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Central varsity cheerleaders clown on Northwest Missouri campus

## Cheerleaders go to camp

From June 23rd to June 27th, Central's varsity cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleading Association camp in Marysville, Missouri, on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University. They are: Roxanne Bushey, Anne Conine, Nancy Culek, Sherry Fréads, Angie Jech, Anne McCormick, Monica Meehan, Cindy Matya, Pam Palmer, Brenda Schuerman and Suzie Wright. Sixty high school cheerleading squads from Ne-

braska, Iowa, and Missouri participated in the camp.

Eight o'clock a.m. marked the beginning of the girls' daily practice. Lunch was at noon, in the university's cafeteria. Practice resumed at 3:00 and ended at 5:30 with an hour and a half break for dinner. Competition between the camp's 60 squads started at 7:00 each of the four camp evenings. Ribbons were awarded to squads who performed the best. Central's squad won four ribbons.

"Lights in the dormitory went out at 11:00 p.m. By that time, we were so sore and tired we fell asleep before we hit the sheets," said Anne McCormick.

The last day of camp, two special awards were given; the spirit award, which all of the squads voted on to decide the squad that deserved it, and the excellence award, which the NCA Cheerleaders gave. Central's girls received the spirit award and achieved runner up for the excellence award.

## State aid to OPS

Last fall a lid bill aimed at cutting property taxes and reducing Omaha Public Schools yearly budget increase to zero percent was passed in a public election. As a result of this lid, the Omaha Public Schools found it necessary to propose certain budget cuts of programs and teachers for the next school year. Concerned citizens and Sen. Gerald Koch then formed L.B. 627 aimed at stopping the original lid, and introduced this bill in the 1980 Leg. Session to the Nebraska State Legislature, which has total control over all Nebraska School Districts.

Gov. Charles Thone eventually vetoed L.B. 627 and the legislature did not acquire enough votes to override Gov. Thone's veto. Finally on the last day of the 1980 session of the legislature, April 18, an unexpected state aid to schools bill was passed. This proved to save the schools' programs and teachers for at least the upcoming year.

Mr. Charles Beattie, Secretary of the Omaha Public School's Board of education, explained how the state aid bill first appropriated 25 million dollars and later 35 million increasing State aid to schools to 95 million. Accord-

ing to Mr. Beattie the money is split up between school districts on a per student basis, no school district receives more per student than any other school district. Omaha Public Schools received 5.8 million dollars from the 95 million. The 5.8 million can only be used, explained Mr. Beattie, as a general expenditure, such as to pay salaries or to clean schools. It can not be used to pay off any debts that the school may have obtained.

The immediate problem is that Omaha Public Schools needs a yearly state aid increase in order to maintain their present status. Dr. Donald Andrews, Relation's Director for the Omaha Public Schools, states that both the Nebraska State Education Association and the School board are shooting for a 45 per cent increase in state aid.

Another solution to the problem would be another bill like L.B. 627, which would stop the original lid and put a two year limit on any bill of its kind in the future. Mr. Beattie sums it up with this statement. "There needs to be a system found that finances from a broad tax base which equalizes so that there is no undue stress put on any single tax base."

## CHS Eagles find goodwill abroad

Less than a month ago Sherry Freads, Anne McCormick, Busy Schenken, Darryl Wagner, Mindy Weiner, and Juli Welk returned from overseas. These Central students had the opportunity to go to places like Europe, the British Isles, or Israel this summer. Sherry, Anne, Busy, Darryl, and Juli traveled Europe by way of the Lions Club program, while Mindy traveled Israel with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth.

Central students traveled to Europe June 30 with fifty other Nebraska students. Once in London, all of the travelers stayed for four days sightseeing, then to their prospective families. Juli Welk did not leave England, her family lived in Birmingham, located near London.

Juli found her family, the Smiths to have a lower standard of living because of the country's high inflation. "Our sixteen dollar Levis cost them more than double, as do designer jeans," explained Juli.

Throughout her stay, the children were in school due to the fact they have less than half the vacations we do. The schools are also more strict in discipline and work.

Juli visited her family on three different occasions. Her time was spent sightseeing the Isles. She first traveled to Gabowan, located on the Welsh border. Luckily, she was not

required to speak Welsh for the English language is common there. Immediately she went to Owestry, a nearby town. There she encountered young Leos, who are sixteen to twenty-four year old people connected with the Lions' program. After this she returned to her English family.

Juli soon became accustomed to the English ways; the conservative qualities found in all, and the importance of a cup of tea. Morning, noon, and night the English and Juli, drank tea. By the end of her stay she was used to elevensies (an 11:00 tea), four o'clock tea, and the late dinners of eleven or twelve p.m.

The highlight of Juli's trip included a glimpse of England's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her limousine.

Anne McCormick and Sherry Freads spent two weeks touring Europe together after staying with their host families. As the other Nebraska students they remained in London for four days before continuing to their host families' town. Sherry went to an English youth camp for two weeks and then to her family's house in Austria. Anne went directly to the Vatter family of Koblenz, Germany.

Sherry found the Mosenden's welcoming, and she felt at home for she was treated the same as a family member. Anne had a more eventful stay for she also vacationed with the Malzer

family.

After arriving in Koblenz Anne visited the Vatter's for ten days then left for a two week vacation. Anne and the Malzers traveled to Bavaria, Bayerische, Eisenstein, Bertschsgaden, and Oberammergau, to name a few of the scenic spots. In Oberammergau she saw the Passion Play, an eight hour production about the bible. "Staying with a family while touring Europe is a great experience," Anne stated after having the opportunity.

Anne and Sherry met each other in Wolfsburg. From there they traveled on the Eurail night and day. It was so enjoyable Sherry felt compelled to say, "It is a lot better and cheaper to travel Europe than America." While traveling on the Eurail they visited everywhere from Munich to Rome and Paris. On a few occasions they spent the night in small hotels in order to take in all of the sights. Spending the night in a Michigan van was not an anticipated event, but at one point they found themselves without lodging.

After touring for two weeks they met the rest of the students back in London and came home.

Busy Schenken had a stay different from the other Central students. She remained with her host family throughout her visit.

Busy boarded a train after her stay in London and headed

for her family in St. Arnoult en Yvelines. She then traveled by boat to Dover and continued to Paris by train.

St. Arnoult en Yvelines is located twenty minutes from Paris so she had many opportunities to shop and sightsee there. Not until she arrived in Paris did she realize that the classroom French differed so greatly from the spoken French. On occasion she was highly embarrassed by her mispronunciation and mistakes.

