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Dropping In!

Repelling Army ground troops were part of a recent Army recruitment demonstration, November 3. Central graduate, Clark Crinklaw, was one of the demonstrators.
 photo by Nick Ewing

Barker, Bates, and Wagner vie for class presidency

Recently, the primary elections were held among seniors for the senior class officers. Elections were held for treasurer, vice president, and president. The *Register* has deemed it necessary for the seniors to be familiar with all of the presidential candidates, and further investigation into the other candidates is encouraged.

The *Register* apologizes that, due to the lack of time and space, the other races were not covered.

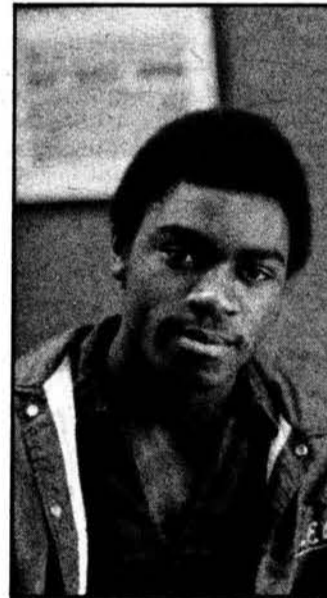
Scott Barker

Scott would like it to be known, that of all the five candidates for Senior Class President, he is the only one active in any type of student government, or student council. Scott holds minor offices in A Cappella, Drama club, and Latin club. He participated in the national JCL convention in Nashville, and is JCL Treasurer for the state of Nebraska. Other noted activities include former Student Council President at Lewis and Clark Junior High in his freshmen year, plus being in the top 15 percent of his senior class.



Scott Bates

When asked what he would aim at doing as class president, Scott replied, "If I am elected Senior Class President, I will do my best as class president to work with my fellow officers to once again make Central known as one of the best academic schools nationwide. I also want to create more educational and interesting programs for the upcoming years." Scott is an active member of the Spanish club, and Wantu Wazuri.



Darryl Wagner

Darryl's main slogan for his campaign is, "A man for every student that, as Senior Class President, would represent every student." Darryl's qualifications include being band Drum Major for the last two years, participation in a Lion's Club sponsored trip to Germany, plus his attendance in Cornhusker Boy's State. He also added that "Only someone equal to the highest quality of the senior class could fairly represent the senior class itself, and out of all the candidates I feel I am the closest to these requirements."



photos by Nick Ewing

Students ride with police

Ever wonder what it's like to spend a Friday evening watching the world go by from the inside of a police cruiser? Seniors Dave Leavitt and Nancy Culek got a chance to do just that two weeks ago in a ride-along program sponsored by the Omaha Police Department and the Omaha Press.

The Program enabled staff members from the Benson, Burke, and Central high school papers to ride in a police car for an evening.

Dave, who took part in the annual event last year, said that a briefing at the Press Club prior to the actual ride-along program was very informative and "very well done." The briefing is a new part of the program added this year. The speakers included World Herald reporter Jim Fogarty and television

broadcaster, Walt Dean.

Participants were told what to look for during the ride and how to report police stories effectively. For example, they were told to be highly objective when reporting police news. Details are also important, claimed the professionals, and things like the exact spelling of a name must not be overlooked.

A tour of the World Herald and of the police museum at the downtown police station was held after the briefing.

When the actual ride-along was held, Dave and Nancy were given a sheet of paper with a list of the radio codes used by the police. This was so the two riders could understand what was being said on the radio.

Nancy claimed that they "heard a lot of interesting calls (on the radio) but they were out

of our area."

Though their ride was fairly inactive, the police officer that they rode with answered several questions the two had previously prepared. "He was very nice and answered the questions on our level," Nancy said.

He told the two that as far as weekend parties go, after a complaining neighbor has called, the police will drive by the party twice and tell the guests to be quiet, but on the third trip, they will give the host a ticket.

About minors in possession of alcohol, the officer said that policemen are only human, and how well you treat the confronting officer could mean the difference between having the alcohol taken away or given a ticket and possibly a trip to the police station.

Workers find CHS relics

Since the beginning of the construction in the Central High courtyard, many items have been dug up of historical importance including bricks from the old buildings and some old bottles.

The old bottles were found while workmen were digging in the northwest corner of the building, according to construction worker Duane Bailey. "Other things were dug up also, like old sewer pipes, batteries,

cinders and ashes, sandstone, and some broken bottles and glass."

A total of five bottles was found. One appears to be a whisky flask, and another seems to be a pop bottle. Both are unmarked making it very difficult to determine their exact age according to books written on the subject. However, the length of the seams on a bottle can help to put a date on it. Both the pop bottle and the whisky flask and another mysterious bottle of unknown type would be dated somewhere later than 1910.

But the depth of the finds indicate that the bottles are very old. Mr. Bailey says the bottles were found "at least 3 to 4 feet down."

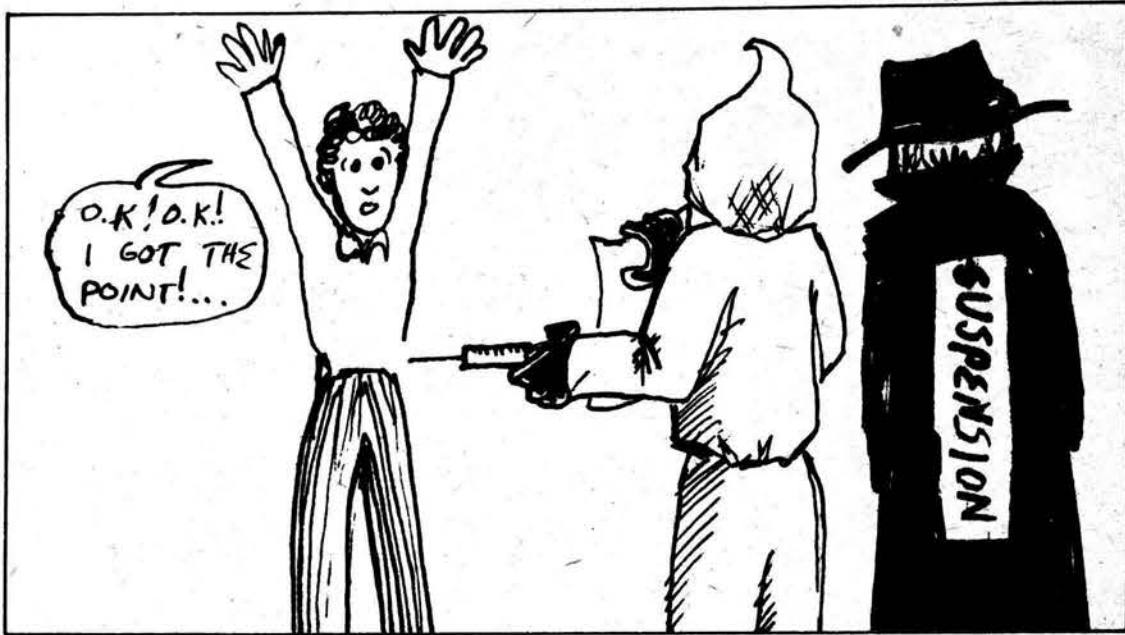
Two bottles were found with markings on them. One was an ink well with the inscription

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Immunization law revised

Section 79-444.01 of the Nebraska State School Law, dealing with the School Immunization Law, has been revised. The revision involves all students enrolled in the Omaha public schools.

It is necessary for parents of students to make an important decision concerning their child's immunization. They may either abide by the request to have their child immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus, or they may simply sign a waiver which states that they do not wish to have their child immunized.

The choice, to have the shots, was to be made by November 1 (or 60 days after enrollment for students transferring from another school). In incidents where this deadline was not met, students were to be suspended from school and not readmitted until the obligation of parents was fulfilled.

