

## Election Update

### Benning, Jezewski, Schuerman elected presidential candidates

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Election time is here again. Each year in November the senior class chooses its class officers. While sophomores and juniors may not be very interested, these elections are of vital importance to seniors. The elected officers represent the class at official functions, and the president speaks at graduation ceremonies. The officers are also responsible for the annual class reunions.

Eight students — Jason Anderson, Tracy Benning, David Billig, Rick Chamberlain, Jeff Jezewski, Saybert Johnson, Debra Peirce, and Todd Schuerman — were candidates in the primary election, held November 11. Only three survived the primaries. The **Register** asked these three why they thought they would make good presidents and what they intended to do if they were elected.

#### Tracy Benning

"I think I can well represent the diverse student population. I'm both an athlete and a scholar, and I feel I can relate well to both groups. I also think that my leadership experience qualifies me as a worthy candidate.

"My aim, if I'm elected, is to represent the whole senior class to the best of my ability. I would like to get more seniors involved in class activities. I've got some ideas for fun activities that I think the seniors would enjoy."

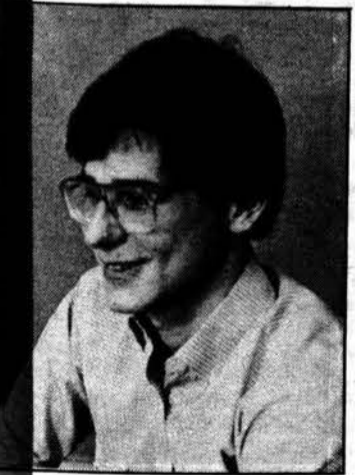


#### Jeff Jezewski

"I'm willing to take on all of the responsibilities of the office. I'm dedicated to the students in the senior class — I think they're a special group — and I'd like to have the privilege of representing them as President." Jeff also says that he considers himself an organized person who would be able to cope with the duties and responsibilities of the office.



#### Todd Schuerman



"I'm prepared to accept all the responsibilities of the office, including those of organizing reunions in later years.

"I think this is a great all-around class — probably Central's best ever. I think it would be a supreme honor to be elected to represent it.

"I've got a number of ideas I plan to work on if I'm elected. There are several things I'd like to do for graduation, including moving the location outdoors or to the Orpheum. I'd also like to try to re-establish matinees for seniors."

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# Register

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## Car insurance 'costly'

### agents offer options

One reason why Todd Cushing, senior, must work 31 hours or more each week is to pay off his car insurance.

"I have two cars to insure, so I'm paying about \$500 every six months in insurance. Since my cars are on the same policy as my parent's car, I just give the money to them," Todd stated.

"I have to work," Todd said. "If I didn't work this much I couldn't even go out on the weekends. I owe so much in insurance and car payments there's just no other way but to work almost constantly. I'm involved in a few activities at school, but they (the activities) have to be limited because of my job."

Todd gives about \$100 every two weeks to his parents, to pay off his insurance and car payments. Because his insurance only covers the damage to the other person's car, damages to his own cars would have to be paid from his pocket.

If he would have bought the comprehensive policy which would have covered both himself and the other person the insurance prices would have been even more expensive.

For Todd and other students, costs of insurance are very expensive. However, these costs could have been less with some

beforehand planning.

Taking drivers education may have cut the costs of Todd's insurance. According to Special Agent Brett Smith, completing a drivers education class can entitle the student to a five per cent discount on Prudential Insurance Company's drivers' policy. N.P. Dodge Insurance Agency offers a 15 per cent discount while AAA Cornhusker Motor Club Insurance Company grants no discounts for drivers education students. The motor club representative reasoned that "anyone could take drivers ed."

Another conclusion is found in a study funded by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Dr. Leon S. Robertson, researcher of the study, noted, "The growth in publicly financed high school driver education greatly increased the number of 16 and 17-year-olds licensed without reducing the crashes per licensed driver. The net result was more crashes.

Drivers education may reduce the cost of insurance depending on the policy. However, the course itself is offered only in the summer for a fee which was \$90 last summer (40 of the 90 is returned after passing the course).

Good grades can also give the student a better chance of saving

money on his insurance policy. A 3.0 or better grade point average is rewarded with a good student discount at AAA Cornhusker Motor Club. Their agent's reasoning: someone doing good in school shows that he is conscientious. N.P. Dodge Insurance Agency grants a 10-15 per cent discount to good students. Most insurance companies send forms for a student policy holder to have signed by a school official (usually a counselor) and then to be returned to the agency.

The biggest reason for excess expense in not just Todd's policy but most any teenage boy's insurance policy is the fact that he is a "he." According to Peggy Ihm, who is in charge of personal lines at N.P. Dodge Agency, boys must pay 75 per cent more than girls for auto coverage. Prudential charges more for teenage males than for teenage females, agent Smith reasoning that "girls consistently drive more conservatively than boys drive." At AAA Cornhusker Insurance, a 16-year-old boy pays twice as much as a girl of the same age. The motor club, however, helps the male driver by lowering the price to incur a male driver by 10 per cent every year from age 16 to about age 24, according to the club's representative. For females, the discount increases by five per cent a year.



photo by Mary Fisher

Surprise! Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High Schools' principal, receives a Balloon-A-Gram for his birthday compliments of the CHS faculty.

## Singing wishes surround Moller

Friday, November 6 began as a normal day for Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High's principal. This morning, however, proved to be quite unique for Dr. Moller.

At 8:30 a.m. he noticed a gathering of teachers and other staff members in the office area. The teachers knew what to expect next, but Dr. Moller did not.

Twenty minutes later, Dr. Moller was summoned out of his office by Mr. Richard Jones, assistant principal. When Dr. Moller came out of his office, he saw before him a smiling, happy clown with a string of balloons.

"I've got a Balloon-A-Gram for you, Dr. Moller. Are you ready?" shouted the clown. Dr. Moller blushed, grinned, and nodded his head. The clown, later discovered to be former Central student Joanie Labenz, proceeded to sing a birthday greeting from the staff at Central. When she finished her song, Joanie presented Dr. Moller with the balloons.

After the clown left, the assembled staff members sang "Happy Birthday to You" to Dr. Moller. Then, Assistant Principal Mr. Doug Morrow brought a cake that the staff had purchased. The cake was decorated with an eagle seated behind a desk with a typewriter on it. The cake bore the words "Happy Birthday to Doc."

The idea for the Balloon-A-Gram came from Ms. Joyce Morris, Central physical education teacher. Ms. Morris proposed that all the staff members chip in and the gift would then be purchased.

With the money left over from the Balloon-A-Gram, the staff also had stationery designed with the heading "Mollergram" across the top.

Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, head of the math department commented on the idea of the gift, "Every year Dr. Moller recognizes each individual staff member's birthday. This year, all the staff members decided to recognize Dr. Moller's birthday."



## Teens on road need new image

Teen-agers make up the worst group of drivers on the roads. Statistics from the Nebraska Department of Roads show that in 1979 of the total 48,821 motor vehicle accidents in Nebraska, 42.7 percent of them involved a driver under the age of twenty-five. This was the highest percentage of any age group.