The Thauvins, her host family, took her on a family vacation preceding a three and a half week stay at their home. They first went to their chalet in the Swiss Alps. Here they hiked vigorously. Corcica was next on their agenda. In Corcica Busy and the Thauvins swam,

sunned and went sightseeing.

Before returning to Nebraska with the other students Busy became accustomed to the French cuisine. Most meals consisted of many courses. Breakfast, consisting of cereal or yogurt, was not a family meal. At lunch the father came home and everyone sat down to a six to eight course meal. Salads, tomatoes, steak, wine, cheese and, of course, French bread were common dishes at the meal. Dinner was basically the same except soup and bread were also served.

Busy's return home was as exciting as her stay because she stayed at Le Royal Monceau, a famous French hotel. She then met the others in London.

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# Courtyard 'cover' well deserved

Spring of 1980 not only brought warmer weather and the closing of another school year, but it also brought a proposal which has been accepted by the Omaha Public School Board.

Central High School was offered the opportunity to have a translucent "lid" constructed over the courtyard. Both positive and negative opinions have been voiced concerning this change. It appears that the positive views dominate.

One reason for installing the covering is for economical purposes. Replacement of the windows on the courtyard walls is necessary and would run up a bill of approximately \$289,000. But with the covering, it will be unnecessary to replace these windows; however, it will cost approximately \$578,000 for construction of the new lid.

This lid will assist in the heating system of the school. In previous winters, the courtyard acted as a chimney. It allowed warm air to escape through the courtyard doors and windows to go directly outside. As a result of the covering, the warm air will be retained in the courtyard area, and cool air will not be allowed to enter the building. Because of the savings involved in energy consumption, the new lid should "pay for itself" in a matter of 14 years.

The lid, which has been called a "dome," was originally proposed by architects who were working on plans for remodeling, including the courtyard windows. The initial design was created by Dana, Larson, Roubal, and Associates. Since that time, bidding for the project has taken place and the contractors to receive the job will be announced soon.

Funds for construction are being provided by the building site fund of the school system. A certain portion of the fund is devoted to the building of new schools and the remodeling and renovation of older ones. The extent of interior remodeling to be done in the courtyard area has yet to be decided.

The completed courtyard area will maintain an average of 65 degrees in temperature throughout all seasons. This will allow the area to be used year-round, whereas before, it was merely used four or five months of the year. It is intended that the courtyard will not only be used by students, but will be a gathering place for some public affairs as well.

For those who are wondering whether or not a covering of this sort will withstand severe weather (heavy rain or snow), the answer is yes. Similar coverings can presently be seen at Regency Fashion Court and at W. Dale Clarke Library. The roof will be slanted to prevent water seepage and will be translucent to allow sunshine to pass through to the courtyard.

Concerning the change which is about to take place, Central's administrators have basically taken a positive stand. They feel it will be to the school's advantage.

Construction is expected to begin on November 1, of this year. With cooperation of the weather, it is expected to be completed by late Spring of 1981.

Changes which concern Central's structure will be made with the intent that it will allow students to take full advantage of what the building has to offer, and at the same time will repair and preserve the building to ensure many more years of use to come. All additions and changes which may be made should be accepted readily.

The finished area is expected to be one of beauty and activity. It will enable students to be in the atmosphere which is now enjoyed for only a short period of each year.

The courtyard has always been one highlight of Central's structure. The changes to be made will simply enhance the area and make it more outstanding.

# Changes in bus system

Students getting on a city bus the first day of school this year may have been shocked to learn of the new increased fares. That's not the only change that took place over summer vacation; new bus cards are being issued.

The new cards are different from the former ones because of the pictures that identify the student. The card's cost is \$1.50 which entitles the student to a fifteen cent reduction off the basic fifty cent fare.

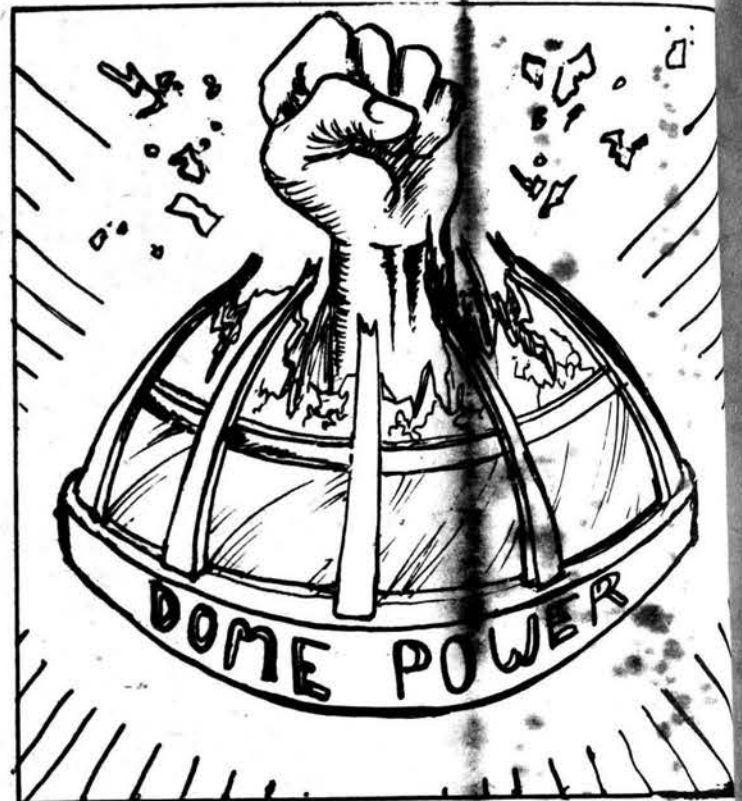
Metro Area Transit officials said that the \$1.50 fee pays for the picture of the student.

Officials said the reason for the new cards being issued is that several hundred cards got out last year to non-students.

However, some Central High students don't believe the new cards are necessary. Junior Cherry Hillier says, "I don't think the cards are necessary as often as the bus drivers check for them." Cherry says the most she is checked is once a week, but other students like sophomores Jackie Fritz and Pat Powers say that they've never been checked. Senior Cherrie Kirkpatrick, who rides the bus every day, said, "none of the bus drivers question me because they can see I'm a student."

Concerning the higher rates Cherrie says that she doesn't mind them. "It's a lot cheaper than driving yourself to school, and we should be satisfied that we're getting it as cheap as we are." But other Central students think the new rates are too high. Mark Jording, a sophomore, said the student fare should be about thirty cents instead of thirty-five. Pat Powers, whose father drives a bus, said, "I don't think they should have raised the rates at all, I think they just needed extra money to pay for the new buses."

