# SCHS graduate Rasmusson succeeds in broadcasting

There is no such thing as a story, there is only a dull roach," said ex-Centralite Rasmusson, Channel 6 reter and newscaster.

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After graduating in 1970, Miss musson attended U.N.L. received a degree in elentary and special education. she was not satisfied with it, d went back to school. Miss

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tising and finally made her way to Broadcasting. She received her Masters in May while she was working at Channel 6. "It was really a challenge but very rewarding.

Miss Rasmusson is not really worried about the future, "I've only been with WOWT for two and one half years. I know I'll find my niche in time but right now I just try and do my best,"

Her friends think her success is "great." In fact, some women she knows are going back to school to study broadcasting because they think it's glamorous. However, Miss Rasmusson insists that her job is not all glamour and involves much hard work. "You have to care

Rasmusson started with adver- about what other people do, and your interests must vary. One day you'll do a story on the gas crisis and the next day you'll be asked to cover a popcorn factory," she said.

> "You have to care about what other people do, and your interests must vary."

> Miss Rasmusson recently received the International Reading Association Broadcasting Award for a documentary she did on adult illiteracy.

> When asked what she remembers the most about her old alma mater, Miss Rasmusson mentioned "Roadshow." She participated in it all four years she was at Central. She also played the part of Irene Malloy in the 1970 production of "Hello Dolly."



photo courtesy of WOWT

Jan Rasmusson . . . WOWT weekend anchorwoman

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# OPS district undergoes self-study

This winter, the Omaha Public School sysis under going a major self-study of all of its ools and administrations.

The self-study, organized by Dr. Norbert huerman, executive director of administrative evices, consists of a questionnaire, its analysis dimplementation. The questionnaire was filled ut by all full-time employees of OPS, twenty perastic ercent of the student body of each high school.

1. "I haddition, any other parent et deefore wing within the OPS area could also answer the wlin pestions.

The main areas of study are the schools emselves (goals and objectives), auxiliary serves (food, transportation, safety, and health), the thool's physical facilities, personnel services, t out nd co-curricular activities such as drama, usic, and athletics. Not everyone had to answer the questions but a representative sample was

The purpose of the self-study is to meet the ccreditation requirements of the North Central sociation and the Nebraska State Department Education. The NCA is a private organization hich checks the accreditation of schools in the idwest area. The Department of Education reday, uires school districts to conduct a self-study

in a very ten years and the NCA every seven years.
According to Dr. Schuerman, the OPS study as three phases. Phase one is the gathering of data through the questionnaire and the analysis of that data. All staff of OPS answered their part of the form on November 28, and it was requested that those forms sent to students and parents be returned by November 30. During the first week in December, anyone else in the OPS area had a chance to fill out the questionnaire. Since the statistical analysis will be done by computer, the results should be back by the end of December.

At that point, the results will be given to individual schools so they can write their own analysis and interpretation and make recommendations as to future programs, the present situation, and their goals and objectives as a school. "We hope to determine which programs to maintain and which elements to improve," said Dr. Schuer-

The second phase of the project is visits by outside teams of educators. Their purpose, according to a committee progress report, is to provide an outside perspective for the whole process, verify the data collection procedures, and to validate the school improvement recommendations. Furthermore, they are to revise the recommendations and make additional ones if they seem necessary.

The final phase is to make decisions based on the data and to implement the recommendations. According to Owen Knutzen, superintendent of OPS, 67 percent of the recommendations made after the last self-study have been put into

This year, OPS obtained special permission to run the NCA and Department of Education studies together in order to try a new informationgathering system which, according to Dr. Schuerman, has never been used in Omaha.

The format was developed by three committees which began work last February. The steering committee had responsibility for, among other things, setting up the organizational procedures for the entire study, compiling and editing the evaluation reports, selecting members of the external terms and interpreting and summarizing the teams' reports.

The topical areas committee was to develop and write the questionnaire and summarize and interpret the data of their assigned area.

The building level committee administered the questionnaire and will interpret the results of the findings to staff, parents, and students at the local level.

G. E. Moller, Central principal, said that he is hopeful that the results will be favorable, but that "we could be shocked too." Dr. Moller indicated that there may be dissatisfaction with the lack of vocational classes at Central but also commented that it would take several hundred thousand dollars to provide these types of classes.

