

Job openings sparse; student initiative essential

In one year Mrs. Penny Boykins, Job Counselor for Central, will see about 500 students and place about one-third of those students. She said that some people are just not job ready. Some students are not 16 years old and willing to take instruction.

Mrs. Boykins said that employers are looking for maturity and students that are able to take instruction.

Mrs. Boykins admitted, "This summer will probably be one of

the worst summers for teenagers. Businesses are just not hiring this summer. Some adults are taking jobs that teenagers used to occupy."

The Nebraska Job Service predicts that 18½ per cent of those 16 to 17 years of age will be unable to get a job in 1982. About 9.7 per cent of those students 18 and 19 years old will find themselves out of work.

Because there seem to be fewer jobs and more students

who want them, students must work harder to find jobs.

Mrs. Ann Kelleher, from the UNO placement center, says that students should have begun their job hunting about two months ago.

Competitiveness is so great that one should attempt to distinguish himself from the rest of the applicants. If one is applying for a job, he should keep these things in mind.

1. Be on time to an interview. This will impress upon the interviewer that you are a responsible person.

2. Dress neatly for an interview even if the position you are applying for is not a very desirable one.

3. Be familiar with the company with which you have the interview.

4. Prepare a card before you go, listing your references, phone numbers, and previous places of employment.

5. Be prepared to answer questions clearly and with confidence.

6. Follow up with a call to see if you have been selected for the job. Do not be put off by potential employers.

7. Apply to many places. The more applications you fill out, the better chance you have of getting a job.

8. Listen to your friends for ideas on jobs. Some jobs are passed along by word of mouth.

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Prom an 'admitted' success

"I'll admit it. I was a terrible skeptic from the start. I was dead wrong. It was great," said Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, in a note about prom to Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Student Assembly sponsor. "An Evening in Times Square" set a precedent for proms to come," said Todd Cushing, Student Assembly member.

Saturday night, April 24, marked Prom 1982 and a first in courtyard and Central history. "It was the best dance I've ever been to in my life!" exclaimed Central Senior Lisa Pospisil. Todd noted, "We couldn't please everybody, but can you ever?"

Allspice was the band for the evening, and according to Kate Monen, Central senior, "They

were truly inspiring." Centralites danced on the stage, displayed their own musical talents with some of the band's tambourines, and sang their hearts out into cordless microphones passed out into the audience by the band.

According to Barb Wright, Student Assembly president, "More tickets were sold this year than in five years — maybe more." Much controversy came with the first prom in the courtyard. The acoustics were in question beforehand. Having been to prom, Central senior Paul Rathouz noted, "The acoustics could have been better, but they weren't bad," Senior Chris Mills added, "I didn't notice."

Mr. Kevin Throne, Central French and German teacher,

stated enthusiastically, "The decorations were some of the finest I've seen at a Central prom."

"It exceeded previous expectations," lulled former skeptic and senior Brad Emanuel.

Some problems did arise. As Paul noted, "The dancing area to table space ratio was incorrect — we needed more dancing room!" Felicia Hepburn commented, "I don't think there was enough soul music."

Dr. Moller appeared pleased with the overall results, saying, "... perhaps the finest spring prom this school has ever seen — at least this seems to be the consensus among all, students and parents alike, with whom I've talked."

Publicity yields profits

"We're going to fill the house!" Saybert Johnson spoke for all the Road Show managers when he aired his hopes for Road Show at the judges' and managers' banquet. Nearly four months later, the results of hard work, the managers and crew, the talent of the performers and convictions like Saybert's have been tallied in the Road Show '82 financial statement.

"Though we spent more, we still profited more," said Mr. Warren Ferrel, instrumental music director and Road Show director. The statement showed 24 separate expenditures and only three receipts or money making elements, yet the total profit was \$2281.53. Expenses cover items from reusable props and equipment like a \$5.23 rubber chicken, to music and arranger's fees totaling \$306.63 to printers' costs of \$787 for the program.

Box office ticket sales of \$3,453 are responsible for most of the profit margin. Ten dollar season memberships called patron tickets allotted forty percent of their sales to Road Show. These tickets draw alumni and parents to Road Show productions when they ordinarily wouldn't, according to the CHS Vice Principal Al LaGreca.

Advertising in the Road Show program sold by manager Alan Higley added \$262.50 in profit.

According to Mr. Dan Daly, English Department Chairman and Road Show Publicity Coordinator, the quality and quickness of Thursday night's show sold tickets for the next two — thus the high box office sales.

Cancellation of matinees had no effect on profit

"Publicity did it all," said manager David Billig. Mr. Ferrel instigated a new push for publicity this year by enlisting the aid of Mr. Daly as publicity coordinator. Mr. Daly said, "The managers made my alleged job of coordination so easy because they were so ambitious to succeed. They were self-starters capable of taking the initiative always with very little supervision."

A change in addition to publicity this year was the cancellation of Road Show matinees. David said, "Not having matinees had no effect on profit but made people unhappy." Mr. Daly commented that he at first was concerned about the cancellation though he concurred with the judgement. He added, "The production overcame any disadvantage, economic or otherwise, that could have been achieved." Manager Julie Garrett felt that cutting the matinees increased attendance for the night performances and made for a higher quality audience.

Mr. LaGreca said, "We don't feel that our revenue is down. We made as much with the matinees as without so it appears that we'll continue the policy."

With profits over \$2,000 and the performance of what Mr. Daly described as a balanced show, Road Show '82 measured up to be, in Mr. LaGreca's words, "a big success."

CHS authors numerous; ideas diverse

by Jeff Zabin

Planted in a distant corner of Room 225, the tall glass case with locked contents is hard conspicuous to passersby. The modest display cabinet simply houses a single shelf of books; not too unusual a sight to be found within a library. At an unknowing glance at titles, the books themselves are obviously unrelated to each other in topic. But whether they realize it or not, the authors of these books have something important in common: they each share a piece of the same history.

Some grads credit part of their success to CHS

Mrs. Helena Street, an Omaha **World-Herald** garden columnist, and Mr. Gary Schweikhart, a **Sun Newspaper** entertainment review columnist, are two of over twenty-five published writers who have, at one time, gained at least a little of their expertise by studying within the ancient walls of Central High. Mrs. Street graduated in 1923, Mr. Schweikhart in 1969. Although they graduated nearly half a century apart, neither hesitates to praise their high school English education. Recalls Mr. Schweikhart, "I credit much of my success as a writer to the CHS experimental English program of the late 1960s."

His autobiography, "I Am Third," allowed Mr. Gale Sayers, reknowned football great, athletic director, and member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame, to place his book in a glass case in the corner of a high school library.

Next to Mr. Sayer's book is Mr. Howard Rosenberg's "Atomic



photo by John Gibson

1st time ever! Allspice provided the music that Centralites sang and danced to at Prom 1982, held for the first time in Central's own courtyard.

Soldiers," a non-fictional work explaining the after effects suffered by soldiers exposed to low level radiation during nuclear bomb tests from 1948 to 1953. Published by Beacon Press in 1980, his first book has received critical acclaim. Mr. Rosenberg thanks Central for propelling him to "achieve some modicum of success. Central High was a superb school in every sense of the word," he wrote. "Its attraction to both educators and scholars is evidenced by what became of many of us."

"Do not go to Dartmouth. You are definitely not a scholarly person," the then journalism teacher told Marc Shwartz in 1949. But his advanced education went on to include a B.A. and M.A. from Washington University and a Ph.D. from Harvard. Now professor of anthropology at the University of California at San Diego, Mr. Shwartz has written five books and numerous articles and reviews for major science journals. "I did not go to Dartmouth, but events have not demonstrated her assessment to be without flaw," he said.