The teen-age driver is a stereotype character whose traits include speeding, weaving, cruising, drinking and driving, and a general lack of concentration or responsibility. While all of these traits can rarely be found in any one person, when you consider that the average high school driver at Central High, you realize that it is even rarer to find a driver who does not possess one of these qualities.

Driving is perhaps the most dominant bridge crossed by today's youth in making the social transition from adolescent to adult. Driving creates physical and psychological independence from one's parents, social acceptability, and financial responsibility. Raising the legal driving age to eighteen would perhaps eliminate the accident rate, but it would also push back the crossing of that very important bridge to a time when most youth are about to make the complete break from home ties. Rather, an overall change is needed in the attitudes towards teen-age drivers to establish a better image for them.

Consider first the attitude many outside agencies which are directly involved with teen-age drivers have. The insurance agencies favor those drivers that logic tells them will be safer drivers —

good students, those who have taken driver's education, and females. Similar discernment is not used, however, when it comes to letting people take the driver's test. A basic understanding of what is contained in the driver's manual allows a person to pass the written test, and then five minutes are spent actually testing whether or not the person is capable of driving a car. "You can't tell if someone is going to be a good driver by a five or ten minute test," stated Becky Shaw, Central High senior. She elaborated, "When a teen-ager takes his driver's test he knows that he's supposed to stop for five seconds at a stop sign, but he's so nervous that in order to make sure, he stops for fifteen. Then, when he gets his license, it's lucky if he stops at all."

It will probably be a long time before a better method of testing drivers is established. What is needed now and what can happen now is a change among teen-agers themselves of how they see themselves and their peers as drivers. Already there is a very small handful of people who are confident and mature enough to drive conservatively. Those who are not embarrassed to wear seatbelts, who have the patience to wait in slow traffic, and who do not drink if they know they are going to drive or let their friends do so, should be congratulated. Behavior, rather than being scoffed at, needs more attention focused on it. Everyone knows what smart driving means. Now is the time to start practicing it.

## Register presents new editorial policy

The 1981-'82 Register staff, having established a definite outlook towards its paper, wishes to present the following editorial policy. The purpose of this policy is to place on public record a statement of the quality and standards set for the Register to which both staff and readers may refer. If necessary, it may also be referred to in the future to help protect the rights of those directly involved with the paper.

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*Cara Francke*

## Cara-sel



## Fall decks our halls

Ah, it's that time of year. Fall, when the autumn leaves, enhanced by each rosy-fingered dawn, cast warm, sun-drenched hues as they nimbly cascade to the gray-brown yet white frosted earth.

But these are not the only colors of Fall. Each Saturday a multitude of Nebraskans dress in a spirited red in support of the red that "goes big." Even within our school we see an abundance of colors, as though our halls have turned like the leaves of Autumn. Yet, it's that time. The time when Central and her Centralites are covered with the colorful construction paper that can mean only one thing — Campaign '81.

Even though this is my third election experience, I am still amazed by the campaigns. As a sophomore, I was merely an innocent bystander to the campaigning of what I naively praised as high and mighty seniors. In that election it seemed that few could resist voting for a presidential candidate that resembled none other than honest Abe Lincoln.

Last year's election was quite a different story for me. If there is anything more difficult or more challenging than running for class president, it's being close friends with someone running for president. There's just nothing like spending a Saturday night at a poster party.

Back to last year. What a nasty campaign! Some candidates were out for blood, verbally annihilating their opposition, while one elected officer never did any campaigning.

I knew that things would be different this year when I first saw all the candidates together. What a dramatic scene!

It was a Wednesday, just like any other Wednesday, except for the fact that this Wednesday was the Wednesday before October 31, 1981. The scene — the Central High auditorium. In the audience sat seniors, critically analyzing the cast on stage. But this was no ordinary cast. No indeed, these were not actors or mere performers. But there shoulder to shoulder, stood our future class officers.

I knew then that casting my vote would be a difficult task. Could I actually vote for a bag of jellybeans for secretary and not later regret the move? Would a little blue smurf or a bare-knee-ed backpacker better fill the office of vice-president? How does President Charlie Chaplin sound? Well, if you can't win the Student Assembly Halloween Costume contest, then you might as well run for a class office.

And imagine for a moment if you will, what this campaign would be like if there were presidential and vice-presidential running mates. The outcome of this, (a dark shadow covers my heart at the very thought), yes the catastrophic consequences of this would mean nothing less than that element of elections that the man this country lovingly calls "pop", none other than George Washington himself, warned against in his farewell address. Yes folks, right here in river city, trouble with a capitol "P" — political parties.

However, this seems a near reality at Central. Listening to lunch-time time seems the election, mention of obscure parties enter the dialogue. "She's got the 'preppie vote' for sure," or how about "I just know he's got the burn-out vote, like totally man." And who, might I ask, is that poor unfortunate burnt-out preppie supposed to vote for? And what about the Anglo-saxon, blue-eyed, Saturday night bath Sagitarian vote? Quite a worrisome issue in some special interest groups.

A message to all the candidates that stood on the Central stage that Wednesday before Halloween — give yourselves a pat on the back. And don't be bothered by those who take for granted the amount of time, effort, and money needed to support a campaign (to say nothing of the amount of nerves it takes to carry a — \_\_\_\_\_ for president" across a football field during the half-time of the playoff game!).

And now a message to seniors — realize the significance of electing the best representatives of your class. This campaign is important (besides, it keeps the construction paper companies from going out of business).

## Peirce wins Century III

Senior Debby Peirce has recently won the Century III Leaders award. As the school winner, Debby will advance to state competition with the winner receiving a \$1500 scholarship.

The Century III Leadership Program is a contest for high school seniors. The contestants submit an application detailing the school, community, and leadership activities in which they have participated and also take a forty question current events exam. The school winners must, in addition to submitting the application and taking the test, send in a two-page typewritten projection on what they feel to be the future problems of America.

According to Mr. Jack Blanke, head of the Social Studies department, the applications are judged

by a committee of teachers. The teachers assign point values to each section of the application. The applications are marked only with an identification number so the teachers do not know the identity of the applicants.

Mr. Blanke is the only one who knows the code numbers for the students. For this reason, he is not a member of the selection committee.

Debby's reaction was one of surprise. "I was shocked to win this award," she said, "but at the same time I'm very happy to have been chosen."

If Debby is successful on the state level, she will have a chance to take part in the national competition. The winner of the national competition receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

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# FCA and Campus Life help 'share faith'

It is not uncommon to hear students talking about FCA or Campus Life. What are these organizations, and what makes them so popular at Central?

FCA stands for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. According to Mr. Barry Braun, a youth director of Campus Life and also Central sponsor for FCA, "FCA was started 25 years ago by a coach in Oklahoma. He wanted to bring athletes together to share faith as their common bond, and to work together to encourage and support one another to grow as athletes." FCA meetings are held every Thursday morning before school. It is an interdenominational group with about 25 to 30 members.

Holly Zerse, a senior, says FCA is important to her because it brings God and Christ into her sports experience as well as her entire life. "Before I just played to win or lose, but with FCA and Christ in my heart, I play games (softball) for Jesus Christ. If I lose it's for God. There's a purpose for that loss."

