

PEP has successful year

A Yamahopper at the "C"? An unusual occurrence to be sure, but a reality as of two weeks ago. To the surprise of many Central students, a Honda Yamahopper greeted them at the "C." On closer inspection, the mo-ped was found to be part of a fund raising project for the Parents / Educators / Pupils, commonly known as PEP. The bike is to be raffled off

with tickets selling for \$1.00.

This is the first fund raising project the organization has attempted. According to PEP vice-president, Gloria Armstrong, the club is raising money to help support various projects that they fund.

"Throughout the year, we sponsor several events such as the National Honor Society brunch, Purple Feather

Day, and Sophomore Orientation. This year we hosted the state senators and are buying book cases for books written by past alumni."

According to Fran Bushey, administrative assistant, past funding was supported only by the \$3.00 dues and by selling refreshments at ball games. She said that the raffle may become an annual event.



PEP members Ruth McKee, Ann Newton, and Fran Bushey sell raffle tickets for the Yamahopper drawing, to be held May 30.

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\$40 million in state-aid helps OPS

The proposal we got doesn't... for reinstating all the programs," said Superintendent Ken Knutzen of the additional aid granted to education in the 86th Nebraska State Legislature on the last day of its session, April 18.

OPS gets \$5.8 million

The state legislature appropriated an additional \$40 million their \$55 million state-aid for education. According to Board of Education President Walter Calinger, the Omaha Public School District will receive \$5.8 million of the additional appropriations.

The additional money could... state some of the programs that were previously cut and allow some teachers to remain on the job. "There are a number of things that could be restored. We are going to be able to restore anything that was cut," said Calinger.

Override fails

The increase in state-aid was appropriated after an attempted override of Governor Thone's

veto of LB627 had failed. Ralston Sen. Gerald Koch's bill would have removed the zero percent spending lid placed on the Omaha and Nebraska City school districts last fall. It also would have placed a two-year limit on all future budget limitations enacted by local subdivisions of government; provided that any budget lids enacted after the bill took effect automatically would expire after two years; allowed local governing bodies to place the question of whether or not to continue a voter-imposed lid on the ballot after one year; and increased the number of signatures required on a petition calling for a lid election from the current 5 percent of registered voters to 10 percent.

Knutzen pleased

Dr. Knutzen was pleased with the additional aid. "I had felt all along that the Legislature would try hard to provide some kind of relief, not only for Omaha, but for all public schools in the form of a property tax relief," he said. Mr. Calin-

ger was disappointed when the override failed but was pleased and somewhat surprised by the additional aid even though a number of senators had talked to him about additional aid.

Teachers retained

The state aid will have an effect on many of the previously proposed cuts. Sixty-five teachers in the OPS district that had had their contracts withheld "will be given contracts" according to Mr. Calinger. He also mentioned that the ninety-six teachers that did not have regular contracts have not been dealt with yet. Central principal G. E. Moller said, "Because of the unexpected money and enrollment changes, it now appears we are not going to lose any teachers."

Ferrel given contract

Central music teacher Warren Ferrel is one of the teachers that had had his contract withheld. He has now been given a contract but feels in some ways it's like "trying to hold on to the side of a sinking ship. It's kind of speculation.

There is still a lot of insecurity. A contract simply means I have been given an opportunity to work here next year," said Mr. Ferrel.

Mr. Ferrel enjoys teaching at Central but is worried about the quality of education that can continue to be offered. "Central is great. The students here are fantastic for the most part. If there is a drop in the fine arts programs, however, it will ultimately show a progressive drop in the quality of education overall. When the quality starts dropping, so does the desire to excel in your profession."

Effects

Dr. Moller feels Central "probably won't be affected a whole lot beyond what we have been affected this year. We still won't have drivers education, but all the public schools are affected by that. We could be affected a little bit by what the Board decides on athletics, but I don't think we will be uniquely affected as Central High School."

The restoration of many high school sports is definitely a possibility according to Calinger. "Anything is a possibility, but we need more input telling us what the people want," he said. Three public hearings were set up to provide people with a chance to give their opinion on what should be cut and what should be saved. The first two were held on May 14 and 15 at McMillan and Marris Junior High Schools. The last meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 at Burke High School.

'Will be disappointed'

"I'm going to be disappointed if there aren't literally hundreds of people there to express themselves. I want to see those auditoriums filled," said Calinger.

'Speak their piece'

"We need some indication of what the public wants. We need them to come out and tell us. If not by speaking then they can show their support one way or the other by applause. The people have to come and speak their piece," said Mr. Calinger.



graphic by Sherry Soares

Working hours at the typewriter have paid off for Central graduates. The work of these alumni who are authors will be available in the library in a display case provided by PEP.

Alum Research Project to recognize Central authors

Gale Sayers, a 1961 Central graduate, is one of many Central authors to be featured in a display case in the library in the near future. Sayers' book, *I Am Third*, deals with his experiences in professional football, both triumphant and tragic, and also mentions his early years as a student at Central High.

Accounting book

Central students may also soon be reading the work of a former CHS student in accounting class. *Modern Advanced Accounting*, written by Central grad E. John Larsen, along with two associates, is another book that will be featured.

'Successful' graduates

Designed "to try to show successful Central High graduates" according to PEP President Ann Newton, the Alum Research Project will feature the books in a display case purchased by PEP (Parents, Educators, and Pupils). A card file

will be set up to include biographical information such as the author's schooling, date of graduation, honors, books published, and some comments about Central. "The file will also include information on other distinguished alums," said Mrs. Newton.

Idea from Bangladesh

The idea for the project came from PEP member Charlene Williams, a former member of the Future Central Committee. An acquaintance of hers, who had been a missionary in Bangladesh, gave her the book *Dakfar* as a gift. The book, written by Viggo Olsen, a 1944 Central graduate, is an autobiography dealing with his experiences in Bangladesh. Olsen is a medical doctor and serves as a medical missionary. Mrs. Williams said that he dedicated two or three pages of his book to his experiences at Central and mentioned participating in Road Show. "I was surprised," said Mrs. Willi-

ams. "It was the first time I had ever read anything that specifically spoke about Central."

Committee formed

Shortly thereafter, she called the Central library to see if they had any special exhibit of Central authors. When she found out there was no such display, she brought up her idea at a Future Central Committee meeting. "We didn't get it. We were too busy doing other things like working on the new gymnasium," said Mrs. Williams. The idea took hold last September when Mrs. Newton, the new President of PEP, told her to form a committee. It included teachers, parents, former teachers, and librarian Mary Ann Novotny.

Authors located

The committee set out to find the various authors that had graduated from Central. Mrs. Williams located many of the authors herself but received

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Spring fever hits Central

As the school year draws to a close for many of us, erratic changes are noticed in the environment producing curious side-effects. These changes take on a variety of forms, physical as well as psychological. Though this metamorphosis occurs annually at this time, there has rarely been an effective cure for it. Its most drastic effects can be seen on the hopeful high school graduate, thus the name "senior-itis."

editorial

This unpredictable disease has many aliases including "spring fever" and "in-school blues." It is by no means restricted to seniors as the name "senior-itis" implies. It is simply that would-be grads are more likely to contract the virus than the average student.