When full reports on each school and the system at large are completed, they will be available for public inspection.



#### **TODAY'S DEDICATION SCHEDULE**

- 10:00 A.M. CHS band will play as students enter gym
- Eaglettes and cheerleaders will perform to school song
- Presentation of Colors by Central ROTC
- Invocation Rabbi Kenneth Bromberg, Beth El Synagogue
- Explanations and background Dr. Moller
- Brief history of Future Central Committee Bev Traub
- A few words by Dr. Don Benning
- Featured Speaker, John C. Johnson
- Presentation of symbolic keys Bill Meysenberg
- Recognition of special guests

The groundbreaking that took place (left) in 1977 has culminated with a new gym to be dedicated this morning. Board of Education member Ruth Thomas, Future Central Committee President Gall Koch, PTSA President Ray Means, and Superintendent Dr. Owen Knutzen participate in the ceremony.

## Freshmen Reevaluate

It is quite difficult when one is going to high school to know whether or not he or she is getting a good education. Central prides itself on being a college preparatory institution. Current college freshmen returned over the Thanksgiving vacation and gave some of their views on how well Central has prepared them for the rigors of higher education.

Those interviewed praised Central for its programs, and especially mentioned the English Department and writing programs. Many said they could not get along without the writing experience they had received at Central. Leora Mirvish, a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis, says Central is better than the Eastern Prep schools. She feels she was much better prepared than many of her friends who attended those schools. Teachers were praised on the whole, although some felt the classes could have been made more interesting. The students felt essay tests were important because most of the tests they have taken in college so far have been essay. Many of the students felt the counselors could have been a little more helpful with college by providing advice and suggestions. Students also stressed the value of AP classes and the credit they had received for doing well on the AP test. Mary Margrave, a freshman at UNO, has received a full semester of credit for the AP classes she took at Central.

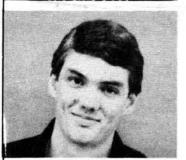
As these students leave Central they remember the words of one '73 graduate, who remarked: "Maybe the other schools have fancy equipment and carpet in the halls, but Central has class!"



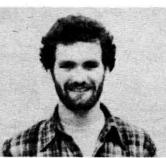
Brad Boyd, Iowa State: I think the English Department is excellent. The classes and themes prepare you for college English courses.



Melissa Canaday, Stephens College: I'm a theater major and the drama department really prepared me for my field of study. I know more than those who took other theater classes around the nation.



James Gibson, University of Nebraska: Central gave me a pretty sound educational foundation. I think the A.P. classes really helped me.



sity: Central is just as good as any Eastern prep school.

David Haggart, Cornell Univer-

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# Art Talent Character Spank Makes Appearance at Centra

Spanky was a cat who lived in a street light pole. Living with Spanky in the pole were the other six members of his family who were all very happy. Happy, that is, until late one Friday night when a group of drunks who had stolen a car happened to have an accident. The drunks ran into Spanky's pole, killing all his family and leaving Spanky an injured orphan. The drunks weren't hurt, of course, but Spanky ended up in intensive care at the animal hospital and money is being raised to pay his bills.

The story above was one of the most popular of the many stories circulating to explain the appearance of Spanky the Polecat t-shirts at Central High School. Actually, Spanky is the result of a lot of hard work by two people, B. J. Tobin, a Central senior, and Dan Naylon, a graduate of Creighton Prep. Dan and B.J., along with Dan's brother Harry, are the people who organized the design and sale of the Spanky shirts. They also founded Tobin-Naylon Transfers (TNT) Inc. to invest in the making of the shirts.

Spanky was originally a character in a drawing ad.

Spanky originally was a character in one of those drawing ads found in many popular magazines. The reader is supposed to draw the figure (Spanky) and send the drawing in to find out if he or she has

artistic ability. Earlier this year, B.J., Dan, and Harry, who are all employees of the Dundee Village supermarket, started to make up stories about Spanky and do imitations of Spanky to pass the time. "Harry's imitation was the best," according to B.J.

The possibility of getting Spanky t-shirts was pondered.