Editorial

Although the signing of a waiver should have been accompanied by a complete understanding of the consequences, it does not appear that this was the case.

Many may have signed a waiver as an "easy way out" to the time and expense involved in immunization. What is the future for these people?

If an outbreak of any of the previously stated diseases should arise and is officially called an epidemic, all persons with a waiver on file will then be withdrawn from school. Their suspension will be in effect until such time as the epidemic is under control or no longer exists. This is a safety precaution for those individuals who have not been immunized.

Unquestionably, the intention of revising the School Immunization Law was good. It obviously was designed with public interests in mind and hopes of limiting widespread disease among schools and throughout the city.

If all parents had seen that their child was immunized or had signed a waiver by the requested date, there would not have been a problem. The way it was, class time was interrupted a number of times to announce to those students, or parents rather, who did not comply to the new law that they should gather in a designated room. At this time they were once again reminded of their options. Classes were once again interrupted to inform teachers of those students who were not to be admitted to class.

Communication was poor, and there were students who were unnecessarily pulled from class two and three times.

There were also those students who were suspended while waiting for an appointment with their physician, as a direct result of the swamped conditions created by the November 1 deadline.

It is extremely unfortunate that parents are the ones who are not abiding by the new law, but they were not the ones being punished. In all fairness, there should be an immediate punishment applied to the actual breakers of this law.

The endeavor of enforcing the Immunization Law was funded by the school's educational money. Because these actions were taken as a public health function, funding should have been provided by the State Health Department.

Because immunization was required, shouldn't free clinics have been set up in schools? Only low-income students were immunized free of charge, and this was done at public clinics; not at schools.

It is understood why the law was revised to require immunization. It simply was not revised to a perfect state where the wishes of the law would be granted.

It is planned that a survey will be conducted by the Nebraska Department of Education. It will inquire about complaints concerning immunization and will be forwarded to the Legislature.

It is clear, to many, that another revision is needed. If this were to occur, perhaps the real law breakers would suffer the consequences.

Mini-magnet program influences freshmen

Central's mini-magnet writing program is designed to recruit prospective freshman to CHS by giving a total picture of the school and its academic atmosphere.

Daniel Daly, English department chairman, explained that the program was set up primarily to maintain desegregation by recruiting from the white population. Norris, Lewis and Clark, Bancroft, and Indian Hills Jr. High Schools participate in the workshops.

The workshops began in '77-'78 with 81 students involved

and 20 deciding to attend Central giving the program a 24 percent success rate. In 1979 the workshops increased to ten with 168 students and 90 enrolling at Central raising the success rate to 53.5 percent.

The students attend a series of sessions at Central, which includes writing and lunch. They end their day in the A Cappella room. The 1980-81 workshops will emphasize writing more, so the students can perceive the strength of the writing program.

Dr. G. E. Moller, principal,

feels that recruitment efforts pay off in aiding enrollment. According to Dr. Moller the programs consist of students who would probably attend Central regardless of the mini-magnet series.

Dr. Moller feels influence among friends is a major factor aiding enrollment. He also feels it's all part of "getting the ball rolling." This deals with the concept of friends attending the same school because they wish to be with friends.

This year's sessions will host an estimated 175-200 freshmen and will be held on Tuesdays.

My place

by

Sam Johnson



The 'growing up blues

I don't know about you, but, in my family, one of the most often heard expressions is, "If you think you have it rough, when I was growing up..." I am constantly being told how inferior I am, as far as suffering goes, in contrast to the students a generation before me. Well, as far as I'm concerned, today's students are perhaps the most suffering and therefore tenacious beings created since man first crawled from the muck and the mud.

Those are pretty heavy words for a mere high school senior but I've said it before; I am a pensive fellow, and my latest meditations clearly indicate that in a graduating high school class today, it should not be those blessed with great athletic or scholarly prowess who get all the awards, but every graduate should receive a medal for having survived twelve years of sheer torment.

Annual census cards

Starting in grade one, we are faced with insurmountable obstacles that only the fittest can survive. Take for example, the census card.

This is a simple five by four and a half inch card that our parents never had the pleasure of dealing with. Yet we face that horror every year, and in all honesty, I still haven't outgrown the nightmares that accompany it.

I didn't even know what caucasian meant until ninth grade when I had to look the word up for a vocabulary assignment. I was truly embarrassed because for the past eight years, I had been checking the box next to "other." And one year, I managed to switch my telephone number with my social security number. Every time some one called my house, the government would take ten dollars out of my retirement plan.

Sophomore gym class

But of course, census cards aren't the only obstacles we must endure; we have even greater tests, like sophomore gym class.

For the rest of my life, I will be happy if I never hear the word squat-thrust again. I think a thorough investigation is in order to confirm some kind of connection with gym teachers and the Nazi party. Any one who enjoys watching children beat their peers into bloody pulps in an "organized" wrestling meet must be lacking sanity. And anybody who approves of the game dodge ball, a bone crushing melee pitting friend against friend, must be sick. Of course, there are always those kids who enjoy wrestling or playing dodge ball, but I've always been under the impression that they will grow up to be gym teachers anyway.

The school cafeteria

Finally, though many hazards remain untold, I cannot pass up the opportunity to talk about the supreme test that clearly shows that we are a more suffering generation than our parents': the school cafeteria.

You know it as well as I do, friends, that there is perhaps nothing as terrifying as spending a lunch period in a high school cafeteria. The fact that we eat there every day clearly shows that we're made of tougher stuff than our folks.

Going through the serving line is like playing a game of Russian Roulette on a very large scale. It takes a trained eye to distinguish food that is palatable from food that isn't. Even if you manage to get something you can actually eat, there is always the danger that you will be caught in a food fight cross fire. That's the great paradox of school cafeteria food; if it isn't used as a poison, it's used as a projectile. There are even some foods with an ambidextrous nature and can be used as both. Take for example the peach cobbler which will stick to any surface and deals irreparable damage to both clothing and flesh, or the buttered asparagus whose slender stalk provides perfect gripability, and we can't forget the prune crisp. Scourge of the lunch room, it has been known to take limbs when thrown, and when eaten, the effects will invariably be with you for days thereafter.

Summarily, we are definitely the toughest breed of student yet produced. But remember, dear reader, that some day when our children come home complaining about a misplaced silicon chip needed for their computerized French class, or whining because of a circuit malfunction in the all-automated attendance office, there just might be something to those words. "If you think you have it rough, when I was growing up..."

Letter to the editor:

A problem has come to my attention due to an unfortunate accident. While leaning to an open hallway window, I brushed against a radiator and received a third degree burn on my legs. I have spoken to other students who have received burns from momentary contact with the uncovered, overheated radiators. It seems as though these exposed elements in the school are health hazards. Perhaps the school could invest in covers for the radiators

or even a safer, more economical way of heating. It is unreasonable to get a third degree burn in the school hallway.

Concernedly,
Sherry Freads

Correction — In the last issue of the Register we incorrectly listed Steve Sturek as Sarpy county attorney; his correct title is Diversion Program director for the County attorney's office. We, at the Register are sorry for the error.

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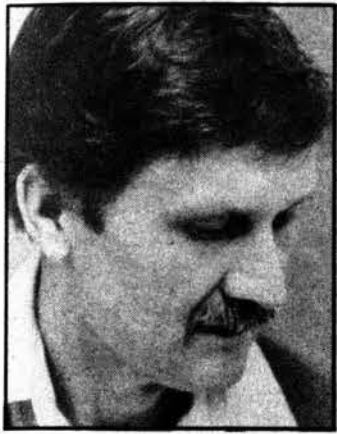
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Since 1976 Central has held annual parent-teacher conferences at the end of first quarter. When the program was first instituted, each parent filled out a

questionnaire. This survey indicated that the parents were in favor of having these conferences. It has been three years since a survey has been taken. Have parent opinions changed?