The views should not be taken lightly

The causes of this strange condition stem from a number of things. Early symptoms are usually triggered by a warming trend in the weather accompanied by final warnings of remediating your English skills before May 23. The symptoms usually result in a subtle browning of the skin and a psychological state of panic when one realizes how impossible it is to get into the writing lab. Though neither of these symptoms is serious, some acute cases have turned several different shades of red.

The mind becomes apathetic to the mere suggestion of homework.

As the disease spreads, more symptoms are evident. An apparent laziness on the part of the student takes hold. The mind becomes apathetic to the mere suggestion of homework. Even with the persistent urging of many teachers, most students find it hard to take schoolwork seriously.

Most administrations do not just sit idly by and watch their students drop like flies to this virus. Usually, stern warnings are given. At Cen-

tral, principal G. E. Moller made a gallant effort to curb one of the dreaded side effects of the virus, the senior skip day. He warned that anyone succumbing to "spring fever" and forcing themselves to participate in a skip day would be severely punished.

A condition known as the senior prank sets in

However, it is hard to combat a highly contagious disease with threats and warnings. No matter how hard one tries, the plaque persists. In extreme cases, a condition known as the senior prank sets in. This condition produces a kleptomania type reaction in the individual. A sudden desire to hide school property and paint it takes hold. The popular color this year seems to be pink.

It does seem that the seniors tend to develop the worst cases of it

It seems that no matter what steps are taken to cure spring fever, it always comes around at the same time. And as stated before, it does seem that the seniors tend to develop the worst cases of it. I am not speaking from a purely spectating position. Believe it or not, this dread disease has even turned up among the unsuspecting ranks of the "Register" staff. Even though story deadlines were announced more than a week prior to their scheduled dates, many reporters just could not find it within themselves to produce the necessary material. Suffice to say, all was taken care of in the nick of time.

"spring fever" knows no bounds and may strike anywhere

This just goes to show that "spring fever" knows no bounds and may strike anywhere. Unfortunately, this article is about to fall victim to that disease as words become scarce to find. It was once said that in the spring, a young man's fancy turns to love. Whether this is true or not remains to be decided. It is evident, however, that his mind certainly turns away from the thought of school.



Words to Grow by

by Cathy Grow

Farewell to arms

or

Is there life after commencement

As the year painfully creeps to an end, I find myself doing less and less homework and more and more reflecting. It's not that I've gotten any less homework assignments, I've just been doing less and less of them. Which, consequently, leaves a lot of time for contemplation.

It's been a good year, I guess, and yet, there were some things that really bothered me. I hope that in my mentioning these problems, future Central students will have the first step at least, paved on the road to solving them.

Dinky desks

First of all, the size of the desks in study hall has often attracted my attention; in fact, I've spent many 40 minute periods uncomfortably mulling over the dinkiness of my seat. How is anyone supposed to do anything in those study halls? The desks are too small to do homework (I did try, once) there's only room for one piece of paper. You have to support any books on your knees, which does nothing for a person's posture, and it always cuts off the circulation in my legs. Heaven forbid a poor overworked student should feel slightly fatigued and in need of rest. Ye Gods!!! You almost have to double over to fit on the teenal desk tops.

Hallway hassles

I've also marveled at the student waves during passing period. An entire mass will slowly file through an open door in the hall like so many cattle to slaughter. It won't matter if only one door is open out of the three allotted, students calmly file through it leaving the closed doors alone. I feel like applauding the few who take the initiative and open the doors. I probably would, except my arms are generally filled with unfinished homework. And what about the people who creep 3 or 4 abreast down the hall obstructing traffic. I always get stuck behind them on my way to the library. Mrs. Novotny does not suffer tard students gladly. I also notice that there aren't enough beanbag chairs in the library, and those that do exist there are sadly in need of more beans. You people had better start paying your library fines. I personally paid for about a bag and one half. So let's get with it.

Within the Writing Lab

I haven't been to the language lab yet, so I really don't feel qualified to talk about it, but I've heard things. That's not actually true, I did go to the lab, once, but there was only one lady there and she could only accommodate four students. This didn't bother me at all, because, although the lady looked nice enough and didn't really have a German accent, the stories I had heard likened this institute of learning to a German Prisoner of War Camp. "We have ways of remediating you. You will be remediated or you will not graduate." The word "remediate" alone scares me and "competence" and "incompetence" send shivers up my spine. I'll probably be found huddled with the procrastinating masses outside the doors of the lab on May 22 begging to be admitted.

While I'm at it, I might as well bring up a few other sore spots like: Chemistry, themes, *Moby Dick*, and *The Canterbury Tales*. I suppose these are necessary evils, though. But why can't the English department add a few more books to the list and take some off. I'd recommend adding books that have been published as Classic Comic Books.

Now that I've enlightened you on some of the problems at Central, let me tell you something. Despite leaky ceilings, the rather unfortunate location, and a few other minor faults, Central is still the best school in Omaha, and don't you ever forget it. I won't. Good-bye.

letters

KDCO radio thankful once more

Dear Editor,

I too must echo the sentiments of Gus Rodino (Re: Rodino Thankful for KDCO Radio; April 25, 1980) and thank the many people who helped to put KDCO on the air this year. Due to a multitude of unfortunate circumstances, KDCO was forced to overcome great obstacles in getting the station back on. However, thanks to Mike Fox, Tracy Johnson, Stew Magnuson, Sheldon Smith, Steve Sempeck, Rick Poole, the teachers Mrs. Kmiecik and Mr. Throne and especially Gus Ro-

dino, Rick Osborne, and Dr. Moller, this year was a smashing success. The experience, memories and pride that KDCO has brought me will stay with me throughout my life. Once again, thanks to these people and to the entire Central student body and staff for their tremendous support.

Most Sincerely,
Roger U. Olson
Program Director
KDCO Radio

Writing lab rumors renounced

Dear Editor:

I have just been proclaimed remediated and declared competent in the Language Lab. The ladies who assisted me there were very friendly and helpful. And they had not a trace of a German accent. Any remarks made about the lab were purely comical (if that at all); at least, the intent was comical.

I have had my Jolly Rancher (watermelon) and signed my name on the Honor Roll, and I feel the better person for it, as least where correlative conjunctions, noun clauses, and cliches are concerned.

Obsequiously grateful,
Cathy Grow

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Viewpoint

Seniors' reflections

As the school year draws to a close, many students envision a summer filled with swimming pools, tennis courts, lawn mowing, and other activities and jobs that probably will cease entirely or diminish considerably next fall as they head back to high school.

However, for the seniors who graduate (and even for those who do not), the coming of summer brings to an end a great period in their life. For thirteen years these students have been awakened every morning to prepare for a "dash" to school.

