided to audition. Each year the Universal Academy for Music sponsors a tour in which concerts are given in several major European cities. She sent a tape of herself singing, and she was accepted. Then came the hard part.

The tour cost \$1,600 and Nancy had to raise the money herself. She received financial aid from programs for the blind and music institutions.

On July 2, she departed for a three-day practice with the rest of her group. The practices were held at a college campus in New Jersey and the choir and the orchestra gave a performance in Carnegie Hall before flying to Europe.

Touring by bus

Upon arriving, the group was divided into six groups and traveled by bus. Each group had to remain with their bus and their chaperon. When there are 250

people in a group, it's hard to make friends but "I got to be good friends with the people on my bus." The group also went sightseeing by bus, and they always had a tour guide. Nancy was aware of the sights because someone would always describe them to her.

All of the concerts were held at night. "Our concerts were late by American standards, but it was pretty fun. I loved singing, and our audiences appeared to enjoy us."

One of the novelties about a foreign country is the language but Nancy didn't have any problems. "Most of the people in the hotels spoke English, but I learned to say water in French and Italian."

Nancy enjoyed herself so much she wants to return next year.

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Students report energy effect

Have the recent gasoline shortages and increased fuel prices been keeping you at home more? Although most Central students indicated their lifestyles have not differed drastically, some students pointed out problems and changes which occurred as a result of the high cost of transportation.

Carpooling among students going to and from school activities is becoming more and more popular, as gasoline prices soar near a dollar a gallon. Cheerleaders, band members, spectators, and the athletes themselves all indicated that the need for carpooling to school functions is becoming more evident as fuel prices rise.

Varsity Volleyball player Chris Felici thinks that attendance is down at the volleyball matches partially due to the higher cost of transportation. According to Chris her parents rarely attend the distant matches anymore for the simple reason that the cost of getting there is becoming more prohibitive.

Some students, such as senior cheerleader Linda Cushenbery, report that requesting passengers to drop a little money into the gasoline kitty is becoming more of a necessity as transportation costs rise. One sophomore who wished not to be identified, claimed that he and three of his friends has found the solution to the high cost of driving around on Friday and Saturday nights. You're probably wondering what his secret could be . . . maybe a

new-fangled nuclear car, or possible an automobile that runs on water. No such luck! "My secret is really quite simple," he stated. "I do the driving, and my friends buy the 'liquid refreshment'." Oh well, so much for technology.

Hassling from Mom and Dad about the use of the car was a major problem cited by many Centralites. Many students claim that getting the use of the family auto requires more skill than ever. According to senior Lynn Cohen, a simply stated excuse such as "I'm going out now, can I have the keys?" just doesn't cut it anymore as an adequate reason.

Several students commented that asking for the use of the car on a weekend night has practically been turned into a game of twenty-questions with their parents. Of course the usual questions still exist, such as who are you going out with, and what will you be doing. But now students are claiming that a whole new line of questioning has been revealed by their interrogators, questions such as where are you going, how far will you be driving, and will your friends help pay for gas are becoming more popular on parents quizzes.

With increasing gasoline prices now a fact of life, it looks like most students will be carpooling to activities or staying home. Oh well, it won't be all bad, once we become accustomed to riding around with eight or nine other people in a Volkswagen.



of central importance

Novotny's Needlepoint

The Mid-America Needlecrafters Club held their second annual needlecrafters competition from September 22 to September 30. 125 participants entered their work in the contest held in Fort Omaha, at the Gen. Crook house. One of those participants was Mary Ann Novotny, Central High School librarian.

Mrs. Novotny, a member of the club sponsored by the Embroiders Guild of America, entered a quilt in the contest which she hand-made by a process known as crewel. Judgement on the entries was based on design, workmanship, consistency, and materials.

Mrs. Novotny says she first received her start in needlecraft in college. She made a tablecloth for her mother from rayon. Unfortunately, the tablecloth shrunk. However, her interest grew. Since then she has continued in her work but says she gives most of it away.

The competition also featured lectures and slide shows on needlecraft. A tour of Gen. Crook's house followed the slide presentation.

International Club

The International Club is in its first year of existence at Central. The club was formed by the four foreign languages offered at Central. The reason for the start of the club centered around the fact that the individual foreign language clubs did not have enough members to operate successfully.

A number of activities have been scheduled for the upcoming year. Some of the activities include a Roman Banquet, hayrack ride, and an Octoberfest. It was decided that the major event from each former club would be incorporated as activities for the International Club.