Most people interviewed, however, still think the bus is a bargain compared to other forms of transportation.



## My place by Sam Johnson



### The sophomores are here!

Well friends, here we are starting a brand new year of higher education. For many of us, this is the last year that we'll walk these hallowed halls; for some, there is this and yet another year to go but for the remainder, an entire three year stint at Central High is required. It is about these poor innocents, commonly called sophomores, that I'd like to talk to you today. Yes, dear reader, the sophomore.

#### Rare and most elusive creature

The sophomore is a rare and most elusive creature. Ignored by both the junior and senior classes, the sophomore is virtually non-existent. Perhaps the only quality that gives the sophomore any shred of individuality is the harmless nature which they all possess (I'll touch on this a little later).

Unfortunately for the rest of the non-sophomore population, not much has ever been written about the little urchins. Well, as you may have guessed, I took it upon myself to go through extensive hours of grueling research and heavy observation so that a little light may be brought into a seldom exposed topic.

Logically, I did my research and observation here at Central (a veritable hotbed of sophomore development), and I came up with some very interesting findings.

The best time to observe sophomores, I have learned, is between 7:45 and 8:25 A.M. It is at this time when the majority of the sophomore population can be found clustered at the "C" in what I believe is some primitive rite of self-preservation; you know, huddling for protection.

#### Ingenuous nature of the sophomores

I have also learned a lot about the ingenious nature of the sophomores. One very obvious example of trait unique to the sophomores, is the continuance of said party to use the wrong stairs when ascending to the second, third, or fourth floors even though the stairs are clearly marked "boys" and "girls."

Of course, more subtle instances of naivete are always present as well. Just this morning I met a sophomore stoically waiting for the elevator. When I told him the elevator doesn't stop for just anybody, he smugly smiled and showed me the 35 dollar elevator pass one of my more enterprising classmates had just sold him. It was after I told him that it was fake that I learned of the emotional unbalance of these seemingly stable creatures, for I could hear the sobs clear to the "one" side.

#### We were all sophomores

All in all, I can't come down too hard on the sophomores, for we were all sophomores once although we may try to escape our pasts. And, it is because we, the juniors and seniors of Central High can understand the uphill plight of the sophomores, that we must make them feel welcome. Remember, they are our successors. That means, juniors and seniors, when asked for the directions to the gym or band room, no round-about routes through the cafeteria are necessary, and of course, no 35 dollar elevator passes.

Welcome to Central, sophomores!



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# Teachers set goals

Central received 12 new faculty members this year all replacing teachers who have left. The new teachers include Jerry Brown (science), George Grillo (social studies), Jerrie Harris (marketing), Larry Hausman (art), Steve Heck (English), Gary Kubik (science), Dean Neff (social studies), Cesarea Plata (Spanish), Margaret Quinn (art), James Rawlings (social studies), Carol Valdrighi (social studies), and John Waterman (math).

Mr. Heck, Mr. Grillo, and Mrs. Valdrighi asked to be transferred to Central. Mr. Grillo said, "I knew the football coach and that helped make the decision. I also taught summer school here for four years, and the students were just super."

Mr. Heck graduated from Central and he said, "Going to Central made me want to teach here."

Mrs. Valdrighi said, "I taught here 10 years ago and always liked it."

Mr. Hausman who is the new art department head, said, "I was asked to come here and take over stage craft."

All the new teachers agree

that they liked Central and are comfortable in their new surroundings. Although Mr. Heck said the change wasn't easy, "it's quite difficult adjusting to a new school, especially coming from a smaller one." Most of the new teachers noticed the strong tradition and spirit at Central.

Of the teachers that left, Miss Nichols (art) and Miss Jerabek (social studies) both retired; Mr. McNeely (English), Mr. Kimsey (science), and Ms. Parker (marketing) all moved out of Omaha; Mr. Haskell (social studies) was transferred to Norris Jr. High School. Mr. Nelson (art), Mrs. Clinch (social studies), Ms. Kmiecik (social studies), and Mr. Halula (science) all left to pursue other goals. All the teachers said they would miss Central but none regretted their decisions.

Mr. Halula got an offer he "couldn't refuse," at Peoples Natural Gas. "I really enjoy what I'm doing," said Mr. Halula. Ms. Kmiecik was offered a job at Creighton University. Mrs. Clinch said, "I left because my husband has to work on an Indian reservation for four months." Mrs. Clinch is also expecting a child.

# Central awaits homecoming

"A night on Broadway is the effect the cheerleaders are trying to obtain," said Monica Meehan, varsity captain, about this year's homecoming dance, "On Broadway."

### School spirit

Homecoming/spirit week will start September 22, and the weekend will begin, for most, that Thursday evening at Norris Jr. High for the annual bonfire/pep rally (if permission can be obtained).

### Central vs. Prep

For the homecoming game Central Eagles will host the Creighton Prep Bluejays at 7:30 Friday at Al Caniglia Field.

### Dance at UNO

The dance will be at the Milo Bail Student Center (located on the UNO campus). The evening's festivities are scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and are expected to last until midnight.

### Highlights

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the king and queen at 10:00. The royalty will be selected by all in attendance at the dance. The candidates will be announced Friday, September 19.

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# Registered Opinions



Glenn Dutch, Senior: "Window changes and new bathrooms are needed. I think the beauty of this landmark would be altered if the courtyard is enclosed."



Paula Rigatuso, Sophomore: "I think that renovation is a good idea. The school is pretty old, and we have to progress to keep up with other schools."

The Omaha school board voted late last school year to spend approximately 1.4 million dollars to renovate Central. Such major changes included are new windows, the replacement of bathrooms, and a 578 thousand dollar translucent cover for the courtyard. Such improvements may seem good, but many students are afraid that renovation will distract from the school's historic beauty.

We asked 25 other students how they felt about renovation. Eleven students were in favor of complete renovation, ten students thought that only replacement of bathrooms and windows was necessary, and four students thought Central should remain as it is.



Alan Carter, Senior: "I think we should try to improve our school as much as possible. It may put a little enthusiasm (pride) into our school spirit."



Ann Bowen, Junior: "I think they should leave Central as it is. Buildings that are this old and still useable are hard to find. It's one of a kind."