Except for those who are bound for college, those days are over. Many must now "awaken" to their immediate future. "What will I do now?" is a common cry heard from many. "Will I go back to school?" "Do I get a job?" "Is a high school diploma enough?" Who knows, the clock cannot be turned back now. All the seniors have now are memories . . . getting up late, cramming for exams, Friday night football games, Saturday night parties, Sunday morning headaches . . . all just sealed in memories. It's good to look back, and Central is a part of those thoughts.



Bethie Grotheer, Senior
I've made a lot of friends at Central. All the teachers have made me work real hard . . . harder than I thought. I came here for the music and drama departments. Central has probably the best drama department, and the best orchestra."



Bruce Kutler, Senior
"I've made a lot of friends at Central, and I've had a lot of fun. Central has a well-balanced curriculum, and the teachers are good. I've been aided by all of the departments, especially English. All of the departments at Central have given me a good, in-depth program."



Cathy Heim, Senior
"Central has a really good art department, and Mr. Nelson has really helped me a lot. I came to Central for its high academics. The teachers know how to teach in a way that students can really absorb what they are saying. The system really isn't strict. We basically have a lot of freedom."



Dan Brodkey, Senior
"The most important department I have found at Central is the English department. It is the group that formulates the method and ease by which you will communicate as an adult. I came to Central from the Burke district because of Central's academic record."

Spring program wings May 22

CHS Singers' and Stage Band's last fling is the Spring Swing Thing on Thursday, May 22. It will be held in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This concert has the tradition of being an informal and fun get-together for the audience and the performers involved. Both are select groups from band and A Cappella. The program will include songs by both groups and then smaller groups performing individual or small group segments.

Students develop new skills in photo class

Students interested in photography have a class available to them where they can learn more about it. Recreational Photography is a year-long course taught by Al Roeder, Central science teacher. The class teaches people how to take, develop, and print their own pictures.

Recreational Photography was started three years ago because of high student demand.

When starting the course many of the students have never had any experience with a camera and do not know how to use a light meter, or take pictures correctly with a simple, instamatic camera.

"The whole purpose of the course is to start at the very beginning and develop the

student's interest into good basic photography," Mr. Roeder stated.

The students are taught to look for a pleasing composition, or make-up and balance, of the picture and to think about what they are doing. This way they end up with good pictures and not just "snapshots".

Joe Clark, senior, says the class is fun and he enjoys it. "I hadn't had any previous experience with photography, and I feel I've learned a whole lot already," Joe said.

The students are also taught proper darkroom techniques. They learn how to correctly print pictures and make good pictures out of negatives that weren't properly exposed.

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Former Russian compares U.S.

According to Sam Talpalatsky, life in Russia is "like being in the military." Sam, a Central junior, should know. He was born in Russia and lived there for 12 years before coming to the United States.

On April 24, 1975, Sam and his parents moved to America. They landed in New York, and on the next day moved in with an uncle who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"We came to America for more freedom and better living conditions," says Sam. "My uncle wrote to us about the better living conditions, and my parents decided to apply for a visa." But getting the visa was not a simple task.

It cost \$1000.00 per person for a visa

"It cost a thousand dollars a person for a visa," said Sam. "After we got our visas, we had to wait another six months until actually leaving."

During those six months, Sam and his family met many hardships, including paying of debts.

"My father was the manager of a supermarket, and my mother was a registered nurse. After we received our visas, we were looked upon as traitors, the lowest name a person in Russia could be called."

Sam's family was not the only group leaving, but from the abuse they received, one might think otherwise.

Everyone criticized the Talpalatskys

"Neighbors, teachers, and friends criticized us, but we knew what we were undertaking. In Russia, they feel it is wrong to not like the way of life and to want to move. The idea to move was not new... it was always there. Conditions were good, and a lot of people were leaving, so we sort of 'got into the swing'."

However, according to Sam, not everybody was able to leave. "Only Jewish people can leave Russia because they claim to want to go to Israel... the Jewish homeland."

In September, 1975, Sam and his parents moved to Omaha, and Sam enrolled at Lewis and Clark Junior High for seventh grade. American education turned out to be a new experience for Sam.

"In Russia, there is only one school for grades one through ten. I began basic studies in physics in the first and second grades and finished four years of Algebra in the fourth grade."

Sam also says that studies are pushed harder in the Soviet Union as compared to the United States.

"You are expected to know much more there than you are here. The schools in Russia have an extremely rigorous curriculum, and students are given

a schedule that is very hard. I had at least five hours of homework a day, no question. When you finish tenth grade over there, it is like finishing high school and two years of college here. The physics class I would have taken when I was in sixth grade, would be considered an AP class here."

While Sam's family was still living at his uncle's house in Council Bluffs, Sam's father attended technical school. Because of Russian law, Sam's father was not able to take any documents out of the country, and thus, lost his diplomas for the classes he took in Russia.

"My parents had to start at dirty jobs... with nothing. As their knowledge of English increased, jobs went up. My father is currently an engineer with Dr. Sher Home, and my mother works at Bergan-Mercy."

The U.S. has a different lifestyle

Sam has found a completely different lifestyle in the United States compared with the one he remembers in Russia. He has also found a completely different form of patriotism.

"Since you are born, you are taught that Russia is the greatest. If you say something against Brezhnev (Communist Party leader and Soviet premier), on a dark night they come and get you, and you are never heard from again. The total income is \$2000, both man and wife. Prices are about half what they are here, but there is a limited power of purchase, except for bare necessities. There is plenty of bread and butter, but I have gone for months without any meat. We have vegetables instead."

In America, Sam was introduced to a system of individuality... and he liked it. "People in the United States are really nice. In the U.S., if you really try for something you want, you can achieve it. In Russia, the slower people are pushed up, and the faster people are pushed down so that only one class in society is present. However, in the U.S., a person is given unlimited opportunity. I have decided to take summer school and graduate early because I have always been taught to do everything as efficiently as possible... and also because I hate study halls."

Sam looks forward to becoming a U.S. citizen

Sam says he feels "lucky" to be in the United States and is looking forward to becoming a United States citizen. He feels strongly about the rights he has acquired, and believes more people should respect the rights that they have been able to enjoy all of their lives.

"I will be getting citizenship which will be the greatest honor of my life. The people need to appreciate the rights that they have. There are so many without them, and I feel honored just to be here to enjoy them."

Sam doesn't mince words when talking about politics, especially those of his Russian homeland. "The grain embargo won't hurt the Russians, but it will hurt the African nations who they sell it to. I'm not surprised by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Since 1917, the Russians have preached that they will take over the world. It's no secret, that's what they want. The government spends 40 percent on the military. They will become number one in the world while their people starve."



The Dean Short Puppet Personalities

Olson aids puppeteer

Roger Olson, Central junior, spends part of his spare time helping Dean Short, Central graduate, with The Dean Short Puppet Personality Show which has appeared in about 41 states.

Roger and Mr. Short first met when he began taking music lessons from Mr. Short. "When his son left, he needed someone to help him," said Roger. He was 12 years old when he first started working with the show.

According to Mr. Short, Roger does the announcing for the shows, works some of the puppets, and sets up props and equipment. "Mostly I do the driving and the setting of the stage," said Roger.