The officers of the club are Tom Bertino, President; Stewart Gaebler, Vice President; Lisa LaViolette, Secretary; Ellen Ertz, Treasurer; Mary Metz, Sgt. at Arms Spanish; Jan Welch, Sgt. at Arms Ger-

man; Roger Quiring, Sgt. at Arms French; Grant Gier, Sgt. at Arms Latin.

"Anyone who takes a foreign language is eligible to be a member of International Club," stated Miss Rita Ryan, Latin teacher. The deadline for \$1 dues is November 1st. The first meeting of the club was held October 8th.

Semifinalists announced

This year Central High has seven National Merit Semifinalists and five Commended students.

The semifinalists are Christopher Franke, Linda Heise, Besty Krin, Allison Major, Wren Marsh, Tim Millea, and Mark Shaw.

The Commended Students are Curtis Cannon, James Harris, David Marang, Reynold McMeen, and Elaine Will.

In addition, Denise Swearingen has been chosen as a National Achievement Semifinalist for outstanding Negro students.

These thirteen Centralites were chosen out of one million high school students nationwide who took the PSAT-NMSQT tests in October, 1979.

'Hello, Dolly'

Auditions were held September 10 through the 14 for the Central High School musical production of "Hello, Dolly!". After making some of the hardest selections they've ever made for a musical, according to Pegi Stommes, director and Central drama teacher, a cast was chosen.

Starring in the lead role of Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi is senior Betsy Krin. Scott Ros-

enbaum plays Horace Vandergelder, "the well know half-a-millionaire." This will be Scott's first appearance on the Central High Stage.

Appearing in other major roles are Sam Johnson as Cornelius, Jim Doughman as Barnaby, Camille Schmidt as Irene Molloy, and Becky Haines as Minnie Fay.

Other cast members include: Gina Dorsey, Reynold McMeen, Jennie Newhouse, Lisa Cudley, Carol Giles, Carol Knoepfer, Murphy Allen, Greg Combs, Marty Johnson, Bill Lovgren, Bill Harvey, Kevin White, and Richard Smith. A large chorus and dance ensemble will also be featured.

The sophomore matinee will be November 8, with the junior-senior matinee on November 9. Two public performances are scheduled for November 10 and 11.

PSAT test info

The PSAT/NMSQT TEST will be given on October 23 from 8:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Central. By taking this test, students can enter the competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and ask to participate in the College Board's Student Search Service, which gives students an opportunity to hear from colleges that they might not otherwise know about. The PSAT/NMSQT is also good practice for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Students may sign up for the test, which costs \$3.50, in Room 118 before October 17. The test is open to all juniors.

Radio might be tuned out

The Central High School radio and television program has expired. The reason for the demise of the program according to Central Principal G. E. Moller is the fact that the Omaha Public Schools have been unable to obtain a teacher qualified to take over the position vacated by Mr. Tom Marsicek, former Central radio instructor. Mr. Marsicek has filled a similar position at Technical High School operating Tech's television program.

At least three possible candidates were interviewed for the job at Central. Then the candidates were allowed to examine the facilities for radio and TV at Central. However, all the prospects declined the offer for one reason or another.

John LaPuzza, who was a substitute teacher at the radio station and a prospect for the position, told the *Register* about his feelings as to why the job was unable to be filled. Two prohibitive factors were involved in the search for teachers, Mr. LaPuzza believed. One problem was that of class size. "Twenty-eight students in one class is too many for the type of program involved," stat-

ed Mr. LaPuzza.

The second and main problem faced by a teacher trying to set up a radio class is that of time according to Mr. LaPuzza. As a result of the Lid bill, the radio program's future was doubtful he added. "Obviously," said Dr. Moller, "when the district would have looked at programs to cut next year, Central's radio and TV classes would have been near the top of the list." The magnet program in radio and TV at Tech is seen as the alternative for interested Central students. "The unsure future of the position and my other activities made it impossible for me to accept the job," concluded Mr. LaPuzza.

Therefore, it appears that KDCO Central radio has signed off for the last time. "Not quite," adds Dr. Moller. "There is still a possibility of the station being revived during the lunch periods as a club." But, these plans are still tentative, awaiting inquiries as to a teacher who could be free to supervise radio operations. Unless a teacher can be found who will sponsor the club, it is apparent that KDCO has made its last transmission.

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Bremser comments on Nebraska fans, football



Bremser at home by the field

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Sound familiar? To many Nebraska football fans this could only be one man; Mr. Football himself, Lyell Bremser.