"The FCA meetings, explained Mr. Braun, "start out with some sort of competition where the winner receives a trophy and the top-five winners are rewarded." The group sings a variety of songs, and speakers are brought in to discuss topics. Oc-

asionally there are Bible readings which can be related to a given subject. Mr. Braun states, "It's not real forceful. Often people think of a Christian group as someone up front yelling and screaming at them. That's not FCA. It's not demanding."

Campus Life began in 1944. "Public schools were becoming more and more secular and Campus Life was started to bridge that gap," said Mr. Braun. "The group's purpose is to explain how God fits into your life."

Campus Life has weekly meeting that travel to different member's houses. According to Mr. Braun, each meeting has a topic or theme, such as: friendship, family, death, God, or one's self-image. The group performs skits and holds discussions pertaining to that subject.

According to Barbara Dickey, a senior, "It's a social atmosphere with Christian background based on God."

The Omaha Public School Board is considering eliminating such religiously affiliated groups because, according to Mr. Braun, "They are concerned with the separation of church and state being upheld, and the rising number of harmful religious cults." The board plans a meeting at the end of the month to discuss the issue.

# O-book staff prepares ads, supplement

The O-book staff has completed sales on a "completely different" and imaginative" yearbook, according to Paige Peterson, business manager and assistant editor, and Cece Conway, yearbook editor.

"We managed to sell more books compared to previous years but I still feel that sales were low," said Paige, who was in charge of O-book sales.

A goal of 1000 books was hoped for, but only a little over 900 were sold. Paige said that prices had nothing to do with the low sales. "There are so many different groups at Central, some of them felt that the O-book would concentrate on only one group."

Cece, pessimistic at first, feels that the sales came out "O.K.", but said that any loss of sales could possibly be due to last year's O-book. "Students were unhappy with last year's book. Even though it was of high journalistic quality, it wasn't a crowd pleaser."

Advertisement will help pay for the publishing

of the O-book and will provide extra money somewhere in the \$1500 range. Paige said that this profit will be used to pay for extra color, special effects, and another new aspect of the yearbook — a supplement.

Cece described the supplement as 16 additional pages that fit into the O-book to totally include the '81-'82 school year. At an additional cost of two to three dollars, the supplement will cover this year's spring play, spring sports (including the state track meet), spring prom, purple feather day, Road Show, and graduation.

"The supplement should be appealing to seniors," said Cece. Seniors who buy a supplement will receive it in the mail in August. They won't have to wait until next year's O-book is printed to reminisce over last year's spring activities.

This year's sophomores and juniors who order supplement's can pick them up at school. According to Cece, future O-book staffers will have the choice of maintaining a spring supplement.

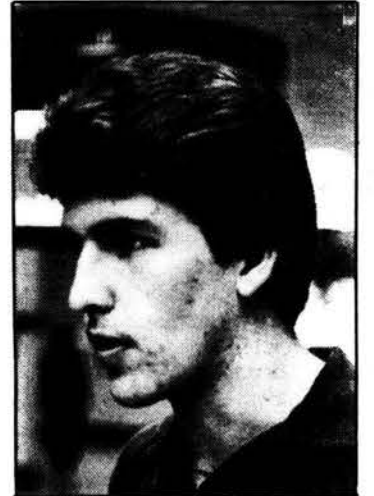
# Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, Dec. 1** "How to Finance a College Education" program, sponsored by PEP. At 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 5** SAT testing at Westside High School. From 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- Saturday, Dec. 5** "A Night with A Cappella." A variety show featuring members of the A Cappella choir. At 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced later.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8** Winter Choral Concert. Mixed Chorus, Junior Choir, A Cappella Choir, and CHS Singers will perform. 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12** ACT testing at Benson, Burke, and Westside high schools and Creighton University and UNO. From 8:00 to noon.
- Friday, Dec. 18** Due date for registration for the SAT and Achievement tests to be given on January 23.

## Registered Opinions

### Required classes questioned

At Central, there are many classes that a student must take and pass to graduate from high school. Some of these include physical education, American history, and a year each of math and science. The Register asked several students what they thought of required classes and what changes they felt that the requirements needed.



**Jim Beerman, senior:**  
"They are upsetting, they really are. You can work hard for three years here, and if you fail one required class, it's all down the drain. If I fail a class, I can't graduate, and the Marines won't take me without a high school diploma. Seniors want to graduate with their friends, and if you fail a required class, you can't, and you can't make it up in summer school anymore. You have to start all over again. It's a waste. There shouldn't be any required classes at all, and seniors should be able to test out of subjects."



**Joe Snipp, sophomore:**  
"I like required classes, because that way everyone comes out of high school with basically the same education. Electives give you a choice of other things, but required classes make everyone learn what they should learn. I don't think there are any changes needed."



**Kris Olsen, junior:**  
"I think that all the requirements are good, except maybe gym. I think that they make us take gym so that the coaches have something to do in the daytime. The English requirement is good, and taking six semesters of English probably makes Central the best school in Nebraska. Maybe there should be another year of math added to the requirements, but otherwise, they are fine."



**Charisse Claxton, senior:**  
"I feel that the required classes are needed. They are stressed in college, so we need to learn the basics here. You need that knowledge now, and you will need it to get a good job. I really don't see the need for any changes."

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## Senior class officers

## Elected candidates offer qualifications

## Vice Pres.

The office of vice president challenges the winning candidate to be second in command of the senior class officers. He or she will take over any and all the duties in the president's absence. Here are the three students' views on the senior class.

"Being outgoing, thoughtful of others, and politically minded qualifies me for the vice presidency," said candidate **Rich Bertino**.

"I'm conscientious of student rights and I feel that the Student Assembly and class officers should have more say in school matters," Rich added that he'd like to see students become more active, and he'd like to hear more student opinions voiced.

"Our class is really unique, and deserves something extra," **Mary Fisher** said of the seniors she hopes to represent.

Mary, a two year Student Assembly representative, would like to make a difference as vice president.

"I'd like to move graduation to the Orpheum and add something for the students like a slide show. I also want to make the senior picnic something special."

Mary's slogan is "a good catch for vice president — vote Mary Fisher."

"I feel that I can represent the majority of the student body," **Kate Monen** said. "My goals as vice president are to help the president, and to unify the student body — there are too many separations."

Kate is active in track and basketball, but stresses the importance of her concern for Central students. "I really do care about what the student body wants."

Kate's campaign slogan — "Quit groaning, vote Monen."

## Secretary

Three young women are the final candidates for the secretary of the senior class. Here are their feelings on why they want to be secretary, and why they are qualified for the office.

**Julie Cowden** feels that she would be a good and capable secretary for the senior class because she knows she can be a good officer. In the past, Julie has served on the CHS Student Assembly. She likes to be involved in government.

Her qualifications, Julie says, are good grades and "the leadership experience of Student Assembly."

**Julie Kully** wants to be secretary of the senior class because she wants a leadership role. She feels that class officers are important, especially in later years, in dealing with reunions, and she would really enjoy bringing everyone back to Central.

Her qualification are previous offices, including offices in cheerleading. She is willing to spend time on her office, and she will keep it organized. She feels that she is active enough in school to get many different opinions and many students' ideas on what they want.

"I never do a job halfway," says Julie. "And we have a great senior class!"

