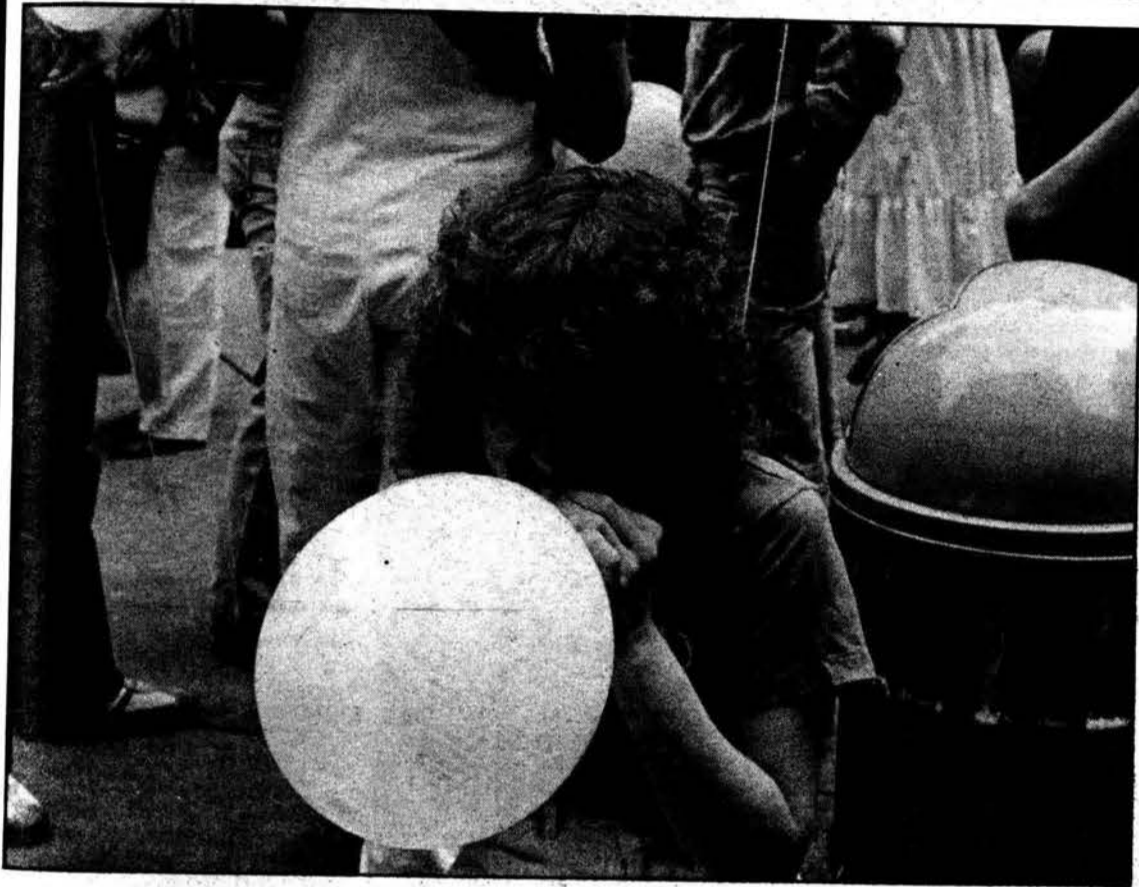


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Last year's senior, Cathy Grow, enjoys the fun of purple feather day.

photo by Nick Ewing

CHS roost for purple birds?

What kind of exotic birds shed purple feathers and roost only in the blackboard jungles of Central High? Well, for starters, these birds boast grade point averages of 3.5 or above and/or are members of the Central Honor Society. And, if plans go as scheduled, these birds will have a special day set aside for them this spring.

No, there aren't really purple birds flying in the halls of CHS, but rather students whose academic excellence will win for them a morning in the courtyard with doughnuts, orange juice, guest speakers, and prestige during the annual purple feather day.