For the last 41 seasons Lyell Bremser has been broadcasting Cornhusker football for KFAB in Omaha. Since that time he has seen many players and teams go by.

He began announcing with a certain style that he has carried on throughout his career. He

does admit, however, that it has taken a lot of hard work and long hours to be where he is today. But what does it take to be a good play-by-play announcer? Bremser says:

"It takes a mind that gets trained to painting a picture of an event so that someone who is miles away, listening on a little speaker, can picture in his mind what is happening on the field. It is easy for someone to go on the air and talk about something. But if he doesn't put it together properly, it becomes disjointed and the listener

becomes lost and doesn't really grasp the picture of what's transpiring in the football game."

Bremser also believes that it is a totally different game than when he first started.

"It's a much more wide open game. When I first started, it was a power game. There were no wide open offensive tactics like we see today. I think the rules committees of the NCAA have designed football to give the offense a little better break than the defense to try to create high scoring games because they learned that that is what the fans wanted to see."

But what about the fans? Are they all alike? Do the fans in Memorial Stadium react the same as any other college fans? Bremser says yes.

Preparation goes on throughout the week

"Football fans are something entirely different. Most who go really don't understand the game itself. Most have never played it or studied it, so if you asked one about a certain play, such as a trap-block, they couldn't tell you what it was. Still they come with a certain knowledge that the so-called 'experts,' such as Jimmy the Greek, have picked Nebraska by six points, and they become upset if they don't win by that count."

Preparation for Saturday games goes on throughout the week. Bremser says he commits portions of everyday, all through the week, to learning the coming weeks' opponents.

"I commit to memory all the players on the Nebraska roster before the season begins, and I carry a sheet of paper, with the names of opposing players and their numbers, throughout the week before the game. I try to find out as much as I can about the more significant players who are sure to have a major role in the outcome of the game. However, we try to stay away from criticizing players and finding fault with them. They are still amateur young men, and since they are still in the learning process, this is not the place to criticize them."

Throughout the years Bremser has seen many great athletes, coaches, and teams. Players such as Berns, Humm, Kinney, Rodgers, and Tagge have graced the Husker uniform. How does this year's crop of players stack up against the past greats? And how do the coaches compare to those of the great Devaney years?

"Right at this moment," says Bremser, "I think that this could be the best team Nebraska has ever put on the field. Talking to coaches, it seems that the only concern they have is the fact that the team itself thinks that there is nobody who can beat them."

And in comparison to the national championship teams of 1970 and '71 Bremser says:

"The squad has more talent than the national championship teams. The national championship teams had a 'one-man gang' in Johnny Rodgers, whereas today, the team has more depth than ever before."

And on Tom Osborne he says:

"I think he's done an outstanding job. It's hard with the kind of fans Nebraska has who think that less than nine wins is a losing season. But winning isn't as easy as it used to be. The teams are more balanced. On any given Saturday an unranked team could come in and give the Huskers a tough afternoon. That has already happened twice (Utah St. and Iowa) this year. You can't overlook anyone."

But just what will it take for Nebraska to win a national title?

"A little luck because everyone is so good. Missouri and Oklahoma are sure to be tough and Oklahoma State always plays well at home. Nebraska will just have to come prepared."

So when you hear a familiar voice screaming:

"He's to the 35, the 30, to the 20, to the 10. He's all the way home! Holy Moly! Man, Woman, and Child did that put them in the aisles!"

Just remember it's Mr. Football, Lyell Bremser.

Volleyball stresses togetherness

The motto of this year's Girl's Volleyball Team is "Pride, dedication and togetherness."

The team has set a goal to play each and every team and demonstrate to them that they are a force that cannot be overlooked.

The quest for respectability and competence began last March when the team began working on weights, according to Coach Stan Standifer. The girls worked on a Universal Circuit Training Gym. "They hit every station in order to increase strength and quickness."

The togetherness aspect is especially emphasized by Standifer. He has the girls dress up on game days. Occasionally the team has breakfast together on game days.

He also insists his players do not leave school on game days. Everybody is to ride the team bus to and from away games.

Before each game the team has a conference to get the players together mentally. "We want everyone to have the same goal of trying to win the game."

When game time rolls around, every player has a role to fill. Mr. Standifer has players who can return, serve, and cover on defense occupy the back row. The girls include seniors Martha McKeone, Chris Felici, and Chris Lager.