A patron of the supermarket, a fanatic about punk rock music (his favorite group is The Dead Kennedys), always came into the store wearing bizarre tshirts. Naturally, he attracted the employees' attention and Dan and B.J. would talk to him during his frequent visits to the store. After inquiring about the man's interesting t-shirts, the Spanky-ites discovered that his profession was designing and printing t-shirts. The possibility of getting Spanky t-shirts made was pondered over by B.J. and Dan and they investigated the idea. The t-shirt man told the two that all he needed was a design, and he could make a silkscreen print with which he could print the shirts.

The next problem to be faced was the design. Dan sketched the picture of Spanky's face with a type of billboard underneath on which was written the word surrender in English and Japanese. "Spanky" was written on top of the design with "the Polecat" and TNT printed under the logo. ( needs an explanation?!!) silk-screen was made, the ors black and white decid upon, and Spanky was in but

The sales of Spanky shir commenced immediately a Dan and B.J. received their f dozen. B.J. sold his first shirts personal friends of his and h these friends wear the shir around school. Students we puzzled by the shirts and que tioned those clothed in the Various replies were given cluding the story presented ea lier, and the interrogators we directed to B.J. if they wanted purchase a shirt. Sales v well at Central, resulting in a abundance of the white black or vice versa t-shirts Central High School.

Spanky was a successfu project for TNT.

Spanky turned out to be successful project for TNT In with sales at Prep and other schools as well as at Centra However, there are a few shir still available at \$4.00 a piece f those who don't have one, said reliable source at TNT Inc. Th Register has been informed from a personal friend Spanky that Spanky was i leased from the hospital recen ly and, after celebrating Spanky hit the streets of Omah to find a new pole.





# Memories of the past decade lead us

While reflecting on the past decade, a phrase written by Charles Dickens seems to sum up the feeling of Americans in the seventies. - "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of reason, it was the age of foolishness . . .

Throughout the seventies, America and the world faced many, relentless problems. The decade began with war in Indochina and ended with hostages in Iran. Many believed that the violence and terrorism would be left in the sixties, but it really had only just

The surroundings affected the way Americans viewed themselves and their country. What little respect they had for their government was quickly shattered by the reality of Watergate. Many were screaming for justice, but this was wiped away when President Ford granted Richard Nixon a full and unconditional pardon of any illegal activities in which he may have been involved.

The nation was at a low ebb. By 1974, the nation was struck by the worst recession in 40 years and in 1975, the highest unemployment rate since 1941 was reached. Overseas, on foreign exchange markets, the dollar continued to lose ground. This, coupled with America's growing dependence on foreign oil, helped bring the U.S. to new, postwar lows. But this did not stop the natural politicing of the American people.

As in the sixties, Americans came out of their shells to protest things they believed in. The seventies could be called the decade of the woman as men took the backseat to activists such as Jane Fonda, Gloria Steinem, Betty Ford, and Bella Abzug. This new crusade took on issues such as abortion, gay rights, and the E.R.A. In 1977, they even held a National Women's Conference in Hous-

But women were not the only ones rebelling. In California, Howard Jarvis launched his personal revolt against high taxes when he launched Proposition 13. In Omaha, Ed Jaksha did the same thing when his lid on school spending was introduced.

As Americans tried to figure the course of the nation, many took up recreational activities. People became more interested in playing games themselves than just watching the pros go at it on Sunday. The sporting goods industry became big business as Americans outfitted themselves for sports anywhere from tennis and raquetball to skiing, snowmobiling, and scuba diving.

Meanwhile, at Central, many traditions fell by wayside. Wooden lockers with padlocks were replaced by metal ones with combinations, and the old Central Bell, which had never rung, was removed from the "1" side. But one tradition that has lasted throughout the seventies, as well as through the school's entire history, is Central's standard of academic and athletic excellence. Even today, Central ranks as one of the finest schools in the coun-

As America heads into the eighties, many problems will remain from the seventies. Americans will have to cope with situations such as the energy crisis and the possibility of nuclear war. In order for the United States and the world to make it to 1990, everyone will have to work together. It is up to all people to continue to strive for these goals in the 80's. (David Powers)

# new era

# A Brief Look At The Seventies

1970 — And so the decade began. The War in Vietnam was stronger than ever, and back at home four Kent State students were gunned down by National Guardsman. Throughout the country peace signs were flying as young Americans struggled for a cause they thought was right. Social unrest was everywhere, and with it came soaring crime figures. However, some criminals, including mass

murderer Charles Manson, were brought to trial.