In 1978 Roger traveled with the act to Adventure Land where they held 450 performances. This summer he will be going on a tour for about three weeks. The tour will begin at The Blue Grass State Fair in Lexington, Kentucky. All shows are free and performed at shopping centers, fairs, and private parties. According to Roger the act is "just a variety show, it doesn't tell a story."

"Most of the puppets are about 30 years old," said Roger. Mr. Short made most of the puppets in high school. "The puppets are all three feet tall and animated," said Mr. Short.

Mr. Short first did his act in the 1950 Road Show at Central. "At that time each act needed a teacher sponsor," said Roger. Mr. Short's sponsor was Virginia Lee Pratt, head of the math department. Miss Pratt said, "I didn't think he would go on to do this as a career, but people certainly did recognize his talent." Since that time, Mr. Short has appeared on The Johnny Carson Show and the Ed Sullivan Show.

Roger said he enjoys doing the shows and traveling with the act. Who knows, the next face you see on t.v. may be that of Roger Olson.

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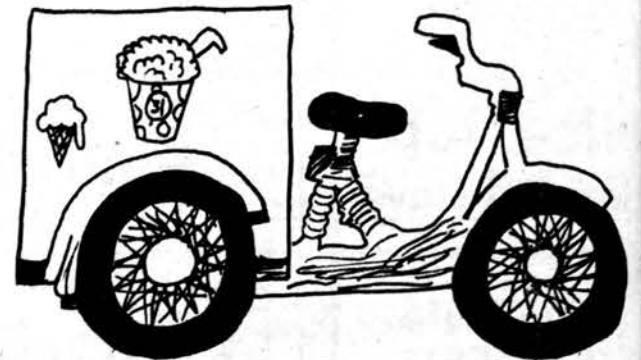
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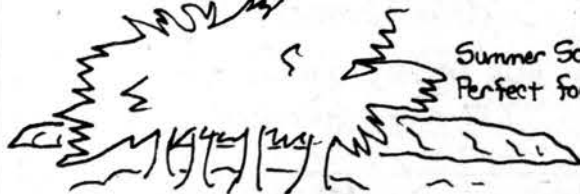
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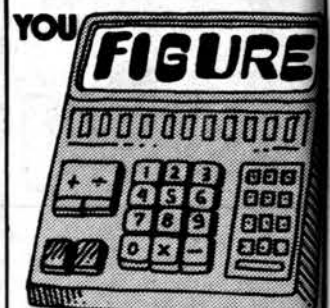


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Of Central Importance

Purple Feather Day

Two years ago, the parent group at Central initiated an activity that is now a yearly occurrence. Purple Feather Day is now a Central tradition, in which all students with a 3.5 grade average are inducted into Central Honor Society.

The former parent group decided to honor the outstanding students who excelled in academics. Gloria Armstrong, vice-president of PEP, said, "Those students involved in athletics or drama were always honored, so we (the members of the parent group) decided to do something special for those outstanding academic students because that's an important part of school."

All seniors with a 3.5 grade average and who are members of the National Honor Society take those sophomores and juniors with 1's and 2's into the courtyard for a celebration.

The party consists of speeches given by local dignitaries, with local celebrities as the emcees. Businessmen contribute gifts, and refreshments are served. As an added attraction, the honorees are given balloons. They write messages and release the helium-filled balloons.

The symbol of the purple feather was selected with general concession of the committee. It has become recognized as a symbol of academic excellence.

JROTC recognition

The 87th Annual Recognition Night was held Thursday at Central for JROTC members. G. E. Moller, Central Principal, and James Clinton, Norris Jr. High vice-Principal were the guest presenters. Central received twenty-four awards. Cadets receiving outstanding awards included Tina White LD1, Craig Crinklaw LD2, Tracy Bennett LD3, and Sherry Beerman LD4. The Nicholas S. Payne award went to Stephen Gomez, and the Arnold Air Society Award was received by Deborah Gordon. The World-

Herald citizenship award went to Kenneth Rihanek.

American Legion awards were given to Paul Aufenkamp, Jeff Swanson, Jeff Aldrich and Ted Szczepanski. Other individuals receiving awards were David Bell, Darlene Wright, Oscar Matlock, Abbe Loehr, Robert Shaw, Winnie Jackson and Tony Bland.

Four Superior Cadet Awards were received by Central students. These awards are the highest possible awards a member can receive. The winners included Brian Craig for level 1, level 2 Tony White, level 3 John Swanson and level 4 Clark Crinklaw.

Program to replace banquet

Because of financial problems, the format of this spring's annual sports banquet has been changed. Awards which were formerly given to a sports banquet will now be presented at a program to be held Monday, May 19, in the auditorium during tenth period.

According to Central Athletic Director, Doug Morrow, the change was made for the "basic reason of the prohibitive cost of food and the escalating cost of trophies and awards."

In the last three years, two sports banquets and one awards presentation have been held.

"The school has assumed the majority cost for the banquet in the past. The school is no longer able to assume the cost," said Mr. Morrow. As a result, "We elected to have the athletes honored by their peers," he added.

Mr. Morrow feels the athletes should take it upon themselves to raise the necessary funds for a separate banquet. "Hopefully, in the future, the athletes will take the initiative to raise the cost of the banquet themselves." He explained, "The athletes are responsible for assuming all the responsibilities for this event. The O-Club hasn't been active this year in raising the funds."

Chess marathon

The Chess Club held a ma-

rathon over spring vacation to raise money for their trip to Nationals. The National Tournament was held May 9-11 in Philadelphia, Pa. The fifty hour marathon, held at the First Baptist Church, raised \$350. Club members had a goal of \$900 for Nationals. The Chess Club planned to make up some of the difference through bake sales.

Members of the club who participated in the marathon and the National Tournament are Steve Nelle, Ron Pursley, Ryan McGill, Alex Applegate, Darnell Williams, and Richard Grotheer.

Drama banquet

Drama Club is now preparing to wind up its year with the annual Drama Club banquet. The banquet will be held at Club 89 on Thursday, May 29. The banquet will feature the annual presentation of the "Pegi" awards.

This year's nominees for the "Pegi" awards have already been chosen during a May 6 drama club meeting. Sam Johnson, Dave Tieglund, and Scott Rosenbaum were nominated for best actor of the year. The nominees for best actress are Carol Knoepfler and Betsy Krin. Other awards will be given for best supporting actor and actress, and cameo awards going to both male and female roles. Final voting for the "Pegi" awards will be held on May 19. Only those people attending the drama club banquet may vote for the awards.

Other items that are still being discussed by drama club include the group's trip to Kansas City on May 16. They will attend a dinner theater and visit Worlds of Fun.

Eaglettes announced

Eaglette tryouts were held on Monday, May 5 at 3:45 in the old gym. Auditions consisted of a 5-minute dance routine and an impromptu marching sequence. Judging was based on poise, appearance, dancing skills, and teacher recommendations. The eight judges were picked at random.