Junior Jerry Simon is on his way

Photo by Brad Mancuso

Up front Mr. Standifer positions players who can set for the spike. These are important positions because "Trying to get the set and spike, and playing good defense," is the team strategy according to Mr. Standifer. Seniors Vicki Pinkelman, Melissa Armstrong, Gah Yee Huey, and junior Gah Monn Huey are positioned here.

According to Mr. Standifer the bench has an important job in a supportive role. "I really have to commend Judy and Joan Fleissner, Georgette Gates and Jenelle Davidson." He added that "they give moral support. They are at all the practices but they don't get a lot

of playing time. They do everything we ask of them," he said. "They show a lot of pride."

In addition, the girls on the team are good friends. Basically, they like each other. It helps the program if there isn't any animosity on the team. Gah Yee Huey feels the seniors get along with the underclassmen. "We make the sophomores carry the balls and the equipment though."

Running for fun and health

What do Adidas, Brooks, Converse, New Balance, Nike, Puma, Spot-Bilt, and Tiger have in common? To some 7 to 10 million Americans they all add up to the same thing: RUNNING!

Today, millions of people are discovering the latest fad to hit the nation. Men and women, from all walks of life and all age groups, are keeping fit by eating right, and more importantly, by exercising.

Physical fitness isn't something entirely new. However, different people have different views on what physical fitness means to them.

To the armchair quarterback, physical fitness is watching the Rams and the Cowboys on Sunday afternoon. And of course, the local tennis buff can really get "physical" watching a showdown featuring Jimmy Connors and Bjorn Borg. Luckily, there are always the serious fitness buffs.

Jogging has really come of age in the just the last few years. Local sporting goods stores have had a booming business, and now there are many stores that sell strictly running shoes and equipment.

But what does a beginning runner really need to start with? According to Dan Gutierrez, Central senior and member of the Eagle cross country and track teams, all a person needs is a pair of shoes and a pair of shorts.

"A beginning runner doesn't need all the frills. An old pair of cut-offs will work fine. Shoes, however, should be made for running. Improper shoes can contribute to injury."

Mary Dineen, physical ed. major at U.N.O., and part-time worker at *The Athlete's Foot*, an athletic store that specializes in running equipment, agrees on the subject of footwear for the jogging enthusiast.

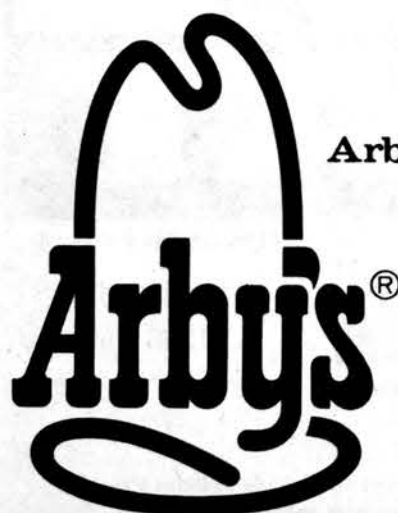
Jogging is still relatively inexpensive

Although running shoes can cost upwards of \$30, jogging is still a relatively inexpensive sport, which is possibly why it has caught on so well. Many still feel that the craze for jogging will pass by like the hula-hoop and the skateboard. Mary Dineen disagrees.

"We always get people into the store who think they need to buy expensive shoes to impress others. But we also get a lot of young, middle aged, and even older persons, who really are concerned about their health, and who want to do something to keep fit."

There are many places for a jogger to take off for. Right here in Omaha a "Fitness Trail" opened last week at 41st and Dewey. The trail includes exercise stations with a different exercise at each station. A similar trail has been in operation at Elmwood Park for quite some time. Both are free of charge.

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Time and red tape to delay construction of athletic field

The biggest problem facing the completion of plans for the proposed Central athletic field, tennis courts, and parking facility is "time." There is a substantial amount of red tape to be sorted through before construction can even begin.

According to Nick Stolzer, Director of Building and Grounds for Omaha Public Schools, the projected time for construction would not be less than six months and a more feasible term would be nine months to a year.

The reason behind the delay arises because of the abundant amount of checking and re-checking that must take place before any land may be purchased. Once the required land has been obtained, construction may begin immediately.

A major step was taken by the O.P.S. Plants committee on October 1. The Plants Committee appointed a private appraiser to review various appraisals submitted by other companies. The private appraiser has thirty days to determine the validity of the separate figures.