At Central, clubs and activities centered around helping mankind. Ecology, Safe-Teens, Future Nurses, and Future Physicians Clubs were just a few. Central also became the first school in Omaha to operate its own radio station. Originally called KIOS, the station operated from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 91.5 on the FM dial. At the administrative level, Dr. G. E. Moller was in his second year as principal, and William Pierson was one of three assistant principals along with Richard Jones and Anthony LaGreca.



The old Central bell which stood on the '1" side, was removed in 1970.

1971 - As the nation became more deeply involved in the war, Americans turned to newspapers, magazines, radio, and television to find out what was happening. What they saw was brutal and ugly. Not since the tragic weekend of November, 1963, had television brought into living rooms pictures and descriptions of such brutal killing. Americans were out-raged and they needed a spokesman. Television provided just that . . . in the form of Archie Bunker, who made "meathead" and "dingbat" household words.

In Omaha, the school board was considering raising the price of school lunches to help make up for the amount of money lost every year. Many thought this was unpractical because the school lunch was already 40 cents.

And finally, at Central a changing of the guard was taking place. Dr. Don Benning became assistant principal replacing Will-

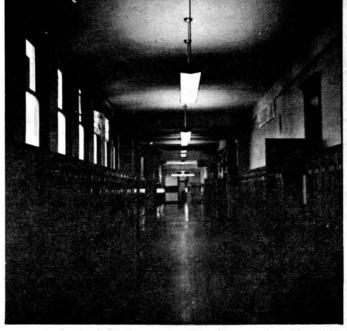


"Damn Yankees," performed in 1971, represents a musical tradition of which Central is proud.

1972 — Violence. Still a growing concern as people around the world were shocked by one event after another. In Northern Ireland, Tel Aviv, and even in cities in the United States people lived in fear. In order to help calm any student disruptions, security guards were hired to patrol the halls of Central. Even seemingly happy events turned sour. In Munich, the Olympics came to a halt when eight members of an Arab group invaded the Israeli teams' quarters, killing two Israelis and capturing nine others. It ended 20 hours later with all the hostages, one policeman, and five cammandos dead and the Olympics in shambles.

It was also a presidential election year, but even that could not go on without incident. In May, while campaigning for the Democratic nomination, Governor George Wallace of Alabama was shot by a would-be assassin. The incident brought back chilling memories of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert,

and Dr. Martin Luther King. For the most part, the rest of "Campaign 72" was calm. Nixon defeated South Dakota Senator George McGovern by a landslide. The President carried all but one state and the District of Columbia, and received 60 percent of the popular vote. Although the outcome was never in doubt, the election was significant because it was the first election in which 18 year olds were allowed to vote for presi-



Wooden lockers, which have long since been replaced, gave Central an air of distinction.

1973 - Watergate. The word was on everyones' lips. Headed by Sam Ervin, the Senate Watergate Committee investigated the activities of the Republican Party during the election of "72". As tension mounted, testimony by both John Dean and H. R. Haldeman helped shed light on the fact that maybe Richard Nixon did know what went on at the Watergate and that maybe he was trying to 'cover-up". This became another heavily used word as the investigation continued.

But Watergate was not the only thing on people's minds. The energy shortage had grown to catastrophic proportions and signs advertising "No Gas On Sunday" were common place occurances. Nixon's answer was to initiate a system of fuel conservation measures and the Federal Bureau of Engraving was ordered to begin printing gas rationing coupons. However they were never used.

Back at the White House, another scandal was being uncovered, this time in the office of the Vice-President. Spiro Agnew was accused of taking "kickbacks" while he was governor of Maryland. He was forced to resign the Vice-Presidency, and Gerald R. Ford of Michigan took over.

One bright spot in Nixon's 1973 presidency was the return of the hundreds of POW's from Viet Nam. Although Watergate was

not forgotten, it was put aside for a moment.

