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Going abroad expands horizons shows differences

Picture yourself windsurfing off the coast of Spain. The refreshing, salty surf engulfs you as you fall headfirst into the sea. Perhaps you'd enjoy a cool glass of wine at a sidewalk cafe in Paris. Mountain climbing in the Alps and jogging in Germany are excellent ways of keeping fit. Of course, camping in Belgium or relaxing in a hot tub in New Zealand are always options. How does this sound so far? These and many other dreams came true this summer for nine worldly Central students.

Mary Fisher, John Gaeddert, Okley Gibbs, Kathy Kennedy, Mary Lyons, Missy Madigan, Maggie Rathouz, Todd Schuerman, and Lisa Walker headed off over the Pacific and Atlantic oceans to places such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, New Zealand, Austria, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, and more! Eight of the nine Central students who went overseas travelled through the Lions Club. Maggie Rathouz, Central junior, had arrangements made through the Girl Scouts.

Driving down the left side of the road to Buckingham Palace, one might have found Lisa Walker, Central senior, during her stay with six different host families in Northern England. "We had tea twenty times a day, no joke," described Lisa about English living. "The pastries are good, but the meat stinks!" Lisa saw the Queen of England, the Crown Jewels of England, but she missed the Royal Wedding because her host family didn't want to go, (sorry Lisa). Seeing a play at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in England and a visit to Anne Frank's hide-a-way house in Holland were also highlights of her trip.

At the same time this summer, Kathy Kennedy, Central senior, could have been found observing the tombs of Great Kings of Denmark. As Kathy describes them, "The tombs are great unmarked mounds of dirt scattered about the countryside. No one really knows what King is where, and the farmers just farm around the mounds." Kathy stayed with two different host families. In one family she stayed on a pig farm, not so far from the sea. The water is very cold, and topless sunbathing is very normal. Kathy ate open face sandwiches most of the time. Kathy attended a learning seminar in Denmark. She studied the government and organization of Denmark. Kathy remarked, "I think the people are more conservative in Denmark, except for the Punk Rockers, who are totally crazy."

Stopping in Belgium this summer, one might have found Mary Fisher, Missy Madigan, and Maggie Rathouz. Mary and Missy, both Central seniors, along with the other six with the Lions Club, had sight seeing in Helsinki, Finland, and Frankfurt, Germany before visiting their host families. Mary Fisher, senior, had the good fortune to take a two week cruise on her host family's yacht along the coast of France. Her host family owned a pool and a large home. Mary also learned

windsurfing on the ocean. She commented that the foods consisted of many sauces and different spices. Mary was located in Deurle, Belgium, in the north, where the main language is Flemish. After leaving her host family, Mary was joined by Missy Madigan, for a great chance to do extended travelling throughout the south of Europe. Purchasing a Eurail pass for about two hundred dollars, they had unlimited travel on trains for fifteen days. They stayed with Tony Bachman, former Central senior, in Geneva, Switzerland. Paris and Nice in France, Florence and Venice in Italy, and Vienna and Innsbruck in Austria were on the itinerary.

For the first leg of her trip, Missy Madigan, senior, was in the south of Belgium where she put to a test Central's French department by speaking with her French family. Missy ate tons of ice cream, and stayed in Waterloo, Belgium, where Napoleon fought in the famous battle of Waterloo. While Missy was with them, her host family took a three week vacation to Barcelona, Spain. Nude Beaches, (not Missy, of course) and windsurfing made it an exciting vacation. Topless sunbathing and swimming were very normal in Belgium and all throughout Europe. Missy commented, "I think hearing the ideas of different people was the most interesting part."

"Some golf courses use sheep to cut the fairways!!"

Meeting the teen-agers of Belgium was also exciting for Maggie Rathouz, Central junior. Maggie stayed with two host families near Brussels, Belgium. One family owned a wine shop in a small town; the other family had a pool and horses. Maggie also attended an international camp for ten days in Belgium. During camp, Maggie, along with other Americans, cooked barbequed chicken for a national foods day.

Training for Central's cross country team this summer was probably the most exciting training Todd Schuerman has ever done. He ran ten kilometres, (six miles) through the forests of Bavaria early each morning to the amazement of the five Bavarian families he stayed with. They were familiar with the word 'jog', but they could not understand why Todd did it. Todd had an interesting experience. When he got off the train in Nurnberg, Bavaria, to meet his host family, no one was there to greet him. Todd calmly and coolly took the next train further down the line, got on the correct bus, and found his host family's home. Later that evening he ate sauerkraut, dumplings, and drank dark beer. "They sing their German beer drinking songs and chug from their mugs!" exclaimed Todd. Bavaria is the beer drinking capital of Europe.

After leaving his host family, Todd was joined by John Gaed-

dert, Central senior to travel by train throughout Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and Holland. Todd had a most unique experience for his birthday August 20, 1981. As a present to himself, Todd and John camped in a cave high in the Alps of Austria. Todd communicated well in German to his families, as did John and Central senior, Okley Gibbs.

John Gaeddert took his summer stay with a family in Lintz, Austria. The teen-agers in John's host family were very studious. They were also very proper about eating meals at certain times. For John, the people were the most important and fascinating part of the trip. "To hear the ideas of other cultures and the people involved in them was great."

Okley Gibbs remained in Germany with three host families for seven weeks. Okley had a special chance to see dark, gloomy and Communist East Berlin. Okley noted, "There were no people on the streets, and everything was grey and depressing." Okley ate a lot of open-faced sandwiches, visited German Pubs, and took a cruise down the Rhine River which is bordered by castles and grape vineyards.

Mary Lyons, Central senior, had a unique and special vacation 'down under'. Mary stayed with four host families in New Zealand. Mary clamped into her bindings and went skiing. "It was cold; most houses don't have central heating. In any room without a fireplace you could see your breath," Mary exclaimed. Going on further, she noted, "The boys wear shorts and no shoes in the winter for Public school uniforms. The people have an English accent, and the police don't use guns." The people drank beer, the television was bad, and the countryside was extremely green. "There were sheep everywhere," stated Mary. "Some golf courses use sheep to cut the fairways!!" According to Mary, "The people were kind and open. The whole trip was really great!"

Feds cut mini-magnet funds

Remediation left up to students

Central's English Department lost its source of federal funds, causing reductions in the writing laboratory and virtually ending the mini-magnet program, according to Mr. Daniel Daly, English Department chairman.

The Emergency School Assistance Act (ESAA) of 1976 provided federal funds to benefit desegregation through the mini-magnet program. Central stopped profiting from the funds at the end of last summer, due to the Department of Housing, Education, and Welfare's failure to support the ESAA.

The writing laboratory will operate at one half or less of its past efficiency due to the loss of the facility's paraprofessionals, Mr. Daly said. English teachers will manage the lab during periods

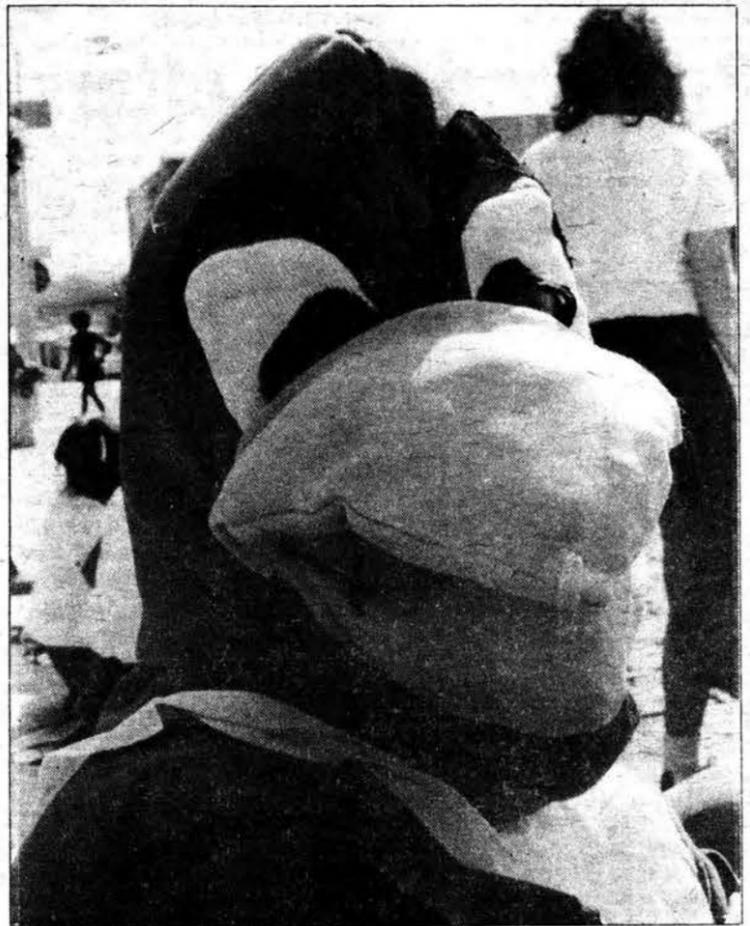


photo by Mary Baber

Central's mascot's idea of a smile leaves a lot to the imagination. Seen here before the last football game, the enthused eagle never passes up a chance to be photographed.

Mascot means CHS spirit

A jumping, mimicking, cheering purple and white mascot has undoubtedly become a common sight to those who have attended Central's last few football games. While mingling with cheerleaders and shaking toddlers' hands, this five-foot bird has also inspired a lot of curiosity as to where it has come from and its intended purpose.