The appraiser is simply telling the Board of Education the fairest value for the land that must be purchased. The appraiser will probably reveal his decision to the Board of Education at the November 19th meeting. The board will then select a negotiator to try and secure the land that must be purchased from the respective owners.

"Securing the land from the private owners will be the most time-consuming project of the entire operation," stated Nick Stolzer. "There are some 20 private owners of land that must be dealt with individually. These individuals have to sell their property to Omaha Public Schools and the negotiator must obtain a price from them," Stolzer related.

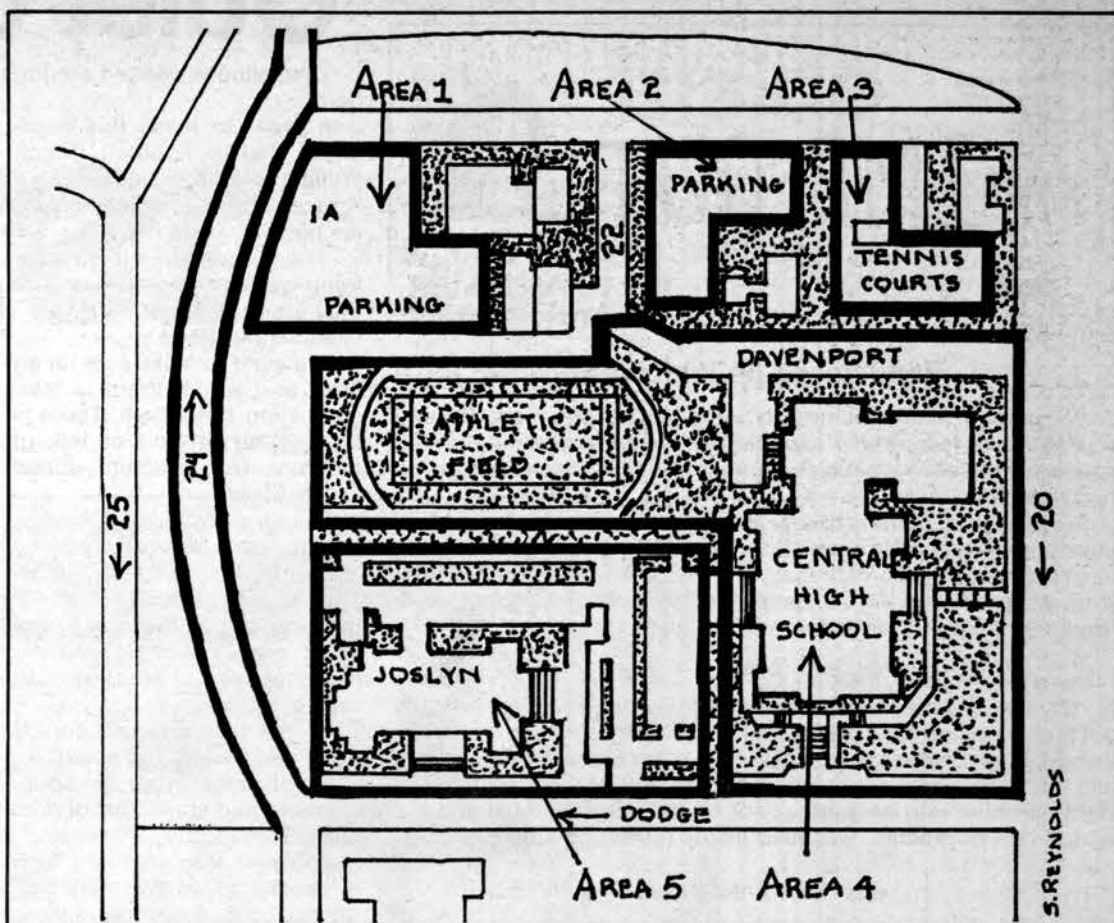
After receiving separate bids, the negotiator will present them to the Board of Education. The board will then take a vote to determine the amount they will allot for land purchases. If the amount is adequate, the land will be purchased; if not, more

negotiations must take place.

Concept "e" (the original plan for the athletic field) has been altered slightly with the addition of a new area for parking. The new area is west of 24th Street and north of Davenport. With the new additions, 24th Street will be altered slightly (24th will curve westward for 3 blocks from Dodge and then regain its normal flow of traffic). The new concept is favorable to the City Planning Department and cooperation is expected from them.

The highest priority of the new facility will be the athletic field and parking. The tennis courts will be last on the list of importance. With the help of the City Parks and Recreation Department, some state funds may be allotted to the tennis courts though.