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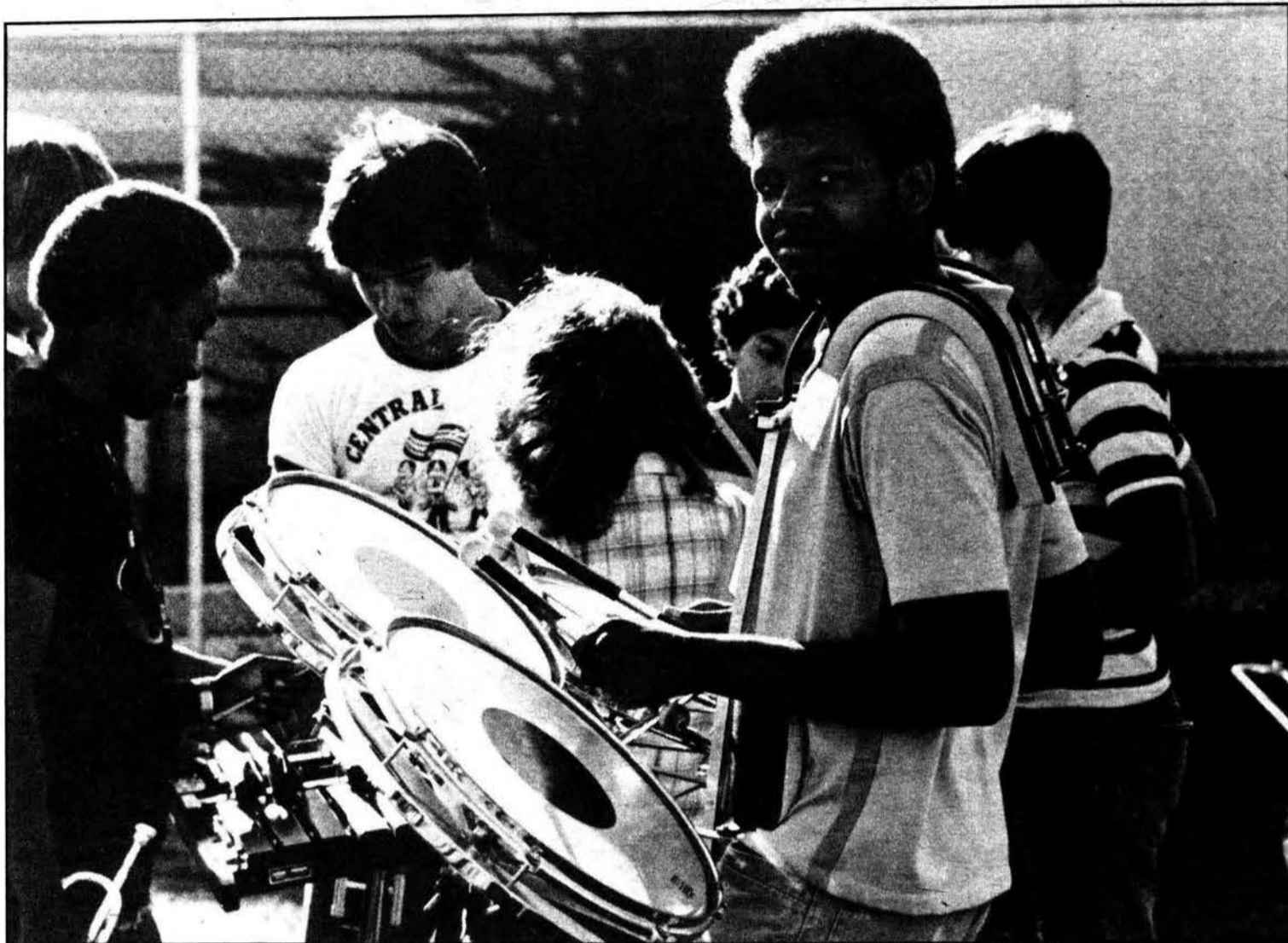
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# HOMECOMING '80'

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# SUMMER FUN . . .



## Tuning Up

The Central High Marching Band sported a new look when they took the field at halftime of the August 4 football game at Bergquist Stadium. The "new look" was provided by the Eaglettes, who have put away their pom poms and taken up flags for the 1980 marching band season.

The establishment of the 20 member flag corps was one of the final steps in Central's transformation from the traditional marching band to a corps-style marching unit, in which the quality of music is stressed more than the marching.

According to Mr. Warren Ferrel, Central Band director, the use of flags has become a national trend over the last ten years. He feels that the flag routines not only add color and symmetry of motion but also highlight the music to give an overall better effect.

### tryouts

The band began its year with a week of tryouts held during the first week of August. Daily summer rehearsals followed beginning August 11 for both band and Eaglette members. The Eaglettes were picked in tryouts held late last year.

Of over 100 students that tried out, Mr. Ferrel chose 75 for the marching band. Although this was the first year that a tryout was required to gain band membership, Mr. Ferrel believes that being particular about the quality of play required of the band members has "raised the standard of play overall."

### "short but classy"

Rained-out summer rehearsals put the band nearly a week behind schedule and left concern among band members that they would not be prepared for the first show. Afterwards though, Mr. Ferrel felt that the band had "pulled it off" and described the show as "short but classy."

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The band, whose emphasis is on music not show, has added a new feature to the half-time presentation, a flag corps.

The flag corps, consisting of members of Central's Eaglette squad, started their practices at 6:30 every morning and finished when the band took the field.

Was all of this worth it? According to one band member, "it was great!"