According to Miss Jerrie Harris, DECA sponsor, the promotion of the mascot is to "unite the students actively involved in DECA while at the same time overlapping into the spirit of the entire school."

The idea came about as officers Pat Powers, Joan Millea and Colin Brown pondered ideas this summer about a way to promote school spirit, while at the same time earning a little money. The way DECA earns its profit from the suit is that it is used only for football games and then rented out for other specific activities as DECA members see fit.

Kathy Tomasek donated a great deal of her time in the planning, sewing, and designing of the costume. She was reimbursed for the cost of material and other

necessary notions, but her time was completely volunteered.

"Every feather is sewn on individually, and it's a very well made suit," commented Miss Harris.

A similar suit was used three years ago, but apparently the idea did not continue to capture the students' interest. Inspiration at summer meetings brought the 'mascot thought' back into view, and Joan, Colin, and Pat are very happy with the idea.

Miss Harris anticipated that the idea of a mascot will once again catch on in the school thus creating a school-wide symbol of unity.

For DECA, it is a new project but one they are hoping to build on in the years to come.

"It really shows that DECA is involved inside the school as well as out," Miss Harris stated.

For the time being, DECA members are hesitant to tell the press the true identity of the person 'behind the feathers'. The mascot put it this way: "I love being out there, but I don't want to be labeled as 'the mascot' at Central."

in which they have no classes; however, the teachers do not have enough free hours to staff the lab for two periods of each day. Difficulties would arise for students who have study halls during those two class times only, so a change in remediation policy has been made.

A tentative decision to end required remediation for all students was made at a meeting of the English Department on Sept. 14.

"In a somewhat voluntary system," Mr. Daly explained, "teachers will strongly urge students to become remediated and will grant rewards for competency in the writing lab." English teachers also have the option to assign complete remediation to any students, according to Mr. Daly.

A new writing lab schedule will set a day aside for each teacher's students. As an example, Mr. Daly said that only Mrs. Saunder's students would be allowed in the lab on Mondays. Mr. Daly added that the English Department is planning to limit use of the writing lab to five pupils per period.

Mr. Daly said that the writing lab would probably open sometime this week. English teachers must complete organization of competency cards and other clerical work previously done by the paraprofessionals before the lab is ready.

Deterioration of the mini-magnet program also marks the loss of all writing workshops, including a ninth grade creative writing workshop which gave freshmen the opportunity to attend Central for nearly an entire school day.

Proposed code offers option

Last year Omaha Public Schools dealt with 65 cases of drug or alcohol use by students, 171 cases of possession of drugs or alcohol, and ten cases in which a student was caught supplying drugs or alcohol. The schools are struck with a two-fold responsibility in dealing with these problems. They are expected to dole out punishment fairly by firmly. At the same time they are expected to act as counselors in getting help for these students. Unreasonable as this may seem to be, included in the Omaha School Board's proposed discipline guideline is a section which would allow the schools to meet both these responsibilities satisfactorily and efficiently.

Under present OPS policy the punishment for a student caught holding or using drugs or alcohol is left to the discretion of the school principal. Quite often this results in expulsion, but as Central High principal, Dr. G.E. Moller, puts it, "It depends entirely on the individual case." Many factors, including past records, attitude, and the seriousness of the offense may be taken into account. As fair and open-minded as any principal might consider himself or herself, this policy allows for too many inconsistencies.

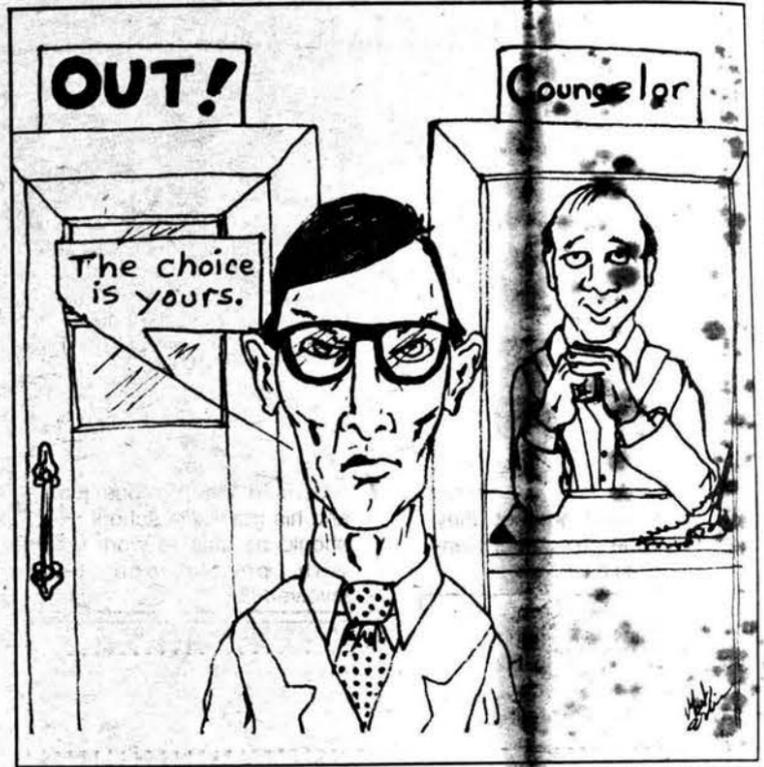
Should section D of the new Omaha Public Schools Disciplinary Guideline be passed, the punishment for every student caught in a drug or alcohol related offense would be the same. The first time he is caught punishment would be, "Ex-

pulsion with evidence of having attended counseling or an alcohol awareness program prior to returning to school." In other words, the student is first given the choice of getting help or getting out. The second time around he would be automatically expelled.

A great deal of concern surrounds the fact that, as written, section D allows several loopholes by which a student could escape virtually all punishment. A similar policy though is being used by the Papillion-LaVista school district with apparent success. Under the program there, when a student is caught with drugs or alcohol the first time, the police are summoned and a citation is issued to the student. He must then agree to attend whatever counseling program is recommended for him (at his own expense) or be turned over to the courts.

A similar program in the OPS system is desirable. First of all, with the backing of the police and the courts, the schools reaffirm their strong stand against drugs, and the students is forced to view his offense in a more serious light. Also, the student is given a chance to find help without making the school play counselor or parent.

Section D of the new discipline code awaits possible amendments and final approval by the school board. The board is open and anxious for any comments or criticisms students would like to make.



cartoon by Mark Ervin

Letter: Dance won't be 'under the dome'

To the Editor:

It was a pleasant surprise to find that with the first day of school came the reopening of the Central courtyard. This was a long awaited event for most juniors and seniors who observed the slow progress of the dome throughout most of last year. However, the reopening of the courtyard was not all good news. Most members of the student body had anticipated that the courtyard would be the site of many special events during the coming school year. Such is not the case for this year's first major event... Homecoming.

Planners of Homecoming attempted to attain the use of the courtyard for this event, but were simply turned down. The use of the courtyard presents several difficult problems. However, it also presents a situation in which **several hundred dollars** of Central's money could be saved. In

these days of budget cutting and tight funds, it is shocking that the administration of Central High School is unwilling to even investigate the possibility of holding Central's Homecoming "under the dome."

Hopefully in the future all options will be thoroughly investigated by Central's administration before any quick and possibly rash decisions are made. After all, Homecoming is the students' event.

Sincerely,
Jeff Jezewski
A concerned member of the class of '82

According to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central's principal, the possibility of having Homecoming in the courtyard this year was discussed several times at great length. The decision not to go ahead with it

was made for the following reasons:

1) The courtyard, although open to students, remains unfinished as far as decorating goes. Tables, benches, shrubs and banners are all planned for the courtyard, but when they will be put in is uncertain.

2) Acoustics have not yet been tested in the courtyard. Loud music in there right now might simply bounce back and forth, especially with nothing in there to absorb it.

Finally, and most important to Dr. Moller, is the problem with security. There seems to be no easy solution to the question of which doors should be kept locked in order to keep students out of the rest of the school.

Dr. Moller does foresee possibly having future Homecomings and other events "under the dome."

Central thanks all who stood by

The start of Central High's renovation last year was undoubtedly exciting. What could be more fascinating than to be able to watch the metamorphosis of Central from a quickly aging antique into a sleek, modern educational institution? It was even somewhat sentimental — as if the students knew they would be saying good-bye to an old friend in order to make way for a new age. Ah, how touching!

Unfortunately, it became rather difficult to remain consciously sensitive to the situation when one's ear drums were being assaulted by the noise of electric saws and jack hammers. The rose-colored glasses were likewise clouded by dirt and sawdust. Eagerness and optimism were slowly being crowded out by extreme annoyance and aggravation. Nevertheless, summer vacation offered relief to many frazzled nerves along with the promise of a new and improved Central awaiting teachers and students in the fall.

Certainly many new changes did greet the returning masses this fall, but not all can be labeled

improvements. Quite definitely the new bathrooms are a welcome change. The courtyard certainly shows promise, but much has yet to be seen from it. The same goes for the new offices, due a great deal to the rush job that was necessary in moving into them. The west side of the building is a huge mess, but it can be lived with, at least temporarily.