When construction begins, students of Central may face the greatest parking problem they have ever had. The present Central parking lot will be torn out and students will be forced to park on the streets. Mr. Stolzer commented that Joslyn Art Museum may make some compensation for student parking, but that has yet to be decided.



Central's athletic field as proposed in concept 'e'.

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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

After opening their season with two consecutive victories, the Girls' Volleyball Team has lost its last six straight games.

According to Coach Standifer, the Eagles are part of an improved league all-around.

Part of the Eagles problem is their inability to get the set assists and spikes which are important to the Central offense. Mr. Standifer had been changing his line-up to find a winning combination.

JV VOLLEYBALL

With consecutive wins over Bellevue East and Benson last week the JV Volleyball Team evened their record at four wins and four losses.

GIRLS' GOLF

The Girls' Golf team has been relatively successful. They currently hold a 5-2 record, one of the best records the team has had since its beginning. The only losses suffered by the team were those to Marian and Millard.

"The girls have really worked hard this summer to prepare for this fall's games," stated Ed McDaniel, Girls' Golf coach. McDaniel worked separately with each member this summer in order to improve their game.

Team members include Missy Slovek, Anne Conine, Betsy Boyles, Darlene McGee, Lisa Walker, Ruth Hamilton, Tracey Slovek (Slovek is currently a freshman at Norris Jr. High School).

JV FOOTBALL

The J. V. football team currently holds a 2-2 record. After a slow start, the Eagles have come on to win their last two games. Their latest victims have been Creighton Prep and Tech.

With the cut back of sophomore football, the J. V. squad is considerably larger than in the past. Any sophomore that tried out and was able to stick with the rigorous practice schedule made the team. According to William Reed, varsity coach, "Anyone who shows as much desire to play football as the people who stuck with it (the tough practices), deserves the chance to play football as far as I'm concerned."

The current coaches for the junior varsity team are Larry Gillen and Larry Seitz. Both are teachers at Horace Mann Jr. High School. The J. V.'s next game will be October 18th at 4:00 p.m. against Benson at Benson.

BOYS' GYMNASTICS

Junior Yoichi Ii and sophomore Terry Houlton have led the Boys Gymnastics Team to six wins in their first seven dual meets.

Ii ranks as one of the top all-around competitors in the state with a high score of 6.75. Houlton set a school record in the floor exercise with a mark of 8.80.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Central continues to rank among the top ten teams in the Metropolitan Conference in total offense.

In spite of their offensive success, the Eagles have been unable to score many points. As a result, Central dropped games to Millard 13-9 and to Prep 28-0.

Central had a chance to defeat Millard but Pat Hill's fourth down pass in the game's final minutes was intercepted in the end zone.

Prep limited Central's high-powered offense to 120 total yards and five first downs. The Junior Jays' Tom Waring scored three touchdowns to down the Eagles.

Several Eagles rank near the top of the Metro's statistical categories. Tight-end Joe Mancuso is second in receiving with 21 catches for 231 yards. Quarterback Pat Hill is fourth in individual total offense and sixth in passing. Punter Stewart Gaebler ranks fifth with a 36.3 yard average. Gerald Paul's 208 yards rushing ranks sixteenth.

The Eagles record is now one win; three losses.

BOYS' TENNIS

The Boys' Tennis team upped its record to 7-2 after defeating South last Thursday. The team holds one of the winningest records at Central. They have only suffered 3 losses in the past three years of competition. Ken Boettcher still remains the head coach of the team even though he was reassigned to Bryan Senior High this fall.

Central's season has now ended, and the defending Metro Champs will put their title on the line today at the Metro Finals. The matches are being held at Dewey Park. If inclement weather prevails the matches will be held indoors at Hanscom Park.

CROSS COUNTRY

A lack of depth and not enough summer running are the reasons Central's Harriers record stands at 2-5.

According to Coach David James, "We lack the strong depth we need to win our meets. We need more people." In spite of the team's problems Mr. James is pleased with its performance. Senior Jim Labenz set a course record of 13:07 for two and a half miles at Prep.

The team's only victories have come against Benson and South.