Registered opinions



Jim Stenger;
I think it's a good thing. It's good to know your son or daughter's teachers and what is expected of them.

Martha Woodhouse;
I liked it very much. I liked the idea of having the teachers in the gym.



Sherry Lofton;
I don't mind coming as long as I can talk to the teachers right away. The teachers were very cooperative and informative.



Paula Bartee Williams;
Very beneficial. Coming up here today allowed us to find out where my nephew, who has missed quite a bit of school because of a football injury, needed help. The teachers have been real helpful.



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Students make honor roll

The seniors are: Murphy Allen, Robert Atherton, Antoine Bachmann, Joseph Barker, Patrick Baxter, Michelle Bentley, Elizabeth Blanke, Stephen Bouma, Larry Bouza, Holly Brown, Alan Buresh, Kirk Burson, Molly Carlson, Jeanette Carlson, Ryan Chan, Anne Conine, Mark Conway, Jesse Conyers, Henry Cordes, Charles Cox, Flip Crummer, Nancy Culek, Gus Dawson, James Doughman, Ivy Dow, Mary Dunbar, Malinda Duncan, Gayla Eaton, Jeffrey Ellwanger, Kimberly Elsasser, Susan Erts, Nick Ewing, Bruce Fink, Joel Fishkin, Linda Fletcher, Kathryn Fox, Jeffrey Frazee, Sherry Freads, Jeffrey Frohwerk, Patrick Garman, Elizabeth Gibson, Peggy Gomez, Lori Graverholt, Nathaniel Greer, William Harvey, Susan Henninger, Susan Henry, Michael Herzog, Cherie Hiatt, Michael Hofacre, Scott Holloway, Kieth Holt, Gah Huey, Yoichi Ii, Samuel Johnson, Eric Johnson, Sherie Johnson, Sheila Jones, Maurice Karpman, Brian Keenan, Jennifer Kelly, Sherrie Kirkpatrick, Patricia Kudlacek, Jayne Lee, Deborra Lofton, Bruce Martin, Anne McCormick, Tammy McDonald, Annette McGinnis, Monica Meehan, Lisa Moore, Stephan Nelle, Richard Nelson, David Nelson, Jennifer Newhouse, Christopher Newton, Christy O'Brien, Roger Olson, Christopher Peters, Frank Pruitt, Paula Prystai, Roger Quiring, Randal Reed, Teri Reerink, Jimmy Rogers, Lisa Rossi Elizabeth Schenken, Diana Schlesselman, Lisa Schoning, Brenda Schuerman, Laura Simonson, Todd Smith, Sherry Soares, Mark Solomon, Grace Sourile, Susan Stiles, Nathan Stover, Jay Sturek, John Swanson, Diane Swoboda, Sterlena Taylor, Angela Thompson, Patricia Tillson, Patrick Timmins, Carmen Trandahl, Jeffery Twardy, James Vanmetre, Ruthmarie Vawter, Darryl Wagner, Gary Waterman, Janis Welch, Juli Welk, Jacqueline Williams, Jeffery Wilson, Sophia Winfrey, David Wintroub, and Suzanne Wright.

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Janel Zagurski, Kim Zagurski.
Sophomores
Those on the sophomore honor role are: Christopher Adamson, Matthew Ahrens, Robert Applegate, Ralph Armendariz, Diane Atkinson, Paul Aufferkamp, Thomas Backer, Jennifer Bakkerud, Brian Barber, Steven Beda, Rodney Beedle, Harry Beerman, Coeta Blackamore, Mary Blazek, Patricia Bledsoe, Terrance Boldan, Lori Bouza, Lynn Bovee, Terran Boylan, Jill Brower, Michael Brundieck, Patricia Burns, Carey Byrne, Brian Carlson, Timothy Chamberlain, Brenda Coleman, Tammy Coleman, Joanne Collins, Barbara Condon, Julie Conine, Timothy Cook, John Coolidge, Mindy Costar, Vonda Dalke, Jeannine Danielson, Rebecca DeGraw, Debra Dermeyer, Stephen Diemont, Stephanie Diggs, Cynthia Downs, Kenneth Dutch, Emad Eskandar, Elizabeth Faier, Leo Finnigan, Mary Fleissner, David Foster, Christopher Fox, Julianne Franklin, Mary Gibson, Delilah Gill, Wade Goehring, Hans Graverholt, Crystal Gresham, Kristine Grosse, Laura Grow, Christopher Gryder, Lisa Gurciullo, Melissa Hall, Cathy Hammer, Penny Harling, Kathryn Harris, Rezella Harris, Angela Hausner, Kylie Hofacre, Daniel Houlihan, Howard Howell, Olesia Howze, Mark Jamison, Lorie Johnson, Loys Johnson, Linda Johnson, Andrea Kaplan, Kerry Kenasion, Kerry Kennedy, Anthony Kessler, Shelley King, Daniel Kuhns, Robyn Kuta, Becky Lane, Elisabeth Larson, Rosemary Lawless, Oksana Lechnowsky, Anne Lee, Thomas Lehr, Keith Nalmos, Denise Mancuso, Paul Martin, Michael Matya, Susan McDaniel, Theresa McDonald, Jennifer McKee, Robert McMeen, Candace Mertz, Mary Meyers, Debra Minor, Sheila Monen, Karen Nichols, Jay Nigh, Kristina Olsen, Brian Olsen, Eric Olsen, Ellen Osby, Linda Pallat, Angela Perkins, Robert Perry, Curtis Perryman, Mary Peterkin, Martina Petersen, Terri Pressley, Thomas Prince, Michael Pulverenti, Kurt Pyle, Linette Radden, Margaret Rathouz, Andrew Redick, Wyatt Rhone, Renee Rizzuto, Deena Roach, Lori Rogers, Richard Romero, Amy Salem, David Salzer, Hala Sayed, Charles Scarlett, Steven Schaal, Lori Sebek, Heidimarie Shoemaker, Katherine Smith, Gregory Stonehouse, Andrew Stover, Terri Svoboda, Cheryl Thompson, Tina Thornburg, Kimberly Tisdale, Kristin Trandahl, Curtis Tschetter, William Walsh, Bobbie Weberg, Isaiah Williams, Christina Wright, Rachel Young.

Juniors

The juniors are: Diane Adcock, Kevin Ahrenholtz, Jason Anderson, Christine Andreasen, Alexander Applegate, Karla Archer, Mary Baber, David Badura, Cheryl Barnes, Dawn Bauer, Tracy Benning, Kathleen Blasing, Elizabeth Boyle, Victoria Brym, John Burbridge, Pamela Car, Ann



Photo by Nick Ewing

Some of the bottles found in courtyard.

History found in the courtyard

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Higgin's Inks, Brooklyn, NY, on the bottom. The other bottle had the words Horlick's Malted Milk inscribed on the side. This bottle was the oldest find. According to bottle collecting books, this small jar has some worth to it and would be dated between the years 1890-1910.

The last bottle found is a mystery because no one can definitely say what kind of bottle it is. The bottle stands about five inches tall and has what appears to be a copper or lead seal

around the rim. Warren Marquiss, a Biology teacher at Central, thinks "it's a chemistry bottle because of the thickness." But Creighton Stifener, Anthropology teacher at Central, believes that "it may be a spice bottle because of the copper seal."

What is to be done with the bottles has not yet been determined, but there is talk of making a display case with the bottles and the old bricks also found.