All in all, Central really is looking up, but she still has a long way ahead of her. Right now though, she owes a great many thanks to a great many people. So on her behalf, here's to the teachers and students who did without classrooms, and the administrators and secretaries who did without offices; the athletes and the band who did without a practice field; the cars that did without a parking space; the teachers and custodians who put in extra time and effort cleaning up the week before school opened; the workmen who put in overtime to see to it that there was a school to open; and especially to all who will find patience to grit their teeth and smile in the months to come.

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Meet Elgae Lartnec

On Monday, August 31, 1981, Central High opened her doors for the new school year. Nearly four weeks have passed since what seemed to be an ordinary, run-of-the mill first day of school, but the following events of that day will remain deeply etched upon my mind until the dusk of time. For on that fateful day, I met Elgae Lartnec.

"Salutations, oh blonde one. Could you respond with the precise time?"

This guy had to be the shortest sophomore I'd ever seen. No more than 7 inches tall (17.78 centimeters), he seemed a backwards little fellow with a beak-like nose.

"Who... what are you?" I asked bewilderedly.
"I've been designated Lartnec Hgig Looches, but my friends call me Elgae."

Could I have read the *Lord of the Rings* too many times or was this really happening? I looked around and saw that I was still on the four side, first floor of the good old Central, not in the depths of Middle Earth. Elgae Lartnec (pronounced al-jee lart'-nek) seemed real enough all right, but I was beginning to wonder if someone hadn't dropped something in my Rice Krispies this morning. Elgae continued:

"I was trapped within a wall of this establishment as it was built. A short time ago, men tore down the wall that I called home. Now I'm free to roam the halls of this great quadrilateral."

Sure, it sounds a little flaky, but what the heck, why not? Stranger things have happened... I can't think of any, but I'm sure that at some point in history... Oh well, live and let live I always say.

"Come on Elgae-baby, I'll show ya the sights."
"I've been exploring some on my own, and I have also conformed to an intermingling of the appearances I've observed this morning."

It wasn't until that moment that I realized that Elgae was wearing punk rock glasses, a purple Granada Royale shirt, bermuda shorts, a Hawaiian lei, and high-heel shoes.

"Elgae, the shoes have got to go."
By this time I thought that there would surely be a small but ever-growing circle of staring people around Elgae. Au contraire, my friends. First-day-of-school fever had inflicted upon the courtyard floor an infestation of friendly fellows and females. Content to chat about the wonderful summer and how hot and muggy the courtyard was with its lid, students hadn't noticed the new, little man (or could they not see him?)

"I am seen only by those that I want to be seen by," explained Elgae, as if he were reading my mind. He knew where my mind was, but I thought that I had lost it. But I reassured myself thinking, "Why go schizo over a minor thing like a magic Lartnec?"

Elgae accompanied me to all my classes that first day. He didn't quite understand things like why students don't live in **homerom**, and why some people call first period first **hou**, when it's only forty minutes long. He was also perplexed by a **courtyard** that has no grass and a dome that is flat on top.

I tried to explain to Elgae that after you've been at Central a while, you learn to accept things, you learn to be... illogical!

Elgae learned fast and really seemed to enjoy himself. The day had flown by as the 3:20 bell rang.

"Well, I guess this is goodbye for now, Elgae. Where are you staying?"

Oh, nowhere special, just a hole in the wall of the dentist's office."

"Where?" I asked.
"You know, **Dr. Molar's** office. Goodbye, friend."

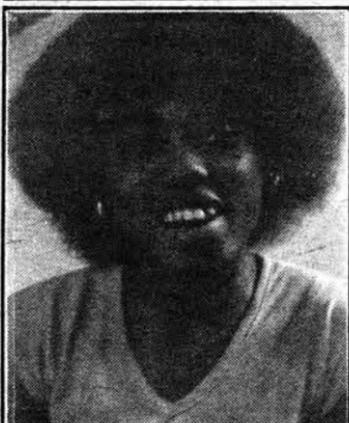
And he was gone. I caught glimpses of him in the halls later that week, but haven't spoken to him since that first day. I thought I saw him at the football game against Lincoln Northeast, so I'll be watching for Elgae walking around school with a cut-open football on his head.

If you ever meet Elgae, be kind to the little guy. He'll always be "my favorite Lartnec."

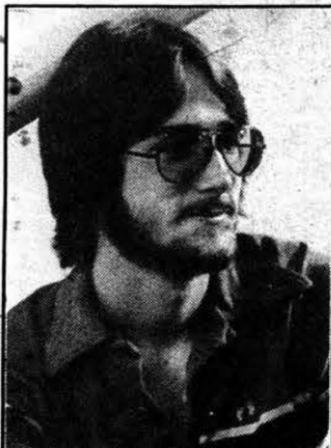
Registered opinions New Superintendent

This past summer, Dr. Owen Knudsen, superintendent of the Omaha Public Schools, announced that he will be resigning from that office at the end of the 1981-1982 school year. We asked several Central students what qualities they felt that the new superintendent should have.

Jackie Gargano, junior:
"I think he should have prior experience as an administrator. He should have children in school so he knows what the schools are like. They should look at his record in his previous jobs and his grades in school. He should be able to work well with people and get involved."



Sherry Cech, senior:
"He should be concerned about youth and understand us. He should be aware of what we need. And, he should have at least three years experience in senior high schools."



Jim Delaitre, senior:
"He should be someone who knows the ins and outs of the system. He ought to be able to communicate with the students and teachers on their levels. A lot of the job is just P.R."



Larry Van Dyke, sophomore:
"He or she should be a flexible person. Maybe he should have had a job like this before — like being an administrator. He should get along with everybody and not be harsh. But who they pick really depends on how they do the job."

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Leadership learning experience

"A learning and growing experience for both teachers and students" was how Mr. Kevin Throne, Central French teacher, described the National Leadership Conference held this summer near Shelby, Michigan.

Mr. Throne, Mr. Clyde Lincoln, Central social studies teacher, and Central students Kate Shugrue, Dave VanMetre, Larry Station, and Luanna Langdon attended the conference at Camp Miniwanca, which ran from July 22 to August 2.

Students and teachers from all over the country participated in various indoor and outdoor activities. These activities were designed to bring everyone together and teach them to cooperate with each other in working towards a common goal.

"One of the activities was erecting an Indian teepee when the group was given just the poles, the canvas, and a set of written instructions," said Mr. Throne.

Girls' and Boys' State at Lincoln

Central students Cece Conway, Debby Peirce, Frank Peterkin and Johnny Triplett got a closer look at the American political system this summer as they attended the Nebraska Girls' State and Boys' State.

The purpose of Girls' State and Boys' State was to give students a first-hand experience at establishing and running a mock government. Both Girls' State and Boys' State were held June 7-13 at UNL, though they were conducted separately.

Positions in state, county, and local governments were open to students. Students nominated themselves for positions ranging from governor to city council person. They conducted their own campaigns, which (at least in Girls' State) included brief "whistle-stops" on the dormitory floor where the students stayed.

Primary and general elections were then held for the elective positions. Debby ran for governor of Girls' State, but was defeated in the primaries. Cece ran for state Attorney General. She survived the primaries but lost in the general election.

Frank Peterkin tried for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at Boys' State. Applicants for this appointed position debated other candidates and underwent lengthy interviews with many people, including the governor of last year's Boys' State. Frank did well in the debates and interviews and just narrowly missed being named Chief Justice.

Johnnie Triplett was politically the most successful of all the Central students. He was elected treasurer of Boys' State using the slogan, "Johnnie Triplett — three times the man for the job."

Singing, dancing, acting at all state convention

Sore muscles, hard work, and "decent cafeteria food" were all part of an All State Fine Arts Convention held June 8-19 at UNL. Central students Kay Auxier, Sheila Monen, Beth Rheiner, Marsha Rupe, Amy Schmidt, Kate Shugrue, and Kirsten Snipp attended the conference, open to interested students in grades 8-12.

The girls stayed in Shramm Hall on campus and attended classes of their choice in theater, dance, music (both instrumental and vocal), and art. They were required to choose one subject as a "major" and attend four classes a day.

Kay Auxier and Beth Rheiner both took dance classes. "I danced about 5½ hours a day," Beth said, adding that her muscles were extremely sore. The girls attended ballet and jazz classes as well as a class called "Enrichment Dance." "Enrichment Dance included tap, toe, African, and folk dancing," Beth explained. "The folk dancing was interesting, but the African was, well, a little bizarre."

Amy Schmidt and Marsha Rupe took both dance and vocal music classes, while flutist Sheila Monen took instrumental music and Kate Shugrue took vocal music. "The classes were really a way of developing the talent you already had," Kate said. "The teachers always expected a great deal from the students." Singing classes included regular chorus, music theory, voice class, and swing choir. Swing choir, according to Kate, "gave you the experience of singing in a very small group—almost by yourself—instead of with a lot of other people."

'Massive waterfights everywhere'

In addition to the classes during the day, there were faculty concerts and student exhibitions to attend in the evenings. However, there were also dance socials, a punk rock party, and "massive water fights" in the restrooms, according to Beth. Kay noted that there was "lots of coupling off" between the guys and girls.

Pizzas were brought in almost every night, although the girls agreed that the food in the dormitory cafeteria was reasonably good—"much better than Central's," Beth claimed. Kate agreed. "They always had quite a good selection to choose from," she said.