The class of 1949 produced another writing scholar. Said Mr. Taylor Stoerhr, whose credits include four books on American literature and some fifty journal articles, "Central was very important in determining my career." Mr. Stoerhr's bibliography barely fits into four typed pages. Mr. Frank Tirro, Dean at the Yale University School of Music, also has memories of Central's influence on his life at that time. He wrote "Jazz: A History" in 1977 and three years later collaborated on a two-volume work.

There appears to be a direct

prominent correlation between writing and teaching as a dozen of the published writers who graduated from Central are now university professors. For only a few has writing been their main source of income; talented authors of fiction like Mr. Lee Grimes, Mrs. Gretchen Travis, and Mrs. Helene Magret.

Writers Dorothy Skardal ("The Divided Heart: Scandinavian Immigrant Experience Through Literary Sources") and Ingeborg MacHaffie ("Of Danish Ways") preferred to venture beyond the geography they had inhabited as teen-agers. But others, like Dorothy Dustin ("Omaha and Douglas County, A Panoramic History"), Margaret Killian ("Born Rich — A Historical Book of Omaha"), and Howard Chudacoff ("Mobile Americans: Residential and Social Mobility in Omaha, 1880-1920"), stayed at home.

When he was named the Nebraska teacher of the year in 1975, Mr. Gunnar Horn had already completed six English style and literature books for student use. Mr. Horn's two most recent novels, "Murder in the Old Mill," and "Murder in the Museum," were cooperatively created with Miss Josephine Frisbie. Miss Frisbie, a retired Central English teacher, and Mr. Horn, a retired Benson High school English teacher, are currently submerged in their latest effort, again with no grammar errors.

The books are quiet in the locked glass case in the corner of the high school library. Many are missing from the collection and many will undoubtedly be added in the future.

Cara Francke

Cara-sel



Cara's college critiques

Today's riddle:

Many seniors decided in the recent past
 But seniors still in waiting will soon be moving fast
 Numerous juniors discover, arriving home each day
 Mailboxes full of brochures — the decision's not far away
 On a future horizon the judgment day awaits
 Sophomores be aware! the future's here in so few dates.

Now if you haven't figured out today's topic from the coercing clues or the harbinging headline, then you may never be able to make the cartoon riddled about. The truth hits from above much like terrifying cartoon images of grand pianos dropped from a pulley 18 stories up — there is life after high school, and a certain amount of planning must go into the preparation for this life.

To aid college-bound sophomores, juniors or (Zeus help them) seniors on have not yet decided where to be bound, you have in your hands, or on your desk, or wrapped around your recently uncovered science book, a publication that asks the question even the College Board is afraid to ask. A highly selective and completely unobjective cross-section of seniors were asked what they **really** look at in choosing a college. The results are compiled in the First Bored of College Exaggeratedly Ludicrous Guide to How to Choose a College.

A school far, far away from Mom and/or Dad

Yes folks, the baby birds are preparing to spread their wings, and to some college-bound nestlings, this independence is the most important element in choosing a college. The farther away the better: true independence is only achieved by being far enough away that a weekend trip home is completely out of the question. Besides, the farther away from Omaha, the more likely you are to get out of the exciting, glamorous, thrilling fast-lane living of the Midwest and into the settled, lax and hum-drum lifestyles of the East or West coast.

A school within a couple of hours or even seconds from the shelter of Mom and/or Dad's wing.

It's true. Not all our wings are dry yet, but there's really absolutely nothing wrong with that. Just be sure you don't come back for too many Central activities. Everyone loves a grad who makes a few prestigious appearances while sickened by those who make several hundred pestilent presences. Living at home can definitely have benefits, too. You can take advantage of one of the foremost criterion of the now infamous cross-section.

A school that will pay you the most and/or you'll have to pay the least to.

Unbelievable as it may seem, paying money can be costly. And paying money is the major sport of college students. Oh, some people have no problem with finances, but face it, most of us aren't some people, so we need whatever funds and freebies come our way. Remember all the waiting with students and freebies come our way. Remember all the waiting with students and freebies come our way. Remember all the waiting with students and freebies come our way. Remember all the waiting with students and freebies come our way.

A school in a state with the lowest drinking age.

Sure the University of Wisconsin is a fine upstanding institution, but "what do you think of when someone says Wisconsin?" Old Milwaukee (and I don't mean the city). The story is the same in other states whether they are the beer capital of the world or not. Honestly, a social life is a big part of the "total college experience" and beer is a big part of many students' social life. But it is good to know that future Central grads want to be good law abiding college students by going to a state where 18-year-olds are majors or at least not minors.

Oh there's still so many more things to consider — where all your friends are going, how long a Christmas break you'll get, whether the boy-to-girl ratio is in your favor and you might even want to check to see if a school has a department for the area you plan to major **before** you check to see if you're a minor there.



Aid cuts take first step towards end

On April 7, 1982, the **World Herald** ran an editorial entitled "Aid Cuts Aren't the End." In it, the writer claimed that government subsidies, contrary to popular belief, are not necessary for students from middle income families. The **World Herald** along with the other proponents of President Reagan's proposed student aid cuts are wrong if they believe that the cuts will not unquestionably hurt the education of America's students and ultimately, the future of the nation.

Reagan's grand goal is to cut federal student aid by 3.1 per cent over the next two years, from \$6.2 billion in 1981 to \$4.3 billion in 1982. Loans will become harder to qualify for, repayable at higher interest rates and within a shorter time period, and graduate and professional students will be ineligible for certain loans. Grants also will be much harder to obtain.

Proponents maintain that a few small sacrifices and a little more spunk is all that is needed to overcome any hardships the plan might create. The **World Herald** offers a plan by which a student could attend UNO and pay approximately \$2,200 per year, about \$1,200 more than he would pay if receiving federal aid. But many families are doing all that they can now to meet college costs, without worrying about coming up with an extra \$1,200.

In a recently conducted survey of 200 Central High seniors, about one-third of those planning to attend school next year said that they are counting on loans, scholarships, and grants to help finance their education. Of those that had applied for such aid so far only 35 per cent had received any. Thirty-eight per cent said that they are currently working to help pay for school next year, and many more hope to work this summer. Jobs are in high demand and short supply, however. Furthermore,

Reagan hopes to reduce the College Work-Study Program by 28 per cent, making it tougher to spark more spunk.

Of equal significance is the fact that many students' financial problems will not be answered with a mere \$1,200. Eleven per cent of the college bound Central students plan to attend schools with tuitions of \$5000 or more. Another 15 per cent plan to pay between \$2500 and \$5000. Perhaps these students could more easily finance four years at UNO, but to suggest this as a cure-all is ridiculous.

While Nebraska's two state universities are both excellent institutions, they cannot provide all things to all people. Campus size and setting, distance from home, department strengths and reputation — these are all conditions which a student considers when looking for a college, which UNO and UNL are not always fill. With as many complaints and controversies as there are over expansion and overcrowding of the two schools, it is doubtful that a major influx of student numbers could be desirable.

The greatest objection to cuts in federal aid to students must be the detrimental effect such action would have on the attitude towards higher education and ultimately America's future. Knowledge is undoubtedly our greatest, undepletable resource. It is our most powerful means of national advancement and of national defense. According to Michael I. Severin, president of Columbia University, during the last 15 years the U.S. dropped to tenth place in Gross National Product per capita. Quite notably, during the same 15 years, Japan and West Germany doubled the number of scientists and engineers they produced.

Perhaps student aid cuts aren't the end, but they may well be the beginning of the end.

Regulation stifles teen contraception issue

Prohibition in America in the early 1900's made the consumption of alcohol illegal. It failed miserably and was one of the most readily ignored laws ever created. Comparably, present day laws against smoking marijuana are, at least in some areas, equally ineffective. It stands to reason then that a government regulation such as the one proposed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) which attempts to restrict teenage sexual activity, would meet with failure.