The new 1980-81 Eaglettes

are juniors: Lisa Cahoy, Carol Dalgas, Vicki Fuller, Luanna Langdon, Patty Powell, Kate Shugrue, and Antoinette White. Seniors: Courtney Coleman, Diane Donaldson, Gil Gardner, Peggy Gomez, Becky Haines, Vickie Jefferson, Renae Kemper, Tracy Melton, Merry Metz, Teri Reerink, Jackie Stilen, Patty Tillson, and Jackie Williams.

Reserve Cheerleaders

The 1980-81 Reserve Cheerleading tryouts were held Wednesday, May 30, after school. Of the 34 entrants, 8 were selected. The girls were judged on jumps, cheers, and a pom-pom routine. The girls selected from area junior high schools are: Norris, Linette Radden and Renee Rizzuto; Martin Luther King, Francye Minniss and Vestella Williams; Lewis and Clark, Theresa McDonald and Kris Grosse; Hale, Monica Baker; and from Monroe, Katie Smith.

Choir concert

The A Cappella Choir, directed by Robert McMeen, held its final concert of the year on May 10. The program included music selections by Mozart, Brahms, Berger, and Handel. The choir also performed the three songs that won them an "excellent" rating in the competition at Worlds of Fun on May 3. These songs were "The Last Words of David" by Thompson, "Ubi Caritas" by Durufle, and "All Breathing Life, Sing and Praise ye the Lord" by Bach.

This last concert is unique because it includes solos from graduating seniors. The solos were sung by sopranos Suzanne Durr, Nancy Karstens, and Camille Schmidt, alto Laura Mireau, tenor Donald Dodd, and bass Jeff Holt.

The program ended with the theme song of A Cappella, "Salvation is Created."

Mock stocks

Central economic students became stockholders for five weeks as part of a department required stock project. Students "bought" three to six stocks totaling \$50,000.

Every day price fluctuations were recorded from the New York Stock Exchange.

Students were also required to research the activities of the corporations they "bought" stock in.

Economics teacher Brian Watson said that most of the students operate on a loss or sometimes a small profit. The greatest loss recorded was \$11,000 by ninth hour student David Powers. Another ninth hour student, Ron Pursley, was the student with the least amount of money lost. He lost \$172.

Mr. Watson added that most of the students lost money not because of the stocks they chose but because of the way the stock market responded (or failed to respond) during the period that students "owned" stock.

D.E.C.A. raffle

D.E.C.A. club president Paul Duin, in cooperation with Student Council, is sponsoring a raffle designed to raise money to send Paul to the national D.E.C.A. (Distributive Education Clubs of America) convention in Miami, Florida. Paul won the highest award in the state competition at the general merchandising manager-owner level during the D.E.C.A. club state convention, earlier this year. As a result of his award, Paul is eligible to compete for awards and scholarships at D.E.C.A.'s national convention in Miami, June 20-26.

The amount of money needed to be raised, according to Paul, is \$600: \$200 provided by the school, \$200 coming out of Paul's own pocket, and \$200, hopefully, being earned from the raffle. The prize offered in the lottery is a Hitachi AM-FM cassette deck purchased by Paul with his own money. Paul, however, is receiving funds from some other sources. "Ms. Kmiecik helped me by asking for donations in my American History class," Paul said. Raffle tickets may be obtained from members of D.E.C.A. club or Student Council members.

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Mrs. Christian with her work

Resident artist gives 'Landscape' to school

Marie Christian, an artist, spent a seven day residency, with the Central art department, from April 21 through 29. Her purpose was to teach art students about technique.

Mrs. Christian has served as a resident artist of OPS for four years. "Since January I must have worked at almost all of the junior and senior high schools in Omaha," commented Mrs. Christian.

Before she became involved with the Omaha Public School system, Mrs. Christian taught at Creighton University while she was attending classes at UNO. Since then she has taught at Joslyn Art Museum for twelve years and has opened her own

studio. She has been painting portraits and working with intaglio prints for twenty years and has experimented with commercial art.

"The first, and one of the best indicators of artistic talent in children are poster contests which they enter in elementary school," explained Mrs. Christian. "I knew that I wanted to become an artist after my first poster contest," she added.

On the day she was leaving, Mrs. Christian donated an oil painting to Central, which she painted while she was here. The title of the painting is, *Candy Landscape*, and it will be hung in the main office as soon as it is dry.



Creative problem solvers gain experience in Lincoln

The second annual Creative Problem Solving Bowl was held in Lincoln April 30th through May 3rd. For the second year Central has been represented in the bowl. Team members this year were juniors Sam Johnson, Eric Johnson, and Steve Bouma, and senior Mike Hutton. For all of the team members this was their first bowl game.

Competition

According to Dr. Robert Wolfe, faculty sponsor of the team, each team that participated in the contest had to attend the bowl one out of the four days the competition was held. Central competed Thursday, May 1, which, according to Dr. Wolfe, was the most competitive day.

"fuzzy situations"

The competition involved examining what Dr. Wolfe calls "fuzzy situations" (problems with unclear solutions). The participants relied on the creative problem solving process to find what

they felt was the best solution.

Seven steps

Dr. Wolfe explained that the creative solving process involves about seven steps. On receiving the problem, a group first "brain storms" to find the root of the problem. They then define the problem and "brain storm" for solutions. Next, the group sets up a criteria for judging the solutions, decides which solution is the best, refines it, and finally presents the final solution. The teams were then judged by college educators.

Bowl sponsor

The bowl was sponsored by the Department of Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Schools from across the country, from Florida to Washington, were accepted into the competition. Teams were accepted on the basis of their answer to a practice question. Only Central, South and Millard were accepted from the Omaha Metro area.

Awards were given for the top three finishers from each of the three grade levels: elementary school age, junior high, and senior high. Central was not one of the top three finishers.

This year's contest problem involved the search for alternate fuels and the fuel of the future.

Volunteers

The team was made up of interested volunteers from the honors science classes. They practiced before school as much as possible throughout the year. The team was given three practice problems to work on and on the basis of their answer to the third, they were admitted into the competition.

"... new experience"

Although they did not win, the team is optimistic about the future. Team member Sam Johnson commented, "We didn't win this year, but it was all new for all of us. We'll have experience on our side next year."



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Camille will join Scarlet and Cream next year

Centralite sings to stardom

With graduation just a few weeks ahead, most high school seniors are still trying to decide about their future. And if they are sure of their goal, they are not planning on achieving it for several years. This is not true in the case of Central senior, Camille Schmidt. Camille is already well on her way to her goal of being a professional singer.

Camille was notified last week that she was chosen to be a member of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's Scarlet and Cream Singers, a particular honor for an incoming freshman. The group is of regional recognition and is made up of mostly upper-classmen.

Camille also recently took first place at the Lion's Club Talent contest. She and her sister, Amy, sang a duet entitled "Waiting for the Perfect Moment," a song which Camille composed herself. The award now allows the two to participate in the state competition held on June 6.