According to Ann Newton, president of Central's Parent, Educators, Pupils organization, plans are under way for the fourth purple feather day.

Just what is purple feather

day? Mrs. Newton explained that the new tradition at Central was invented to recognize and encourage students who have earned a 3.5 cumulative grade point average or are members of Central's Honor Society. Parents decided four years ago that students who have performed well academically should be honored. They agreed that since the National Honor Society is exclusive only to seniors and not necessarily for those with good grades, a special day should be set aside for all students who display good academic achievement.

Purple feather members may buy academic letters and pins from the CHS Student Assembly.

Purple feather day, which has not yet been scheduled due to the work still being done in the courtyard, will include members of National Honor Society taking purple feather winners

from class and bringing them to the courtyard. The National Honor Society members themselves won't necessarily be honored unless they have 3.5 grade point averages as well.

The program will include refreshments and guest speakers. Previous year's speakers have been Dr. Don Benning, Frank Bramhall, and John Knicely.

Purple and white balloons are planned to be released in commemoration of the event from the courtyard. Mrs. Newton says she has already made arrangements for that though she won't reveal any surprises.

The only thing remaining is the gathering of the three to four hundred recipients. What should you do if you are one of the lucky pleasantly picked from your morning nest? Says one purple feather member of two years experience, "Just wing it!"

Anthropology class visits Med Center

Eight Special Project Anthropology students and CHS principal G.E. Moller traveled to the Nebraska Medical Center on March 6. The purpose of the field trip was to study the reactions of the students to death and dead bodies, according to senior Windy Weiner, originator and planner of the trip. "The original project was a comparison of the Jewish and Christian burial procedures; a comparison of cemeteries, etc. But this was not conclusive enough," Wendy said. Anthropology instructor Creighton Steiner then suggested to her that she should plan a trip to the Medical Center.

maldehyde) was terrible." Cindy added, "It was different, you had to go through it to understand."

"I just went to see what a dead body was like," said Central junior Ed Matlock. "It was interesting to see what the inner body looked like."

The students also saw a slide presentation showing dissected parts of the human body, including a head with the skin removed. The slides were narrated by Dr. Nora Metcalf, head of Anatomy at the Center.

Special service for cadavers

Mr. Steiner, having a full morning schedule, did not accompany the students on the excursion. "I'm not squeamish. I've been to the Center already and have seen three autopsies. I just have classes all morning, so Dr. Moller took my place."

Dr. Moller said that he thought the trip was extremely what to expect." Dr. Moller continued to say that all the cadavers had to be cremated or buried after two years. "The guide, Dr. Metcalf, told us that the Center holds a special service twice a year," Dr. Moller explained, "honoring the cadavers. The doctors, relatives, and the students, who are grateful for the bodies, all attend, and it's totally voluntary. The students treat the bodies with much respect."

Positive thoughts about life

"At the end of the tour, they showed another set of slides, showing a developing baby," said Cindy, "and birth, to put positive thoughts, and not negative thoughts, about life into our minds."

Didn't seem human

The students on the trip were given a tour of the Center, which included seeing the cadavers used by the medical students to study anatomy. "No one really thought of them as human, until," Windy said, "we saw the human feet. That brought their minds back into focus. None of the ones that went said that it was anything they expected."

Very interesting

The Anthropology students did not know that they were being studied. "They thought that they were just going to see a curiosity," affirmed Windy, "I thought it went very well."

Windy also said that there were no violent reactions at the Center. "All the students that went thought that it was very interesting."

Cindy Linson, junior, said, "I was scared at first, but it was not as bad as I thought it would be. The smell (for-

CHS student to move to Asia

It is becoming very popular for high school students to visit Europe over summer according to the number of Central students going this year. Carol Dates, Central junior, is doing something more original this June. She is moving to Indonesia with her family to become missionaries.

The Dates will be living in Malang, a small town on the island of Java. Her mother and father will work in a Bible School for two years, explains Carol, while her youngest sister goes to elementary school there. Carol will go to a missionary boarding school in Milasia, seeing their parents for only three or four months a year. She feels that American schools are superior to those in Southeast Asia.