The regulation, according to DHHS, is supposed to break down the "Berlin Wall" created by family planning services which now separates parents and teenagers. Under it, those services receiving Title X funds must notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to a minor (17 and

younger). Locally, this includes Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council Bluffs and the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Proponents of the regulation argue that because of the health risks involved, parents have a right to know what type of prescriptions their child is using. Furthermore, they claim that the regulation will not deter teenagers from using contraceptives, but will in fact, improve the consistency with which they use contraceptives.

The facts tell another story altogether. The sad truth is that of the 12 million sexually active teenagers in the United States, only about 42 percent use proven effective means of contraception. A survey conducted earlier this spring by the Alan Guttmacher Institute showed that 54 percent of the teens obtaining contraceptives from family planning clinics tell their parents now that they are doing so.

Twenty two percent would tell their parents and continue to go to the clinics if the regulation were adopted. An equal percentage, however, said they would stop going to the clinics but continue sexual relations. This immediately puts them in risk of an unplanned, unwanted pregnancy. In the Omaha-Council Bluffs area, Planned Parenthood estimates that there would be an increase of about 700 more teenage pregnancies per year.

Since the potential physical and social problems a pregnant teenager faces are much greater than those faced by a teenager on contraceptives, it would seem

that the DHHS regulation will accomplish as much harm as good.

If effected, the regulation will face a tough battle. In early April, Planned Parenthood announced that it would continue to distribute contraceptives to minors even if the regulation were instituted. They would then risk losing \$30 million dollars in federal aid. According to Mary Kay Steinhausen, education director of the Omaha-Council Bluffs Planned Parenthood, action will most likely take place through a law-suit attempted to get the regulation declared unconstitutional. If such action does take place, Planned Parenthood will undoubtedly need public support. The **Register** urges its readers to contribute generously.

Most importantly, it is necessary to set a precedent for the future. It is the question of whether teenage sex is right or wrong on which our focus seems to be most often directed. If a return to "old fashioned values" is what we are looking for, it would do us well to remember "the good ol' days" when information on birth control and contraceptives was first prohibited from being distributed. Then women solved their problem by self-induced abortions — from rolling on the floor, to drinking nauseating mixtures, to using unsterile household objects.

Improving family communications on sex is an admirable goal. It will not be accomplished, however, as long as it is addressed blindly, without acknowledging what has happened in the past and what will be best for the future.

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Hazuka gets Kiewit award; new scholarship valuable

For John Hazuka, Central senior, maintaining a B average the next four years in college could be worth \$14,000. John is the recipient of the prestigious Peter Kiewit Scholarship providing him with \$3,500 per year to continue his education.

Essentially awarded to math and engineering oriented students, the scholarship brought an elated response from John: "I never thought I'd win. I was exuberant when I heard."

After having filled out an application, potential applicants were interviewed by two members of the Central scholarship committee (consisting of Central teachers and counselors). John was interviewed by Mr. Kevin Moran, Central counselor, and Dr. Gary Thompson, the head of Central's science department and a biology teacher.

Having reviewed each candidate, the scholarship committee then selected John as this year's recipient. All Omaha public high (and parochial) schools are allowed to furnish one Peter Kiewit scholarship to a student. Several schools each year are allowed to distribute two; Central is eligible for two scholarship recipients next year.

When asked about his future plans, John responded, "I'll go to Lincoln next year, but I'm not sure about my sophomore year. It is possible that I'll transfer to Iowa State, New Mexico State, or stay right here in Nebraska."

According to John, his future will hold chemistry "I'm looking toward a Ph.D. in chemistry

or chemical engineering," John said. As far as advance planning is concerned, John suggested possible graduate schools: "I'd like to attend Berkeley or U.S.C. for graduate work."

A banquet was held Friday, April 23, for the city-wide winners of the Kiewit scholarship. Each student chose an honorary teacher to attend with him. Mr. John Williams, Central A.P. and regular chemistry instructor, attended with John. John noted, "Mr. Williams influenced me into thinking that chemistry is great."

Aside from the Kiewit scholarship, the Central scholarship committee selects winners for multiple other grants and scholarships. According to Miss Irene Eden, head guidance counselor at Central, a J. Arthur Nelson scholarship is awarded each year. (Mr. Nelson was Central's principal before Dr. Moller).

A Jewish war veteran's fund provides one grant each year for a needy student. An lone C. Paxton (a former O.P.S. teacher) grant goes to one student in each of the O.P.S. high schools, as does the Harry A. Burke scholarship.

In Central's math department, a Duane Perry (the math department head before Miss V.L. Pratt) scholarship is awarded to a "math minded" student. In the art department, two Mary Angood awards are granted. (Mary Angood was a former art teacher). These various grants and awards each differ in value from \$100 to \$500.

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Registered Opinions

Proposed freshmen return both approved, criticized

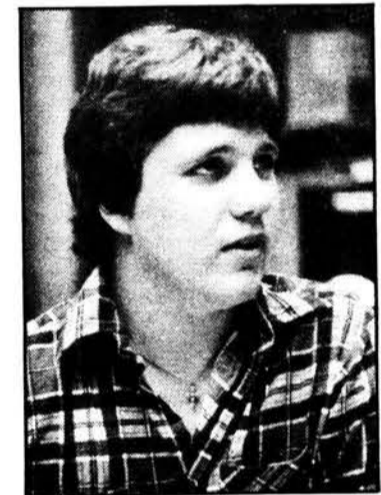
The Omaha Public Schools, to fight rising costs and falling enrollments, are currently considering returning ninth graders to the high schools sometime in the near future. The **Register** asked several students how they felt about the proposed measure and what they felt would be some of the problems and pluses of the return of freshmen to Central.



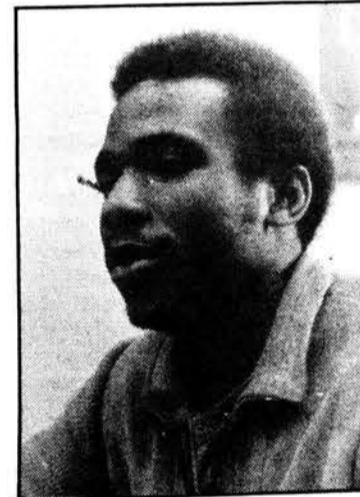
Felicia Williams, sophomore:
"It's not a bad idea. I don't mind. We can help them at first with homework. But it would be overcrowded here at Central, so maybe there should be a limit on how many can go into high schools. The ninth graders, I think too, might be too immature. But, it isn't a bad idea."



Terri Centineo, junior:
"I don't care either way. If ninth graders did come back, it would help them get used to high school and its problems. I think that the students should have a choice whether or not they want to enter high school in ninth grade or not."



Rich Jordening, senior:
"I think it's a great idea! A lot of private schools go to eighth grade, and junior highs could, too. Then the kids would only have to change schools once instead of twice, like they do now. The schools could bring lower grades to the ninth grade centers. The only problem I could see is spending an uneven time in school — two years in junior high and four years in high school."



Byron Allen, senior:
"They shouldn't do that. Central has enough problems with fights and things, and the ninth graders would just add to the problems we have. Central is just right for us — sophomores, juniors, and seniors. It would be too crowded in the high schools. And we don't need kids here!"

photos by Ted Szczepanski

Co-ops show appreciation at banquet

More than 600 Omaha Public school students and their employers gathered at an Employer Appreciation Banquet held at Peony Park on Wednesday, April 21.

The banquet is sponsored each year by the Vocational Department as a way of thanking the Metro-area businesses for hiring the high school students.

According to Miss Jerri Harris, Marketing Co-op sponsor "The banquet has existed for over 25 years. It is a salute to the employer for hiring, training, and the cooperation extended to the school throughout the program."

Recently, the office co-op has been included in the banquet, said Miss Helen Coulter, Office Co-op sponsor. The banquet also gave

the students and their employer a chance to see how large the program really is and how the Omaha Businesses have cooperated to make it as large as it now has become.