**Lisa Walker** wants to be secretary of the senior class because she thinks it's a good way to get involved in school. She feels she is good at planning and keeping things in order, and she will keep senior class functions going "smooth and fun."

She feels she is qualified because she can write and keep organized, and she doesn't feel the job would be too difficult.

Lisa adds, "I would love to serve the senior class, and I know I would do a good job."

## Treasurer

Before the primary elections there were eight students running for the office of treasurer. The three that won the primaries state here their views and opinions on why they would make a good treasurer.

**John Gaeddert** said, "I really want to represent the school and I think that I have the initiative to back this up."

John feels that his ability to work with figures would help him in the office and he also believes that he has the ability to be organized. John also added that "Dedication is necessary for the office and I have that too." John concluded with, "Our class is a great class that needs to be represented and I could do it."

**Terry Huey** feels that he has the spare time needed to be a class officer, and he thinks he would be able to get something accomplished. "I feel that I could help represent the senior class a great deal," commented Terry. "I personally don't feel that anyone is best qualified — all who are running have an equal chance of winning," said Terry. "It all comes down to who the students want to win."

**Johnnie Triplett** said, "I like working with other individuals, and

I feel that this is a fantastic opportunity for me to put my abilities to work for our class."

Among Johnnie's qualifications for treasurer are such standings as Boys State Treasurer of Nebraska, treasurer of A Cappella Choir, treasurer of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Protago Club, and he is in his fourth year as treasurer of his church choir. "I feel that these qualifications are excellent," concluded Johnnie.

## Sergeant-at-Arms

Both the Boys' and Girls' Sergeant at Arms candidates agreed that they wanted to have the office to have a more participation in the senior class. But each candidate felt that he or she met the requirements for a different reason.

## Boys

**Brad Emanuel** says, "I feel I can represent the views and feelings of my fellow classmates and introduce them in official class meetings." He is President of French Club, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, a math club, and is a member of a city soccer team.

**Steve Gomez** says, "With my military background, I feel capable for the job." He is a member of ROTC and has a job outside of school.

**John Hazuka** states, "I feel I'm a dedicated senior and I can make this a better year for everyone." He is a member of the cross-country and track teams and a member of O-Club.

## Girls

**Jana Pulliam** states, "I want to be involved and help represent the class." She is a member of the track and gymnastics teams. She is also a member of JCL and O-Club.

**Claudia Herzog** says, "I want to help unify the class. I have been semi-involved in the class and I want to become more involved." She is a member of A Cappella Choir, Orchestra, and a past member of PPC (Positive Peer Culture).

**Erin Keenan** states, "I want to be involved and be a part of Central. I've also had experience as a past Sergeant at Arms of JCL." She is a member of JCL, an Eagleette, and a Student Director of the musical.

## Hausman happy with teaching and building

Who is a carpenter, a teacher, a gymnast, raises livestock, has his own construction company, has coached football, cross country, wrestling, gymnastics, played football and gymnastics, keeps law and order in the cafeteria, and has built some very fine sets for several of Central's stage productions? All these and much more can be used to describe Mr. Larry L. Hausman, Central stage craft director and art teacher.

When asked how it all started, he informed, "I was born a butcher's son." Mr. Hausman said it was his brother that instigated his college education. "He challenged me that I couldn't do it, so I did it!" He graduated from Peru State Teachers College in Nebraska. There he played four years of football.

Mr. Hausman was married in 1960 and went to work helping his wife's brother in the construction business in Beatrice. (He knew very little about construction at the time). He began teaching art in Farragut, Iowa as well as coaching wrestling, cross country, and football.

In 1965 he came to Omaha and started the Hausman Construction Company. However, this consumed his time mainly in the summer as he also taught at Horace Mann Junior High School. Mr. Hausman transferred to Technical High School as the head of the Art department and head gymnastics coach, (not to mention J.V. football and wrestling). He then transferred for several years to an Omaha Public Schools Individual

## Math club plans for success

Many students are probably not aware that Central has a Math Club, sponsored by Mr. Paul Pennington, Mrs. Patricia Miller, and Mr. Lloyd Fitch. The club meets every first and third Monday of each month.

The idea of the club is to portray an aspect of math that is interesting and to have fun, according to Mr. Pennington.

At the present time plans for a pool and pizza party are being

Studies Center.

He came to Central at the start of the 1980-1981 school year to direct stage craft and instruct classes.

Mr. Hausman lives in Calhoun where both his children attend high school. On his 10 acre ranch he raises quarter horses, cows, and pigs. Each summer he keeps very busy with construction. "I really enjoy rebuilding old houses," he states. "This summer we moved an entire house as well as rebuilding it with."

In his second year here at Central, Mr. Hausman exclaimed, "I thoroughly enjoy teaching, and I think the kids here at Central are some of the best I've ever dealt with."

He and the stage craft crew have been responsible for the sets of Central's musical, "On Upon a Mattress," Central's play "You Can't Take It With You," and just recently, the musical "Bye Birdie."

"I run the cafeteria with an iron hand, but I'm fair and just. I think," commented Mr. Hausman about his cafeteria duty. He will help a poor soul out who has forgotten their lunch money by giving them a small loan.

Andy Welk, Central senior, says about Mr. Hausman, "He really gets along well with kids, almost like a friend." Brian Carlson, Central junior and member of the stage craft crew, noted, "I know what he's talking about, sometimes! He makes class more interesting than a usual teacher."

Also made for November 20. Also the planning stages is a Rubicon Cube contest to be held for students of Central. A math test will be held throughout the junior high schools to help recognize students in the following years.

An election among the cumulative 25 members was held and Tracy Benning was chosen as president, Peggy Meyers vice president, Angie Hausner as secretary, and Vonda Dalke as treasurer.

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Ryan spends hours playing and studying chess at home and often on the hump

## CHS chess champion strained and drained

Most students would agree that three or four hours of studying a night is not one of their favorite things to do. But for Central senior Ryan McGill, this nocturnal habit of extensive studying is not even a school subject!

Ryan is an accomplished chess player. To improve his game, he rigorously reads books on chess strategies nightly. All the hard work has paid off for Ryan. On October 18 he won the Midwest Open Chess Tournament held in Lincoln. In this tournament Ryan competed against players from throughout the Midwest.

Ryan's illustrious debut into the world of chess came at the age of eight. His babysitter showed him how to move the pieces, Ryan explained, "to give me something to do to keep me quiet."

His interest in chess continued to grow until he reached Central. When he was a sophomore, Ryan met two other students who, in Ryan's words, "helped me to develop as a player." These students were 1980 graduate Jeff Henninger and 1981 graduate Steve Nelle. Also while he was a sophomore, Ryan entered his first tournament.

Ryan's addiction to chess commenced shortly after his first tournament championship.

He added that he will attend ten

tournaments in the next eight weeks. Asked if he was able to keep up with his school subjects, Ryan smiled and said, "I get it done, mostly."

The game of chess can be both a mental and physical strain on the individual. Ryan commented, "it's tough because you know you're going to be sitting there for five to six hours during a tough match." He mentioned that after an intense game he finds he is too drained to do anything.