Kirsten Snipp, who took vocal music and art, said she enjoyed just being on campus. "The convention was a great chance to just explore the campus and get to know the university," she said. "And it was fun meeting kids from all over Nebraska."

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New look for old school as Central renovation goes on

The sounds of hammers, drills, saws, and other construction equipment could be heard this past summer as the renovation project at Central continued. Work on the new offices, the courtyard and the classrooms took place.

Here is an overview of the work done this summer.

New offices

The construction on the new offices began a few days after school closed for the summer. The change occurred in order to provide better classrooms on the east side of the building.

The offices moved to the west side of Central because "that is hopefully where the main entrance will be when construction is complete," said Vice Principal Al LaGreca.

According to Mr. LaGreca, the construction of the four classrooms took place because there is less activity on the east side to distract students. Gym classes held on the practice field could be heard in west classrooms.

The new offices are slightly larger than the older offices. The waiting area outside the offices is also larger. There is also a small office that will contain an experimental project involving a computer. The computer will contain various information about every student at Central, such as their student records and locker combinations.

The offices have a ventilation system plus air conditioning for the summer months. There is also a hot water heating system, which is supposed to be one of the best types of heating systems, according to Mr. LaGreca.

Construction was temporarily stopped toward the end of August because of cabinets that were shipped late. Before school started in September, they were installed.

During the summer, as the construction of the new offices and the conversion of the old offices into classrooms took place, rooms 128, 129, and 130 were temporarily offices. It was a bit difficult for the three vice principals, because they were all in one room, added Mr. LaGreca. "But the inconvenience was no greater than it has been for the students," he replied.

The administrators and secretaries moved into the classrooms two days after school closed for the summer. They spent all summer there and the vice principals moved into their offices on the third day of the fall school session. Dr. Moller moved into his office one day later.

"The secretaries had to move into their office earlier, because only four of the secretaries work at Central all year long," said Mr. LaGreca. "The rest only work ten months a year."

Sounds of construction have droned through Central's halls since last December, when construction began on the dome and courtyard.

Courtyard, dome

Since then the dome has been completed. The tile imported from Germany has been laid, and the air circulation system is completed, but according to Mr. Al LaGreca, vice principal, completion is 4-8 weeks away.

Bids for the bookroom, attendance office, and concession stand had to be approved over the summer, as they were additions to the original plan. The extra time taken for bids and the search for contractors put completion slightly behind.

The attendance office will be moved out into the courtyard to provide extra space for students and faculty. The bookroom will be moved upstairs to the first floor, making it more accessible. A concession stand will provide the space needed that groups and clubs can use for money raising projects.

For final completion, the tile floor will be waxed, and pop machines and beriches will be replaced. Eventually the plans for banners to hang from cables will become a reality. The courtyard may even someday be the location of school dances.

Future plans

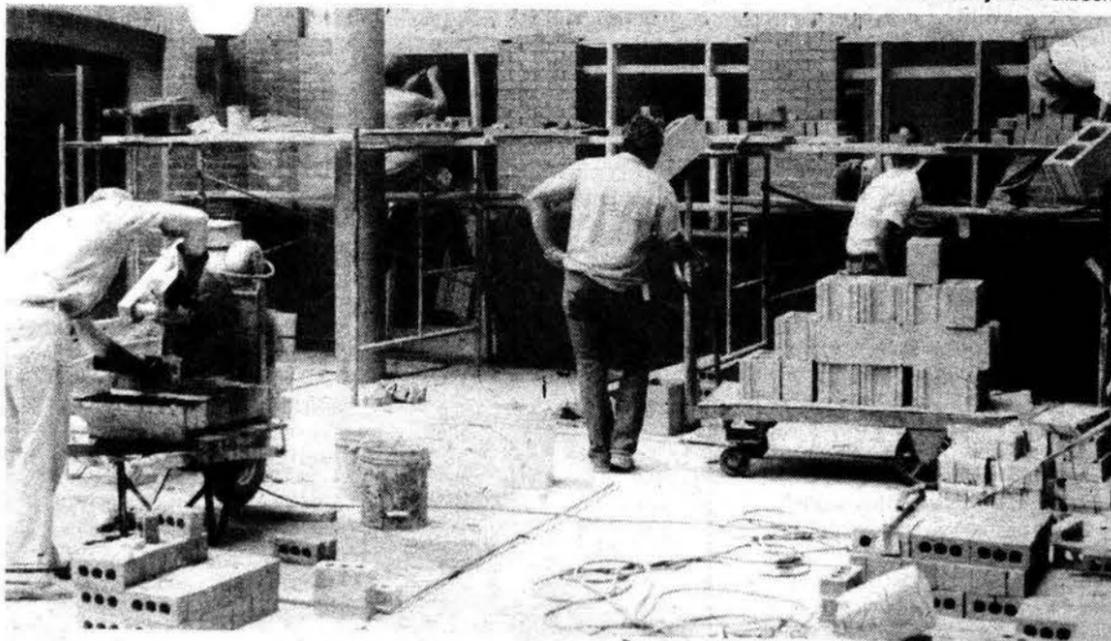
If things go as planned, eventually all of the classrooms at CHS will be carpeted. To go along with the carpeting will be vinyl-covered cork on the walls which will serve as bulletin board space. So far, several classrooms have been redone, and the lowered ceilings and new blackboards add to this newness.

The only thing that is keeping the newly remodeled classrooms from being completed is Central's new heating system. The silver fin-like structures attached to the long copper tubes in each room are part of the new system, but covers for the heaters are not yet available. Mr. Al LaGreca, vice principal, says he hopes covers will be in place within the next few months.

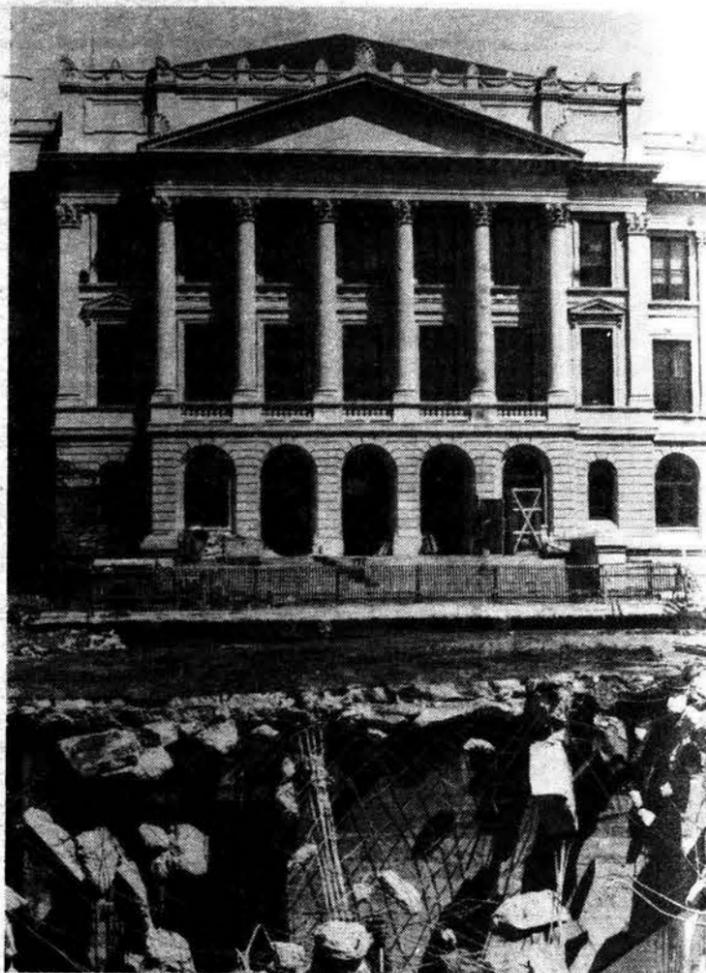
Halls will also be carpeted within a few years. This will cut down considerably on noise, and, according to Mr. LaGreca, will create a more studios atmosphere.

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, said that major departmental renovations have yet to take place, as well as work on the classrooms, courtyard, practice field, parking areas, and the new campus. Dr. Moller, who says he is "very excited" about the project, hopes to see the renovation ninety percent completed by the end of the first semester of the 1982-1983 school year.