Miss Harris also commented that of the 600 people present, 100 were from Central's Co-op programs.

One Central student who attended the banquet was Senior Colin Brown. Colin, who has worked for Cardio Pulmonary Resources for three years, attended the banquet with his employer Mrs. Joanne Klosner.

Mrs. Klosner felt the banquet was definitely a good idea, and she enjoyed meeting new people. Mrs. Klosner added that the

DECA program is a good way of giving the student training in the business field, and she would definitely hire a student in the DECA program again, if the need arises.

"It was a way for me to honor my employer," said Colin "and it also is a way of showing Omaha how serious the marketing program is."

Also in attendance at the banquet were several OPS Board members and Dr. Owen Knutzen, OPS superintendent. Dr. Knutzen was honored with two plaques. One was from the vocational staff, and the other was from the entire vocational department, including the student, concluded Miss Coulter.

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Of central importance

Peterkin Succeeds

Frank Peterkin makes a good income by being a good student. His academic accomplishments in the last couple of years have been rewarded by countless outstanding recognitions, beginning with the prestigious Renssauluer medal he received last year as a junior. He is presently listed in both the **Who's Who of American High School Students** and the **Who's Who of American Foreign Language Students**, the latter due to his French ability. After attending a six-week workshop in Boulder, Colorado, last summer on a grant from the National Science Foundation, he was honored by the American Chemical Society and received a \$500 engineering scholarship from the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers.

He was Central Boys' State representative and a member of the American Legion of Boys' State and Government. More recently, Frank won first place in the physics field day "coulomb scattering" competition and has been awarded \$200 from the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. As Central's only National Merit corporate scholarship winner, he is given a check worth \$1,000 each school semester. Frank looks forward to beginning classes next fall at U.N.L. on a full four-year regents scholarship.

Nat'l chess tourney

The National High School Scholastic Chess Tournament was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the week of April 13-20. Three Central High Chess Team members had the opportunity to go to the tourney.

Ryan McGill, John Grim, and Ty Soares (from Lewis and Clark) traveled to Philadelphia with one sponsor for the tournament.

After the many hours of playing chess, Ryan was rated 23rd out of more than 300 contenders. John and Ty also did satisfactorily.

Ryan summed it up, describing the tournament as "pretty fun, but I could have done better."

Designer's show

"Just like All-City Music Festival for the home-ec department" was how Mrs. Joanne Straka described the All-City Style Show at Technical High School April 25. The show featured Omaha area high school students displaying clothing they had made themselves.

Central students exhibiting their own garments were Merry Jo Haber, juniors Carolyn Hubbard, Rita Kucirek, and Nan O'Brien, and seniors Sharon Prince and Antonette White. Merry Jo, Carolyn, and Antonette exhibited dresses, while Carolyn also exhibited a dress she had made for her cousin, Kardilla Hytche. Nan presented a top, Rita made sportswear separates, and Sharon showed a suit she had made.

The show "was open to any Omaha area high school student who had finished making a garment," said Mrs. Straka. She added that the garments were

grouped into several categories, including evening wear, sportswear, "career sophisticates" (suits and other office attire), separates, and "Something for Everyone" — "garments the students had made for one of their friends or relatives," Mrs. Straka said.

"There was no judging at all in the show," concluded Mrs. Straka. "It was just a style show to show off what the Omaha area high school departments and their students have been doing in the area of clothing."

Anderson Elected

Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Central Spanish teacher and Student Assembly sponsor, was recently voted one of two Omaha Education Association Senior High School Representatives. 750 senior high school teachers and counselors elected Mrs. Anderson to a two year term.

"The OEA is essentially a teacher's union," said Mrs. Anderson in an interview. "Ninety-eight percent of all OPS teachers (about 2800) belong." As far as duties are concerned, she will make known any problems or grievances found in the senior highs involving teachers and see if there is anything to be done.

Campaigning for the post was mild. Mrs. Anderson noted, "I thank all my friends here at Central who provided support and gathered support at other high schools." She also prepared a flyer listing her teaching experience and many other qualifications.

At the OEA convention, delegates for the Nebraska Education Association were also elected. The OEA may send 49 delegates, and this year six are from Central: Mr. Al LaGreca, assistant principal; Mrs. Arlene Newell, reading instructor; Miss Josephine Valasek, counselor; Mrs. Anderson; and Miss Rita Ryan, Latin teacher.

These state delegates were elected by every member of the OEA to represent the Omaha area at the statewide level. From the state convention, there will be

elections held to determine national delegates.

Why learn to write?

Three Central juniors have been chosen to compete for the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing. Pat Chastain, David Salzer, and Laurie Rogers were picked on the basis of a sample of their best writing.

Mrs. Patricia Correa and Mrs. Terrie Saunders, both English teachers, served as the selection committee. These two teachers judged the entries, most of which were from junior Honors English classes. Additionally, certain other junior English class students were entered, and one of the winners, Pat Chastain, emerged from one of these classes.

The winners of this contest now enter state-level competition. The students had to write an impromptu essay on April 12 to submit along with their other writing. This year's essay topic was "Why should I learn to write?" Pat, Laurie, and Dave were allowed one hour, armed with a dictionary, to compose this essay.

The winners of the NCTE awards will be announced next November. Of the over 7000 high school juniors nominated nationwide, about 800 will win the award.

O-Club Banquet

On "Academy Award night" the Oscar is the most prestigious award an actor may receive. At Central, outstanding athletes are presented prestigious awards at the O-Club Banquet. This year's banquet is planned for May 14.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Ursula Walsh. Dr. Walsh is the Athletic-Academic Advisor at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Awards to be presented will be to the top female and male athletes of the year. Several other sports awards and O-Club awards will be presented.

First Federal Lincoln at 42nd and Center was chosen as the site for this year's banquet which begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation

The details about commencement and other graduation related activities were announced by CHS principal Dr. G.E. Moller in a recent senior auditorium homeroom.

Dr. Moller announced that the commencement program would be held on Tuesday, June 1, at 7:30 P.M. in the Omaha City Auditorium, the traditional location of CHS commencement ceremonies.

Latin pays off

The list of Central students who have been awarded scholarships has been increased once again. Creighton University recently gave their Latin Scholarship to Senior Pam Car.

According to Pam, the four-year scholarship is supposed to pay \$1000 per year, "but the people at Creighton are talking about increasing the amount."

Pam said that the scholarship was awarded on the basis of an examination in Latin given April 1

by Creighton. Students taking the exam were given passages in Latin prose and poetry to translate in a certain amount of time, according to Pam. "They had three or four people from Creighton judge the translations, and then they awarded the scholarship on the basis of what they thought was the best translation," Pam said.

Pam said that all the other students competing for the scholarship were from either Creighton Prep or Marian.

Register success

Central's journalism department fared very well at the annual awards ceremony given by the communications department at UNO. Twenty-four schools participated in the contest, and according to Dr. Warren Francke it was the most schools ever involved in the event.

There were twelve separate categories in which school newspapers were judged. These ranged from Best Editorial to Best Cartoon. Central received the second highest number of awards, but the staff received the most first place awards.

Sue Leuschen received two first place awards in the categories of best inside page layout and best column. John Gibson also received first place in the best sports photo category.

Runners up were Larry Station for sports writing; Debby Peirce for editorial writing; Cara Francke for column writing; John Gibson for his sports photo, and Cara Francke for inside page layout.

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Freshmen may return to ridiculed role

by Gretchen Vogel

Just suppose sophomores were no longer the unfortunate victims of elevator passes and pointless ridicule. Just suppose there was a new bunch of unsuspecting wide-eyed youngsters trying to choose which staircase to go up. Less than ten years ago freshmen were enrolled in Central as well as at many other high schools.