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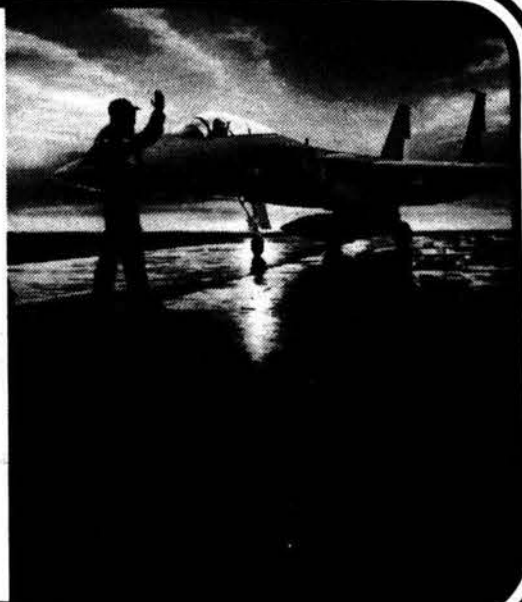
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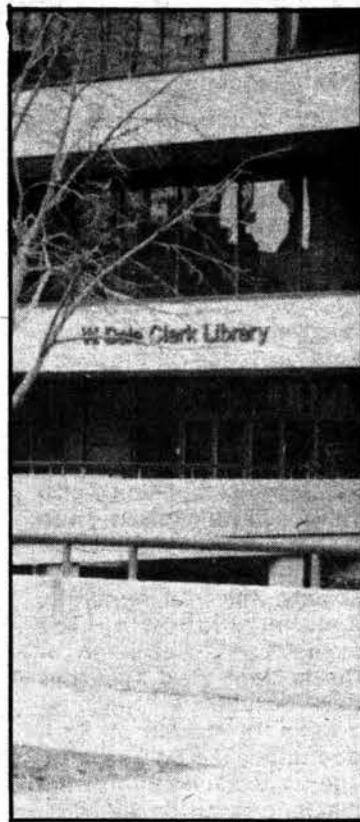
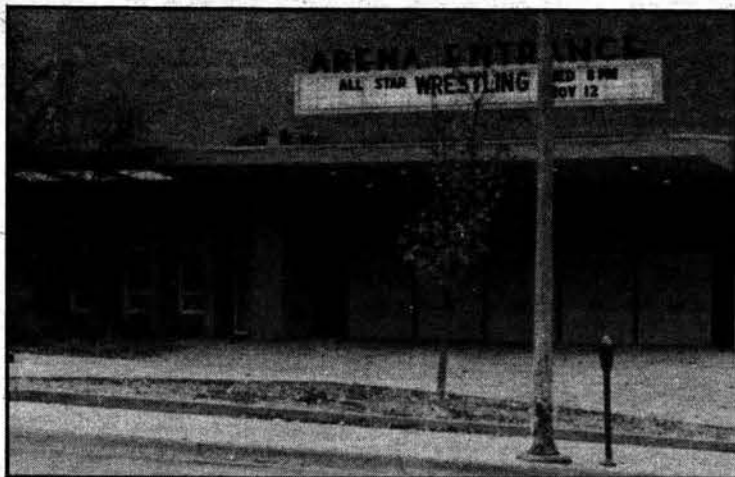
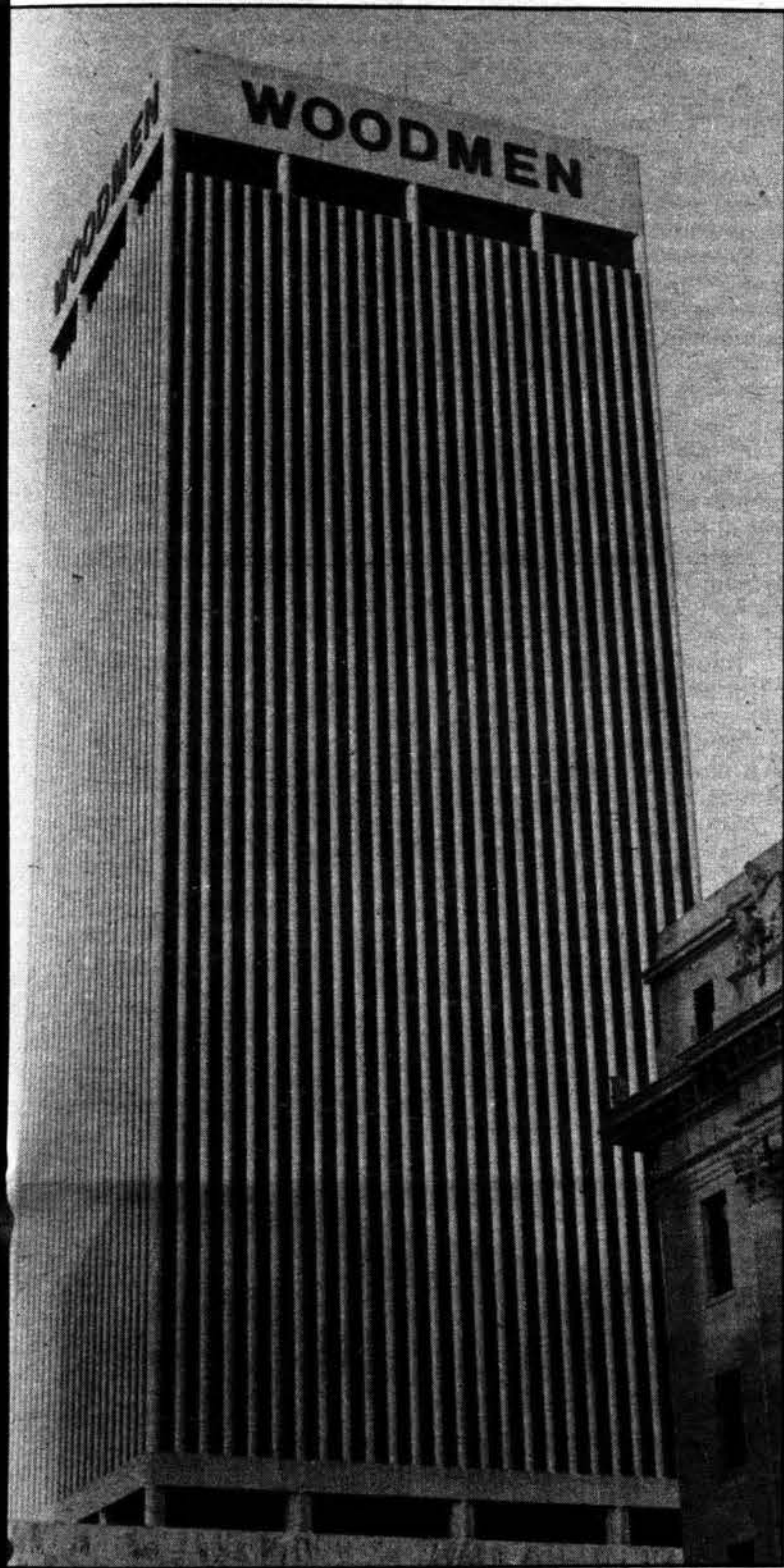
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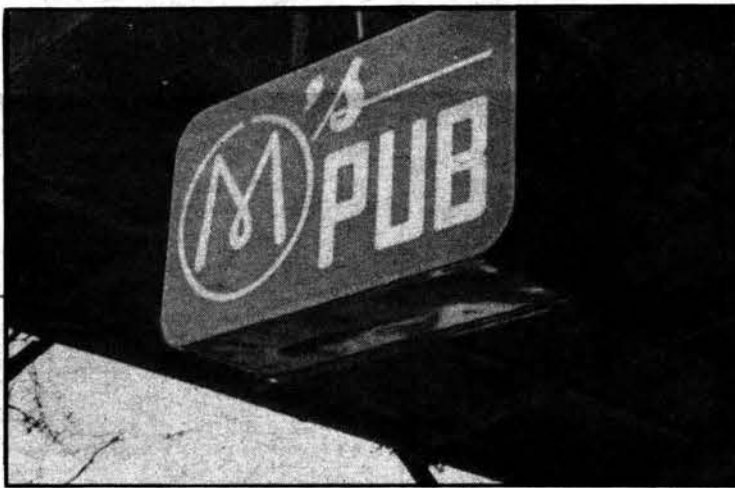
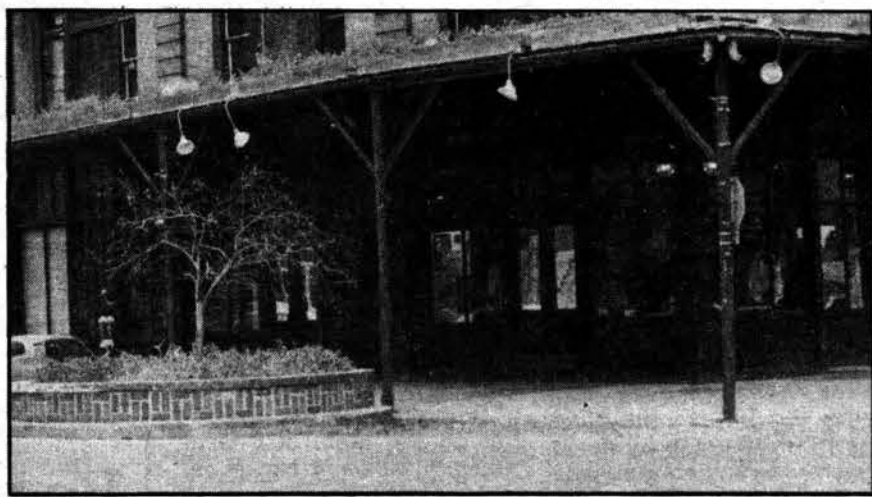