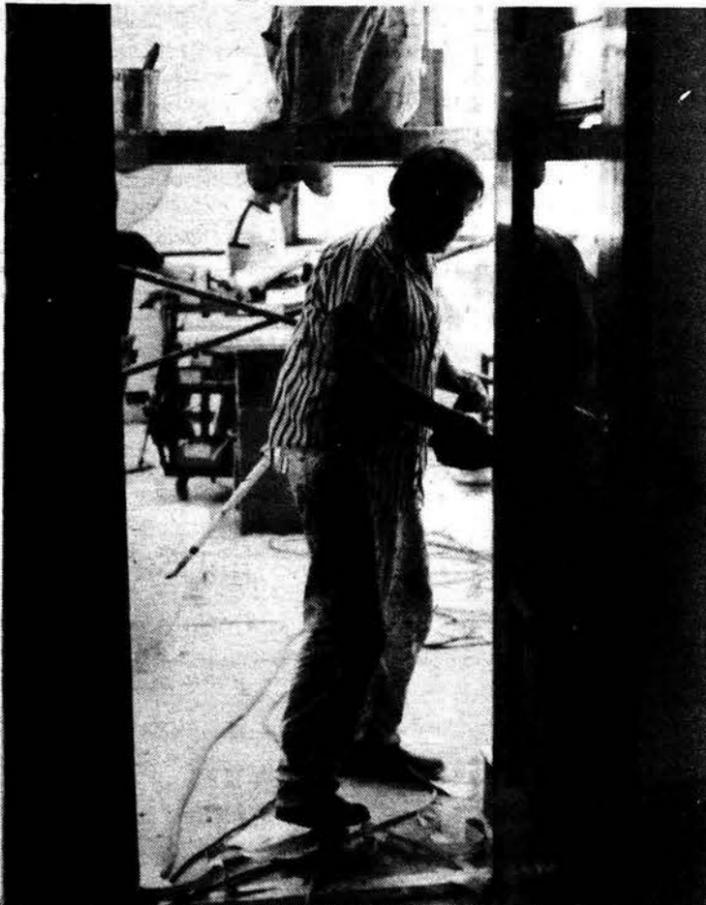
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Of Central Importance

Student Assembly

The Central Student Assembly is under way this year. Elections were held for president and vice-president at the end of last year. The remaining offices were filled during elections held Friday, Sept. 4, 1981. The new officers for the Omaha Central High School Student Assembly, 1981-1982 school year, are Barbara Wright, President; Robert C. Rose Jr. Vice-President; Monica Baker, Treasurer; Kate Shugrue, Secretary; Rick Chamberlain and Todd Cushing, Sergeants-at-Arms.

Student Assembly meets each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mrs. Anderson, Central Spanish teacher and Student Assembly sponsor, commented, "There are a lot of great ideas floating around. I think it will be a good year for Student Assembly."

Drum Major

In her own words, Central drum major Cara Francke had "never been worked so hard before." Yet the hard work paid off as Cara was named Grand Champion Drum Major at a drum major-marching auxiliary camp in Indianola, Iowa, this summer.

Drum majors, drill and rifle teams, flag squads, and majorettes from around the Midwest attended morning, afternoon, and evening drill sessions at the week-long camp. The camp instructors held strict evaluations each night in preparation for the final competition. The final night's evaluation was the Grand Championship Competition, when everyone performed before an audience of campers and a panel of judges.

Cara said that she was extremely surprised she won the championship, and that she'll try to live up to the title on the field this fall.

Mock Murder

Ricardo killed Lola, his girlfriend. Or did he? That was the question debated at the mock murder trial held by Mrs. Vickie Anderson's Spanish IX class at the beginning of this school year.

The class elected defense and prosecuting attorneys, a judge, and an accused murderer. Then the class was divided into two sections—one section of defense witnesses and the other of prosecution witnesses. Each side created a case and presented the evidence at the "trial".

Mrs. Anderson said that she holds the trial as a review for the students. The idea, she said, came from an old Spanish textbook.

"The trial gives the students a chance to think. Besides, it's fun," Mrs. Anderson commented.

Tom Urbanac acted as the defense attorney. Miriam Pankow was picked as the prosecuting attorney, and Ted Fotopoulos was the judge. Jeff Jezewski was chosen to be Ricardo, the murderer.

Ricardo, by the way, was found not guilty of second-degree murder. His twin brother, Pablo, was the real murderer. Pablo was sentenced to forty years as a janitor at Central.

Marching Band

The Central High Marching Band presented its first uniformed performance to the reviewing stand of judges and sidewalks of spectators at the Septemberfest Labor Day Parade.

Preparations for the parade began in the mornings of mid-August. Due to the renovation of Central's own practice field, the summer band camp location was changed to Norris Junior High School. After school started, 7:15 A.M. rehearsals were called at Kellom Elementary School.

"Considering the poor working conditions, we're putting out a class act," said Mr. Warren Ferrel, band director.

The band program is also changing in its requirements and rewards of pep band. Students participating in pep band will now receive one-half credit in addition to the usual granting of letter points. To gain the half credit, band members must play at all of the away games. Mr. Ferrel said that the change should increase pep band turn-out.

The band is strengthened this year by the return of 33 seniors, according to Mr. Ferrel. Band officers this year are John Gibson, president; Alan Higley, vice president; Julie Garrett, treasurer; Sue Kokrda, secretary; and Cara Francke, drum major.

JCL Elections

The Central Junior Classical League (JCL) held its officer elections for this year on Thursday, Sept. 10. The new officers are John Burbridge and Cornelius Williams, Senior Consuls; Paige Peterson, Julie Carlson, Steve Schaal, and Loys Johnson, Junior Consuls; Peggy MacNaughton, Secretary; Margaret Kalkowski, Parliamentarian; Jane Vendetti, Treasurer; Michelle Hansen and Tricia Bledsoe, Historians; Jenny Danielson, Beth Hammans, Kim Svoboda, and Cheryl Barnes, Aediles. The Latin Club is in its 78th year and is one of the oldest in the state.

Math-minded

Five weeks of Central student John Gibson's summer were spent at a math seminar in Dallas, Texas. John was the only student from Nebraska at the conference held June 1 through July 3.

According to John, the seminar was basically a course in advanced mathematics. Subjects includ-

ed computer programming, applied mathematics, number theory, and linear programming, which John described as "calculating the most efficient way that a company can produce something."

Computer

The computer age is coming to Central.

In late October a computer terminal will be installed in Central's office. The terminal will be connected to the main computer of the Omaha Public School system.

The computer terminals are an experimental project involving three schools, Central, South High School and Bryan Junior High. It is an attempt to give the schools access to the Omaha Public School's Data Processing Center located at 4469 Farnam.

Currently, if an administrator wants certain information on a student, he must go to the Data Processing Center to look up the information he needs. With the terminal, the information is easy to get.

The terminal will consist of a screen similar to a television screen connected to a typewriter keyboard. There will also be a printer that can take any information out of the computer and put it on paper.

Central's terminal will be one of the first in a school, but other branches of the Omaha Public Schools now have terminals. The Joslyn Castle has several terminals and the South Annex at 3902 Jones, which takes care of student personnel services, also has one.

While this experimental terminal is being used, the old system of transferring information will also be used.

But the convenience of the terminal can be seen in transferring student records from one school to another. Currently the student's credits are recorded manually. With the terminal, the computer can do it. Staff personnel can also see if the transferred student needs to add any courses that are required in his new school.

The main computer has information on all students from age five to twenty-one who have attended a school in the Omaha Public School District. It also contains the public and private schools and state institutions in the Omaha School District.

According to Mr. Richard Dierkhising, coordinator of the Data Processing Center, there is a state law requiring the computer to keep statistical information on all students who have attended an Omaha School. This information includes name, age, sex, and race.

The computer contains information on a school's staff and financial records.

A Cappella Update

A Cappella officers for this year have been elected. The new officers are Marty Johnson, president; Holly Zerse, vice president; Sue Srb, secretary; Johnny Triplett, treasurer; John Gaedert, senior representative; and Tom Backer, junior representative.

The choir is busy with State Clinic Music auditions coming up. Planning for a seafood truckload sale is also underway. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 2 in Crossroads Shopping Center parking lot. The choir is hoping to get enough money from fund raising projects such as these in order to possibly attend an out-of-state competition this year.

Chess Club

The Chess Club met for the first time on Sept. 8. Eight students attended the meeting.

Mr. Kevin Throne, Chess Club sponsor, said that the team will practice Monday through Thursdays after school every night in preparation for its matches, which begin in the first week of November.

Mr. Throne also said that, for the first time, freshmen from Lewis and Clark and Norris Junior High Schools will be allowed to compete with the members of Central's chess team in the matches.

According to Mr. Throne, South and Burke will be the team's main competition for the state crown.

Rifle Team

The Central High School Rifle Team, coached by JROTC instructor 1SG William Middleton, began practice Sept. 8.

The team, which fires 10th hour and after school, begins competition on December 16 at the Burke Invitational Rifle Match. The team then fires in the Inter-City Rifle league through March 26, 1982.

"We have the potential, if the guys work hard enough, to take first place in the City League and State," remarked Rifle Team Commander Paul Aufenkamp. "We'll be ready (for the Burke Invitational), but if they run it the same as last year," Paul said, "we might not be going." Paul explained that the Burke coach took the targets home and scored them. In City League matches, tests are scored by students, after the match.



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Changes in traditional Homecoming

There will be a number of changes during Homecoming this year. "These changes are hoped to make a bigger and better week for everyone," said Warren Ferrel, band instructor.

There will still be the traditional "Spirit Week" from September 28 through October 3, but the hall decorating will be limited. "The decorating will be limited to the courtyard and the 'C' side on the first floor only," according to Doug Morrow, Athletic Director.

"The reason for the change," said Mr. Morrow, "is to reduce expenses and destruction which have been a problem in the past."

The decorating of the courtyard and the "C" side will be left up to the cheerleaders, Eaglettes, and their sponsors. "Other various clubs around the school will also sections of the building," added Mr. Morrow.

The usual election of Homecoming royalty will also be held. There will be a school election and then a final election to be held at the Homecoming Dance on October 3.

The dance will be held at the Ramada Inn Airport from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Admission is \$7 for couples and \$5 for singles.

The band scheduled to perform is Rockin' Horse. According to Jerri Harris, Eaglette sponsor, "This band has a former Central graduate, Glenn Prettyman, among its members."