Omaha Public School board members have discussed bringing freshmen back into the high schools as a solution for decreasing enrollment in high schools. Dr. Irving Young, coordinator of research for OPS, states enrollment (in OPS) was at its peak in 1971 with 63,476 students. "The present enrollment is 43,037 and the decline is expected to continue through 1987 before it levels off," said Dr. Young. The decrease in the number of high school students alone since 1971 is over 3,000, according to Dr. Young's statistics. Dr. Young explains that the return of ninth graders to high school would reinforce the decreasing high school enrollments.

Mrs. Gaynelle Goodrich, an OPS board

member, explained that removing ninth graders from the junior highs is only one solution that has been informally brought up. Closing junior highs altogether is another choice, according to Mrs. Goodrich. "One board member discussed putting ninth graders back into Tech as an experiment, but since we had them in the high schools not very long ago it is not a matter of experimenting. It will be a matter of deciding what we want to do," stated Goodrich. Mrs. Goodrich also explained that the 1983 school year would be the earliest that any changes could take place.

Central's principal, Dr. G.E. Moller feels the main purpose for the change would be to save money. "I like it; I think it's a good idea to get freshmen for courses they would take at Central," commented Moller. "If we have our own freshmen, we can prepare them for what is expected of them."

How these possibilities would affect the existing junior highs and ninth grade centers is dependent on the Board of Education's decision to act upon these ideas. According to Dr. Moller, Central could accommodate 500 or more students than its present enrollment, but a 300 to 400 student in-

crease would be preferable.

An eighth-grader at Monroe Junior High, Phyllis Pirsch, is content with the system as it is. "I would rather have one more year at Monroe (as opposed to being a freshman in high school). I like getting to be the oldest. I need the year to decide where I want to go to high school."

Mickey Ling, who attends Horace Mann Ninth Grade Center, thinks going to high school would be the best answer. "I'd rather be at high school. You'd be in there for four years — no racial thing going on. At Mann you just get in trouble with kids in the neighborhood. I also like knowing people who aren't just my age," explained Mickey. According to Mickey the only big disadvantage of a ninth grade center is the mixture of students from many different school districts and areas which can help in the decision of which high school to attend.

The destiny of the ninth grader is yet to be determined if it is to be changed at all. The social and economic advantage of a change are still speculations in the minds of school officials. Future sophomores can bask in the hope that they may someday be able to give the burden of being "the babies" to some other unsuspecting class.

It's a bird, it's a plane... it's Copterman

If things go as planned this summer, Mark Ellsworth will be able to go out his back door and "fly away."

Mark, who is a Central senior, said he became very interested in ultra-light aircraft last year. He thinks he has found the ultimate personal flying machine; it is called the Meg I-X.

The Meg I-X is a very unique kind of helicopter actually strapped onto the pilot's back. The maneuvering of the vehicle is done with two separate knobs, and the blade operates overhead. This wonder-copter can be flown

without a license, and Mark says it is "relatively inexpensive to build."

The construction of the copter is also different in that it only has one blade instead of two. It is powered by a jet engine at the tip of the blade for additional force. But why in the world would anyone want to take such a "high" risk?

Mark explained, "The helicopter is a wonder vehicle. Because of its mobility, it can reach 300 mph and above. It's also much safer to fly than a regular hang glider or a small plane."

Because of the lightness of the Meg I-X (it only weighs about 61 pounds), he would be able to stay in the skies of Omaha for more than one hour.

"I also plan to make some changes on the copter. I'm doing some redesigning. For one thing, I'll add a tripod at the bottom with wheels on it so when I land, I can have something to carry the helicopter's weight on."

Mark needs support for more than the actual weight of the

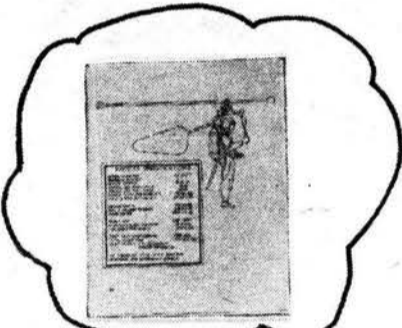
copter. The total cost for the finished product (including the fuel, propane), will be about \$800.

Sending away for the plans was Mark's first step. However, not everything comes in an easy step-by-step kit. All of the parts in the machine must be ordered separately, and some parts must be custom made. Mark also has the additional task of rebuilding some parts in his efforts to redesign.

But why such an urge to build the Meg I-X himself? Mark answered, "I've been reading a lot of magazines on ultra light aircraft and it just caught my interest."

When I tell people about the idea, some of them seem really fascinated." Mark looks at the construction of the Meg I-X as a challenge.

Mark insists his plans for the helicopter aren't just a dream. "I'm really gonna go through with it as soon as I start getting some money. Right now it's my top priority. My mom and dad aren't real optimistic about the whole thing, but they won't stop me."



Mark ponders the future... "copter king."



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CHS CONCERT BAND: Pancake Feed

Ever get that down-in-the-gutter-I-wanna-pancake feeling at 6:00 on a Sunday morning? Then April 18 would have been your day as the Central High Band had its first annual pancake feed. Scores of pancakes, gallons of orange juice and maple syrup (served separately), and several pigs worth of sausage were fed to the hungry mobs. All facets of the breakfast were delicious, except for the live entertainment, which was alternately distracting and amusing. If you have the chance to attend this wonderful event next year, do so.

ABC Lecture Series: The Owen Knutzen Edition

More fun than a senior auditorium homeroom, the University of Nebraska at Omaha sponsored ABC breakfast-lecture series was concluded April 18 with a farewell speech by Owen Knutzen. Thoroughly amusing, the speech was filled with revealing self-analysis and excerpts of letters from first graders. The breakfast was delicious and composed of sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and sourdough biscuits. Although the lack of orange juice disappointed some, the general regard for the breakfast was high.

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Course catalog guides future CHS sophomores

Students planning to attend Central during the 1982-83 school year found an addition to the registration material that they usually receive. A course catalog designed by the English department was given to each student.

The idea to construct the catalog was conceived by Mrs. Pat Heese, the English paraprofessional. According to Mrs. Heese, the idea came to her last year from her view as a parent. She currently has a son attending Central.

"I saw the list that the counselors gave out to the students," Mrs. Heese said. "It is hard for students and parents to make intelligent decisions when they don't know anything specific about classes at Central."

Mrs. Heese took her idea to English department head Mr. Dan Daly and then to Dr. G.E. Moller, Central's principal. Work on the project began last year soon after junior high registration.

Mrs. Heese began working on the course catalog with the help of Mr. Daly; Mr. T.M. Gaherty, journalism teacher; Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, who worked in the writing lab last year; and the other members of the English department. "Mrs. Murphy was very instrumental in the catalog's first stages," said Mrs. Heese.

The catalog lists every class offered at Central. There is a description of each class, including the prerequisites, how many credits can be earned, how many days a week the class

meets, and what grade a student must be in to enroll in the class.

After looking at the course catalogs of other schools, a book of course descriptions from the guidance department was used as the primary source of information for Central's catalog. According to guidance counselor Mr. Kevin Moran, the descriptions were not always accurate. "The descriptions were written by different department heads at different times. It (the booklet) needed to be updated," he said.

After the course descriptions were written, each section was sent to its respective department head. The department head was asked to correct and change the descriptions and return them," said Mrs. Heese.

The English department worked down to the wire to get the catalog to the students in time for registration. Mrs. Heese made a special trip to the printer to pick up the first catalogs the day before the counselors began to register students at the junior high schools.

Mike Rheiner, a freshman at Lewis and Clark Junior High, felt that the catalog was "very informative. It showed me a lot of classes that I wouldn't have known existed," he said.

"The student can take the catalog home to his parents," according to Mr. Moran. "It also eliminates confusion about what classes a student can and cannot take."