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The Civic Auditorium, for example, is a common spot for concert goers. It is used not only for this purpose but also for athletic events, exhibitions, etc...

The W. Dale Clarke Library offers an excellent place for study and research. The new facility is located in a convenient spot which is very accessible to Central students.



The Dance

Wednesday Nov. 26

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The Market

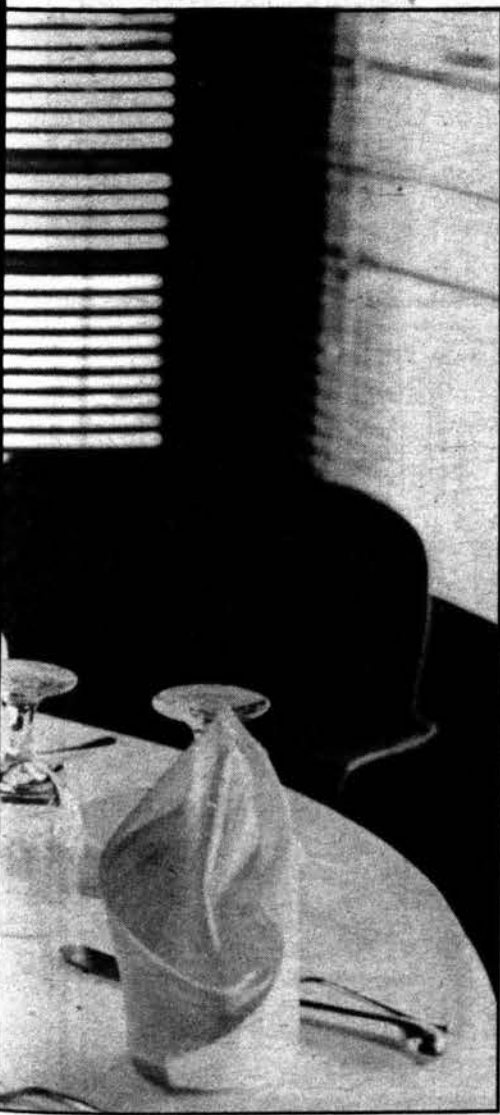
One of the biggest attractions in downtown Omaha appears to be the Old Market area in the general vicinity of 11th and Howard.

In less than twelve years the Market has transformed from a desolate half-forgotten area of town to a thriving, prosperous, retail, and entertainment center according to Mark Mercer of Mercer Management Co.

It was Sam Mercer who instituted the revitalization of the warehouse district when he saved the building, one of the 25 percent (in the Market area) that he did not already own, that now houses the French Cafe from demolition.

The color of the Old Market is not only found in the tranquility of the preserved, turn of the century, architecture and the unique shops but in the people that patronize it according to Becca Thompson, an employee of The Place. "We get the wineos, of course, the hippies, the tourists, and the bigshots," said Becca about her customers.

It may not be surprising but many Central students can be found, on a given afternoon, playing the games in the Market's arcade, dining in one of the many restaurants, or just strolling the cobblestone streets.



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Of central importance

Mr. Keenan in Torch Club

The Torch Club is an international association of local clubs in which respected persons practicing recognized professions enjoy an interchange of knowledge. Mr. John Keenan, an English teacher at Central and member of the club, said, "Torch Clubs are dedicated to ideas and the expression of those ideas." Torch Clubs don't participate in civic projects.

At each club meeting a 20 to 25 minute paper is given by a member or a guest on a topic of concern to modern society that interests the speaker. Following the speech is a discussion of the subject. Past speeches have included a speech on arthritis, a speech on voodoo, a speech on enzymes, and a speech on non-verbal teaching given by Mr. Keenan. Everyone has his turn to give a speech because the turns are in Mr. Keenan.

The group meets once a month in a restaurant. The jobs of people in the club vary greatly. Most of the people are professionals of some kind. There are lawyers, a professor, a dentist, an owner of an art gallery, an owner of a real estate company, and a husband and wife team of research scientists.

Mr. Keenan has been in the club for six months. One gets into the club by being referred by someone already in the group. When Mr. Keenan received a letter from the Torch Club about becoming a member of the group he said that he felt very flattered. At first he thought it was a mistake so he called them to see if they had the right John Keenan. They did and he also found out that he had been referred by a father of one of his students.

Debate Team starts season

"The 1980-1981 Debate and Forensics team starts its twenty tournament season with one of the largest groups of students the team has had in five or six years," said Mrs. Ellen Galvin, Central High Debate coach. The team has 20 members.

The topic for this year is, "Should or shouldn't the Federal Government make safety guarantees on consumer goods." Ms. Galvin said that in most of the

cases they will be dealing with automobiles, nutrition, and cigarettes.

The two top debaters, Maurice Karpman and Lisa Schoning, went to debate workshops in Augustana, South Dakota, to improve their debating skills.

Ms. Galvin said, "these two have a good chance to win state this year." She added, "The sophomores look very good." The season starts November 1.

State JCL Chariotathon

Central's Latin Club, also recognized as the Junior Classical League, took part in the State JCL Chariotathon, on October 11. The event was held at the Lewis and Clark Jr. High track. Seven schools participated, and Central took fifth place.

Each school was to create a chariot to be pulled by Latin students. Students ran 20 laps around the track and were pledged per lap. Half of the money which was raised went to the State JCL treasury. The remaining half went to Central's treasury.

JCL had also scheduled a hay-rack ride for early autumn. Due to poor weather, the activity was rescheduled for Wednesday, October 23. The hay-rack ride was at Shady Lane Stables, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and approximately 30 students attended.

Future plans for JCL include the State JCL Banquet. It will be on November 25, at Bellevue East High School. The introduction of the 1980-81 State officers will take place on this evening.