Carol knows that she and her sisters will have to adjust to the schools in Asia. They will see their parents only

three or four months a year because Milasia is a plane ride away. The schools also have few electives.

Carol thinks that after Mr. and Mrs. Dates finish work in Malang, they will spend the rest of their visit back in Kalimantan. Here they will set up an International Correspondence Institution (education by mail).

Mr. Dates has been raising money for the trip over a year and a half. He is an ordained minister and has raised the money by preaching in churches across the United States. The Assembly of God churches will support him and his family as long as they are in Indonesia.

Carol thinks the hardest adjustment will be the food. The Dates are anticipating a lot of rice and little meat or vegetables, for that is what their past Asian diet consisted of.

OPS to hold special events

The Omaha Public Schools have two special events coming up this Spring. One is the All-City Style Show, and the other is the All-City Vocational Fair.

The first annual Vocational Fair will be held at the Westroads, from April 30—May 3 during regular business hours.

The fair will consist of projects on drafting, welding, Sheet metal, machine shop, printing, photography, plastics, furniture, and cabinet making.

Other special features include live TV and radio broadcasting and a computer demonstration.

According to Mr. Gordon Thompson, drafting teacher, "Central had no participants because Central offers only drafting unlike other schools

who have larger industrial arts programs."

The All-City Style Show entitled "Fashion Wiz" will be held April 23 at the Technical High School Auditorium.

Along with the style show will be self-improvement clinics held at various schools during the week of March 30 through April 2.

The self-improvement clinics are on different aspects of the show. There will be professional models, hair stylists, and make up consultants.

Mrs. Joanne Straka, homemaking teacher, said, "There are about 24 Central people in the show."

Both programs are open to any junior, or senior high school student. The

student must have completed a project during the school year, and it must be done in class. Participants must be or have been enrolled in either of the two classes to take part in the programs.

The main reason for each of the shows is so students get a chance to display work they have done this year in the class. Also, the students will be recognized for their hard work and dedication on all of the projects.

Tickets are on sale for the style show and can be purchased through the homemaking department. Prices are: \$1.50 for adults, \$1.00 for students, and free for children under 12. Admission to the fair is free since it is in the Central Mall of the Westroads.

Early return for all

The Fall of 1981 will bring about a change in the school calendar. For students, this school year will begin on August 31 in comparison to the usual starting date immediately following Labor Day.

Generally, students enjoy a three-day week end over this holiday before reporting back to school. This year, however, Labor Day does not occur until September 7. To continue in the traditional pattern that has been set, this would mean that the school session would not open until September 8. Because of this late starting date, it would then be necessary to continue school through June 11.

Editorial

In order to complete school on June 4, OPS will commence its school year on August 31. Consequently, some problems may arise.

It seems there are people opposed to such a plan for several reasons.

First of all, it means that both teachers and students will have an additional week of school, or rather, one week less of summer vacation.

Beginning in August may create conflicts with students whose families have already scheduled

vacations for the latter part of August. Such situations might result in unexcused absences.

There is still another conflict which is likely to exist. This problem relates to teachers who have planned to attend summer classes during summer break. Classes which have been scheduled may over-lap with teacher orientation which begins August 24.

All those who have attended Central know how unbearable the first weeks of school can be because of extreme heat. Adding another week of school in September will probably create another week of uncomfortable conditions.

The change in the starting date for the Fall semester will enable the remainder of the school year to follow the typical schedule of past years. It will allow students and teachers the same privileges concerning vacation times throughout the school term.

These problems may not seem, to some, reason enough to reconsider the change which is now planned to go into effect. They could, however, affect some people unnecessarily. To deprive people of a week of summer vacation is an undesirable thought; nevertheless it appears that it will occur unless plans change immediately.

Creighton students disagree

Two recent articles in the *Creightonian*, Creighton University's new publication, were cluttered with articles concerning Central's proposed expanded campus.