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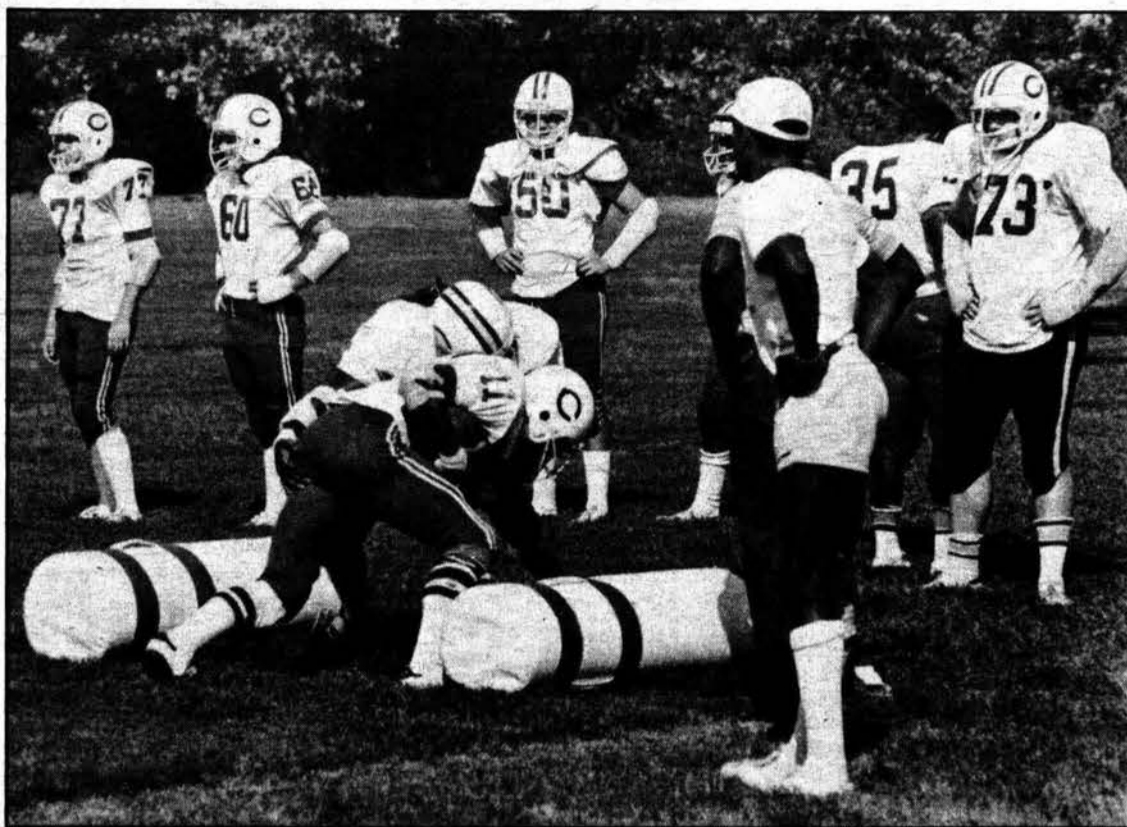
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Graduation was a time for excitement as well as sadness. Central High graduates looked forward to the start of their careers, and some of them looked forward to beginning college in the fall, but the good-byes seemed hard to make.



Varsity Football practice



Each Thursday night hundreds of teenagers gathered in Peony Park's Royal Grove to dance under the stars to music played live by KOIL radio. Most students that participated agree that the dances gave them a social outlet from a possible uneventful week.

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The Old Market, as shown here, is visited by many tourists yearly. However, these Central students enjoy the Old Market as a change from the shops and stores of an ordinary shopping area.

The market offers several unique boutiques, gift shops, galleries, and a record store set in the original early Omaha atmosphere.

After a day of shopping (or just having fun) there are many places one can cool off with an ice-cold glass of lemonade.

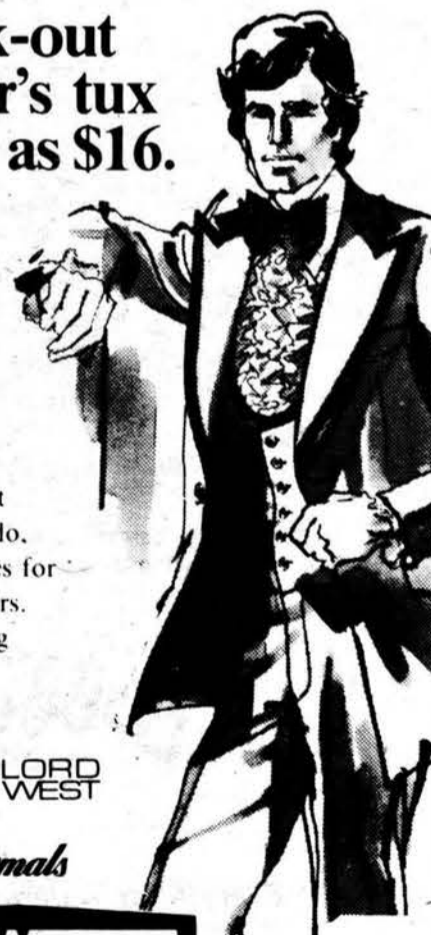


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## Girls', boys' state

Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' State was held this summer, as it has been for decades, teaching seniors from all over Nebraska the processes of campaigning and working in state government.

Central High students Molly Carlson, Lisa Schoning, Darryl Wagner, and Sam Johnson went to Lincoln for a week along with 800 other Nebraskans to learn the difficulties of running for and holding a state, county, or city office. Seminars, lectures, mock conventions, and mock elections were all a part of the event sponsored annually by the American Legion. Boys' and Girls' State, which is also held in the other 49 states, is used not only to further political knowledge, but also to instill interest in politics in the leaders of the future.

Molly Carlson was the only successful Central representative in the state elections (State Auditor). Lenora Ingram, of Omaha Tech, was elected Girls' State Governor and George Ruiz of Boystown was elected Boys' State Governor.

## KDCO is gone

KDCO will not return this year due a lack of teachers and personnel to run the station. Last year, after a replacement could not be found for Tom Marsicek, who left to teach at Technical High School, KDCO's airtime was reduced to lunch hours only. All of the radio and television classes were cancelled. Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High's principal said, "The general cutback meant we had to spread out teachers more thinly, and sponsors could not be found." Roger Olson, the program director last year, added that many of the radio staff members graduated last year, including Rick Osbourne, the chief engineer.

Roger also said, "Dr. Moller really helped us a lot, we went a long way last year."

Dr. Moller also said that he was "very proud of the young men who ran the station last year."

Unfortunately, Dr. Moller added that the chances for the return of KDCO were "very slight."

## Central at A.Y.F.

The American Youth Foundation held its National Leadership Conference in

Michigan this summer and Omaha Central High was represented. Seniors Molly Carlson and Sam Johnson, Junior Crystal Coleman, and delegates from all other Omaha Public high schools, took part in the ten day event with participants from four other midwestern cities.

High school juniors and seniors from St. Louis, Kansas City, Indianapolis, and Omaha converged at Camp Miniwanca on the east shore of Lake Michigan to participate in the lectures and seminars which promote social, physical, and religious leadership. The underlying philosophy in the program is to train successful leaders for tomorrow. Classes on energy conservation, communication, a five-mile marathon, and even the construction of a wind-powered generator were a part of the camp curriculum.

The participants were chosen by their involvement in school related activities and organizations.

## Latin club

Several members of Central's Latin club met on the University of Tennessee campus this summer, along with members of the National Junior Classical League for a six day contention.

According to Liz Gibson, Central High senior and newly-elected president of the state J.C.L. chapter, the convention program included workshops, seminars, dramatic readings, singing, and even a small version of the Olympics, as well as several other activities used to promote Latin. Liz said the convention, which is held annually, is important because "it shows not only the academic side of Latin but the nostalgic side as well. It helps unify the state and national chapters of J.C.L. and really makes you feel like part of the whole."