Wrestling auxiliary changes

The 1980-81 Girl's Wrestling Auxiliary will be switching roles this season from cheering for the boys wrestling team to keeping scores, statistics, and timing explained Ms. Joyce Morris, wrestling auxiliary sponsor.

According to Ms. Morris the change is due to a request from the administration. Ms. Morris explained that the administration asked that the cheerleaders take over cheering for the wrestling team, and the G.W.A. return to their original function of assisting the coaches by keeping scores and statistics.

According to Ms. Morris there will be no tryouts for the squad this year. The

same girls will participate who were members last year. Ms. Morris explained that the wrestling auxiliary took over cheering at the wrestling meets because of the cheerleaders conflicting schedules.

Ms. Morris explained that this season would be a trial, with both squads in their new positions. Ms. Morris also explained that if the cheerleaders' schedules continued to conflict with wrestling matches, the G.W.A. would resume cheering for the wrestling team.

Students visit courthouse

On November fourth 85 Central High business law students went to the Douglas County Court House.

The purpose of the trip, according to business law teacher Eileen Conway, was, "So students could observe trial proceedings."

The students were divided among three courts; a first degree murder case, a second degree murder case, and a civil suit.

"Proceedings seemed less formal and less glamorous than they are portrayed on television," said one of the students in attendance, Todd Whitam.

The trip was not a fruitless venture according to Todd because, as he said, "I learned."

Rambo designs lid

by Sheldon Smith

Merle Rambo, the architect behind the lid being built over the courtyard, is also a graduate of Central's class of 1969. The idea of building this lid was partially conceived back in 1968.

"The idea came about in response to a contest sponsored by the Student Council and the Register, in which students were to come up with improvement ideas for the courtyard. I was quite successful in the contest and, as a result and with much creative input from other competitors, the courtyard gained the bushes and benches it contained until very recently."

With his interest in architecture starting in junior high, Rambo was first employed by the firm Dana, Larson, Roubal and Associates during his Junior year here at Central. To pursue his interest, he went on to UNL's School of Architecture where, in 1974, he graduated first in his class.

Even during his schooling, Rambo found time to work for Dana, Larson, Roubal and Associates, and, because of that, he is now in his 13th year there. As one of the "associates" of the firm, he has the official position of being one of five project managers.

Rambo keeps busy

So far, Rambo has been involved with projects concerning more than 60 schools. Along with the Central plan, he is also the architect for a 14 million dollar construction project now in progress at Richard Young Memorial Hospital.

The renovation of Central, according to Rambo, is well under way with many thousand hours of work (both in planning and construction) being done already with many thousand hours yet to go.

"This year's seniors will see the dome completed. However, the interior work of the third and fourth phases of the project will not begin until April, but should be completed over the summer."

The phases he spoke of will hopefully include: the construction of new bathrooms, the replacement of windows, new plumbing and radiators, and possibly the installation of carpeting.

About his days at Central, Rambo remembers enjoying the administration of that time and says he is still fond of those who are still with Central's administration today.

"For me, Central provided a strong background for college. It also helped prepare me for my career that was generated afterwards."

Register compares polls

A comparison between November 4's election and the poll taken by the Register staff on October 21, shows both comparable and differing results.

The presidential race was won by Governor Ronald Reagan on November 4; however President Carter won the school poll. The results of the poll gave Mr. Carter a three percent edge over Mr. Reagan, but in the presidential election race in Nebraska, Governor Reagan won by a margin of 36 percent (63 percent to 27 percent).

"The reason Carter did so well in the poll among students is because of the certain age group within the student body," according to senior David Leavitt. "Many students," Dave added, "say they are afraid of Reagan's hard line tactics on foreign policy and believe he will lead the nation into war."

Presidential candidate John

Anderson also lost popularity in the November election compared to the estimates from the school poll. He declined in popularity from 16 percent in the poll to 8 percent in the final election. This was said, by Senior Sheldon Smith, to have resulted from "very strong support from students in general."

The Second Congressional bid for Congress was said by many pollsters to be a close race between Hal Daub and Richard Fellman. The results of the November election, however, turned out to be about the same as those results in the poll. Mr. Daub won by a margin of nine percentage points (53 percent to 44 percent). The poll taken at Central gave Daub 16 percentage points over Fellman showing how the Register poll came moderately close in predicting the Second Congressional race.

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Grid season successful

The overtime field goal by Burke in the playoff clash with Central rang midnight on what had been a "cinderella" season for the Eagles. The team had been given an also-ran role by the World-Herald in its pre-season analysis, picked to finish ninth out of ten teams in the Metro Conference's National Division.

After a 1-3 start the team appeared to be acting out that role, but the Eagles came back to win all five of its October tilts to gain a state playoff berth and post the best record by a Central football team in 20 years. They finished the regular season rated seventh in the state by the very same newspaper that had written them off before the season.

Upon the team's return to Central following the playoff loss, Coach William Reed and the other members of the Central coaching staff brought the players together in the weight room for their final team meeting of the season. Coach Reed thought it fitting to have the season end there for that is where it had begun over ten months earlier. In the past, Coach Reed has been an outspoken advocate of the importance of a weight training program in football. "We feel that any successful football program needs some kind of weight training program. A

football team might be able to get by without one, but not a football program. We intend to be a football program."

Coach Reed says he called the meeting to make sure the season ended with everyone having the same thoughts in mind. "We (the coaches) wanted to put the season in perspective so the loss would not make them forget all that they had accomplished in the season."

He stressed to the players how proud he was at the way they had come back to qualify for the playoffs, for he felt they could have easily "folded the tent" after four games. In winning five straight games with their backs against the wall, he felt the team had broken the barrier of the "we can't be winners" football attitude at Central.

In addition, Coach Reed felt the team had laid the foundation for a new tradition of football at Central. "The 1980 team at Central will always be special to me," he said, "for these individuals made the transition of Central to a football program rather than just a team. That is how they will be remembered."

According to Senior split end Jeff Spencer, the coaches also attempted to console the players, telling them that they had just come up "a day late and a dollar short." Jeff feels he left

the meeting with a greater appreciation for what the team had accomplished and was glad to be a part of it.

"The coaches helped us realize that the season as a whole was a success," said Senior lineman Tony Hart. "Respect; Central hasn't had that in football for a long time."

The 1980 season has made Coach Reed very optimistic about Central's football future. "I know we'll be successful from here, for we now have a base for winning football that we can build on each year." Whether the Central football "program" will bear out Coach Reed's statement, only time will tell. But there is one incident that makes one realize just how far the Eagles have come this season.

Early in the campaign, when things were going dimly for the Eagles, Coach Reed was asked what his team's goal was for the season. He replied, "The goal of any high school football team, Central included, is to win the state championship, and we will not make any petty goals that will fall anywhere short of that." As unconscious of his own squad's status as the speaker sounded then, it is a tribute to both the team and the coaches, that just two months later, this "far-off dream" had come close to being a reality.

Sports Shorts

Volleyball

Coach Stan Standifer had much praise for his varsity volleyball squad in spite of what he termed a "disappointing" year. "The girls worked very hard, beginning last March, and deserved much more than they received."

The girls' season ended on November 5 with a 9-15, 15-13, 6-15 loss to Papillion in the first round of the district play-offs. The Monarchs ruled the tournament, eventually taking the district championship.

Although the lady Eagles finished with a 3-14 mark, Coach Standifer feels the attitude of the girls was positive throughout the season. He further praised Seniors, Andra Jones, Gah Huey, Joi Pulliam, and Julie Cihlar for sticking together in what was a "very disappointing year." "These girls will be sorely missed because of their exemplary attitude," he said.