The physical aspect has taken its toll also. Ryan suffers from eye strain, a direct result of staring at the same pieces on the board for such extended periods of time. He now must keep his eyes from fixing on any close objects.

In the future, Ryan is thinking of attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln next year where he would major in either computer engineering or real estate. His future in chess, though, seems to be short-lived. "I'm sick of chess," he stated, and added that he would probably quit in a few years.

Why all the effort, the endless studying, the weekends away from home, and all the travelling? Ryan stated, "if you want to be good you have to work at it. The competition is tough, everyone thinks they can be a champion."

John Gibson & Sue Srb

### John and Sue's record reviews



#### EARTH WIND & FIRE: Raise

Smooth soul with shades of funk dominates this group along with the fiery vocals of lead singer Maurice White. The usual Earth Wind & Fire sound is continued from previous albums, with the powerful horn sections and upbeat tempos. A few of the songs do contain a different twist, as in "The Changing Times," which brings out a fast and almost rocking sound.

Best picks: Let's Groove; Lady Sun; The Changing Times

#### ELO: Time

ELO's latest album, "Time" consists of expected space-aged A.M. pop tunes. With all music and lyrics by lead singer, producer Jeff Lynne, the group's overall tone and strings sections resemble that of Queen. Side one

of the album is basically repetitious in melody and an abused synthesizer is aggravating.

Best picks: From The End Of The World; Twilight

#### GARY MYRICK AND THE FIGURES: Living in a Movie

With the current circle of popular bands growing stagnant in creativity, Gary Myrick and the Figures is a welcome change. In the mood of the Cars' first LP, "Living in a Movie" reflects the ease and intelligence of style that gave the Cars their success. The tracks are all fairly alike, but this is forgivable simply because of the freshness of style. These similarities could be lessened by altering instrumentation, but the album is enjoyable in spite of this.

Best picks: I'm Not a Number; Madam B

#### BOB WELCH: Bob Welch

Former Fleetwood Mac guitarist Bob Welch continues to do what he does best: performing no-frills, short and punchy rock 'n' roll songs. Although the drum beat is continuous throughout quite a few of the songs, the fast-moving tunes are easier to listen to. The background harmonies are pleasant and the cover photo of this album is interesting.

Best picks: Secrets; Drive; Bend Me Shape Me

#### THE POLICE: Ghost In The Machine

The laid-back sound that made the Police unique, approaches continental reggae on this album. One cut, "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic," is so heavily reggae-influenced that the synthesizer not only sounds like, but has the melodic line of a Jamaican steel drum chorus. The tempo is consistently quick, and the great reliance on fast high-hat lines characteristic of the Police, adds to the driving of the beat. Great party music, (it keeps one moving), this album deserves the success of previous Police LP's.

Best picks: Demolition Man; Too Much Information

Promotional copies courtesy of Peaches Records and Tapes.

## Teen suicide rate rises

Teenage suicide has increased 250 percent in the past ten years. It is estimated that there are 18 suicides a day, and 57 attempted suicides every hour by adolescents ages 13 to 19 across the nation.

Barbara Wheeler, a mental health educator at Bergan Mercy Hospital, is aware of these statistics, and is trying to educate people in Omaha to decrease these numbers.

On November 10, KMTV aired a documentary called, "Teenage Suicide: Don't Try It." The special was recommended for viewing by the National Education Association, according to a KMTV news release. The film is dedicated to one Omaha suicide victim, and three other Omaha teens who attempted suicide.

Linda Otto, producer of the documentary, and Barbara Wheeler, were interviewed by Bev Chapman and local high school students about the teenage suicide problem and how the community is fighting back.

Wheeler, who appears in the 60 minute documentary, is working to educate the community. She works at various schools, youth groups, civic groups, church groups, PTA, and with police officers. "Education is the best tool toward prevention," states Mrs. Wheeler. In addition to this work Mrs. Wheeler is a suicidologist. She counsels adolescents on an individual basis who have attempted suicide, and as she puts it "tries to help them find alternatives."

Mrs. Wheeler is also the volunteer director of training for the Crisis Line. This number, 444-7443 is a volunteer program open 24 hours each day. A training program qualifies anyone 16 or older to help people calling in need of advice or guidance.

Authorities agree that the best immediate help for someone contemplating suicide, is to talk to a psychiatrist, counselor, minister, friend, or parent.

Dr. Michael Peck of the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center lists some warning signs of teen's suicidal tendency. A sudden change in behavior, involvement in drugs or alcohol, dramatic changes in school performance, and changes in at-

titudes towards friends are some of the early warnings.

Lisa Richardson, a former clinical specialist at Richard Young Memorial Hospital, also appears in the film as a facilitator for a group session of adolescents who were referred to the hospital for a variety of problems. Mrs. Richardson believes it is harder to detect an adolescent's suicidal tendencies than an adult's. "It is normal adolescent behavior, for instance, to see a child shut themselves up in their rooms and quit communicating. On the other hand, adults acting in the same way would be more suspicious."

A youth who had attended Richard Young's program felt the group therapy was a place to let thing out. "At first you didn't want to talk about your problems to total strangers, but once you found out they were going through the same things, it was easier."

Mrs. Richardson guessed that of the entire population of adolescents admitted to Richard Young, about 75 to 80 percent had some sort of past record of attempted self-abuse. What are the biggest causes of teenage suicide? Mrs. Richardson feels there are many causes depending on individual cases. "Disruptive families, child abuse, and incest are a few common causes. Another cause is kids that don't possess natural problem solving instincts."

Linda Adams, a licensed practical nurse at both Richard Young Memorial Hospital and Midlands Community Hospital, says, "I feel a breakdown in the family is a major cause of teenage suicides. There also seems to be increased pressure from society placed on youth. Drugs, although not usually the main reason, can contribute to one's feelings. Marijuana is a depressant, and depression is often apparent in suicidal attitudes."

One youth expressed the biggest cause in a personal experience was, "The family — it's started at home. The family doesn't love us anymore. School grades drop. You feel you've lost everything, and when you've lost your families' love, that's everything."

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The marathon man

# Geringer regains competition

"I began running in marathons to regain some of the competition I lost when I graduated from college," said Mr. John Geringer, Central biology teacher. Before deciding to compete in marathons, Mr. Geringer found that he no longer had the release on life that sports had given in the past. Mr. Geringer became involved in sports at a young age. His participation had been highlighted by many achievements. Among his accomplishments are winning the Iowa high school state championship in the quarter-mile and starting on both the football and baseball teams while attending the University of Northern Iowa.

Mr. Geringer now has eight marathons behind him. He has lost nearly 45 pounds due to the rigorous training marathon running requires. "My ultimate goal is to run in the Boston Marathon," Mr. Geringer added. "The qualifying time is three hours for my division, but because of the large increase in sub-three hour marathoners that time has been

**"My ultimate goal is to run in the Boston Marathon."**

dropped to two hours and fifty minutes." This was a particularly big setback for Mr. Geringer since he ran his last marathon in two hours and fifty-eight minutes, good enough for the old time but eight minutes shy of the new requirement.

When asked about some of his experiences while competing in an event, Mr. Geringer said, "In Lincoln, I was running and I must have pinched a nerve in my neck, because my left arm went numb for the last twelve miles." Furthermore he added, "I began showing signs of heat stroke; I probably should have quit that race," he admitted.