Scott Barker, also a senior and the state J.C.L. treasurer, thought the most positive aspect of the convention was meeting the other participants. "I like learning what kids are like from different parts of the country," he said.

Of the other participants from Central, senior Eric Johnson, the state parliamentarian, placed in the reading comprehension contest and Gwen Combs placed in the Olympics. Yoichi Ii, who did not attend the convention, took third place for his balsa wood model of the Pantheon.

## Youthgrants

Each year a contest is held by the National Endowment

for the Humanities called Youthgrants. To enter, a student must prepare an out-of-class project dealing in humanities. There are 100 cash awards given to the top applicants.

In the past, projects varied. For example, one student entered a slide tape presentation on segregation in Memphis, Tennessee. Another student entered a collection of religious artifacts found in New Mexico with a book explaining the origin and use of each object. Yet another student wrote a book explaining the heritage and history of a small town in Montana.

## Film series

River City Film conference, Inc. and Westside Community Schools will sponsor a series of seven American films to be shown at the Westside High School Auditorium. The film series, entitled "Rediscovering the American Cinema," will explore the history and quality of film-making in Hollywood's golden era, from the mid-twenties to the late forties.

Charles Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" will be shown on Saturday, September 20. On Saturday, April 14, George Cukor's "Adam's Rib," starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, will be shown. To be shown on Saturday, November 15, is John Ford's Classic "Stagecoach," starring John Wayne. Alfred Hitchcock's "Suspicion," starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine, will be shown Saturday, February 14. Saturday, January 17, "The Grapes of Wrath," by John Ford, starring Henry Fonda, will be shown. To be shown on Wednesday, October 29, is "Fury," by Fritz Lang, starring Spencer Tracy. Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" will be shown on Wednesday, March 25.

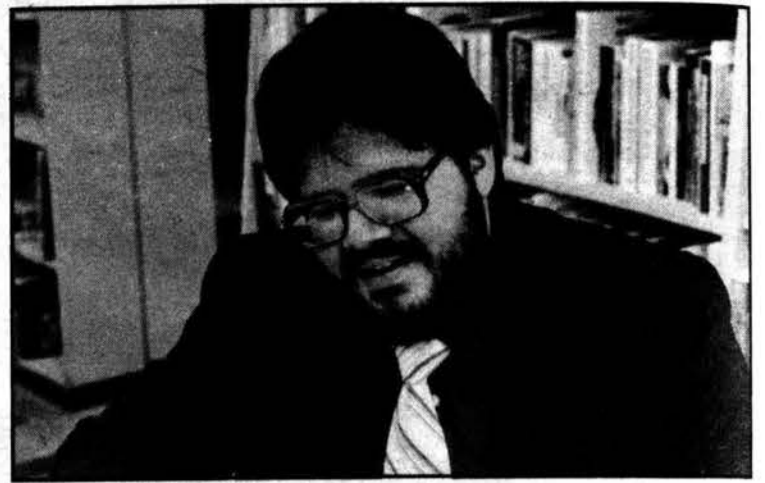
An admission price of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens will be charged at the door. Series tickets for all seven films are also available at \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and senior citizens.

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## THE GRADUATE

# Rosenberg writes 1st book

Howard Rosenberg, Central High alumnus class of 1969, returned to his hometown last week, but not with the intention of visiting relatives and friends. He came to autograph copies of his book **Atomic Soldiers — American Victims of Nuclear Experiments**.

The book is centered around an American soldier, Russell Jack Dann, who volunteered to witness from 4500 yds. away, the explosion of an atomic bomb. Today, Dann is a quadriplegic, has lost all hair and teeth, and is in very bad health.

According to Mr. Rosenberg, Dann was one of 300,000 other American soldiers who witnessed nuclear explosions between 1948 and 1963. During the past ten years more than 400 of those soldiers have filed for disability compensation.

The major controversy discussed in the book is based on the fact that none of those who have filed for compensation have received it. This, according to Mr. Rosenberg, is because the Veteran's Administration refuses to believe that there is any connection between the nuclear tests and the disabilities which have occurred.

"The government has been

trying to ignore the situation," says Rosenberg. "They'll let it (the compensation issue) sit in hopes that it will die off."

Rosenberg first uncovered the situation as an investigative reporter for Jack Anderson's "Washington Merry-Go-Round." His beat took him to both the White House and the Pentagon where he specialized in the coverage of energy issues, primarily nuclear power.

While researching and writing his book, Rosenberg was often delayed by governmental red tape (the result of their unwillingness to acknowledge any problem) and by the many victims who were reluctant to talk.

Rosenberg obtained most of his material from victims willing to talk, from public libraries throughout the country, and from documents found through the Freedom of Information Act.

Rosenberg says: "In writing this book I want to create a massive popular interest on the subject in America. Hopefully, my book will build enough pressure against the government so that some day the radiation victims will get their compensation."



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## Gymnasts strive for success

Boys' gymnastics is back and looking good. Exceptional potential, dedication, and enthusiasm are a combination that definitely spells success. The boys' team has all these qualities.

Finishing seventh in last year's state meet, the team has two top gymnasts returning along with other starters. Steve Coldwell and Yoichi Ii, both seniors and all-around competitors, hope that the 1980 season will hold fulfillment of individual as well as team goals.

Voted 1979's most Valuable Player, Yoichi said that he would like to improve over last

year in all his events. Also a member of the Sokol gymnastics club, Yoichi is "the man" according to teammate Steve Coldwell.

Steve Coldwell, 1979 team captain, would like to see the team place at least second in the state. Steve's individual goals include taking state in vaulting and an overall improvement in his routines.

Kent Friesen, head gymnastics coach, said the team "is awfully good. The only obstacle the team has to overcome is a lack of depth. Last year we had a lot more depth, more backup people," explained Mr. Friesen.

## Girls' volleyball spreads wings

The Central girls' volleyball team battled back from a 5-12 deficit in the final game of its three-game set against Tech to capture a 16-14 victory at Central Tuesday, September 9.

In the first game of the match, Margaret Kalkowski served six straight points to break a 5-5 deadlock, and the Eagles went on to coast to a 15-7 victory.

Central fell behind 5-0 early in the second game and was never again in contention. Netted serves and a defensive break-down spoiled all of Central's chances to get back into the game as the girls dropped it 15-6.

More poor play in the third game caused Central to fall behind again. With the team trailing 12-5, volleyball coach Stan Standifer called a timeout.

The girls emerged from the break with new life. Junior Sharon Marks began the comeback by rejecting a Tech spike and then serving three points of her own, the first coming on a spike by Tracy Benning. Tech countered by tallying two more scores to pull within one point of victory. These proved to be the last points Tech would score the rest of the night.