The articles and the editorial that appeared in the March 6 edition were written in self interest and conveniently expressed only the opinions of the writers.

The writer of the editorial did not take into consideration the importance of the additions to Central. The construction of an athletic field and adequate parking facilities are necessary to attract both teachers and students.

The editorial complains about the loss of trees and the fear that the Central area will become a concrete menagerie. The writer obviously has not been to the many tree areas such as the "Vista Parkway" (pedestrian walkway), bordering the athletic field and parking lots and separating

parking stalls.

The articles stressed the fact that non-permanent Creighton students will have to be relocated inconveniently. It is a shame that these few students must be moved; however they should be able to find sufficient housing not far from the campus.

Editorial

It was stated that the expansion would be a detriment to downtown Omaha, however it did not say why or how.

Why is it all right for Creighton to expand and not Central? Is it because they do it in the name of higher education and Central's desires are vain? LINO wasn't stopped when they took over the historical Elmwood Road area. Central should not be stopped just because they wish to survive in the competitive world of education.

New discipline code

In house suspension possible

A new form of suspension may begin at Central if the school board decrees that all junior and senior high schools institute the plan. The new plan known as in-house suspension will require that suspended students remain at school isolated from other members of the student body.

According to Central principal G.E. Moller, the isolated students will remain in a room where there is no clock and absolutely no talking throughout the day. Also students eat lunch before or after other students and must make up their schoolwork for which they will be given full credit, partial, or no credit, depending upon the guidelines set up by a particular school.

Principal G.E. Moller, stated that he was opposed

to the "mini-prison" plan. Dr. Moller said, for one, the program was far too expensive for the taxpayers when the maximum amount of students per day may be ten or less. "I don't feel the program will change the habits of enough people to be worth what it cost," commented Dr. Moller.

Dr. Moller also added that not only will the salary of a supervisor present a problem, but the plan will be an added responsibility on administrators. Dr. Moller also said that he wants to be able to deal with senior high students in a more mature way. Dr. Moller said there are bound to be problems with students who object to rules.

Dr. Moller also remarked that he feels that Central is successful teaching the majority of students who

give the inclination of wanting to learn.

The program has been started in some junior and senior high schools such as Lewis and Clark and Benson. The program may prove to be a deterrent to Central's disciplinary problems or it may prove unsuccessful. The best and the worst of the plan are yet to be seen at Central.

The Register would like to apologize for the omission of these names in last issue's Honor Roll:

Sonja Grayer
Tammy Coleman
Okley Gibbs
Molly Carlson

Registered opinions

School has always opened after Labor Day. The 1981-82 school year will begin on August 31 and will close on June 4.

If school would have opened on September 8 (the alternative date), it would not let out until June 11. Many people believe that starting school any earlier is not smart, in school buildings such as Central, because of heat problems. Others feel that if the normal date (September 8) was kept, school would let out too late for students involved in summer activities.

Jason Anderson, Junior:

I think it ought to be September 8th. It's just going to be a shorter summer this year and students don't have the time to earn money for college.

Schedule change is questioned



Katie Selk, Sophomore:

I think it should be open earlier instead of getting out late because people want to get out when it's nice out.



Fred Kilgor, Senior:

I don't think it's very good. In the past we always started school after Labor Day. Now they will have a shorter summer vacation which students aren't used to and won't like.



Carol Lager, Junior:

I think it's better that school starts early because in spring people want to get out. At the end of August summer gets boring. So we might as well start in August and end in May.



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Park jobs pay

This year 107 students applied, from Central, for a job at Peony Park through Mrs. Penny Boykins, job counselor at Central.

"There are several reasons why so many want a job at Peony," remarked Mrs. Boykins. "First, being outside, you can get a tan while you work, you can have fun while working, it's only a seasonal job, and it offers all kinds of variety."

The pay this year is minimum wage (\$3.35). During past years pay has not met minimum. The reason pay has gone up is due to the fact that Peony Park was taken to court, and the court found that they are required to pay minimum wage.