Mr. Geringer's training has been intensified for the Omaha Marathon, held recently. To condition himself for the 26 mile jaunt Mr. Geringer ran 80 to 90 miles per week and lifted weights. Mr. Geringer has been in training with Paul Schnatz, a senior and cross country standout. Together they have competed in both a 12 and 17 mile race and both planned to run in the Omaha Marathon together.



photo by John Gibson

Mr. Geringer, pictured here running after school, is an accomplished distance runner. He runs every day to stay in top competitive form.

# Sophs unbeatable

The Reserve football team finished their 1981 season with a 41-12 win over Omaha Burke, giving them a record of 7-0 for the season.

The Reserve team was equipped with an iron tough defense, which allowed opposing teams an average of just seven points a game. The defense was accompanied by an equally impressive offense, which averaged twenty-six points a game.

Mr. Bobby Bass, Reserve football coach, said, "The hard work and long hours paid off. The team accomplished what every team sets out to do at the beginning of the season — to go undefeated."

Linebacker Glenn Matthews spearheaded the defense averaging eight solo tackles per game. In response to his performance this year, Matthews said, "I did not play as well as I really wanted to. It takes me about half of the game before I really get started, and that is the thing I am dissatisfied about."

About Matthews Coach Bass said, "I believe Matthews will develop into a great linebacker in his next two years at Central. He can hit hard and has the quickness to chase down running

backs, which is necessary to an effective linebacker."

A productive offensive attack was fueled by running back Keith Jones. The speedy back rushed for over 800 yards this season. In addition, Jones rushed for 100 yards in a varsity football game against Council Bluffs. The Jefferson.

When asked about the possibility of being a starting varsity running back next year, Keith said, "I think I should be starting next year, but I'm not just going to sit around until then. I'm going to be weightlifting during the winter next summer to be as prepared as I can."

Coach Bass stated, "Keith is now head and shoulders above the level where Terry Evans (last year's All-American running back for Central) was his sophomore year at Central. Keith can be good of a running back as wants to be."

Taking the season into perspective, Coach Bass said, "I think this year a tradition of good solid football was established at Central. I believe that this year juniors and sophomores will maintain the tradition that has been started."

## Scoreboard

Sport	W-L	%
Girls' golf	9-0	1.00
Reserve football	7-0	1.00
J.V. football	7-1	.875
Boys' gymnastics	7-1	.875
Varsity football	8-2	.80
Boys' tennis	6-3	.667
Girls' cross country	4-2	.667
Boys' cross country	4-4	.500
Varsity volleyball	6-10	.375
Girls' gymnastics	3-6	.333
J.V. volleyball	3-8	.273

## Seasons end

### J. V. gridgers complete schedule; coach satisfied

The bitter taste of Bluejay accompanied the end of Central's Junior Varsity football season as Central lost its last game to Omaha Creighton Prep. However, the loss does not take anything away from the spectacular season that was enjoyed by the J.V. football team.

Junior Varsity football coach Mr. Gary Kubik said, "I believe we were very fortunate this year. We had a couple of very good players that transferred to Central, but could not play varsity football because of incomplete transcripts from their previous schools."

The J.V.'s potent offense saved several games for the team when the defense could not stop the other team.

Split end Tony Fagan, quarterback Mike Matya, and running back Tim Cook were instant scoring threats everytime they handled the football.

Tony and Mike connected on

many pass plays throughout the season. Coach Kubik often turned to them when nothing else would work.

Tim Cook, who also played on the varsity football team, rushed for over 900 yards during the course of the season.

The defense, which at times gave up more points than it would have liked, was led by linebackers Mark Sherman and Robert Craddock, tackle Michael Hall, and cornerback Doug Davis.

Other outstanding players were guard Curtis Perryman, end Chris Shaw, and tackle Brian West.

Commenting on the overall attitude of the team during the year, Coach Kubik said, "I believe the attitude of the team was excellent because of the respect the varsity players gave them. The J.V. players usually scrimmaged the varsity players everyday, and it is very easy for a J.V. player to get discouraged without the varsity players respecting them."

### Standifer looks to future

The Central volleyball team's season is now history. Finishing with a 6-10 record, the team cannot help but feel some disappointment. However, their record has much improved since last season.

According to Coach Stan Standifer, "Before the season we had high hopes. We wanted this team to be competitive and establish a winning tradition, but it didn't work out." Coach Standifer added, "I guess it's back to the drawing board for next year."

Despite the finish, prospects look good for next year. Out of

this year's squad, nine players will return. They are juniors DeDee Mancuso, Marty Walters, Lynn Williams, Deena Roach, Joy James, Crystal Gresham and Mary Fleissner. Two sophomores, Karen Kalkowski and Cheri Curran, will also be returning.

Reflecting on the season Coach Standifer noted one definite bright spot. According to Standifer, "For the past few years the volleyball team has had only three wins a season. So I guess this year is an improvement."



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# Team peaks at state meet

The Central boys gymnastics team capped an impressive 7-1 season with a fifth place finish at the state meet held in Lincoln last week.

Among the highlights of the meet were the outstanding performances turned in by members of the Houlton family including Terry, Steve and Kris. Terry, senior and captain of the boys gymnastics team, finished third in the all-around competition missing a second place finish by only one one-hundredth of a point.

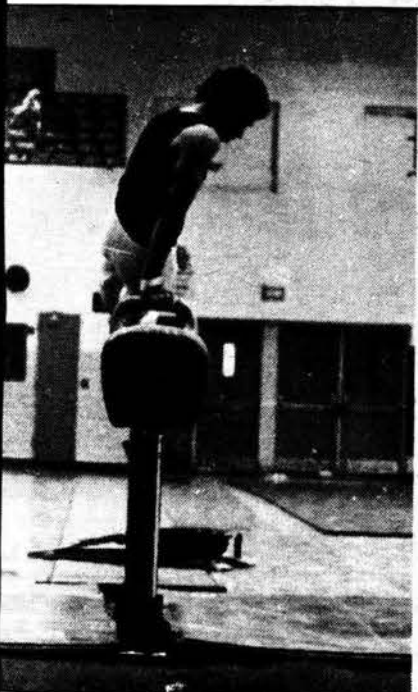
In the individual events Terry was exceptional. He placed fourth on the pommel horse, seventh in floor exercise, fourth in the vault, seventh in the rings, fourth

in the parallel bars, and second in the horizontal bar.

Qualifying for the finals in the pommel horse and the rings, Steve finished seventh and tenth in the events, respectively.

Though the girls gymnastics team did not qualify for the state meet, they were not without representation. Kris Houlton, freshman at Lewis & Clark, came away with the state championship in the uneven parallel bars. Kris also finished sixth in the all-around competition.

Commenting on the performance of the boys squad, boys gymnastics coach Kent Friesen stated, "All in all, the team really performed far beyond my expectations. I'm really proud of them."



Senior Terry Houlton shows his style on the pommel horse. Terry led the Eagles to a fifth place finish in the state.

photo by Mary Fisher

# Eagles clinch third in state

In the world of athletics there are winners and there are losers. But when you can lose and yet remain a winner then you are truly a winner indeed. We, the football players of Central High School, are not losers who lose, we are winners who sometimes do not win.