Bands strive for success

Rock bands are increasing in popularity, and with summer just around the corner, many Central students are preparing their bands for summer entertainment.

During the school year, most groups find practice time difficult to come by. According to Mark Kerekes of The Bandits, "We plan to play more this summer. During the school year there is no time to practice, and it's tough to find time with so many other activities." The Bandits consist of four Central students including Rob Rose, Chris Mills, and John Barna. The band plays rock, a little bit of jazz, and some 50's music.

Many bands start out playing for pure entertainment, and if the group is lucky enough to get exposure through some type of an engagement, other people will be able to hear the group's music. Battle of the Bands, a contest involving metro-area high school bands, recently took place at the Civic Auditorium Arena on April 10. "Battle of the Bands gave us good exposure," said Chris Shaw, drummer of the group Excalibur, "along with a few offers." Excalibur consists of Central junior Chris Shaw and five other students from Burke. The group, which has been together for over a year, placed fourth in the Battle of the Bands.

Local bands generally start out

playing popular tunes from the radio. Gunnar Guenette, leader of the band Street Level, commented, "We play mostly copy music, such as Led Zepplin, Loverboy, and Judas Priest, along with a few originals." Street Level is made up of two students from Northwest, one from Burke, and Gunnar, who is a sophomore at Central. The group has played at Club 89 and private parties, and they have even recorded their original song "Feel Fine" at Rainbow Recording Studios.

A variety of Central students participate in different music groups. And who knows? Maybe one group will turn out to be the next Rolling Stones or Beatles. As Chris Shaw sums it all up, "We've got the potential — we just need practice and experience."

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Stommes acts, teaches, directs

While many people work in a simple eight hour day, Mrs. Pegi Stommes, drama teacher at Central, goes beyond the sphere of her normal teaching profession into a world of intense drama. Aside from her routine of teaching classes and directing the spring play, "Up the Down Staircase," after school, she is currently performing in "Fiddler on the Roof" as Golde, the mama, at the Upstairs Dinner Theatre.

"I love it," she said candidly "— teaching, directing, and acting. The theatre is my life. They called me for the part of Golde," she said; "it's nice to be in demand."

Earlier this year, Mrs. Stommes performed in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at The Omaha Community Playhouse. Playing in the theatre is very demanding. Mrs. Stommes must perform at night Wednesday through Saturday plus a matinee on Sunday.

Mrs. Stommes insists that this helps her with her teaching and directing. "It is a valuable resource to me," she said.

Mrs. Stommes got her start in theatre at Central in her senior year. "I wish I had started earlier," she emphasized. "What is nice about this spring play is that I've got quite a few kids from each class — sophomore, junior, and senior," she added. The cast includes 50 students with 30 speaking parts.

An old concept used in the spring play for the first time is the "joke wall," like the one used in the old TV show "Laugh In." It is used to convey ideas to the audience in the shortest possible amount of time.

Mrs. Stommes said that she chose "Up the Down Staircase" for the spring play because "it has more meat to it than others. It concentrates on ideas and what the characters do or **do not** say," she commented.

Mrs. Stommes said that this play has a message. "We are all going up the down staircase in one way or another," she said. She compares the characters in the play to salmon swimming up stream — some make and some don't.

In Mrs. Stommes' opinion, Calvin Coolidge High School in "Up the Down Staircase" is much like Central. It is an old melting pot school with



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Mrs. Stommes combines her teaching and directing talents while at Central. In her spare time, she acts in many local productions.

many changes going on and a staircase much like Central's used to be.

"Central is fortunate to have so many talented kids, and I have a great deal of new talent in the play," she said.

"Fiddler on the Roof" opened March 5 and has been held over until June 5. Student matinees for "Up the Down Staircase," the first this year, will be held May 13 for sophomores and May 14 for juniors and seniors. General audience performances will be May 15 and 16. Mrs. Stommes said that she would encourage anyone to see both shows.

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 7

Friday, May 14

Friday, May 14

Saturday and Sunday
May 15 & 16

Monday thru Friday,
May 17-21
Tuesday, May 18

Wednesday, May 19

Thursday, May 20

Friday, May 21

ROTC Recognition Night in the Old Gym at 7:00 p.m. to recognize outstanding ROTC members. Annual Athletic Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Due date for registration for the ACT test to be given on June 12. **Up the Down Staircase** performances at 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

AP tests given to seniors. One or two tests will be given each day. Spring Musical at 7:30 p.m. Junior Choir and Mixed Chorus will perform.

Senior awards assembly beginning 8:25. Scholarship and awards will be given to seniors. Spring Swing Thing at 7:30. CHS Singers and Central Stage Band will perform.

Last day of school for seniors.

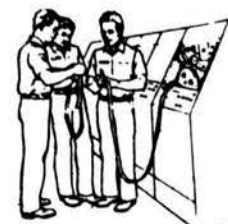
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Central High junior varsity and varsity cheerleading tryouts were held Friday, April 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the old gym. All participants were required to do a pom-pom routine to the J. Geils Band's "Jezebel," a group cheer, an individual cheer, and a chant in which each girl received the words but had to make up the motions.

Of the 14 girls who tried out for the varsity squad, all 14 girls made the squad. Eight girls returning to cheer on the 1982-83 squad are Patty Burns, Laura Kenaston, Stephanie Diggs, Kris Masse, Olesia Howze, Theresa Donald, Renee Rizzuto, and Stella Williams. Lori-Kay Bouza, Toni McGruder, and Tracii Patter have made a change from being an Eaglette to a varsity cheerleader. Three girls who are new to the cheerleading scene are Kerry Kenaston, Francye Min-

nis, and Linette Radden. 1982-83 junior varsity cheerleaders returning from the 1981-82 squad are Sherri Blair, Leslie Johnson, Shaun McGuire, Melissa Meares, and Baretta Smith. New J.V. cheerleaders are Amy Agosta, Sarah Burbridge, Patty Laney, Julie Aden, and Mary Vilello, who will be a transfer student this fall from Bellevue.

Reserve cheerleading tryouts for incoming sophomores were held Tuesday, April 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the old gym. Girls who tried out for the reserve squad came from Lewis and Clark, Norris, Horace Mann, Mercy, Martin Luther King, and Nathan Hale Junior High Schools. The 1982-83 reserve cheerleaders are Gia Ciummo, Roxanne Garza, Heather Hammans, Mary Hargans, Melanie McLeod, Shaun Murphy, Holly Pospisil, and Laconda Scott.

Third in metro

The Central boys' golf team, coached by Mr. Ed McDaniel, did not quite get into the swing of things at the beginning of their season. Due to inclement weather, matches against Roncalli, Burke, and Thomas Jefferson were postponed to later dates.

At the Metro Conference golf tournament, Central finished with a combined-shot total of 324. The Eagles rallied behind Millard South and Westside for a third place finish.

The Eagle men golfers played Millard South in an away match at Applewood for their second match of the season. This match resulted in a loss for the Eagles, by only one match point.

The most recent golf match that Central participated in was the Norfolk Invitational at Norfolk.

Mr. McDaniel feels that sophomore Mike Keating has the potential to become a great golfer. "He has one of the best swings I've seen in years on a kid that young," said Mr. McDaniel. "If he keeps working hard, there is no reason why he can't be one of the top ten players in the state."

Eagles find doubles trouble Weather hinders practices

The Central High girls' tennis team opened up its 1982 season with a 1-8 loss to powerhouse Omaha Burke but bounced back with a 6-3 win over Omaha Benson.

Sophomore Terry Tesar, who played number six singles against Burke, posted the only victory for Central.

Girls' tennis coach, Ms. Joyce Morris, said, "I think the team is pretty much where I thought it would be. The only problem I see is finding the right girls to play doubles together."

Against Benson, Coach Morris said she was pleased with the victory; however, she was disappointed that the number one doubles team lost. Coach Morris believed that her girls were better, but they did not follow through with their strategy.