While Central's defense was freezing the Trojan's score at 14, the offense began a string of 8 consecutive points that would pave the way to a Central victory. Senior Andra Jones served for two big points, and Senior Julie Cihlar followed

by aceing a serve to knot the score at 14 all. The serve finally made its way back to Sharon Marks who then served the winning points, the clincher coming on a spike by junior Laura Hedrick which Tech failed to handle. The final score was 16-14, Central taking the match two games to one.

The varsity contest was preceded by the Central JV which lost in straight games to the Tech JV 15-9, 15-12. The JV is coached by Mrs. Cheryl Brown.

The varsity defeated Tech without perhaps its best player. A two-time letter winner, Senior Gah Huey was forced to sit out the match with an injured right knee. Although Coach Standifer does not know the extent of the injury, he hopes to have Gah back very soon.

Coach Standifer voiced pleasure over his team's play. "Our ability to come back showed our will to win, which is an attitude I hope we can keep the rest of the season." He also feels that this could be one of Central's best volleyball teams ever. "I feel excited about this year," he said, "we're going to surprise some people and hope to show marked improvement over last year." Improving on last year does not appear to be an impossible task for the girls. Last year's 4-11 mark included an 0-9 record in the National Division, leaving no place to go but up for Coach Standifer's much improved varsity volleyball squad.

# Sports shorts

### Cross country

The boys' and girls' cross country teams are off and running! Head coach, David James feels that both teams show exceptional ability, with the boys showing more depth.

### Lacking depth

Although the girls lack depth, they should not be underestimated. Katie Holland, Kris Leach, and Anne McCormick are key runners returning from last season. "We have a lot of good potential and are strong. I hope that they will be very powerful by state," explained Mr. James.

According to Mr. James, the boys team looks pretty tough this year, with Paul Schnatz, Henry Cordes, Todd Schuerman, and Bruce Fink leading the team. The team is in good shape and ready for the challenges the season holds.

### Sophomores needed

Both teams practice at Elmwood Park and run five to eight miles per day. Mr. James hopes that more sophomore boys and girls will come out for the team. There is only one sophomore on the girls' team and none on the boys' team.

### Girls' golf

Ed McDaniel, Central girls' golf coach voiced pleasure and praised the girls for their 195 to 227 victory over South High School September 2 at Elmwood Golf Course. Central's top player and low scorer was Lisa Walker who shot a 47 for nine holes of golf.

### Continual improvement

Coach McDaniel said, "the girls' goals are to continuously improve throughout the season and to better last year's 5-4 record."

After Central's second match in which it defeated Northwest 232 to 314, Coach McDaniel optimistically said, "I think the girls played very well today. We could be competitive this year." Central's top players were Betsy Bolye who shot a 52 and Jennifer Fangman with a 57.

The other team members include team captain Anne Conine, Holly Zerse, Tracy Slovak, Julie Conine, and Kylie Hofacre.

### Increased support

Coach McDaniel added that the girls would like to see more students at their meets and increased general support for the girls' golf team.

The golfers' next competition is against Millard. The meet will be held at Elmwood, Tuesday, September 23 at 3:30.

### Reserve football

Central's reserve football team is rolling, with a six to four victory over Westside last week. The team experienced a problem during the game when Central's center twice hiked the ball over the punter's head causing the ball to go into the end zone. The problem proved insignificant as the Eagles downed Westside in their season opener.

The future looks bright for the fledgling Eagles offensively and defensively. Defense, according to head coach, Wesley Dacus, is the team's strong-point. Offensively the team looks good, but there are a few problems to iron out.

### Metro champs

Coach Dacus has high aspirations for his sophomore team. The metro championship is the goal Dacus is striving for. He feels the team has the "caliber to be metro champs!"

### Bobby Bass

Bobby Bass, former UNO standout, is the reserve's assistant coach. Mr. Dacus explained that Bobby is the offensive coordinator, while he handles all the defensive aspects of the game.

A physical education teacher at Kellom and Belvedere Elementary Schools, Mr. Dacus said he was very happy coaching the sophomore team. The reserves next game will be this Thursday against Prep at Prep. "I'm impressed with all of them, offense and defense!" stated Mr. Dacus.

### Boys' tennis

The Central High Tennis Team lost its first match of the season to a strong Northwest High Tennis Team 3-6.

Despite the loss, two sophomores, Tom Backer and Dave Foster, showed promise as they won their singles matches.

### Inexperienced, but talented

Mr. John Waterman, Central High School Tennis coach said before the match that his team was inexperienced but very talented. Central's top seeds in singles, Keith Louis and Anthony Bentz, lost to Northwest's top seeds 8-3 and 6-1 respectively. Coach Waterman said that Northwest's top seeds were two of the best players he had seen in the state.

### Combined victory

In doubles Junior John Burbridge and Senior Mark Conway combined for a victory. Coach Waterman added that in singles Flip Crummer lost a close tiebreaker.

The tennis team started practice two weeks before school started and are now practicing at Dewey park from 3:30 to 5:00. Coach Waterman said, "I would be happy with a winning season and a good showing at state."

In Tennis the top two seeds in singles and doubles from each school qualify for state. Central's top seeds are, in singles, Keith Louis and, in doubles, Anthony Bentz and Dave Foster.

Their next match is against Bellevue East at Dewey Park on September 23 at 4:00.

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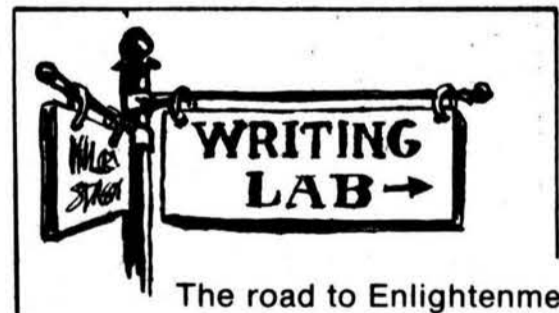
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## Inside Central Sports



by Henry Cordes

### 'We're Central' syndrome

The Central varsity football team began the 1980 season with very little in its favor. The team had lost 18 starters from the previous year; it had a thin line and no experience at the pivotal quarterback position. Most notably, it had been written off as a dismal ninth place National Division finisher by the World Herald's pre-season ratings. According to Coach William Reed, all these things have led to many psychological burdens for his players.