Coach William Reed (1979)

"Once there was a day when we won three or four games and that would satisfy people. It bothered me that this school would accept mediocracy," said Coach William Reed. This year's varsity squad has turned the tables on that feeling. "The attitude now is that we have to win it all," said Coach Reed.

The 22 graduating Eagles have established a winning era for Central football, which underclassmen will attempt to uphold in the coming years.

Although the 8-2 season was a team effort, four seniors stand out in Metro achievements. Dave VanMetre and Larry Station rank high on the list of defensive leaders. Larry also is one of the Metro's top punters. Pernell Gatson and Nikki Paul are leading rushers in the offensive department. Pernell is the leader in total offense.

In the November 3 quarterfinal loss to Northwest, Central's tough offense was held to 84 yards and no points. The defense scored barely two minutes into the game. Senior Cornelius Williams blocked a punt attempt which was recovered in the end-zone by Dave VanMetre. Larry Station's

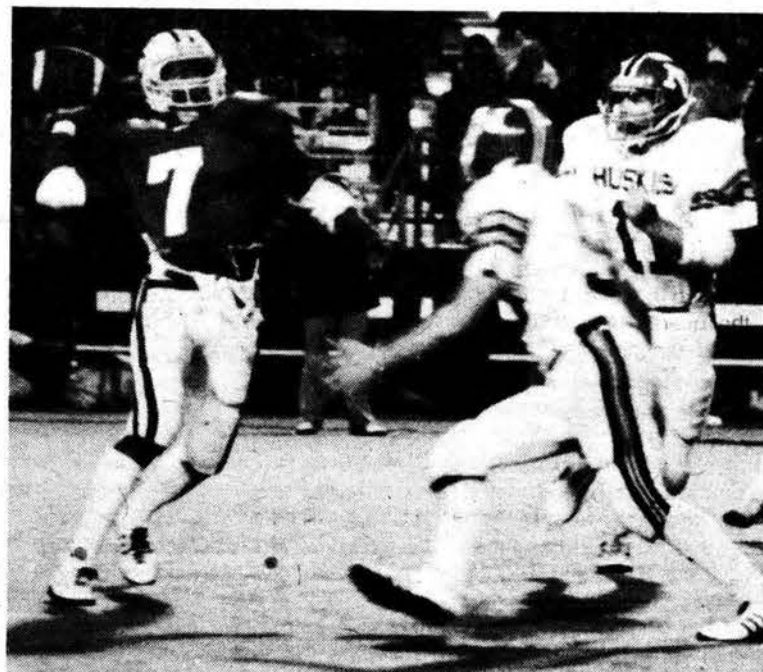


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The mighty Eagles fell to Northwest in the first round of playoff competition due to strong Husky pressure. Here, Quarterback Pernell Gatson is under yet another blitz.

extra point kick ended the Eagles' scoring. Northwest scored two touchdowns in the remainder of the first half to seal the victory, 13-7.

Coach Frank Hanel, in his ten years at Northwest, boasts their win over Central as the biggest victory of his Northwest career. On the other side of the field, Central Coach Reed felt a deep remorse. "I was hurt most over the Northwest game. Dying couldn't be worse!"

Central players and coaches

dedicated many hours to the program. "I am very positive that most individuals in our program learned something," noted Coach Reed. "It will help the younger players in the coming year." The future of Central football is optimistic in the eyes of coaches on all levels of the program.

"Despite everything, we are ending on a good point," added Coach Reed. "A lot of individuals will receive scholarships and grants of aid to many different schools around the nation."

# Powerlifting for dedicated athlete

The Central Powerlifting Team has recently begun workouts for the 1981 season. All boys and girls interested should report to the weightroom wearing shorts, shirt, and tennis shoes.

However, everyone that wants to lift may not be participating in the weightlifting program for too long. As Coach McMenamin points out, "Weightlifting is only for people who are serious about weightlifting."

"Anyone that misses a session, fails to complete a workout, or just comes to socialize will not be allowed back in the weightroom under any circumstances." From those dedicated lifters that remain, the person that can lift the most weight in his respective weight class will be on the powerlifting team.

In the last two years, two national records and four state records have been broken by members of Central's powerlifting team. Among the leading returners are seniors Dave VanMetre, Larry Station, and Charles Heise. Both Dave and Charles can squat in excess of 450 pounds. Larry, who set a national record in the deadlift last year by lifting 610 pounds, can also bench press 350 pounds.

The first competition will be a dual meet against Omaha Tech. It will be held during the first week of January. In all, four meets will be held during the second week of March.

"The purpose of the powerlifting team is to have fun while gaining strength and flexibility," said Coach McMenamin. "The radio is playing while we lift, so we won't get too bored."

# Coaches' comment

**Mr. William Reed**, varsity football: The 1981 football season came to a very sad end Tuesday, Nov. 3. Although it is the end for some, it is the beginning for others. The total program Sophomore, Junior Varsity, and Varsity finished with a combined 23 and 3 record. We are very proud of our team and our new football tradition. We love our team!

**Mr. Dave James**, cross country: We had a successful season — not necessarily in performance, but successful in the sense of learning experience, good attitude, and diligent work. We have a lot of youth on the team, with hopeful prospects for the future.

**Mr. Stan Standifer**, varsity volleyball: The season is over. We won six games for CHS, which is an improvement over last year.

**Mr. Bobby Bass**, reserve football coach: I think this was a tremendous year for all levels of football. It has really been a big boost for the program. The coaches are doing one heckuva job. All of Central's fans can expect winning seasons from here on out.

**Mr. George Grillo**, junior varsity football: We had a very satisfying year. Due to the performance and winning attitude of the Junior Varsity team.

**Mrs. Mary Gambaiana**, junior varsity volleyball: We had a lot of high points and low points to the season. Even though our record didn't show it, I thought we had one of the better teams in the Metro area. I enjoyed coaching and am looking forward to next year. We have a good group of girls returning.

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## Sports medicine Avenue of tomorrow

Athletes put years and years of time, hard work, and sweat into attaining and maintaining the most physically fit body possible. However, many a budding career has fallen prey to the athlete's worst nightmare — the injury.

In the past thirty years, a new science has sprung up in America to help athletes condition their bodies to speed up recovery in those affected by the dreaded injury. Sports medicine plays an invaluable role in today's athletics, offering the willing athlete an indispensable adjunct to recovery and the unwilling one an opportunity to uncover and face his problems.

What we know today as sports medicine has been faithfully practiced by many European countries for years. Every four years the Russians send Goliath athletes to the Olympics. These athletes have studiously trained with the help of sports physicians. These doctors determine how to heighten the body to its maximum potential in the healthiest ways possible. In 1962, the University of Kentucky offered the first graduate course in sports medicine. The idea grew like wildfire. Now, the United States, too, promotes programs for athletes much like our European counterparts.

There are many advantages gained from such a program. An injured player can maintain the condition of his body and remain with the team while recovering from an injury in several different ways. It is important for an injured athlete to keep his body in shape. A two week lay-off due to an injury can spoil all the rigorous training of an athlete if he does not properly exercise the uninjured parts of his body.