One big factor in Central's slow

start is that the team practiced outdoors only four times up to its match against Benson.

Senior Betsy Boyle, who plays number one singles for Central, said, "I think it was especially unfortunate that we had the bad weather over vacation because that is when the team usually starts improving and coming together."

Betsy also commented that Central cannot practice on indoor courts like Burke and Marian can because of rental costs.

Although this is a major inconvenience for the girls' tennis team, it followed with victories in three of its next four dual meets.

Victories were scored against Omaha South (6-3), Omaha Gross (9-0), and Bellevue East (5-1). Against Bellevue East, doubles competition was cancelled due to an outbreak of rain.

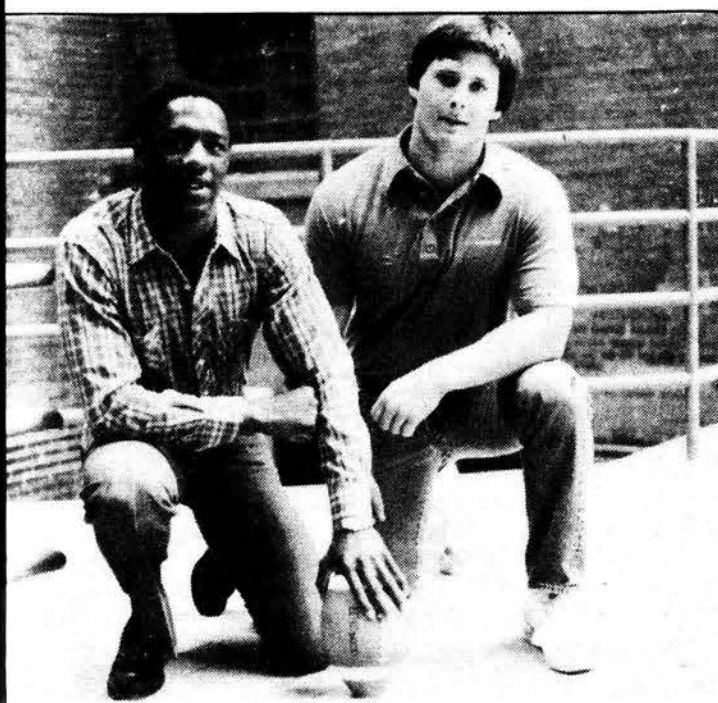


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Eagles will represent Central in the Annual Shrine Bowl played later this summer. Seniors Pernel Gatson and Dave Metre were chosen for their outstanding football prowess.

Discus throwers top in nation

The weightmen are hot. To put it more clearly, Larry Station and Tom Stawniak are stupendous! According to boys' track coach Joe McMenamin, "Larry and Tom have had some really fine days lately."

And leading the way for the duo is senior standout Larry Station. After a relatively slow start this season, Larry has shown his mettle by returning to last year's record-setting form.

In the North dual meet which Central won 85-37, Larry uncorked a 196 feet 9 inch toss in the discus — tops in the country this year according to *Track and Field News*.

But Larry was not finished yet.

Just days later at the Bryan Invitational, Larry heaved the shot 64-3½ for the fifth best throw in the nation this year.

Commenting on the throw, career bests for Larry, he noted, "They were basically due to the practice that I have been putting in on my technique. I've also been analyzing films of some of the professional throwers, like Brian Oldfield, which helps, too."

Not far behind Larry this season has been Tom Stawniak. At the Bellevue Chieftain Invitational, which was dubbed as a discus duel between East's Stan Parker and Larry, Tom hurled the disc 185-5 topping his former career best by almost nine feet. The throw is the third best in the

state this season and the seventh longest in the nation. Nonetheless, Tom finished third to runner-up Larry who threw 190-1 and Stan Parker who launched a 194-1 effort.

In the meet, Larry and Tom grabbed first and second, respectively in the shot put with Larry throwing the dense sphere 60-10¼ and Tom 57½. Tom's throw was only 13 inches off his career best of 58-7½ which he attained at the North meet for the third best shot put in the state in 1982.

Commenting on his counterpart, Larry stated, "Tom's consistent throwing has helped me this year especially in the beginning of the year when I wasn't throwing well."

Intensity fosters Hicks' all-around success

by Rick Haggart

Coaches and athletes at Central would probably be seen grinning brightly when they learned of Cathedral's Crystal Hicks transferring to Central. At the end of her sophomore year at Cathedral, Hicks opted for Central and fought with her substantial basketball and track skills, the intensity that helped lead Cathedral to Class C state basketball championship and the runner-up spot in basketball. Crystal is the female version of the multi-sport athlete as Central's '82 class has been blessed with.

Crystal began running track at age nine years old for the West Striders, a private club which competes in the Midwest. She is basically sprinter oriented according to Crystal. This early investment paid off when last year as a junior she won the state championship in the 200-yard dash as well as participated on Central's state championship basketball teams. She competed in the Oregon Olympics regional last

summer and placed first in the 200 and second in the 100 which qualified her to compete in the nationals later in August. "I'd been running since March, and I really needed a vacation about that time. I was probably in good enough physical condition to do well, but mentally I was burned out," Crystal said of her efforts in the national tournament.

This year's track competition began at the UNO Invitational which the Central sprinter said she used as a measure to test how good of shape she was in. "What I found out was that I've got some more work to do. I don't even want to talk about the 55 yard dash. I got out of the blocks late and it was over." She did, however, place a respectable, but to Crystal disappointing, second in the 160 yard dash.

Crystal's abilities may have been even more noticeable on the basketball court. Many girls considerably taller than Crystal certainly noticed them when they saw a few of their shots ending up in their face after being rejected by the shorter foe. The name of the game this year for Crystal in basketball was intensity and finesse as proven by the fact that she hasn't fouled out of a single game since she has played at Central, according to girls' varsity coach Paul Semrad. Crystal was named to the first team all-metro squad and second team all-state, as well as the state All-Star team.

"I was surprised about my selection because I didn't feel I played all that well this year. We

were really rolling after those first two games and after beating Bryan, but in the Holiday Tournament my shot was off and I wasn't playing that well. After that, the season sort of leveled off for me, and I never did as well as I thought I might have after those first few games," Crystal said. Crystal played only after the end of the first semester last year (because of the transfer one semester sit-out rule) but was still given an all-metro honorable mention.

Many teachers would also attest to Crystal's intensity. She was named to the National Honors Society in addition to being on the Honor Roll. "I came to Central because I knew there would be a higher level of competition in Class A athletics but also because Central has a good reputation academically. I would like to go to college and study advertising or something in computers," she said.

Crystal said Evelyn Ashford is one of the people she admires most and uses as a role model. When asked what her most memorable moments in her sporting career were, she said, "In basketball the state championship at Cathedral was the most exciting. Nothing really sticks out in track, but I remember when a 24.1 in the 200 really felt good."

Spring track prospects look good for Crystal as well as the perennial state champion girls' team in general. "I think if I can get really mentally prepared maybe I can get my 200 time under 24 into the high 23's, maybe," Crystal said hopefully.



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Basketball is only one of the talents possessed by Senior Crystal Hicks. Crystal will play in the Nebraska Girls' All-Star Game held in Lincoln later this summer.

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Jealous rumors fly

"Do I have some gossip today! Well, Matilda, you know those new people that moved in down the street? Martha Jean just told me . . . Idle gossip, which is rarely true, always seems to perform some destructive purpose. Vicious rumors dealing with recruiting have been flying across the metro area. First Westside accused Prep of recruiting athletes, now Central has also been accused of recruiting outstanding athletes.