Peony now has excluded 15 year olds from obtaining jobs; it is mandatory one be 16 or older.

Why do former employees want to return to Peony? Lisa Cahoy, a junior, answered, "It's a fun summer job, and you make a lot of new friends."

Physics some fun

Central AP Physics and Physics I and II students participated in the Creighton Field Day on March 21, and while Central did not place in the team scoring, several individual competitors returned with top honors.

Yoichi Ii and Maurice Karpman won first place

in the Leap Frog exam, an event which combines intelligence with faith in one's partner. The exam covers all phases of physics, and each contestant is given a certain amount of time to complete his test. Then the participants trade tests with their partners and correct the wrong answers, if they find them.

Brad Emanuel and John Gibson also took a first place award but in a different event. They competed in the Optics slalom, an event in which a fixed laser beam is manipulated through ten rings using mirrors and lenses. Brad and John traversed nine rings before the ten minute time limit went out, leading the field of slalomers.

"Moot" attendance

On March 31, Seniors Keith Holt, Fred Lawless, Keith Lewis, Kirt Mancuso, and Monica Meehan participated in a moot trial, more commonly known as a mock trial, at Creighton University's law center.

The five were jurors in the pretend civil suit. The trial was an attempt to allow Creighton law students first-hand experience in court room procedure, according to Judge Grant the professor of the law class and the acting judge for the trial.

According to Mrs. Eileen Conway, Business Law teacher, the students were volunteers from her first and second semester Business Law classes.

Aid to Atlanta

Carleen Bride, a senior, thinks that the Children's Fund is a good idea. Ann Thomas also thinks it is a good idea because, "they need all the help they can get!" Byron Allen's opinion is just the opposite. He thinks it isn't necessary.

Central High's Student Assembly is sponsoring a fund drive to help raise money for the Atlanta Save the Children Fund.

Members of Student Assembly will sit on the one side before school and during the lunch hours collecting money. Each donor will receive a green ribbon symbolizing life.

My place

by

Sam Johnson



The beast is a beauty

Well, if you haven't guessed, spring is positively here. Fragrant breezes waft in through study hall windows making book-weary students want the great outdoors and making teachers wary of spring fever. To most every student, spring brings visions of lazy afternoons in the park, it also creates an awareness as to the nearness of summer making it very difficult for some to remain within these four walls. I react a little differently from my peers in this respect for instead of thoughts of clover-filled meadows, I think of my first love.

Call me a sentimental fool, call me a hopeless romantic call me what you will, but it happens every year. With the first lung full of spring air, I think back to a more peaceful time when life was much simpler. Ah yes, she was a beauty: long body, perfect curves, a magnificent frame. She wasn't perfect, I admit, but my infatuation blinded me. She did weigh nearly twenty pounds more than I and was at least twice as old, but I loved her anyway.

She was, and call her this affectionately, the beast. A huge black Schwinn, circa 1945 or thereabouts, which had seen two generations of paperboys through rain or shine. I guess I always think of her in the spring because for three years of my youth, I would trudge through winter snows carrying great bundles of papers and dream of the first robin of spring. And I would always know when spring had arrived because I would be able to get out the beast and relieve my sore shoulders. And now, even though I don't have a paper route anymore, every spring I ritualistically take the beast gently from her winter resting place and bring her into the sunshine. This year was no exception.

When I felt that spring was here, I ventured into the basement and amidst a pile of seasonable rubble (beach balls, garden hoses, and a wading pool), I found her. After some struggle, I managed to get the beast out and I dusted her off. She looked as beautiful as she did the day my father passed her on to me. That was in the fourth grade when her 90 pound bulk made handling her a bit difficult for me. Eventually, I learned to cooperate with her. I used to love tinkering with the beast in the garage, although I knew little of bike mechanics and still don't. I could change the tires and put the chain back on the sprockets, however. I knew the beast's every

feature: the slightly loose left peddle, the somewhat bent front wheel rim, and the scrape on the frame where the bike chain and lock had hung.