"The Homecoming parade is still scheduled, but there will be some changes from previous years," said Mr. Morrow. "Instead of the parade starting at Central, it will start at Beals Elementary School and go through a neighborhood route to Berquist Stadium," said Mr. Morrow.

This year will mark the first year that a registration fee will be charged on all cars wishing to drive in the parade. "The fee, which is fifty cents per car, to make money," said Mr. Morrow, "but to make the parade more organized and to be sure of each car registering."

Still another change effective this year is that the bonfire will be totally eliminated from the festivities. The reason for this is that in the past years there have been problems concerning behavior and conduct at the bonfires.

This year's theme for Homecoming is undecided yet, but Mr. Morrow commented that it will be decided on by a random sample of students, who will vote on various themes, along with the cheerleaders, Eaglettes and their sponsors.

Mr. Morrow concluded that "The changes aren't intended to change Central's traditions but to only give way to hopefully new and better ways and to make the Homecoming atmosphere more enjoyable to everyone."

New teachers come to CHS

Alicia Allen

Background: Received her A.B. and M.A.T. degrees at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She has taught in Missouri, Illinois, and at Technical High School for over ten years.

Courses Now Teaching: English III and V

Impression of Central: "I love it. Most smiles are started by another smile. Good Reading-That's my impression of Central; it's a challenging school but you can like it and make it because people are really friendly."

Daryl Ann Bayer

Background: Received B.A. degree at Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois. Received Masters in Paris, France, from an affiliation with Middlebury College. Taught at U.N.O. for twelve years.

Course Now Teaching: French and Word Studies

Impression of Central: "I like Central. The administration is supportive as well as the teachers and students."

Jaqueline Berniklau

Background: Received her Masters degree at Kearney State and U.N.O. She formerly taught at Central then ISC, U.N.O., and Metro Tech.

Courses Now Teaching: English III, English Review, and Cheerleading Sponsor

Impression of Central: "I can't think of any other high school I would rather be at."

Lloyd Fitch

Background: Taught at Nathan Hale Junior High after graduation from Wayne State College.

Courses Now Teaching: Math, Consumer Math, Algebra I, II

Impression of Central: "I'm still in shock by the change. There is a difference in the maturity level, cooperation, and respect from the students."

Sue Gambaina

Background: Attended Wayne State and graduated from U.N.O.

Courses Now Teaching: Biology and Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach

Impression of Central: "When I first came here and saw all that construction, I thought I'd never get anything done, but everything worked out. I've really enjoyed it."

Carol Gebhard

Background: Received B.S. from U.N.L.

Courses Now Teaching: American History, World Studies, and Minority Cultures.



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Standing (from left): Gambaina, Geringer, Allen, Bayer, and Sinn
Seated: Fitch. Not pictured: Gebhard and Berniklau.

Impression of Central: "Central is really challenging. The students have such a wide variety of abilities."

John Geringer

Background: Received B.A. at the University of Northern Iowa. Received Masters at U.N.O. He has taught for O.P.S. for six years.

Courses Now Teaching: Biology

Impression of Central: "I'm aware that Central is an excellent school. There are good

academics as well as athletics. I'm proud to be here."

Robert Sinn

Background: Attended years of Junior College Southeast Community College, Fairbury, Nebraska. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Distributive Education U.N.L.

Impression of Central: "I've been here a short time, but what I've seen so far I am impressed with both students and faculty."

Central in fine arts

Fine arts have not withered away. They are in continual use in and out of school and so are the people that participate in them.

Kay Auxier, a senior, has studied ballet since she was eight. This summer she auditioned for the Omaha Ballet Company and was accepted. The audition consisted of floor and bar exercises that lasted for nearly two hours. She was one of the seventeen that were chosen. As an understudy, she must attend five to seven rehearsals a week that last 60-90 minutes.

But Kay isn't the only one performing in dances. Guy Duncan, a sophomore, will be appearing at Junior Theatre as a geisha girl in an adapted version of *Sleeping Beauty*. It is a Japanese dance in which men perform the parts of women. The play will be performed in late November after many weeks of long rehearsals.

The Central drama teacher, Mrs. Pegi Stommes, will also be performing this fall. Mrs. Stommes will be performing in the play *Molly Brown*, at the Omaha Community Playhouse. She plays the part of Gladys McGlone, the antagonist who is the head of the Sacred 36 Denver Society. The play will begin in early October. Mrs. Stommes stated, "Everyone should come and support your local drama teacher!"

At the present time Marty Johnson, a senior, is performing as a dancer *Brigadoon* at the Jewish Community Center. Also performing is Lori Johnson, a junior, and Kurt Schlagenhauff, a senior.

Marty also performed in *The King and I* this summer at Westside High School. Marty played the lead of the Uncle Tom Ballet and portrayed the character of Simon LeGree.

Jennifer Bakkerud, a junior, also performed this summer in *Hair* as a chorus member. She auditioned in June with a prepared song and was taught a dance that she performed. The play's first performance was September 1 at the Music Hall.

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Cross country cross golfers

The Central cross country team ended its season with strong results. Unfortunately for Central, it did all the other teams at the Mullaney Invitational meet in Lincoln. Senior Paul Schnatz, the team's top male runner, turned in a time that shaved over twenty minutes off his previous best. This formidable effort only made the Central harrier seventh overall. This fact indicates a substantial amount of improvement has been made over the summer by area teams.

This year the team began without a home practice site. This situation evolved when golfers at Elmwood Municipal Golf Course

began complaining about all the cross country runners from various teams around the city disrupting their game. Consequently, all teams were banned from running the course except in meets. Senior Kris Leach said, "The surfaces we run now are not as good as the Elmwood course." Central coach David James stated, "The practice site change probably will not be as confident since we don't really have a home turf."

Mr. James feels the team is "young" and "hard-working" and said that the team has a lot of potential for improvement. To substantiate his claim that the

team is hardworking, Mr. James remarked, "60-70 percent of the runners practiced early in the morning on their own in addition to the scheduled practices after school." Mr. James said this fact was very impressive especially because a large portion of this percentile are underclassmen.

Central had its first duel meet Sept. 8 and started off by posting a 28-29 victory over Millard-South in the girls' division. Senior Katie Holland, recovering from mononucleosis, finished a strong second to lead the Central runners. Central boys did not fare as well. They suffered a 35-24 defeat against a strong Millard-South team.

Young team, strong push

The boys' varsity gymnastic squad opened its season with a close contest against Creighton Prep. Central lost the meet 124-120.

Senior Terry Houlton feels that "we have a good team." Terry and his brother Steve, a junior, are the only upperclassmen on the team. Loc Tran, Cory Davis, Mike Pankow, Charley Liakos, and Brian Wine comprise the Sophomore Punch. Coach Kent Friesen believes that "having the experience of meet behind them, these new guys will become one of the toughest teams around."

Two days after the dual meet with Prep, Central participated in the Art Harris Invitational coming away with a third place finish. Commenting about the meet, Coach Friesen said, "We are awfully young and we still have a lot to work on, but we really looked good out there." Mr. Friesen added that, "generally, the team appears solid." Central, fifth place finisher in last year's meet, proved in the Invitational that this year's squad should once again be a strong one. Fifteen teams competed in the event which, according to Mr. Friesen, is the biggest meet of the year, with districts and the state meet being the most important.

Conservatives playing better; intensity high

The Boys' tennis team opened the season with a 7-2 loss to Burke but rebounded strongly with a 7-2 victory over South.

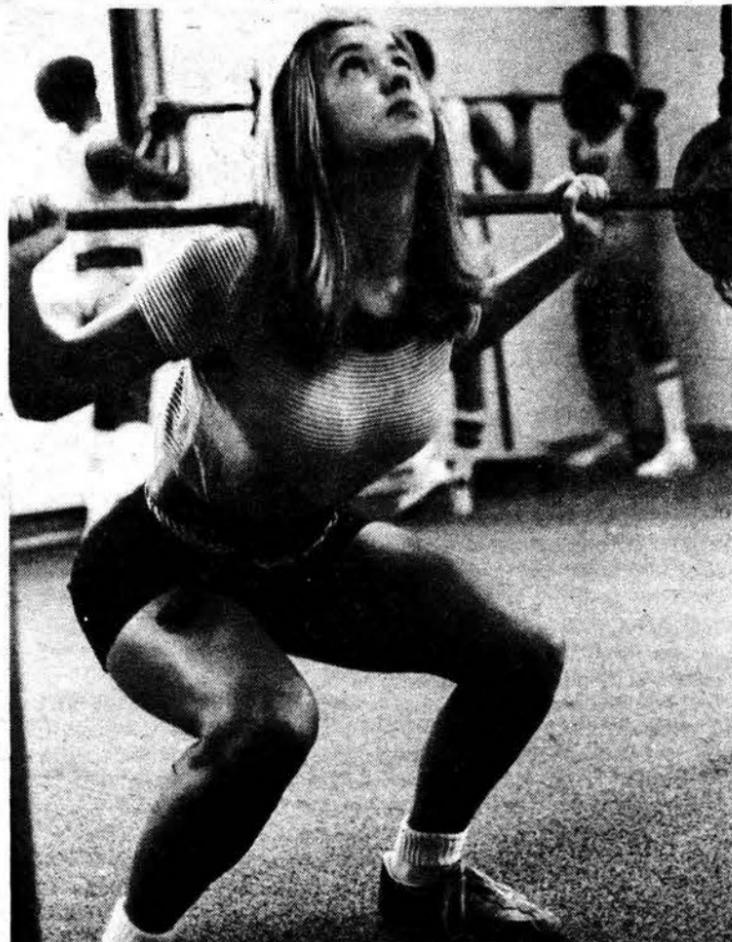
Sophomore Pete Tracey and Junior Tom Backer, who played number one and three singles, respectively, gave the team their lone wins against Burke.