According to Coach Standifer, many teams still feel Central is an automatic win, a belief the football team has similarly been working to overcome these past two years. "Next year, we will try to dispell that kind of attitude and build a winning tradition here at Central," said Coach Standifer.

Mr. Standifer believes the chances for an improved team next year are promising. The 1981 squad will include seven returning letter-winners, including five that started consistently this season. Coach Standifer feels that with additional experience and a winning attitude, these girls could form the nucleus of a good team next fall.

Reserve Football

The Central Reserve Football team concluded its season with a record of 6-2. The team's only setbacks were against South 7-6 and Benson 12-6. Reserve Football Coach Bobby Bass said, "This was a great bunch of sophomore players. They worked very hard, were willing

to learn, and easy to coach." Among the reserve's biggest wins was a 6-4 defeat of Westside. This was the first time the Westside sophomores had been defeated in three years. The fledgling Eagles also downed Prep 52-13 and posted a come from behind 20-13 victory over Bellevue East.

Coach Bass said he had been given excellent help from assistant coach Wesley Dacus, and also commended the play of sophomores Tim Cook, Channing Bunch, Mike Mayta, Sunney Jones, and Mike Mantzarouis.

Cross Country

The boys' and girls' cross country teams wrapped up the season two weeks ago, at the state meet in Kearney, Nebraska.

According to head coach David James the boys' team finished eighth overall in the state meet. Mr. James explained the boys, "performed to my highest expectations." Coach James also cited the performances of seniors Paul Schnatz and Bruce Fink both placing tenth and eleventh respectively.

The girls, however due to injuries, were unable to compete as a full team; only four members of the girls' team attended the state meet. Mr. James cited the performance of junior Katie Holland as being "super strong." Katie placed seventh in the meet, with Anne McCormick, Tricia McCormick, and Cindy Radulovich also placing.

The girls' overall dual record is five and two, while the boys' record stands at eight and two. Mr. James also expressed that the boys were very fortunate to have transfer students Paul Schnatz and Bruce Fink. Both guys were the teams' leading runners.

Mr. James commented that he felt the girls held up well, despite the injuries which depleted their team.

Newcomers bolster harrier team

After a drought of five years the Central High Cross Country has qualified for state. Two transfer students Bruce Fink and Paul Schnatz added the strength necessary for the team to qualify.

David James, cross country coach said, "Paul and Bruce were the leading runners and formed the nucleus of the team. All the runners were important, but we had to have Paul and Bruce to reach our goals."

Senior Bruce Fink moved to Omaha from Kansas City, Mis-

souri where he attended Center High School. Bruce said Center had about the same number of students as Central has.

Bruce had some difficulty leaving his friends at Center, but feels he has adjusted well. His main problem was that he had been an established runner at Center but upon coming to Central he had to prove himself all over again.

Mr. James said Bruce had some trouble adjusting to Central's trouble at the beginning of the year, but he came on strong at the end.

Among Bruce's accomplishments in cross country this year were second at Metro, fifth in

Districts, and 11th at State. Bruce said, "I did not have as promising a year as I had expected and was disappointed in my performance at State.

Another transfer student to Central is Paul Schnatz. Paul enrolled at Central the second semester of last year. Paul lived in Homesville, Nebraska and attended Wymore High School. Paul said Wymore's total enrollment was only 360 including grades 7 through 12. Paul said, "Besides the difference in enrollment, I think the teachers and coaches here at Central are much better than at Wymore." Paul said the main reasons he chose Central were academics, cross country, and the students. He also said Coach David James was one of the determining factors in his choice to attend Central.

Among Paul's top finishes in cross country were first place at the Lewis Central Invitational, second at districts and tenth at State.

Paul's goals are to run 4:25 or under for the mile and 9:35 two-mile. Paul said his ultimate goal is to be the state champion in the mile.

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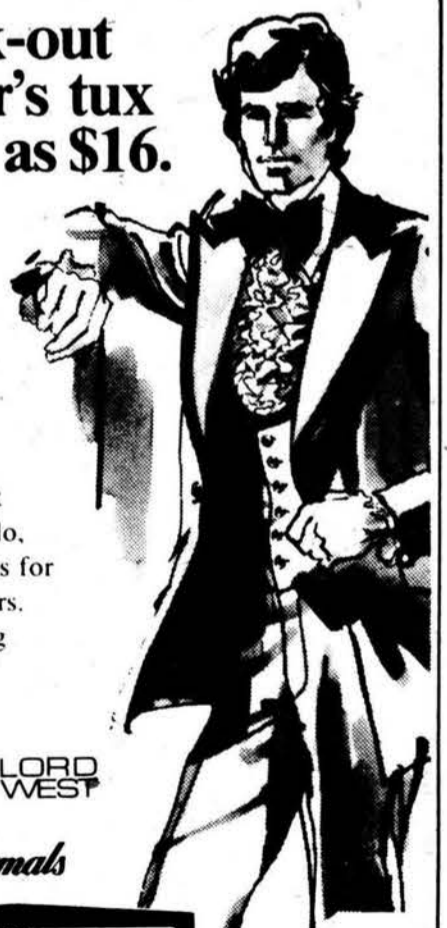
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'60 gridders remembered

To fully appreciate what the Central football team accomplished this year, one must first realize just how long it has been since Central last had a season as successful. One need look back twenty years, to 1960, a time before any of Central's current players were yet born, to find a Central team that finished with a mark better than the 6-3 record the varsity tallied this season.

The 1960 Central gridders finished their campaign undefeated with an 8-0-1 mark. The team took the Inter-city Conference championship and were named co-state champions by the World-Herald. In 1960, Frank Smagacz was in his eleventh season of coaching football and track at Central. Now retired and residing in Omaha, Frank recalls having some good football teams previously, but none that rivalled his 1960 edition in talent.

The team's main offensive threat was none other than Gale Sayers, an elusive all-state running back who would later gain nation-wide fame in the college ranks and make his mark in the National Football League. Now retired from football, Sayers is the athletic director at Southern Illinois University.

Sayers' companion both in the backfield and off the field, Vernon Breakfield would later go on to be named a junior college all-american in his freshman year. Incidentally, if the name sounds familiar, it just so happens that his two sons, Victor and Vernon, were running backs on the Burke team that knocked Central out of the State playoffs two weeks ago.

Mr. Smagacz remembers the 1960 Central team as being solid at all positions. "Even though we had a few stars, everyone played his part. The players had a lot comaraderie and togetherness thus we won a lot, but we had a lot of fun doing it." Assistant Coach Jim Karabatsos recalls, "From the coaching standpoint, you could use all the cliches. They had talent, desire, experience — were simply an exceptional group of kids that played very well together."

Contrasting methods

According to the team members, the two coaches, Smagacz and Karabatsos were studies in contrasting methods. "Coach Smagacz could make you believe you could do anything," says Gale Sayers, "but he often used a little BS to do it." Smagacz's favorite method of "BSing" a player was to cut a few tenths of a second off player's 40-yard dash time to make him believe he was faster than he actually was. "When Smagacz had the guy convinced that he had run, say a 4.8 forty, before you knew it, with the added confidence in himself, the guy did start running that fast," explains Vernon Breakfield.

On the other hand, Coach Karabatsos used a more subtle approach to get the desired performance. "He'd kick you in the butt if he thought you needed it," says Sayers. Breakfield recalls, "If 'Smag' couldn't jive you into performing to your ability, Karabatsos could kick you into it. That is why together they made such a successful combination." Don Fiedler, an all-state tackle of the 1960 team, probably summed up the players' feelings towards the two coaches best. "Smagacz we loved, Karabatsos we feared, but we respected both equally."

The sole blemish on the record of Central's 1960 football was a scoreless tie with Creighton Prep in the fifth game of the season. The game that was billed as the "showdown between Nebraska's two best teams" and drew a record breaking crowd of 14,500 fans ended in an inconclusive 0-0 tie.