Anyway, as I brought the beast up to greet spring this year, the reminiscent mood and the overpowering warmth of the day overcame me for I resolved to ride the beast to school the next day. Yes, it was a mistake, but before I could think about it, I had already called and cancelled my ride for the next day and reset my alarm clock to accommodate my lengthy travel time.

The next morning, I woke up hesitantly and then fell back to sleep until my normal time of rising. By then, it was too late to call my ride back so I dressed quickly, slammed a cup of java down, loaded my back pack, cuffed my pant leg and pointed the beast toward Central High.

Like I said before, my knowledge of bikes is more than limited, it's practically nonexistent. I always thought, "Why should I get one of those imported 10-speeds that weigh ounces and cost hundreds when I have the beast who usually gets me where I want to go?" My question was answered on the way to school.

My pace was slow on the flat streets, nearly nil on uphill slants, and absolutely breakneck on the way down. I wasn't scared of being hit by a car because most likely it would have been the car damaged and not the beast. However, I do have one mortal fear when riding on congested streets. That fear is sewer grates. Though I have never had a bad experience with them personally, the stories told to me during my youth of children who have been severely deformed after getting their front wheel caught in a grate are permanently planted in my mind. So each grate I came upon, I would slow to a near stop and inch my way around with cars to my left and the grate to my right. Needless to say, progress was slow.

I did get to Central, a bit late perhaps, but I did arrive. The beast was fine, probably refreshed after such a long absence from physical work. I, on the other hand, was not quite in as good shape.

For those of you planning to be doctors, I'll give you the run down on a boy close to death. My heart beat was sporadic, my breathing was rare, and at some times not there at all, and my muscles felt like rubber until I sat down, of course, and then they hardened and assumed the shape of the chair I was sitting in.

By the time my muscles had returned to their natural state, school was out and I had to ride home. The trip back was worse this time, but when I pulled into the driveway, I tried not to reveal my obvious pain for my sister was running toward me shouting something.

"I got a paper route! Now I get the beast!"

I slowly and stiffly got off the bike to greet my sister and to relinquish the beast. I was very solemn as I said, "This bike has been a very major part of my life. Take care of her and she'll take care of you."

My sister's jaw dropped in astonishment because I had given away my pride and joy. She took it with great reverence. I just hope she didn't hear me laugh as I limped off to the shower-massage.

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Inside Central Sports



by Henry Cordes

The fanatics of April

The month of April has always had a special meaning to me. Across the country, April marks the start of the sports world's longest running disease. It's called baseball fever, but in my case, it's more accurately referred to as baseball plague. I am not a baseball fan. I am a baseball fanatic. From personal experience, I know there is a big difference.

A baseball fanatic can't sleep at night until he knows how his team (in my case, the Baltimore Orioles) fared that evening. He dials through both bands of his radio each night in hopes of catching a few wavelengths of a game played in some far-off corner of the country. He hasn't had the heart to throw away his bubble-gum card collection and maybe never will. The last part of my definition sets me apart from any baseball nut: he travels halfway across the country to watch a three-game series between his favorite team and its arch-rival.

The Little Leagues

Baseball was once more than just an interest to me. I played the game on the Little League level for six years, not because I was good, just because I liked it.

I fit into a very unique category of baseball player: the no-hit no-field no-run looks-like-a-batboy short kid.

My stature gave me a special role on my team. I was my coach's secret walking weapon. I was sent to the plate with orders not to take the bat off my shoulder because there were few pitchers in the league that could put three out of six pitches into my small strike zone.

I eventually got to be quite proficient in this role. One year I made fourteen trips to the plate and walked on thirteen of them. The other time I was beamed, probably by a frustrated pitcher who had given up trying.

In my third year of playing baseball I finally had a coach who let me swing at the ball. I guess it was the least Dad could do, though, because he didn't let me play very often.