Camille has enjoyed singing all of her life. She comes from a musical family, with her father being the vocal music teacher at Bryan High School and her mother accompanying on the piano. When Camille was 5, she wrote her first composition: an alternate harmony to "Away in the Manger." She wrote a piano solo entitled "Carmen" at the age of 14. Since then she has written 10 original compositions including, "I Wanted to Let You Know," "Waiting for the Perfect Moment," and "Talk about Her Later," all of which have been featured in Central's Road Show in the past 2 years.

Camille has taken a couple of years of voice lessons but mainly feels that her talent comes naturally.

"All I ever do at home is sit at the piano and sing and sight read," said Camille. "It's what I enjoy doing."

At Central, Camille is a member of A Cappella Choir, CHS Singers, and is the pianist for Stage Band. In past years, Ca-

mille was chosen for various groups including 2 years with Hastings Honor Choir, 2 years at All-State Clinic, and last summer at Kansas City Symposium for Gifted Students.

Camille has also been in several musical productions. She played the role of Irene Malloy in "Hello, Dolly!" twice — at Central earlier this year and at Bryan as a sophomore. Other productions were "My Fair Lady" and "The Sound of Music."

Camille's most recent honor was being voted "Most Musically Inclined" and "Most Likely to Succeed" of the senior class.

"I was really flattered to receive 'Most Likely to Succeed,'" Camille said, "I just hope that I can satisfy them by proving them right."

Camille is planning on doing some work with commercials this summer, but in the meantime will continue to sing.

"The world has to have music," she said. "All I want to do is make people happy."

Successful alumni to help spirit

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great help from Adrian Westberg, who had been head secretary at Central for fifty years, and former Central teachers Ruth Pilling, Dorothy Cathers, and Virgene McBride. "They knew a few authors and those few knew others," said Mrs. Williams. "We also spent some time going through phone books and finding the parents." Once the authors were located, Mrs. Newton sent them a form letter and questionnaire. "We also asked them if they would be willing to visit classes at Central when they're here or if they would be willing to let students

write to them," said Mrs. Newton.

"A lot of people have felt that we should make a bigger deal of our illustrious alumni. This project represents a good way of getting at that," said English Department head Dan Daly. Mrs. Williams feels the project is "one way of finding out how varied the interests and occupations are of people that have gone to Central." Mrs. Williams also would like to get an alumni scrapbook that was disbanded up to date. "What the Future Central Committee had been trying to do over the years is to develop a nationalism in school.

Not the nasty kind, but a pride in the school. This is one of the ways to do it."

Most of the work for the project has been done by the members of PEP. Some teachers served on the committee and assisted in the preparation of the letter of request, questionnaire, and selection of the display case, but they only served in an "advisory capacity" according to Mr. Daly. "We act as a faculty liaison. Our main job will be to encourage our students to be aware of the display." Mr. Daly likes the idea. "It is a nice idea. I wish I had thought of it," he said.

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Central captures seventh Metro crown

The Central girls' track team continued its dominance this season by winning the Millard Invitational, the Metro Meet, and the District A-3 Meet — qualifying twenty-one competitors for the state meet, May 16-17 in North Platte.

The Eagles had to come from behind to capture their seventh Metro title in the last nine years. After the first day of competition, Millard held a 42-15 advantage over Ralston and Central. Coach Joanne Dusatko said, "I was concerned, but I wasn't worried. The events of the first day weren't some of our best events, and we qualified well in the sprints."

Hartso wins three golds

Junior Wanda Hartso led the Eagles by winning gold medals in the 800 meters, the 400 meter dash, and she was a member of the 1600 meter relay team which won with a 4:04.04 time. Mrs. Dusatko said, "Wanda had her

usual busy day, but sprinters are used to it." Jojo Mayhue, Jana Pulliam and Joi Pulliam were the other members of that relay team.

Girls run away at districts

Central also won top honors in the long jump with Denise Hart and the other two relay teams. The 3200 relay team of Cindy Radulovich, Debby Smith, Anne McCormick and Trish McCormick won in 10:00.85. The 400 meter relay team of Lisa Mayhue, Sheila Harrison, Jana and Joi Pulliam recorded a time of 49.37 seconds.

Harrison also finished third in the 200 and 100 meter dashes. Katie Holland finished third in the 1600 and Jana Pulliam took third in the 400. In addition to her three gold medals, Hartso took second place in the 100 meter dash.

At the district meet, Central

qualified "two girls in every running event except for the (100 meter) hurdles," said Coach Dusatko. In addition, the Eagles qualified all of their athletes in the 200 meter dash. Harrison won in 25.57 seconds. Lisa Mayhue finished third and Joi Pulliam fourth.

Meet tough on runners

According to Coach Dusatko, "Joi Pulliam has never run in the open 200 before. To qualify for state the first time isn't too bad."

Hartso took first place in the 800, 100, and 400 meters. Radulovich finished second in the 800, and Jana Pulliam finished second in the 400. Central qualified three girls in the 100 meters; Hartso, Joi Pulliam, and Harrison.

In the distance events, Anne McCormick and Katie Holland qualified in both the 1600 and the 3200. McCormick won the

1600 while Holland placed third. "The girls flip-flopped in the two mile with Katie first and Anne third," said Mrs. Dusatko.

The performance of the distance runners was highlighted by the fact the district was a one-day meet, which is especially difficult on an athlete.

In the field events, Shelly Melton qualified in the shot put, Tracy Benning in the discus, and Denise Hart in the long jump. Mrs. Dusatko said, "I knew Tracy was coming on. We found out she was taking too much warmup time before the meet." Benning finished second with a throw of 113 feet, 2 inches. "I don't think she's hit her best yet," said the coach.

Relays remain unbeaten

In the relays, Central continued unbeaten in all the big meets this season. "We ran all our relays with top times, so we should be in the faster heat at

state," said the coach.

The girls will be trying to defend last year's state title in North Platte. According to Mrs. Dusatko, "Central hasn't finished lower than second in the state meet since 1973." The Eagles were champions in 1974 and 1979 and placed second each year between 1975 and 1978.

Track unpredictable

Coach Dusatko "feels good" about the number of girls who qualified for state. She said, "At least I have the knowledge of having a team with its full potential. At districts, we didn't have any false starts or injuries."

The coach would not predict the outcome of the state meet. She said, "Until the races are over, you don't know anything for certain. There are so many things that can happen in track. At state you're not allowed very many mistakes."

Tough district will challenge competitive boys' track team

The boys' track team will try to qualify athletes in "probably the toughest district in the state," said Coach Joe McMenamin.

Included in the May 14 meet at Burke are Bellevue West, Gross, South, Burke, Westside and Central. The Bulldogs are this year's Metro champions. West was the runner-up in the Metro meet.

According to Mr. McMenamin, "The schools in our district have the same strengths we have. We're strong in the sprints, discus and shot, and in the distance races." He added, "South, Gross, and Westside are all competitive teams. We have to have some good performances from our athletes to qualify for state."

Weather is a shock

Burke was also the site for the Metro championships May 6 and 7. The Eagles finished ninth in the nineteen team field.

The weather was a definite factor in the meet. "It was the coldest day in about a month," said the coach. "It was a shock to some of the kids. It's been real nice the last three or four weeks."