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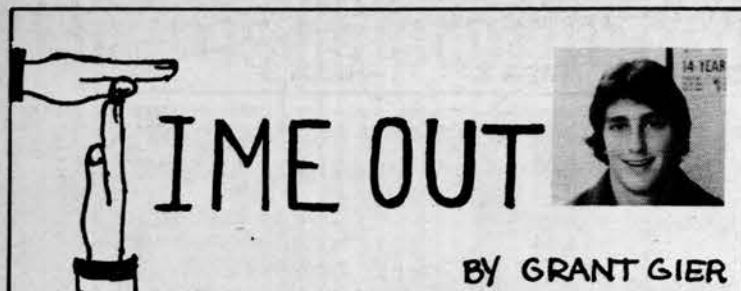
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Band keeps on marching

Who says that marching in the Central High School Band wouldn't be a memorable experience? It appears to me that the band is having as much fun as ever and is a more disciplined group than in past years.

Let's face it, there is hardly anyone in the stands at a football game that can keep his hands from clapping or feet from stomping when the marching band fires up the old Central High School fight song. Warren Farrel, C.H.S. band director, has done a super job in preparing the band for its famous half time shows.

Practice Started in August

Mr. Farrel began marching band practice in mid August. I'm told that there was nothing more stimulating than seeing a partially opened eyed member at 7:00 a.m. Yes, that's correct, practice was held daily from 7:00-11:00 a.m. The first half of the morning was spent bumping into each other out on the activities field and the second half of practice was held inside reviewing music.

Bus Rides Enthusiastic

Most of the members agree that the bus rides to and from the games are probably the activity the band enjoys the most. Rumor has it that the pregame parties are still an active part of Central Band tradition. Recently, some of the female members of the band tried to attack the Vice President of the Band Council (Come to think of it, I never was told if they were successful or not).

Summer Sessions Beneficial

Farrel makes up the different band formations himself and charts them so that each individual member may see his/her specific assignments. After a little bit of practice and a few crushed toes, the marching assignments come naturally. Most of the members feel that the summer sessions were beneficial, and they helped to add a sense of "pride" to the unit. That just about takes care of the discipline part; now the fun really begins!

President's Speech

There is a very serious note though. The President stands up in front of the entire band and delivers a rousing speech before the bus leaves. I'm told that the first one went something like this, "Members of the band, I have an important message for you. I don't have a date for tonight."

As you can guess, the President's speeches are received with a great deal of emotional impact. The band usually opens up the bus trip with a rousing drinking song and sings it all the way to the game.

Band Promotes Spirit

All joking aside, the band deserves an enormous amount of credit for their dedication and time. There is no question that the band helps to promote school spirit. During Homecoming Week, the band presented the school with a pep rally and also sponsored "Hug a band member day." I personally wish the band continued success in their fine efforts.

Centralites March at N.U.

When one graduates from the Central High Marching Band, he or she may go on to bigger and better things. A few alumni are now members of the University of Nebraska Band. They are Lann Osborne, Chris Johnson, and Robert Schuerman.

Band Council

The Band Council includes Jim "Jazz" Jespersen, President; Steve "Sticks" Skarnulis, Vice President; Kathy "Gutter Head" Hekl, Secretary; Danita Irwin, Treasurer; Allison "Drum" Major, senior Drum Major; Darryl Wagner, junior Drum Major.

'Quiet time' for Eagles

"Discipline is needed around here."

In order to instill this discipline, Varsity Football Coach William Reed has established a "grace period," or quiet time, for his players.

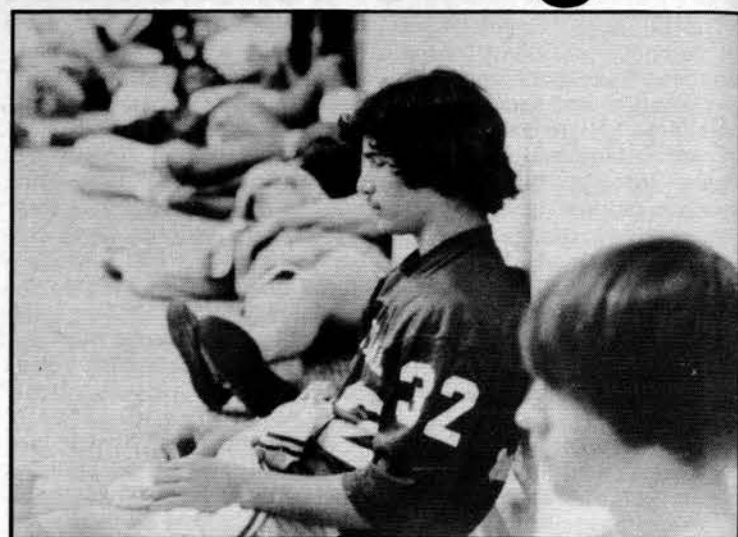
"The grace period is the only thing we have to assure us that they are thinking of the game," explains Mr. Reed.