At Central, changes were all around, especially at the faculty level. Gretchen Schutte, now Gretchen Bramhall, replaced Ruth Pilling as head of the foreign language department. Miss Pilling had taught French, Greek, Latin, and English, and had been a girls' counselor before becoming language head. Jack Blanke became head of the social studies department, and Gary Bailey finished his first season as varsity football coach with a 1-7-1 record.



A view of the average Central student as drawn by Ben Ziola, '72.

1974 - The healing begin carry through to the fir agony it would have invol put the interests of Ameri sign the presidency effec-

On August 8, Richar president in the 198 year h resign the highest office years the nation had cons findings that showed illega level. News was so constan mation was brought forward

The new President, G confidence in the America mare is over," he said. "W were places to go.

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In a lighter sense, fads the nation streakers invad dormitories. And in Califor ing a comeback.

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At Central, students we ball championship in 62 ye and Mike Ashford, the Eagle 42 in the final game. How championship for the Eag number one in Math, Orato



Led by All-Staters Clayton B Johnson, Central won the championship in 1975. It ma tive year they had won the

1975 — The U.S. finally got of dia. New York City's finan bankruptcy caused an uprothe highest since 1941. H. man, John Mitchell, and Rol ed on cover-up charges in th was accused of illegal tampe assassinate foreign leaders, harassing prominent U.S. cit leader Dr. Martin Luther King her cohorts were captured in agents. Teamsters Preside peared.

Turmoil and changes quent. President Gerald For tion attempts by Sara Jane N follower Lynette (Squeaky) King Faisal, the originator of assassinated. Long-time lea cisco Franco of Spain, Empel pia, and President Chiang China also passed away, thro panic.

'Jaws" and The Broad Line" were popular entertain feated Joe Frazier in the "Th

Central's basketball ter straight State Class A baske team was called one of the gl in Nebraska history. The 12 put into effect. A tornado swi ing millions of dollars worth of Central students lived in affe



A guitarist performs in Central High's Road Show, a tradition that marked its 60th year in 1974.

1976 — The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia rang to signify America's 200th birthday. Fireworks and an armada in New York harbor were part of the gala commemorating the Bicentennial. Jimmy Carter defeated incumbent President Gerald Ford in a close election. A court in New Jersey stated that Karen Ann Quinlan had a right to die. Although Quinlan was taken off the life-support systems, she still survives. Flu shots swept the nation in reaction to Legionairres Disease. Women cadets were admitted to West Point for the first time in that institution's history. The Concorde, a first in supersonic transportation, landed in the U.S. over the objections of environmentalists. Billionaires J. Paul Getty and Howard Hughes died, with the latter causing quite a stir over his will. Franz Klammer and Dorothy Hamill starred at the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck while Nadia Comaneci and Bruce Jenner won gold medals at Montreal.

New Athletic director and assistant principal Doug Morrow replaced Dr. Don Benning. A Positive Peer Culture program (PPC) was introduced by Robert Miranda to deal with individual problems of students. Dan Daly became head of the English Department while Gary Thompson took over the Science Department. English teachers Charles Lettes and Steven Turbot performed in the Jazz group "Sour Mash". A proposal was made to establish a minimagnet program in writing at Central. Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin, spoke at Central.



1977 — President Carter made two decisions that caused much controversy in the U.S. After halting production of the B-1 bomber, he signed a treaty which would relinquish control of the Panama Canal to Panama by the end of 1999. Budget director Bert Lance was forced to resign. The \$7.7 billion dollar trans-Alaska pipeline opened and brought oil to the continental U.S. David Berkowitz, 'Son of Sam" terrorized New York City's lover's lanes by killing six people and injuring seven others. Two jumbo jets collided on the runway at Tenerife Island, killing 577 people. It was the worst accident in the history of aviation. The King Tut exhibit attracted overnight waiting lines in its tour across the U.S. Elvis Presley, a legend in rock music, died at his home in Memphis, Tennessee. Alex Haley's "Roots" drew one of the largest audiences in television history and Richard Nixon held a television interview with David Frost.