The weather did not stop Larry Station from winning the discus with a throw of 160 feet even. "The wind during the day was behind the throwers. Most people think it would help, but it actually pushes the discus down. A headwind gives the disc more lift," said Coach

McMenamin. Ed Stenger finished eighth and Jim Van Metre finished ninth in the discus. All three athletes are underclassmen.

Mr. McMenamin believes overall Central had "real good performances in the distance races." Senior Jim Labenz turned in the state's fourth fastest time in the 3200 this spring, said Coach McMenamin. His time of 9:37 was good for third place. Paul Schnatz, a sophomore, finished seventh with a time of 10:02.

"It was a real tight race in the 1600," said Mr. McMenamin. Although he finished sixth, "Jim was only three seconds from first place," said the coach.

Relay team finishes third

The 400 meter relay team, which holds the city's fastest time this spring of 43.5 seconds, finished third. The winning team at Metro, Bellevue West, recorded a time of 44.6 seconds. "It was a poor night for running. We didn't have a very good meet yesterday," said Mr. McMenamin.

Athletes peak for state

Terry Grigsby earned a fifth place finish in the 300 meter low hurdles. "Terry has only been running the lows for two weeks. He has good potential to place at state," added Coach McMenamin. "Jim Labenz is peaking so he should be able to challenge for a gold medal at state. Station should challenge for gold. He's peaking at the right time."

Eagles near second season

Although the school year is coming to a close, for many players and Coach Chris Kenny, the Central baseball season has not reached its midpoint.

After the completion of the state districts and state tournament, the second season of American Legion Baseball begins. Central has participated in the Junior Legion Midgets under the sponsorship of Budweiser.

Triple-A needs sponsors

This year, a Triple-A team will be made up of primarily sophomores. Coach Kenny feels Triple-A baseball "is equivalent to a JV program during the summer." Coach Kenny added, "We're having a little problem with the 3-A team in finding sponsors. Right now, the team is called Central Merchants. We're trying to hit some of the downtown merchants, but sponsors are hard to find this year. It's for a good cause."

Summer baseball holds an important position in the future of Central's program. According to Mr. Kenney, "If Central is ever going to have a winning team, it has to start with these kids. If we can get everybody on this team back out in the summer, we can jell. Plus we get Mike Swoboda back. He's a pitcher we desperately need." The Legion schedule begins the second week in June.

Eagles drop close games

However, before the summer schedule starts, the Eagles must complete the spring schedule.

The pitching staff has encountered tough luck this spring. Mancuso and Jim Backer combined for a seven-hitter in the A.L. game, which was tied after fourteen innings before being suspended. "John Green throws a three-hitter against Prep and loses 2-1," said Coach Kenny. He added, "Novak threw a four-hitter against South and loses."

Districts begin May 15

Backer has been the Eagles' primary relief pitcher. "He consistently throws strikes. You have got to have a guy who can throw strikes in relief."


Central, now with a record of two wins, twelve losses and one tie, will enter district competition May 16. The Eagles will probably be the fourth seeded team and open with a game against North at Ralston, said Mr. Kenny.

Millard is the top-seeded team in the district.

"Now is the time"

Mr. Kenny believes Central may be the team which could defeat Millard. "If we can get up for the tournament we have a chance, but to stay up is a different thing. Now is the time to win. It's been awhile."

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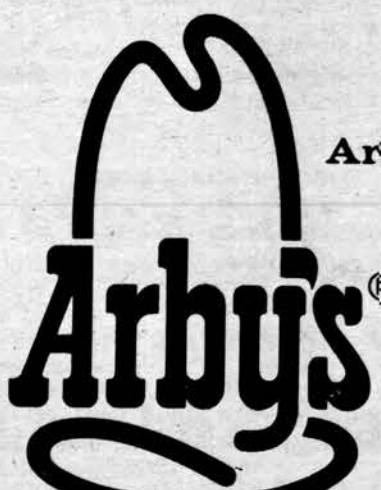
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Central athletes have what it takes

There are two definitions that must be made clear before the rest of this column may be fully understood. They are as follows:

1. *Sportsmanship* — Skill in or devotion to, sports; especially conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results.

2. *Devotion* — 1. The solemn act of concentrating one's entire attention to a specific matter. 2. To give up wholly or chiefly; as, to devote oneself to science.

For the past three years, I have taken an active part in watching Central's sports program. I have seen our school in its greatest moments and sometimes in its worst. I have experienced the thrill of attending a state basketball tournament, and I've also experienced the disappointment of having Central not qualify for the event. It is quite easy to realize that our sports program has had its "ups" and "downs." Nevertheless, I feel that the two words above have been enforced in our sports program to their near peak. (One must always leave room for improvement in these fields. Sportsmanship-Devotion.)

It's very hard to pick out one particular sport (be it boys' or girls') and say that it manifests these ideals of sportsmanship and devotion without treading on every sport that Central sponsors. Practically all of the sports here have had to overcome an obstacle of some sort. It makes no difference which sport you name. Football, track, basketball, wrestling, baseball, swimming, or gymnastics; the problems that these teams have endured in my last three years is almost endless.

Athletes overcome facility weaknesses

Let's face it, our sports facilities are not even in the same ballpark as those of many other area high schools. We don't have a football field, tennis courts, track, baseball diamond, or a swimming pool. We just recently acquired a new gym through the hard work and many hours of dedication put forth by our supportive parents and faculty. But if some pessimist were to look at our facilities, he would probably ask how on earth we are able to field sports teams.

Well, my friends, this is where we tell the pessimist why he's wrong. So we don't have all of the new updated facilities, but that doesn't stop our school's will to compete in athletic events. No school in the city of Omaha or, for that matter, in the state has the athletes with the unyielding pride of Central athletes. For most schools, after practice is finished, there is a short walk into the locker room so that they can change and go home. But after our practices are over, in many cases, our athletes have to load up a bus and ride as far as six to ten miles to get back from their practice sites.

Before the new gym was constructed, boys' and girls' basketball teams had to take turns using the old gym. On alternating weeks, the teams would have to go to area junior highs to practice. In other cases, underclassmen would practice as early as six o'clock in the morning. Let's get serious, you can hardly see a basketball that early, much less try and put it through the hoop.

Pride and tradition carry Central Athletes

The football team has been in the same predicament for years. Not enough practice space. Kellom Elementary was the team's home field this year. Kellom also serves as the baseball team's field. Many times after practice, a time when most athletes are exhausted (and let me assure you that if you've ever been through Coach Reed's football practice, you're beat), the idea of walking back to Central is no comforting thought. Track and swimming are no different. Every year they travel over to Norris Jr. High School to practice. It kind of defeats the purpose of a home field advantage, but there is really nothing that can be done about it.

I think my point has been made clear. Athletes go through quite a bit of adversity to participate in athletics at Central. Then how do you explain our remarkable success? Football is extremely competitive. Swimming enjoyed one of the best seasons it has ever had. Girls' track will probably take state again this year. Basketball and wrestling still generate fear in many metro opponents. Gymnastics is on the verge of being the best team Central has ever seen. Just two weeks ago, the baseball team gave the powerhouse Creighton Prep Bluejays a real scare. (Prep won a close 2-1 decision.)