Mr. John Waterman, boys' tennis coach, said, "Our play against Burke was too conservative. We need to be more aggressive, especially in doubles. Some people need to hit out and not stand back at the baseline and act like a backboard."

Dave Coster, Pete Tracey, Tom Backer, Bob Ptacek, Mike Keating and John Burbridge all posted wins against South.

A cause of concern for Mr. Waterman is the loss of Senior Tony Benetz, who dislocated his shoulder in a car accident. Tony played number two singles last season.

The team's future looks confident in the eyes of Coach Waterman. There is only one senior on the team. Although the loss of Tony is disappointing the team is not without an ace in the hole, which will be brought out in the next issue.



Julie Webb concentrates hard as she attempts to lift a barbell. Weight lifting is part of her pre-season basketball training.

Weight training

Pound for pound best

"Aargh, grunt, clang!" Those are three typical noises that echo the lower halls outside the weightroom. With a bit of imagination, these noises could be easily associated with some mammoth football player working out with weights in excess of five hundred pounds. With the increased emphasis placed on weightlifting as a tool to improve athletes, those noises could be coming from any athletes wishing to improve their performance in any given sport. This includes females.

Girls lifting weights? "Why not?" says Ms. Joyce Morris, P.E. teacher. "It is a proven fact that lifting weights doesn't just build bulk." In fact, according to Mr. Stan Standifer, varsity volleyball coach, "It is nearly impossible for the girls to get bulky because they just don't have the right hormones." Mr. Standifer added, "I believe in weight training for women whole heartedly. I went to weight training this spring as a method of giving the girls a little extra edge. You can't measure the results in terms of wins and losses, but it shows up in the girls' overall play."

"It causes me to be a lot more aggressive during play," added Joy James, volleyball player. According to Francye Minniss, another volleyball player, "I loved working out this past spring. It helped get my body physically and mentally ready for this season."

Weight training is very beneficial to nearly any sport. Gymnastics is another example. Strength plays a major role in gymnastics since height is of such great importance. "Increasing my strength by weightlifting has made gymnastics moves which were once hard seem quite easy, especially on the rings," stated Terry Houlton, gymnastics team captain. "Weight training is actually quite similar to gymnastics," Terry added. "For instance, when you're out there on the floor doing a routine, you are using a great deal of energy but only for a short time."

Weight training uses the muscles a lot also, but only for a short time. A weightlifter follows the pattern of a gymnast. As Terry compared, "You get to rest some,

and you do it all over again much like in competition."

One sport where participants are characteristically slight of build is cross country running. The extreme distances which runners are subject to during training have a tendency to slim down runners a great deal. Though one can be deceived by size, runners are extremely strong. This is due to the upper body strength required to overcome obstacles such as hills.

According to Kris Leach, cross country runner, "When you are running up a hill or just a gradual slope, your arms' momentum pulls you along. Consequently, by lifting weights, your arms get stronger and that helps you run faster."

Of course, there are also other motives for lifting weights. "Survival is my main reason for putting the boys on a weight program," commented Mr. James Martin, varsity boys basketball coach. "A team like Creighton Prep is so tall and so strong that lifting weights is the only way that we can offset their definite height advantage." Although basketball season is still a couple of months away, lifting weights is forseen. Mr. Martin explained, "We are not planning on working out like the football team has been doing, but we are sure going to try to take advantage of its benefits."

Finally, no discussion on the benefits of weight training would be complete without mention of the football squad. During the past few years weight training and football have become synonymous at Central. Terry Evans, 1981 All-state running back, is a fine example of the merits of weight lifting in a football program. Never known as a standout in his underclassmen years, Terry blossomed into an exceptionally good back.

His quickness enabled Terry to rush for over 1500 yards and set a new single-season rushing record for Class A teams.

Because of the increased growth of the program in all sports, the coaches are finding the old adage "If you can't beat them, join them" may apply all too well to their respective programs.

Determination paying off for dedicated team

Pride, dedication, and "togetherness" is the motto of the volleyball squad. This simple saying spurs the lady Eagles every time they go out on to the court. Varsity Coach Stan Standifer is proud of his girls. Their dedication and togetherness is "all for one and one for all" attitude related Coach Standifer.

Let's return from last year's squad Seniors Tracy Bennett, Laura Hedrick, Margaret Nowinski, Karen Marks, Sharon Marks, and Junior DeeDee Man-

the season started out on a high note when Central defeated Millard 15-8, 15-4. The sweet taste of victory did not last long, however; the Eagles were shot down by the Marian Crusaders in two straight games 15-3, 15-12.

The goal of this year's squad is to have the most successful season that Central has ever had. With the help of Senior Mary Joyce, Juniors Deena Roach, Kelly Walters, Crystal Gresham, and Williams, and Sophomore Karen Kalkowski. This season's varsity team hopes to be more successful than last season.

eagle feathers

Senior **Dave VanMetre** has been named Star of the Week by the "World-Herald" for the week of Sept. 9. Dave's honor is attributed to his contribution in the win over Lincoln Northeast.

Star Newspaper Player of the Week for Sept. 9 is **Pernell Gatson**. Pernell was selected for his contribution of quarterbacking Central to its premier win.

Senior **Larry Station** was named All-American in track. Larry has recently been interviewed by a major sports magazine. At the Art Harris Invitational gymnastic meet, **Terry Houlton** set a new

Central record by scoring a 7.9 on the pommel horse.

Mr. John Waterman, boys' tennis: "We have been playing too much like Reagan, too conservative."

Mr. Dave James, cross country: "There has been a change in Central Spirit with an excellent attitude toward sports. This fall, thirty-three people came out for cross country, more than double any previous year."

Mr. Kent Friesen, gymnastics: "We are young and very enthusiastic with a really good work-

ing corps. The girls will be very strong but weak in numbers. The boys are inexperienced but will soon be among the top teams because of the leadership of Terry Houlton, one of the top gymnasts in the state."

Mr. Stan Standifer, volleyball: "The majority of the girls on the volleyball team have been working very hard since March with weight training, summer volleyball camps, UNO's volleyball camp, and games at the Sorenson Center. With this hard work and dedication we should have a successful season."

Mr. William Reed, head football coach: "I am fairly pleased with the fact that the kids are taking all the notoriety very well. Whether winning the state championship or winning the hearts of all the individuals around Central High School, number one is something very prideful. It is a once in a lifetime thing, especially around here at Central. It is a very prestigious time when we can be number one in the state here at Central."

Mr. Edward McDaniel, girls' golf: "Overall, the team is really good. I will be losing four seniors when this season is over, so I'll be starting with a young team next year. The present team has established a winning precedence for the other girls to follow."

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Central High rated top team in state

Headlines such as "Central High Rated Top Team in State" can be more of an enemy than a friend. Even with promising headlines, it will not be an easy year.

With the addition of Millard North to the Metro Conference, a reconstruction of metro area teams was needed. A new three division format has been drawn up. The Federal division joins the present American and National divisions.

School enrollment became the deciding factor for which division each school was placed in. The three largest schools (Westside, Northwest, and Burke) each head separate divisions. Other schools were dealt out positions according to their relative size. Three fairly evenly matched divisions are hoped to be the result. This has yet to be seen, since all sports must compete under these new guidelines.

A look at the breakdown in relationship to football gives the impression of all but fair. Central is left to mingle with the likes of powerhouses Creighton Prep and Burke. Both were state championship material last fall. Whereas in the National division there is a toss up with no real stand-out teams.

A dog fight should be forthcoming in the Federal division. Three preseason top ten teams will be battling it out for the reigning position. How faithful can preseason ratings be?

Preseason rankings are only chicken scratchings that can build egos. An unsuspecting team can fall prey to this type of gossip and become cocky. Last fall, Omaha South, dubbed number one, finished the season 4-5. Which only goes to show that what goes up must come down.

Coach William Reed doesn't feel the team has gotten overly cocky. In fact, Coach Reed feels it's a sign of confidence. "The only negative effect of being number one is the tendency to take number one and hold on to it. Not being number one makes people fight to beat people to be number one."

The Eagles first big test came against preseason number ten Lincoln Northeast. Soaring easily over the Rockets, the Eagles posted a victory 40-7. Quarterback Pernell Gatson threw 251 yards and four touchdown passes. Gatson hooked up with Nathaniel Blanks once, Tim Smith once, and Manson Jones for a pair of touchdowns.

The offense was not the only thing fired up for this opening game. Northeast was pushed backwards ten yards in the first half and held to only 51 yards rushing of a total 164 yards. A strong Central defense coupled with nine Northeast fumbles produced a most impressive win.

The following Friday night proved to be just as impressive. A road trip to Bellevue East resulted in a 22-0 shut-out victory. The defense held true to form allowing the Chieftains only 105 total yards, yielding none passing while on offense, Pernell passed for 146 yards and one touchdown.