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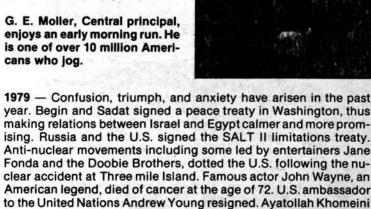
Central was busy winning awards. The Mathematics team, coached by Virginia Lee Pratt, took top honors at State for the 17th time in 20 years. The Chess team was also the State champ. Senior Ken Allen appeared on the "Today" show for being one of the four national finalists for the Century III Leaders Scholarship Program. Central raised graduation requirements from 34 credits to 36 credits. Competency testing was discussed by the Nebraska State Board of Education. Bricks replaced the natural grass in the courtyard. Fire broke out in the Chemistry storage room when a shelf broke and chemicals fell to the floor. Room 349, suffered the most damage and was not restored until 1979.

1978 - It was the year of three Popes. Pope John Paul I, patriarch of Venice, followed Pope Paul VI, who died of a heart attack. However, the smiling Pope died after 34 days in office. The College of Cardinals then chose Karol Wojtyla, who as John Paul II, became the first non-Italian to head the Catholic church in 455 years. President Carter gained world-wide praise for his role in leading the Middle East towards peace. The U.S. changed diplomatic ties and recognized the Communist government of Mainland China as the official China. President Carter cut off ties with Taiwan. One of the most tragic episodes in history occurred in Guyana when People's Temple leader Jim Jones led 900 of his followers to suicide by drinking poisoned Kool-Aid. Members of the cult also assassinated a California Congressman. The boat people in Indochina gained the sympathy of Joan Baez and many other Americans. Hubert Humphrey, a major political figure in the U.S. for many years nicknamed the "Happy Warrior," died of cancer. The Supreme Court ruled that race can be a factor in student admissions policies. Proposition 13 passed in California and paved the way for other bills that would supposedly cut property taxes. Test-tube baby Louise Brown was born. Movies like "The Deer Hunter" and "Coming Home" depicted moving sagas of Vietnam, while "Animal House started a craze of college toga parties.

Central High School was named a state historical site by the Nebraska State Historical Society in recognition of its influence on Omaha. The writing lab became a valuable place for students to get individualized help with grammar and composition difficulties. Legendary English teacher Virgene McBride retired. The science resource center provided science students with resource mate-

Class Presidents of 70's Anton F. Piskac ..... '70 Jim Mahoney ........... '71 John Niemeyer .......... '73 Bob Tracy ..... '74 David Ross ..... '75 Bob Hekl ..... '76 Ken Allen ..... '77 Ambrose Jackson ...... '78 Bill Barnhart ..... '79 Gus Rodino ......'80

G. E. Moller, Central principal, enjoys an early morning run. He is one of over 10 million Americans who jog.



took over Iran after the Shah was forced to leave. Tensions became strained between the U.S. and Iran but climaxed when the Iranian

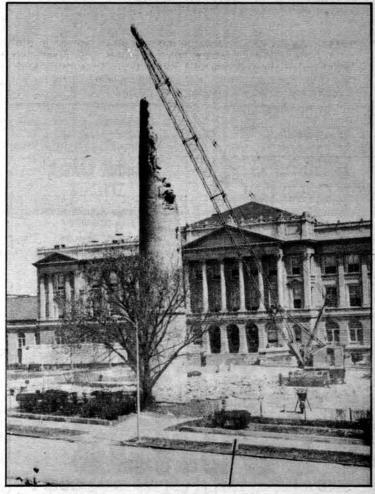
government took over the American embassy and held American

hostages. In other government activities, Margaret Thatcher be-

Bob Hekl (left) and feathered friend win the 1976 election for Senior Class President at CHS. Other Central leaders are listed



Firemen try in vain to save Chemistry room 349 in March,



Part of Central history falls as the smokestack is demolished. April,

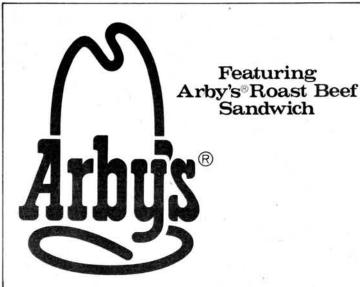
came Prime Minister of England and Rhodesia held its first democratic election. The movie "Apocalypse Now" provided another commentary on Vietnam. "Rocky II." and "Breaking Away" were also popular.