Primitive form

In those six years, I learned a lot about the Little League game; and the way it is played. Little League baseball, the purist would say, is a very primitive form. An average of about twenty runs are scored in each contest.

The quality of pitching in youth leagues leaves something to be desired, and the coaches know that. Don't think that my coach was the only one that had a designated walker. Some fielded line-ups full of them. I twice played in games where the pitchers on my team held the opposition hitless but lost on runs that were walked in.

The situation in Little League baseball that I hate the most is when there are runners on first and third and less than two outs. The runner at first starts walking to second base, taking his time, and no one on the field can do anything about it. The pitcher knows he is going, the catcher knows he is going, the player's moms sitting in the lawn chairs down the right field line know he is going, but they also all know that if any attempt is made to stop the runner's stroll, his teammate on third will score just as easily.

Grown-ups spoil everything

Right from the start of my sixth year of playing baseball, I knew it was my last. Baseball wasn't fun anymore, and the coach's attitude made it that way. Except for the token plate appearance each game required by league rules, I spent the whole year on the bench. The coach that seated me there tried to console me by saying that I was his "good luck charm."

Looking back now, I can see his rationale (our team probably did far better while I was not on the field) but I can hardly support it. It bothers me to see a coach put his won-lost record ahead of any kid's fun. In baseball, as in any sport, participation, or the chance to cheer a team on, is what the game is all about.

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Girls' Track

The girls' track team began the season with a good introduction as the team sported an outstanding showing at the UNO Indoor meet two weeks ago.

No team scores were kept at the meet, but if they had been, the girls would have won the meet by 50 points. The girls' next meet was a dual against Northwest. The lady Eagles outraced the Huskies 100-20.

According to head coach Joanne Dusatko, "The girls did a real super job," referring to the UNO meet. Mrs. Dusatko also added that the meet "showed that the potential for a good team is there." Coach Dusatko feels that she has a group of very dedicated ladies in which everyone is concerned about each other.

The girls' next major meet will be in Grand Island on April 11. The girls have won the meet for the past two years, and according to coach Dusatko, she hopes to come out on top again. Mrs. Dusatko remarked that this is a meet where the team gets a "taste" of other teams throughout the state.

Mrs. Dusatko summarized the team's goal, "To win each meet as they come, to perform and act like super athletes in all respects at each meet."

Boys' Golf

Although the golf team's record is 1-1, Golf Coach Warren Marquiss is still not satisfied with his team's effort. Playing on the relatively easy golf course, Elmwood, the golf team lost their season opener to Northwest 164-157. Leading the team were Shane Hansen and Lamont Andrews. They both shot 37 at Elmwood.

The second match pitted the



photo by John Gibson

Crystal Hicks wins heat of 100 meter dash.

team against Benson also at Elmwood. Central came out victorious as Shane Hansen again led the team with a low score of 38. Richard Jordan also shot a 38.

Coach Marquiss said, "There is really no way to predict how good a player or team is going to shoot because we all have our good and bad days." He added that he doesn't know how the team will play on tougher courses such as Benson and Applewood.

Boys' Track

The boys' track team placed fifth in the Ram Relays on April 4 on a blustery 40° day.

"Cold weather is not conducive to our team," Coach William Reed said. "We expected a bad outing before we got off the bus."

In the meet, Larry Station saw his first invitational meet discus

competition of the year and broke the meet record with a throw of 175' 10". He placed second to Stan Parker of Bellevue East who threw 184' 4".

Larry, however, had an off day in the shot put as he could manage only a best of 51' 11", nearly ten feet off his usual distance. Larry's teammate Ed Stenger put the shot 50' 8" to place fifth.

According to Coach Reed, the reason for Larry's bad showing was a lack of concentration as he scratched on five of his six attempts, four of which were over 58 feet.

Central's best finish in a running event was in the sprint medley relay in which the team of Michael Carter, Bruce Fink, Daryl Duncan, and Tracy Johnson led much of the way but were nipped at the tape by three one-hundredths of a second.

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