It sounds like a lot of people are green with envy over Central's renewed surge in athletic prowess. The driving force behind such unsubstantiated claims is that our school has enrolled an above-average number of good athletes. Athletic Director Doug Morrow noted that "with the addition of certain personnel, our program has brought on a great relationship between our coaches and athletes." Good relationships between students, whether they be athletes or not, and faculty is a key to any successful program. Students tend to lean toward a good program resulting in above-average numbers of above-average individuals. Mr. Morrow feels our success is due to the fact that "we care about our people."

Central's appeal is challenging

Many schools have the right to be jealous of Central. In the past, many outstanding athletes have walked our hallowed halls — like Gale Sayers and John C. Johnson. Now there is Larry Station, Maurice Ivy, Crystal Hicks, Pernell Gatson, and the list goes on. The stories may all differ, but the reasons why each decided to come to Central are the same — "I want to be challenged!" Highly recruited college-bound Larry Station was no different. Larry, who was a 4.0 student in ninth grade, could not decide between Burke and Central. What clinched his decision to attend Central was not the athletic department but the computer facilities at Central.

Some present Central athletes participated in a National Summer Youth Camp sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) when they were about ten or twelve years old. Mr. William Reed, football coach, was a counselor at the camp which was held at Creighton University. Pernell Gatson, Daryle Duncan, Nate Blanks, and Crystal Hicks are only a few students that Mr. Reed became involved with in the program. His work has begun to pay dividends in that the kids from the different communities which he once worked with are now saying thanks by coming back to perform for the man who worked with them in their younger days.

Personalities recruit, people don't

Mr. Reed revealed that there is a standing joke in Omaha that Central is out to get every single athlete it can get. This is primarily due to the fact that Central has always been thought of as a very strong academic-oriented school, not an athlete-oriented school. All of this is changing now. Central is enrolling more athletes than in the past. The source for prime athletes has been severely reduced at other schools due to Central's increased athletic potential. This has caused a lot of frustrations, and consequently rumors will fly.

Every school does some recruiting whether it is labeled "Open House" or if it is a letter from the school. This is the only sort of "recruitment" that Central does, all of which is academic-oriented. Athletic recruitment, if you can really call it that, is all personality-oriented. The coaches are some of the top in the state and the athletes are some of the top in the nation. These sorts of things speak for themselves.

People are always going to say what they want to say, whether it is true or not. All we can do is grin and bear it, grinning all the way to more successful seasons ahead. "We should look at it as a compliment," said Larry, "especially to the coaches indicating that they are doing something right."

Baseball record betters '81

The 1982 varsity baseball season started off with a bang, well four actually, meaning four straight victories. To realize the real magnitude of this feat, one must realize that those four victories surpassed last season's total win output and quadrupled the previous year's.

The Eagles first faced Tech and

got things rolling at the Trojans' expense with a 21-0 victory and Pat Timmins on the mound pitching a 1-hitter for Central. Benson was next, and pitcher Tom Vrbanac got the win with an 11-7 victory. Senior shortstop Florian Fuersteneau went 2-2 at the plate while bringing in four RBI's on two doubles.

Millard South was the next foe for the red-hot Eagles and Tom got his second win in the 8-7 squeaker. Merely pitching wasn't enough for Tom apparently, as he cracked a 3-run double in the bottom of the sixth to put the Eagles on top to stay.

North was the final victim of the four-game streak as junior pitcher Damon Osborne got his first start and hurled a five-hitter while sending nine players to the dugout on strikeouts. Senior Bob Waldron hit a two-run homer to break the 1-1



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A lot of preparation goes into a good performance. Here, Sophomore Jozette Boone gets a last minute rub-down before a big meet.

Girls' track pushes to limit

Two questions haunted the Central girls' track team going into this season. One was could Central replace Wanda Hartso, who last year led Central to a third straight state track championship. The second question was could last year's sophomore and junior track performers continue to improve on their already outstanding times and marks.

The answers to these two questions are Crystal Hicks and "yes," respectively.

The answer to the first question is based on the fact that Crystal, last year as a junior, ran the fastest 200-meter dash and the sixth fastest 100-meter dash in the history of Nebraska high school girls' track.

The second question is based on the fact that, although no official team scores were kept, if a standard 10-8-6-4-2-1 point scale were used, Central would have won the Lady Mav Invitational high school track meet out-punching their nearest competitor Council Bluffs St. Albert by a score of 103-66.

During the first day of competition at the meet, the 3,200-meter relay team of Sophomore Karen Kalkowski, Junior Jo Jo Mayhue, Senior Jana Pulliam, and Sophomore Maurice Ivy set a meet record of 10:05.68 breaking the old record by nearly ten seconds.

Sophomore Andrea Tkach placed third in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 11:22.68. Her time was less than three seconds off the record set last year; however,

it was broken by this year's first place finisher Linda Elsasser of Millard North.

The second day of competition ended with the Central girls having set three more meet records.

Records were set by Senior Shelly Melton, who won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.89 seconds, the 640-meter relay team of Junior Monica Baker, Sophomore Jozette Boone, Seniors Lisa Mayhue and Crystal Hicks, and the 1600-meter relay team of Jo Jo Mayhue, Jana Pulliam, Crystal Hicks, and Lisa Mayhue.

Jana Pulliam also won the 400-meter dash in a time of 1:01.9 followed by teammate Jo Jo Mayhue with a time of 1:02.87.

Other outstanding performances included a fifth place finish in the shot put by Senior Tracy Benning, third place in the long jump by Senior Denise Hart, fourth place in the 1500-meter run by Andrea Tkach, a second and sixth place finish in the 160-meter dash and 55-meter dash by Lisa Mayhue, and third place in the 55-meter dash by Jozette Boone.

The next major meet for the girls' track team was the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kansas. The team found the competition a bit tougher than it had in recent meets.

Central managed only one first place finish which was by the 1600-meter relay team of Jo Jo Mayhue, Lisa Mayhue, Jana Pulliam, and Maurice Ivy in a state

leading time of 3:56.7. Lisa Mayhue and Jana Pulliam showed outstanding legs by turning in state times of 58.3 and 58.1 seconds respectively.

Outstanding individual performances were turned in by Denise Hart, who placed fourth in the long jump with a jump of 17 ft. 6 in.; Andrea Tkach, who placed fourth in the two-mile run with a time of 12:11.36; Shelly Melton, who placed sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with the second fastest time in the state with a time of 14.82 seconds; Tracy Benning, who placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 118 ft. 6 in.

Central next went to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Lincoln High Invitational and faced Lincoln High which according to Coach Dusatko, will be Central's toughest competition at the state meet.

However, Lincoln High could not keep the Eagles from soaring to another victory by placing second to Central by a score of 133-96.

Central, led by its 400, 1600 and 3200-meter relay teams which are the fastest in the state and placed first in the meet, showed their depth by having twenty-four individuals place first, second, or third at the meet.

Maurice Ivy turned in the state's fifth fastest 100-meter dash time of 12.5 seconds in winning the event. Maurice clocked the state's fastest 400-meter dash time of 58.7 seconds while Jana Pulliam had the state's fourth fastest time of 59.3 seconds.

Calendar

varsity baseball

- May 7 Millard North 4:30pm at Lynch
- May 8 Bellevue East 12:00pm Ryan 1:30 pm both at Brown
- May 10 South 4:30pm at South
- May 14, 17-18 DISTRICTS at Seymour Smith Field

girls' tennis

- May 12-14 METRO at Dewey
- May 20-21 STATE to be announced
- May 13 DISTRICTS at Bellevue West
- May 22-22 STATE at Burke

JV baseball

- May 8 Prep 4:30pm at Boyd
- May 10 Roncalli 4:30pm at Roncalli
- May 11 Burke 4:30pm at Burke
- May 12 Ralston 4:30pm at Ralston
- May 13 Millard South 4:30pm at Boyd

boys' golf

- May 11 DISTRICTS 9:30am at Miracle Hills
- May 21 STATE at Beatrice, Ne.

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