The Eagles were given the first run for their money against Gross on Sept. 18. With that game history, a look toward the future is warranted. The glory of being atop the A may be short-lived with the toughest part of the schedule yet to come. Tonight's battle against Creighton Prep will be a do or die situation. The Junior Jays will be keyed up for this homecoming game.

If the mighty Eagles are to live up to their reputation, then a strong mental discipline must be observed. The only place to go is down. Keeping near the top in the Class A standing should not be difficult, as long as the players concentrate on football rather than ego-boosting media.

It has been twenty years since Central has had a promising team. That is when Gale Sayers played ball. Even that year, the Eagles could not pull off a win over Creighton Prep. The best they could do was tie.

There is a first for everything, though. Tonight's game promises to be a thriller whether or not our losing tradition is broken.

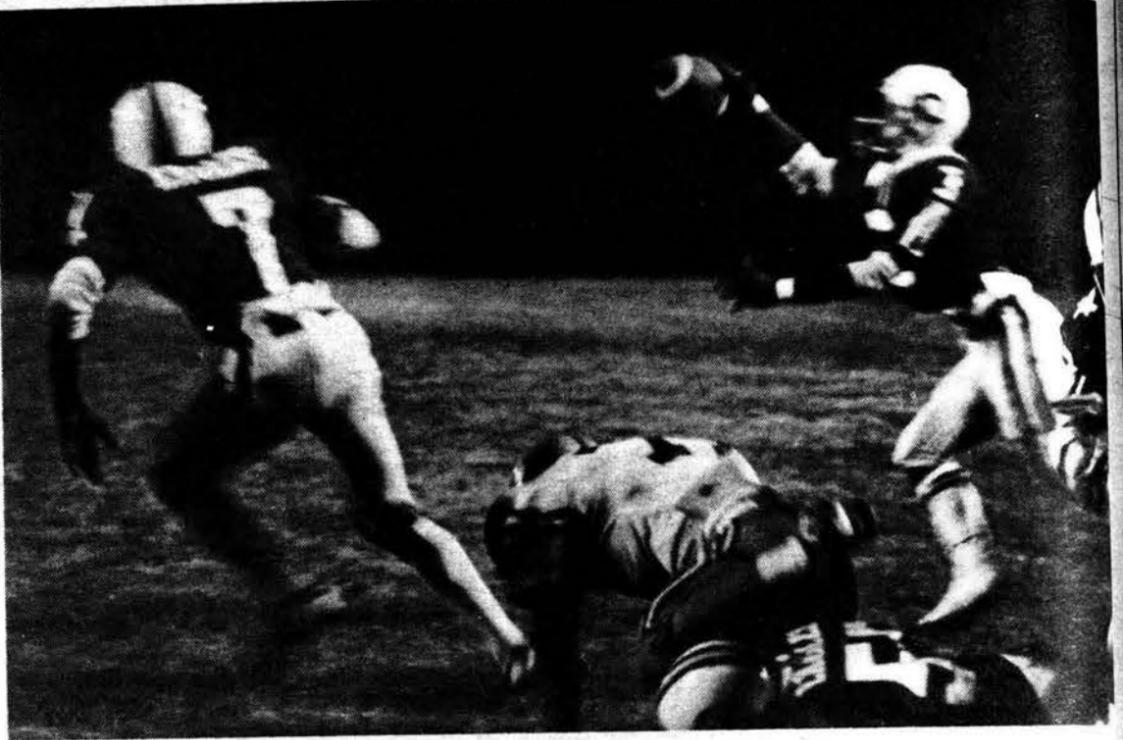
Spirited cheerleaders rate 'Superior'

"C-E-N-T-R-A-L, Central; E-A-G-L-E-S, Eagles" rang from Memorial Park at six a.m. three mornings a week this summer. The 'yells' came from the 1981-82 cheerleaders. Three squads of girls practiced Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from six to seven-thirty. Junior Varsity and Reserve squads practiced cheers for upcoming events. Varsity cheerleaders prepared for a week at camp.

Varsity cheerleaders including captain, Barbara Wright and co-captain, Lisa Pospisil attended cheerleading camp at Iowa State University, July 28 through August 1. Camp consisted of workshops for learning and improving jumps, pyramids, pom-pom routines, gymnastics, incorporation, and other cheerleading skills.

Evaluation of squads was held each evening. Cheerleaders were evaluated on their overall ability of cheering as a squad. Central Varsity cheerleaders performed excellently at evaluation nights. They were awarded three blue ribbons, or 'Superior's. 'Superior' is the highest award a squad can receive. Varsity squad also received the 'Spirit Stick'; an award given to the most spirited squad.

The girls have many different opinions about camp. Felicia Hepburn said, "It was a good experience. We got to know other members of our squad better." Becky Shaw said, "It was definitely a learning experience in both technique and attitude. I also found it to be a massive conglomeration of extreme stereotypes." Peggy Mac-



Gotcha... Byron Allen snags pitchout from Pernell Gatson in last Friday's game against Gross.

Eagles soar to another victory

The Eagles swooped up a big win over the Gross High Cougars last Friday night. "I was a little surprised at the outcome," commented head coach William Reed. "They (Gross) have one of the best defenses in the state."

A lot of mistakes kept the first quarter scoreless. The tide soon shifted after Pernell Gatson ran 91 yards for a touchdown, Nikki Paul followed with a close call by escaping the clutches of the Cougars in the end zone. The Eagles had the momentum and

went on to win the game, 34-14.

"We are playing even better every week," according to Coach Reed, "but we are not doing everything we are capable of. There is always room to move up."

Tonight's game against Creighton Prep will be a challenge. Prep has the intangibles needed to win: the big prestige, the intensity, the "machoness." "We get a chance to play for a lot of prestige and pride; it has been 20 years since

Central has been in the position to beat Prep," commented Coach Reed.

Central must play without the help of defensive ends Tim Smith and Jeff Felici. Injuries have sidelined the duo. However Daryle Duncan will probably see action for the first time, tonight. According to Coach Reed, Daryl hopefully will experience light action.

Coach Reed is optimistic about tonight's outcome when he said "We feel we should be able to beat anybody."

Impressive underclassmen unbeaten

The Junior Varsity football team followed in the footsteps of the Varsity team by winning their first two games of the season.

Mr. Gary Kubik, J.V. football coach, said, "The defense and our overall team speed has been the key to our success; however, we need to execute better on offense to become a better team."

The team's speed was evident in the first game against Omaha South as Tony Fagan's 82 yard kick-off return and Tim Cook's 62 yard touchdown run helped spark the J.V. to a 20-6 victory.

The defense was led by Tim Cook and defensive end Curtis Perryman, who had four unassisted tackles in the first half.

East Falls

Against Bellevue East the J.V.'s defense put the clamps on East's offense in a lopsided 24-0 victory.

Doug Davis had an interception and returned it 37 yards for a

touchdown. Mark Sherman, Chris Shaw, and Robert Craddock are all credited with an outstanding game.

Tim Cook and Tony Fagan once again turned the football game into a track meet as they had a 62-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard touchdown pass, respectively.

Mr. Kubik praised the play of quarterback Mike Matya, who completed four of seven passes for 72 yards and the offensive line, consisting of Brian West, Robert Craddock, Curtis Perryman, Mark Peters, and Michael Hall.

Sophomores soar at 2-0

The Reserve football team began the season with two romping victories over Omaha South and Benson. "We have the potential to go all the way," said Mr.

Bobby Bass, Reserve football coach.

Mr. Bass and the Reserve football team made believers out of the Omaha South High Packers by defeating them 32-0. The Packers could not pack up enough power to score a single point against the strong Eagle defense. The offense rolled up 30 points with five touchdowns called back due to penalties.

Cited for an outstanding game by Mr. Bass are Keith Jones, Glen Matthews, and Randy Darrow among others.

Another believer

The Reserve Eagles next travelled to Benson, and after 48 minutes of regulation play, they triumphed over the Bunnies 26-2. The defense earned high praise from Mr. Bass, also.

Coach Bass believes in order to stay undefeated, the team is going to have to work hard and keep improving each week.

Calendar

football		girls' golf	
Sept. 25	Varsity vs. Prep 7:30p.m. at UNO	Oct. 1-2	Metro to be announced
Oct. 1	J.V. vs. Tech 4:00p.m. at Bergquist Reserve vs. Tech 4:00p.m. at Tech	Oct. 5-9	Districts to be announced
Oct. 2	Varsity vs. Tech 7:30p.m. at Bergquist	gymnastics	
Oct. 8	J.V. vs. Roncalli 4:00p.m. at Bergquist Reserve vs. Papillion 4:00p.m. at Papillion	Sept. 26	Papio Invitational 10:00a.m. at Papillion
Oct. 9	Varsity vs. Roncalli 7:30p.m. at Kinnick	Sept. 29	Bellevue East 7:00p.m. at B.E.
	volleyball	Oct. 1	Thomas Jefferson 7:00p.m. at Central
Sept. 29	Bellevue East 6:15p.m. at Central	boys' tennis	
Oct. 1	Thomas Jefferson 6:15p.m. at T.J.	Sept. 25	Roncalli 4:00p.m. at Dewey
Oct. 5-9	Metro to be announced	Sept. 29	Millard South 4:00p.m. at M.S.
		Oct. 1	Thomas Jefferson 4:00p.m. at T.J.
		Oct. 7-9	Metro to be announced