Mr. Smagacz recalls the game as particularly frustrating, for the Eagles let two scoring opportunities slip away late in the fourth quarter. The first was an 80-yard pass play nullified by a questionable penalty. The second came with less than a minute remaining in the game when a Central receiver dropped a pass in the shadow of the Prep goal.

Season finale

The final game of the season, a win over Lincoln Northeast, is memorable not so much for what took place on the field, but for the halftime scheme the coaches used to motivate the team. Central went into the intermission trailing after playing what one of the team members describes as a "flat" first half.

According to Don Fiedler, the coaches came into the locker room and simply said, "You guys are too good; there's nothing you guys can't do," then left the players alone to ponder the second half. Mr. Fiedler believes the incident exemplifies the respect the coaches felt for the team. "They knew we had the character to bring ourselves back," he said.

"Their plan woke a lot of guys up," says Jim Capellupo, who shared the quarterback duties on the team. "We talked among ourselves about what we needed to do the second half to win, then went out and did it."

According to Coach Smagacz, there was nothing really special about the strategy he used on his own players in the game. It was one he could get away with every year provided he didn't try it more than once. "It didn't always work," says Coach Karabatsos. "One year we didn't go into the locker room at all. The players got mad at us and started beating the chairs around, so it worked both ways."

The part that Gale Sayers remembers most about the 1960 season did not even take place on the field. Everytime a Central player scored a touchdown, the coaches would take him out for a "Pooky-burger" at a local restaurant. Sayers ended up getting so many of these hamburgers the team started calling him "Pooky." "This was very special to us," Sayers said, "for a lot of us were from poor families. It showed us that they wanted to help us out. There was a genuine affection between the coaches and the players on that 1960 team."

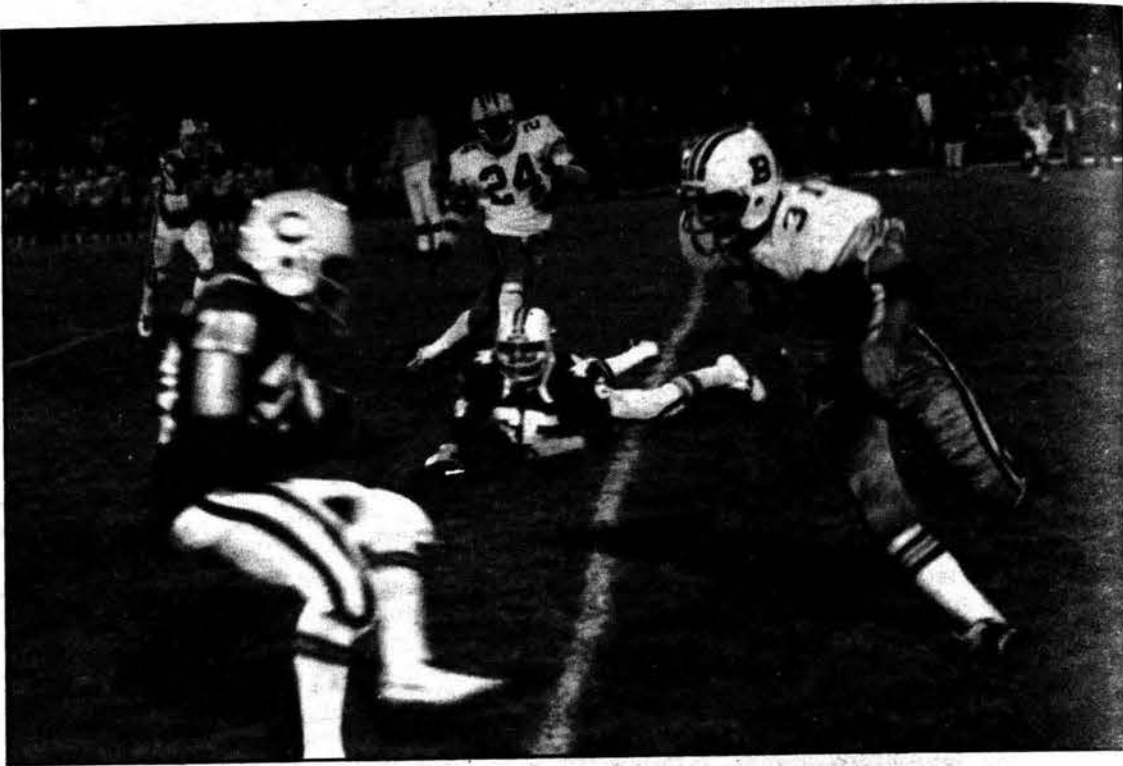


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Terry Evans attempts to sidestep a Burke tackler.

Season ends in overtime

November 4, election day, brought an end to many 1980 campaigns, including that of the Central varsity football team. On that day, the Eagle's first trip ever to the state football playoffs ended in a sudden 17-14 loss to the Burke Bulldogs in overtime.

Regulation time expired with the score even at 14, necessitating an overtime shootout to decide who would advance to the semi-finals.

Burke won the toss and elected to give Central the ball first. "Without a doubt, the advantage is with the team defending first, for when they get their possession of the ball, they know what they have to score to win," said Central coach William Reed. Central's overtime possession was over almost as soon as it started when Terry Evans' first down pass was intercepted in the endzone.

"We wanted to hurt them quick," Coach said afterward, "and that is why we threw on first down. The play was sent down from the coaches in the box. We were sure it would work in the situation." The intended receiver was, in fact, open on the play, but by the time the backfield exchange had taken place and the pass was off, the Burke defenders had had time to recover and pick-off the aerial.

Knowing then that they needed only to score to win, and not wishing to risk turning the ball back over, the Bulldogs decided to attempt what would prove to be the winning field goal on first down.

Just as in the seasonal encounter between the two teams in September, the Eagles came back from an early deficit to pull even in the third quarter. Trailing 14-6, the Eagles dodged a bullet when Burke fumbled just seven yards from the Central goal. The Eagles then launched a 93-yard drive for their second touchdown of the game, the first having come on a 55-yard run by quarterback Pernel Gatson. The state rushing leader,

Terry Evans, who had been stifled up to that point by a tenacious Burke defense, capped the drive when he broke loose on a 54-yard touchdown jaunt. Gatson then rolled right and darted into the endzone for the two-point conversion that completed the Eagle comeback.

With the momentum now behind them, the Eagle offense moved the ball 67 yards on their next possession before the drive stalled on the Burke 17. The Central coaches decided to give Ed Stenger a shot at a go-ahead field goal. The kick went wide left, thus ending the last scoring threat by either team in regulation time.

Afterwards, Coach Reed described the contest as the best football game in which he had ever been involved. "It was as even a game as you could ever see," he said "and could have easily gone either way."

Despite the abrupt ending, Coach Reed could not complain about the 1980 football season. "Although it ended disappointingly," he said, "it was nothing short of a tremendous

season."

The Eagles were propelled into the playoffs by their 28-14 win over Gross on October 31. The playoff berth was made possible by Westside's victory over Bellevue West on the previous evening.

Central fell behind early in the game before a 21-point second quarter put them ahead to stay. Pernel Gatson began the rally by returning a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown. The return was almost a replay of one he had made earlier in the game covering the same distance but which had been brought back by a penalty. Terry Evans scored two touchdowns in the quarter, the first on a 67-yard pass play, the second on a four-yard run.

With the Cougars trailing by just a touchdown late in the game, Evans put the game out of reach with a 67-yard jaunt, his third touchdown of the game. Gross' last ditch effort, a long pass, was intercepted by Gatson, who was then swarmed over by his jubilant statebound teammates as the clock ran out.

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