#### 'Pep' rally?

A general lack of enthusiasm was apparent at the season's first "pep" rally, which could not even justifiably be called by that name. Missing was the optimism usually associated with the first pep rally of the year in which the coach customarily assures us of a big victory and a successful season. Coach Reed told those that gathered for the occasion that he would have liked to be highly optimistic, but "we're just not that type of team." Those enthusiasts in attendance let him off at that. Perhaps they had read the newspapers too.

#### Show must go on

Nevertheless, as they say, the show must go on, or as Coach Reed put it, "We're not going to take this laying down, we're going to show up for every game."

Coach Reed proved to be a man of his words as the Eagles not only showed up but played some surprisingly good football while they were at it to give Burke a pretty good scare. It seems almost everyone had underestimated the Central team.

However, after the game, Coach Reed was not totally pleased. The object of the game is to win, which his team had failed to do. He feels that going into the game an underdog left the team believing it needed only to play well to come out with respect. Consequently the win was more important in the minds of the Burke players.

#### Coaches' scheme

To emphasize the loss, the Central coaches brought the team out to mid-field after the game to watch as Burke victoriously left the field. Coach Reed instructed the players to assess just how they felt at that exact moment and to establish that feeling in their minds so that if ever again they were in a position to win a close game "they would try very, very hard to avoid having that feeling again." Though the effect of the coaches' scheme will not immediately be seen, I am looking forward to the Eagles' next close game.

But according to Mr. Reed, this is not the only mental block holding his team back. He believes that Central football teams have come to be satisfied with mediocrity. He says the team's unsuccessful football history has led the players to believe that Central is incapable of fielding a winner; thus they settle for less. This up-till-now unnamed malady will heretofore be referred to as the "What Do You Expect, We're Central" syndrome.

#### Don't give up

Last year's team, which was supposed to lay this complex to rest for good, was also afflicted by it, claims Coach Reed and thus only served to contribute to the myth. It is a myth that Coach Reed is trying very hard to subdue, though he may have the Freud of football to do it. Although I may still have a slight case of the "We're Central" syndrome myself (which was very contagious at this time last year), I'm not giving up yet. You don't give up either.



photo by Nick Ewing

Nikki Paul (with ball) runs in the open field against Burke.

## Varsity Eagles split pair

The Central varsity football team came back from a 14-0 first quarter deficit to nearly upset the fourth-rated Burke Bulldogs in their season opener September 4. The Eagles overcame the Burke lead to pull even early in the second half only to fall 31-24 to a powerful but surprised Burke squad. Despite an inability to sustain a drive and being totally dominated in the statistics, Central got the big plays when they were needed to make it a much closer game on the scoreboard.

Central got the game's first big break when Ricky Hampton scooped up a Burke fumble and reached the visitor's 18-yard-line before being chased down. Central, however, gave the ball back three plays later when junior quarter-back Parnell Gatson, playing and starting in his first varsity contest, had the ball knocked loose. Burke then ran off an awesome 87-yard drive for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead. After touchdown to their second touchdown minutes later, it appeared a rout was in the making. Burke led 14-0 while Central was yet to achieve a first down.

#### Evans scores

Central's offense finally began to roll on the fourth possession. Three running plays netted 17 yards and a first down. Gatson then handed off to Senior running-back Terry Evans who broke away on a 45-yard jaunt to cap the 62-yard drive. The conversion by Senior kicker Ed Stenger made the score 14-7 Burke. Stenger scored again on Central's next possession when he hit on a 33-yard field goal to pull Central within four.

With just two minutes remaining in the first half, the Bulldogs scored their third touchdown, bringing the score 21-10. The Eagles answered

Burke a minute later when Gatson went to the air for a 38-yard strike to the speedy Daryle Duncan who raced untouched into the end zone. The conversion was good but did not end first half scoring.

With a minute remaining on the clock, Central attempted and appeared to recover an on-sides kick. The officials saw it differently though, ruling that a Central player had touched the ball before it had gone the required ten yards, thus awarding the ball to Burke. Coach William Reed and the Central coaching staff challenged the decision, bringing the officials to levy an unsportsman-like conduct penalty. The penalty put the Bulldogs in range for a field goal on which they hit to close the half with the score Burke 24, Central 17.

#### Eagles knot score

A fired-up Central team, fueled by their first half success, evened the score at 24 on their first possession of the second half. Gatson and Duncan again hooked up for a touchdown, a 24-yarder which Central snared in the end zone. The defense kept the momentum going Central's way by holding Burke on fourth-and-two when the Bulldogs were threatening in Central territory.

At this point, however, the Central offensive attack broke down, totaling just 33 yards for the rest of the game. Burke's final and winning touchdown was set up by an interception deep in Central territory. Central's last three chances to get back into the game were also ended by Burke interceptions. The clock ran down with Burke on top 31-24.

Despite nearly pulling off the upset, Coach Reed was not wholly pleased, describing the

game as "a good performance narrowed to a mediocre one by turnovers." Coach Reed was referring to the two fumbles committed and five interceptions given up by the Eagle offense. He did say though that he believed the team had "fooled some people" and showed they are not a team to be taken lightly.

#### Central vs. South

Although Central failed to upset Burke, their next opponent, seventh-rated South, was not as fortunate. Central proceeded to rock the Packers with a 27-point second quarter scoring blitz and then held on to take a 27-18 decision at Bergquist Stadium last Friday.

South opened scoring with a first quarter field goal. The Packer defense shut down the Central offense in the quarter allowing the Eagles just three yards in total offense.

Junior fullback Larry Station bulled two yards for a touchdown at 9:22 in the second quarter to give the Central varsity a lead in a game for the first time in this young season. The conversion failed enabling South to knot the score at six three minutes later with their second field goal, however, Central wasted no time retaking the advantage. Terry Evans fielded the ensuing kickoff on his own five, broke to the sideline, and raced 95 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Senior Tom Green then took the snap for the conversion, rolled right, and passed to tight end Willie Graham for two points and 14-6 Central.

Just as in the Burke game, quarterback Parnell Gatson and flanker Daryle Duncan proved to be an effective combination. The duo again struck for two touchdowns, both coming in the final minute of the half. Going for 26 and 9 yards respectively, this last-minute lightning sent South to the locker room trailing 27-6.

The second half was nearly all South's as the outcome of the game as the outcome on whether Central could hold onto what began as a comfortable 21-point lead. Senior defensive back Parnell Bryant made two key plays, forcing a South fumble and picking off a Packer pass late in the fourth quarter.

Senior Brian Boers contributed a big third down sack as the Eagles stymied the last Packer drive and then ran out the clock to preserve a 27-18 Central victory.

Now 1-1, the Eagles next face Millard tonight at Millard. Game time is slated for 7:30.

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