Central's traditional smokestack was torn down amid some student disapproval. Vandalism showed a marked increase. Senior Brian Gary attended the Grammy ceremony in Los Angeles with the Salem Baptist Choir. The chess team won the state championship and competed at nationals. The lid bill passed in August and forced certain programs to be cut back or disbanded. Merger possibilities with Millard, Ralston, and District 66 were discussed by the OPS district.

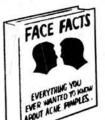
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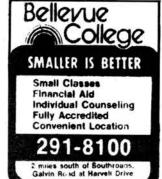
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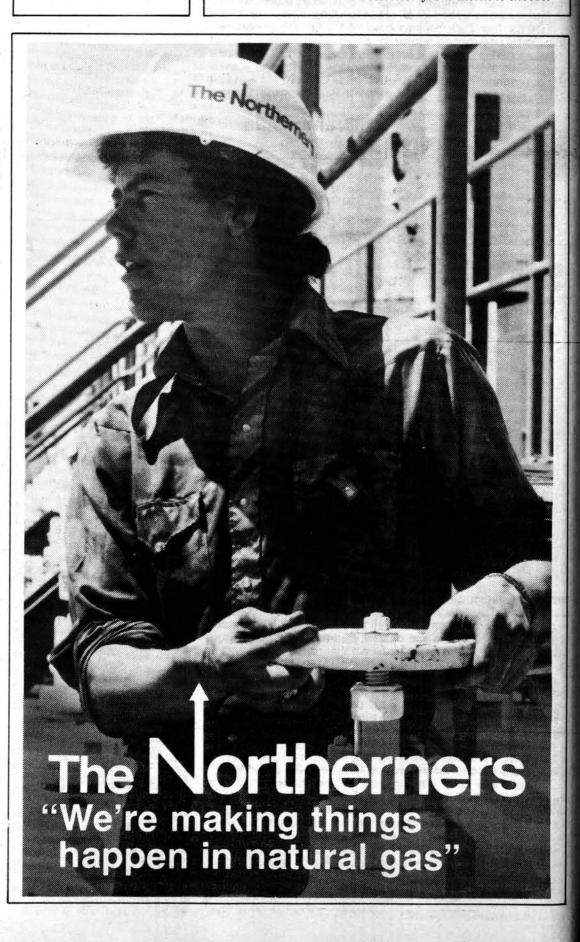
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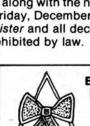
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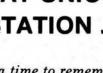
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By Grant Gier

#### Completion of "one year" project finished

Today happens to be a landmark day in the history of Central. Immediately you will begin to search your mind and try to figure out what is so special about today and how the heck does it affect the history of Central. We even get out of some morning classes for this important event. You've probably already guessed it now! It's the dedication of the new gymnasium.

Most seniors probably remember that brisk day back as sophomores when we stood outside for the ground-breaking ceremony. I remember how we were told that the gym would be completed in the beginning of our junior year. Being the pessimist that I am, I had some doubt as to its real completion date. As it turned out, I was right. The gym wasn't finished until two years later. I suppose it was worth the wait though.

The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and feature a few guest speakers, the Central Band, cheerleaders, Eaglettes, and Central's award winning ROTC unit. The program promises to be interesting

I have heard many pros and cons about the new gym and now is probably an opportune time to express them. For the varsity basketball players the new gym is a blessing. According to Dwayne Dale, "The new gym is great. I like the floor. It makes it easier on the basketball teams because we don't have to go to Norris as much."

Not all players agreed that they liked the floor of the new gym. Some said that the harder surface tends to hurt the soles of your feet as you run. Coach Jim Martin was also in opposition to the type of floor installed. "I was disappointed that they didn't consult me on the type to be built. I personally prefer a wood floor," related Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin also feels another drawback of the gym is its size. He said the gym only allows one basketball team at a time to prac-

Coach Stan Standifer also had a distaste for the type of floor installed. Mr. Standifer's Girls' Volleyball team used the new gym throughout their entire season. He also felt that the floor should have been made of wood. "I think a wood floor would be easier to maintain. We'll just have to see if the new floor withstands the test of time," said Mr. Standifer. He said that the size of the gym was more than adequate for his gym classes.