I'll tell you how our athletes do it. It's their total devotion and dedication to sports. They certainly give 100 percent in all of their athletic endeavors. Central has always maintained a high quality of sportsmanship. Changes for Central's athletic facilities are coming fast. These new additions will no doubt help in Central's upcoming athletic performances, and they will be appreciated greatly. I not only think, but I know that Central students may be proud and will continue to be proud of the sportsmanship and devotion their athletes exhibit.

Girls' tennis has successful season

The Girls' Tennis team is enjoying a very successful season this year. Coach Joyce Morris is predicting the team to finish the season with 5 wins and 4 losses. The tennis team like many other spring sports at Central is comprised of many underclassmen. "I think the team has done exceptionally well this season considering how young they are," commented Ms. Morris.

Sophomores contribute

An underclassman that has shown remarkable progress has been sophomore, Betsy Boyle. Betsy has competed in the No. 1 singles category and has only suffered one defeat. When Betsy is not playing singles, she teams up with senior Lynne Cohen to play No. 1 doubles.

The team of Boyle-Cohen seems to be a very sound one. They too, have only lost one match all season. Lynne has been a member of the tennis team for three years and is looking forward to the state meet to be held at Dewey Park on May 22.

Before the team gets its eyes set on state, Ms. Morris feels that they must concentrate on the Metro meet that will be com-

pleted today. Ms. Morris has a bit of strategy planned for the Metro meet though. She plans to have both Betsy and Lynne compete in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles category respectively to see how they perform.

"It's kind of like a 'key up' for state," related Cohen. "We'll see how well we do, but more than likely we'll be together when it comes time to go to state."

The team currently has 28 members and only two are seniors. "That's really a plus for the team next year," stated Ms. Morris. "We should really be very strong next season."

Morris praises team

Don't get Ms. Morris wrong. She is very pleased with the performance of her team this year, and she praised them for their successful efforts. "All of the sophomores have really done very well. They all had good seasons, and they should be very proud of their hard work. I think the thing I admire most in the sophomores is their desire to learn how to improve their game," related Ms. Morris.

Underclassmen aid team

It seems that freshman, Dede

Mancuso has done a fine job in playing on the No. 3 doubles team. Ms. Morris also mentioned that sophomores, Margaret Kolkowski and Jennifer Fangman have also helped the team this season. "I'm not exactly positive who will play at Metro, but I'm pretty sure that Betsy (Boyle), Lynne (Cohen), junior Andrea Jones; sophomores Marilee Foster and Margaret (Kolkowski), and sophomore Dina Fox will also participate."

Good outlook for next season

"I really hate to try and name all the stand outs this season because everyone has done a really fine job at their positions. Quite a few people have received a lot of playing time and that will be really beneficial for next year's squad," said Ms. Morris.

Cohen will be missed

"I think the only real problem we are going to have next year is trying to replace Lynne Cohen in the No. 1 doubles position because she is graduating. If all goes well, we should be able to find someone to fill her spot with Betsy," concluded Ms. Morris.

Golfers experience tough season

Although the Boys' Golf team's season was somewhat of a disappointment, coach Warren Marquiss feels that there is quite a bit of promise for next year's squad.

"I think our biggest problem this year was our lack of experience. In fact, we will only be losing one senior off this year's team and that is David Marang," related Marquiss.

Record disappointing

The team's 0-6 record has provided for an especially "long season," but the experience the team has gained will be ex-

remely valuable next year. According to David Marang, "We weren't really that terrible. Our real problem was that we couldn't get the whole team to shoot well all at once."

Andrews a standout

The standout for the team according to Marquiss was junior Lamont Andrews. "Lamont has been playing extremely well this season, and he probably will be the only one to make it to the district play-offs."

"Lamont's greatest attribute is that he maintains a consistent average. His average makes him the best player on our team,"

said Marquiss.

Season change hurts

"I think the two things that really hurt us this year were changing the golf season from fall to spring and the fact that we graduated quite a few of our key players last year," stated Marquiss.

"The season change caused some of the best golfers to choose between golf and the other spring sports. Unfortunately, many of them chose to go out for track and baseball instead of golf. This is one of the reasons why we have to use inexperienced players," said Marquiss. "The second reason for our team being so young is that when our seniors graduated last year, we didn't have any one to fill their spots. So in turn, we had to resort to our younger players," continued Marquiss.

Underclassmen abundant

The team is comprised of ten players, and of those ten, nine are underclassmen. In fact, two of the members are only freshmen. They are Chris Shaw and Eric Olson. There are four sophomores, one being Shane Hansen who is a lead player, and the other three are juniors. Marquiss had a great amount of praise for the young team saying that they were "practicing hard and had a real desire to play the game."

Four lettermen return

The team will return four lettermen next season and one of those will be Chris Shaw, the freshman. "With all of these experience players returning, Central should be a very tough competitor for the next couple of years," concluded Marquiss.

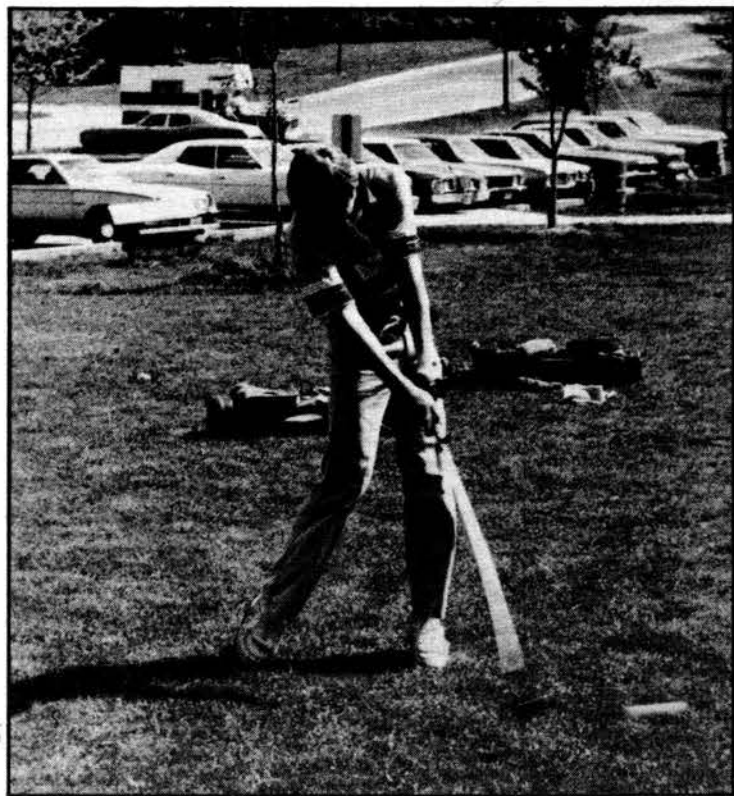


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Junior Lamont Andrews drives the ball to the green.

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