"We want to make sure for an hour and a half there is total dedication to football. There is no horsing around or talk of anything but football," added Coach Reed.

On game days the players report to the locker room at 2:50 and quiet time lasts until 4:30. This time is basically used for thinking about the game and each player's assignments. However, players are allowed to read or sleep.

At 4:00 the players are served a pre-game meal. The meal consists of beef stew or soup, crackers and some sort of mild juice. This food won't settle on the players' stomachs and each is usually given two servings. Silence prevails throughout the meal.

On game days the players are not allowed to leave the school after their class schedules are completed. According to Mr. Reed, "I've seen kids get out at 1:30 and not have to report back until 5:30 or 6:00. This is when



Marfisi meditates during "quiet time".

all the fun occurs. I can't believe some of the actions I've seen during this period."

Mr. Reed feels the coaching staff and players believe in the practice. "The players actually look forward to it," stated Coach Reed.

Senior Brett Emsick likes the idea of a quiet period. He feels the time gives him an inner peace. "It is a time to think of the game and what you're going to do," explained Brett. He added that, "It helps to get your thoughts straight."

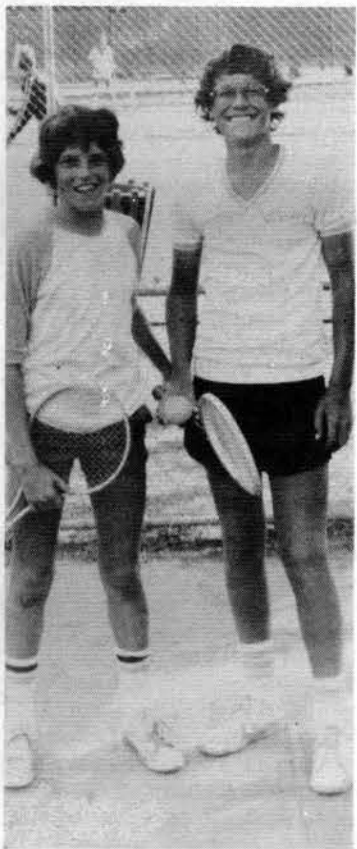
Rick Poole, senior, also likes the practice. "In general, it's a

really good idea. I don't know about two hours though."

Not all the players feel the practice helps them. Senior Stewart Gaebler feels overall it may be a good idea. "It has an opposite effect on me. The more I think of the game, the more nervous I get."

Coach Reed would like to think it has helped his team's record this year. He explained that the practice is a "really good morale booster." He added, "If we were three and one I'd like to think it was a factor. But of course it's not what wins football games."

Freshmen play tennis for Central



Foster and Backer before practice.

The names Backer and Foster aren't new to Central High tennis buffs, but there are two new faces on the court with the same last names. Tom Backer and David Foster both participate on the Boy's Tennis team. The only thing different about these two athletes is the fact that they are both ninth graders and attend Lewis and Clark Junior High School.

The two are able to compete at the varsity level by a ruling passed last year. The rule allows freshmen to engage in high school athletics. Dave and Tom found out about their eligibility to play from their older brothers who also play tennis for Central.

Dave has been playing tennis for about 8 years, but said, "I really didn't play competitively until I was eleven or twelve years old."

Tom Backer also related that he has been playing tennis off and on for about the last five years. Since he made the team, he has been practicing constantly with the rest of the players.

The two netters both agree that they feel very little pressure on them from the upper classmen that are members of the team. It appears that their brothers use a little bit of 'constructive criticism' though.

"Chris always keeps me going in practice and I don't get away with any 'goofing off,'" confessed Dave. David feels as if he gets more respect from his peers at Lewis and Clark by being able to play on a high school team.

When asked what some of the benefits were by playing with the older group of students, Tom replied, "I think it's a lot of fun and it is very challenging; besides that, it will probably make me a better tennis player."

Both Tom and Dave felt that their chances to play tennis at varsity meets were very slim, but they were allowed to compete in a doubles match against Northwest. Surprisingly enough he twosome handled the opponents with ease by winning an 8-3 decision over their toes.

The ultimate goal of the two is to play Jim Backer and Chris Foster, their respective brothers, and win! Both feel that with continued practice and dedication and a few more years to let their strength catch up with their will to win, there is an outside chance that their goal may someday become a reality.

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