One problem the students at Central are aware of, is the fact that no boys' varsity basketball games will be held in the new gym. The reason is that there is not enough seating space in the new gym to hold the large crowds that follow basketball.

The new gym has eased many of the problems presented by having a single gym. All winter sports may not practice at a reasonable time, like after school. Having two gyms now provides for this. The wrestling team is now able to move out of the pit (otherwise known as the old wrestling room, located deep in the basement of Central) and into a reasonable practice area.

All in all, the new gym has been beneficial to Central. The girls' basketball and volleyball teams may now have a gym that they are proud of. Aside from the type of floor installed in the new facility, there have been few complaints about the new gym. As part of the student body, I feel that I can thank the group of parents and teachers that worked so hard for the installation of the new facility.

Editor's Note: Due to an error in the last edition of the Register two names were omitted from the list of Junior Varsity cheerleaders. They are Mary Hansen and Pam Palmer.

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# Wrestlers take 4th at North

The Eagles started off their wrestling season this year with an excellent fourth place finish in the North High Invitational that was held last weekend. Central only had one champion. but they placed four wrestlers in the consolation rounds.

Senior Kevin Kimsey became the champion of the 145 lb. weight class after burying Jeff Kelley of Westside 13-1 in the finals. Kimsey was the top seed at 145 following his second place finish at 138 lbs. in the state wrestling meet held last March. Kimsey, no doubt, will be a highly rated wrestler in the state rankings that will be released soon.

Sophomore Fred Harris received a 3rd place medal after a convincing win in the 98 lb. consolation finals. Joe Mease, junior and fourth place finisher in state last year, took fourth place after losing a close 4-0 match to a wrestler from Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson.

One of the highlight matches of the weekend was that of sophomore Pernell Gatson. Gatson won the 3rd place consolation medal by defeating Joe

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Kevin Kimsey (top) enroute to a first round win.

Mancuso of Prep 12-7. Gatson avenged a 4-0 loss he had suffered to Mancuso in the second round.

Senior Rickie Johnson took third place after pinning Scott Anderson of Bellevue East. Johnson had the fastest pin of the finals by disposing of Anderson in 58 seconds. He had been second seeded in the tourney but had lost a close decision in the semi-finals.

The impressive showing by the Eagles enforces Coach Jim Kimsey's hopes of the team being a contender for the state title to be decided in February. The team's next dual meet will be Tuesday, December 18 at

## State and metro football honors enhance area college scholarship

Central High football. The Eagles had a total of 14 players named to the World-Herald All State, All Metro, or Honorable Mention teams. This is the first time in a number of years that Central has had this many players named to the various squads. Each All State or All Metro player received a letter of congratulations from Owen A. Knutzen, Superintendent of Omaha Public Schools.

Almost every player feels that his All State or All Metro status will help in receiving various scholarship offers from colleges throughout the country.

According to senior Joe Mancuso, "It's really too early to tell which colleges are interested in you, but we should be getting some information from them (colleges) soon.'

Rickie Johnson is the only member of the group that is fairly sure about the college he plans to attend, that being the University of Arkansas. He hasn't been offered any type of scholarship yet although he remains hopeful that he will receive some kind of assistance. Rickie feels that the honor of All Metro awarded to him has helped considerably in making colleges aware of his ability.

"Before I received the honor (All Metro), I hadn't received a lot of information from interested colleges, but after the publication in the paper, I started to receive quite a few letters from interested colleges," Rickie stated.

Jerry Marfisi was inclined to agree with Johnson about the helpfulness of the honor. "It really doesn't hurt to have your name printed. I think colleges that aren't sure about your ability become more assured after they see you have been selected for one of the teams (All State & Metro)," Jerry related.

Quite a few big-name football colleges came up in the discussion of possible ones for attendance. Some like Nebraska, Iowa St., Iowa, U.C.L.A., Penn St., Alabama, and Arkansas were all mentioned. All players on the All Metro team were offered some type of financial assistance from UNO with the exception of Stewart Gaebler who was an All Metro punter.

Senior Gerald Paul commented that he wants to attend a college that is losing some of their offensive backs so that he may get a chance to play on the varsity earlier than usual. Gerald has also been contacted by a number of Big Eight and Big

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