### Traditional healing time cut

A key factor in healing is that the injured player does not become alienated from his teammates. Under special supervision an athlete can catch up physically, while keeping up with the rest of the team intellectually (another plus for sports medicine).

A minor ankle sprain may not seem like much of an injury. But, treatment "by the book" can take several weeks for the ankle to heal fully. The traditional method for recovery of a sprained ankle begins with wearing a paste boot for four days, applying radiant heat, and taking whirlpool baths after that. For the first week, the individual needs to use crutches, then continued therapy for another week. The result is an ankle with a "leathery" appearance, motion would be limited in all directions, and a limp would be visible. Another two weeks to a month is needed to overcome all adverse effects on the individual's running ability.

Under supervised conditions, sports doctors are able to reduce recovery time from several weeks to just six or seven days. This is possible with a program patterned much like the following schedule:

- Day 1 Strap ankle and keep it on ice.
- Day 2 Start support walking.
- Day 4 Begin jogging and running for tolerance.

6 Normal appearance with subsiding tenderness is seen in original area. In only six days, the once-injured athlete is able to fulfill all athletic demands with some sort of support.

A dedicated athlete is one who does not play the 'wounded hero,' who does not refuse to move a muscle until absolutely well. Several football players were injured this season. With medical attention and dedication, almost all were able to return to the playing field after only a short time on the bench.

**Note:** Congratulations to all the fall sports for a job well done. Thanks for spreading pride in the hearts of Centralites and fear in the hearts of our opponents.



Grapplers have started toning up their skills for this season. Ramiro Mancilla has Joe Meehan in a tight spot.

photo by John Gibson

## Eagle wrestlers begin climb to the top

Recently, a file of ants were seen carrying a large purple morsel up the stairs. What could this purple thing be? Where did these ants come from, you might ask.

The ants are Central's wrestling team. On November 10 practice has been moved to the cafeteria for lack of other space in the building. The season opens with the North High Invitational which

begins Dec. 3. Until then it will be practice as usual.

Of those returning, Senior Pernel Gatson boasts the 155 pound state championship. The team is very optimistic for a successful season.

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## Basketball preview Girls' Future bright

The big purple machine is almost ready to roll. Its engines are revving up for another season of girls' basketball.

This year's fuel contains the explosive element of sophomore Maurtice Ivy. As a freshman, Maurtice was named to the All-Metro first team. Senior Crystal Hicks joined Maurtice as an honorable mention on the All-Metro team.

How will the team fare this season? "We have a lot of experience which should help a lot," revealed Coach Paul Semrad. Maurtice and Crystal, along with Seniors Denise Hart, Lisa Mayhue, Karla Archer, and Tina Wilson, were all starters at one time last season. Four of the five starters return with the only opening left by graduated Wanda Hartso at guard.

The outlook for this season is very optimistic, according to Coach Semrad. "Our biggest concern is that we must play a much better defense." The season opens against Benson, then on Dec. 8 comes the big test against Bryan. Last season Bryan had a 26-game undefeated streak. However, Central only lost to them by five points. The Eagles promise to give Bryan a run for their money.



photo by John Gibson

Central's own Doctor J, Herb Johnson, dunked another one, as other potential team members look on.

## Rebuilding season for boys

The boys varsity basketball team opens its season December 3 against Bryan. With three starters returning from last year's squad, the team is tabbed to improve over last year's mark of 9-10. According to Coach James Martin, "I expect this team to be better overall than last year's."

When asked why he expects an improvement, Coach Martin replied, "this year's team will be more balanced. Last year our main gun was Rick Everett. When he wasn't playing well our team

did not do nearly as well." He added, "This year we will have players who contribute to the team's scoring almost equally."

One major difference between this year's squad and last year's may be the offense. According to Coach Martin, "We are going to try to establish more of a running game this year. Since we will have quick guards, we should be able to cause some turnovers to get it going." He added, "Good rebounding will be a key to our success with a running game."

When asked if he thinks the team will be able to compete with powerhouses like Prep and Northwest, Martin commented, "I think we can as long as we are team-oriented."

Commenting on the fact that Central has only three substitute basketball teams in the past years, with two straight coming to this season, Coach Martin stated, "We're planning on getting this program back on track with a winning season this year."

## Harriers compile a satisfying season

Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams wrapped up their seasons recently while compiling 4-4 and 4-2 dual meet records, respectively. The girls' season was highlighted by a first place finish in the UNO Invitational, a third place in the Bellevue Invitational, and a fourth place in the metro tournament.

The team qualified for the state meet and finished a respectable sixth. The boys' season was highlighted by a fifth place in the Roncalli Invitational and a fifth place finish at the district meet.

Senior Katie Holland and Sophomore Andrea Tkach were the leading runners for a very "young and talented" team, according to Coach Dave James. "One injury and one girl, determined ineligible because of her par-

ticipation in a non-school sanctioned race, limited our success," said Mr. James. "I thought we might finish out at state a little stronger, but other than that, I thought the girls lived up to our expectations," Mr. James added.

Seniors Paul Schnatz and Todd

Schuerman, along with Junior Dave Salzer led the boys' team. A couple of unfortunate occurrences during the season kept the team from bettering their performance, according to Mr. James. Overall he said he was basicly satisfied with the teams efforts.

## Swimmers lack depth

With less than a month remaining until the boys' and girls' swim teams open their season against Prep and Marian, respectively, Coach John Geringer is looking for more swimmers.

According to Coach Geringer, "We could be competitive if we improve on depth." He added, "I know we have some good swimmers, but I would like to see some more participation in the swimming program."

In preparation for the upcoming season, the swimmers have been participating in an intramural program. The program, consisting of four practice sessions a week, has been going strong since the beginning of the first quarter.

According to Mrs. Catherine Gebhard, supervisor of the seasons and assistant swim coach, "The sessions were really important to Mr. Geringer and myself because of the fact that we are both first year coaches." She added, "Now we have a good idea of what we have to work with."

From the intramural program, Mrs. Gebhard has formulated a plan. Though there are some freshmen seniors, she stated that this year will be a building year. According to Mrs. Gebhard, "We are not starting a three-year program. Incoming sophomores as a base. Seniors play a major role in the plan, that of leaders."

## Calendar

### boys' basketball

J.V. at 6:15 p.m.  
Varsity games follow  
Dec. 3 Bryan at Norris  
Dec. 4 Papillion at Papillion  
Dec. 5 Ryan at Norris  
Dec. 11 Benson at Benson  
Dec. 12 Lincoln East at Norris  
Dec. 18 Millard North at Norris

### swimming

Dec. 8 Prep/Marian  
4:00 p.m. at Prep  
Dec. 15 Bellevue East  
4:00 p.m. at B.E.

### girls' basketball

J.V. at 6:15 p.m.  
Varsity games follow  
Dec. 3 Benson at Central  
Dec. 8 Bryan at Central  
Dec. 10 Millard North at Central  
Dec. 15 Burke at Burke  
Dec. 17 Tech at Tech

### wrestling

Dec. 8 Thomas Jefferson  
7:00 p.m. at Central  
Dec. 15 Papillion  
7:00 p.m. at Central  
Dec. 18 Bellevue East  
at B.E.