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O-Club Banquet: Athletes reap rewards

It was like Academy Awards Night at the First Federal of Lincoln on May 14; the stars all stepped out to be recognized. Except these stars were not Hollywood actors but Central's athletes-of-the-year. Their athletic prowess was noted at the annual O-Club Athletic Awards Banquet.

The ceremony featured guest speaker Dr. Arthur Walsh, director of the academic counseling program of the athletic department at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She has been at Lincoln for eleven years and in those years has worked with football greats such as Vince Ferrigno, Dave Humm, and Dave Rimington just to name a few. Another athlete to join that list next year will be Senior Pernell Gatson. As Dr. Walsh revealed, "My reason for being here is Pernell Gatson."

Dr. Walsh's job is to counsel athletes in the academic realm of their college career. "It is never too early to panic," she said. Summer school starts May 17, and she revealed that she will already have begun to watch the athletes and their grades.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards were presented to the outstanding athlete or athletes in each sport. Fall sport MVP's are Senior Margaret Kalkowski, volleyball; Sophomore Pete Tracey, boys' tennis; Senior Katie Holland, girls' cross country; Senior Paul Schnatz, boys' cross country; Senior Betsy Boyle, girls' golf. Co-winners picked in football include Seniors Larry Station, Dave VanMetre, and Pernell Gatson.

Winter sport MVP's include some repeats: Larry Station and Dave VanMetre, powerlifting;

Pernell Gatson, wrestling; Senior Crystal Hicks, girls' basketball; Senior Albert Brown, boys' basketball; Senior Terry Houlton, boys' gymnastics; Freshman

Kris Houlton and Senior Kim Haller, girls' gymnastics; Junior Heidi Shoemaker, girls' swimming; Senior Jim Horwath, boys' swimming.

The MVP for baseball could not be announced due to guidelines specified under the Nebraska School Activity Association that sports in season cannot receive awards.

Award winners announced for spring sports include Seniors Lisa Mayhue and Jana Pulliam, girls' track; Larry Station and Junior Tom Stawniak, boys' track; Betsy Boyle, girls' tennis; Senior Shane Hansen, boys' golf. Senior Jim Beerman was chosen MVP of the rifle team.

Miss Joyce Morris presented the Outstanding Female Athlete-of-the-Year award to Betsy Boyle. Betsy led the girls' golf team to unprecedented undefeated regular season play and also led the girls' tennis team. Outstanding Male



photo by John Gibson

Pernell Gatson accepts congratulations from Mr. Dan Galy, English Department head, for remediating Skill #66, the noun clause. Later, Pernell and Larry Station received the Outstanding Male Athletes award during this, the O-Club banquet, held May 14.

Athlete-of-the-year awards were presented by Mr. William Reed. This year co-winners were chosen. They are Larry Station and Pernell Gatson.

One other award was presented to an athlete during the course of the evening. Mr. Dan Daly, English department head, and Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, English teacher, presented Pernell Gatson with a copy of Skill #66 for dedication mastering the noun clause. Pernell spent two straight weeks in writing lab trying to master the skill. The English department decided to place Skill #66 in symbolic retirement for the occasion.

Special recognition awards were also presented to Mr. and Mrs. VanMetre for their support of Central athletics. The VanMetres ran the concession stand for the past three years. Dr. Jack Lewis was also recognized for his support as Central's team physician.



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Matt McGuire finally gets to talk back to the teacher in Central's production of 'Up the Down Staircase,' presented last weekend. Also pictured is Debby Peirce, who played Sylvia Barrett, a young teacher faced with many obstacles at an inner-city school.

Purple Feather Day... Eagles soar to success

Put a feather in your cap — and make it purple! Two hundred and thirty-nine students were honored yesterday for Central's fifth annual Purple Feather Day. Parents, Educators, and Pupils familiarly known as PEP has sponsored Purple Feather Day since the first fledglings emerged from the purple eagle eggs.

According to assistant principal Mr. Richard Jones, the "purple featherers" are compiled of students with an accumulative grade point averages of 3.5 and seniors who are members of the National Honor Society. "I think it's a great idea for the kids that achieve academically to be recognized," stated Jones.

Mrs. Jeanne Salerno, the chairman of Purple Feather Day, said that school board members, city government officials, and Central administrators were invited to attend the ceremony.

Dr. Owen Knutzen, superintendent of Omaha Public Schools, was presented with a gift from PEP presented by senior, Barb Wright. KMTV sportscaster Ann Shatz was the master of ceremonies in honoring Central's "rare birds." Maybe this is another example that birds of a feather flock together — especially if the birds get to miss class, eat goodies, and receive compliments and gifts. Congratulations:

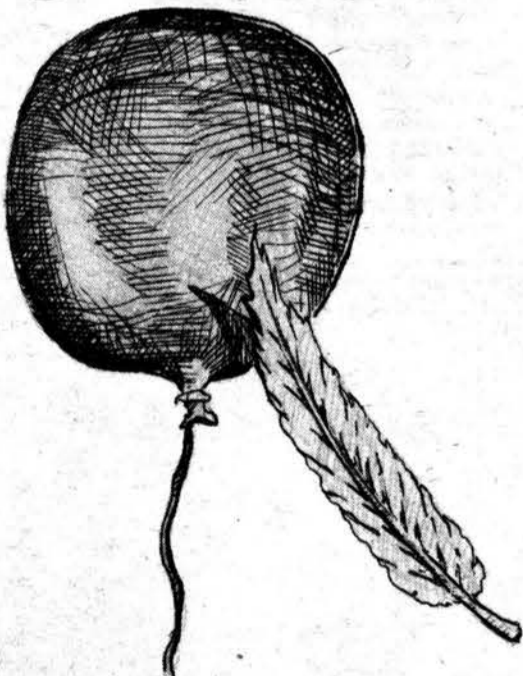
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Thomas Vrbanc, Elizabeth Walker, Thaddeus Ware, Susan Wiley, Cornelius Williams, Barbara Wright, Kim Zagurski, Deborah Zdan, Ellen Zinn, Mary Zinn.

Cara Franche

Cara-sel



Year-end, good-bye blues

The time has come, corners of chalkboards all around the school have recorded the countdown, some since the beginning of second semester. "Only 1 day left" and not merely for seniors, but for SENIORS!! Well it's here so how come I'm not jumping up and down, clicking my heels, pulling senior pranks, or even chuckling modestly? Simple, today life is over as I know it.

Well, at least as I've known it for the past three years. What a scary, scary feeling it is. I think I've felt this before or dreamt it or *deja vu*ed it or something. Oh yeah, how could I forget! The time: The last day of school, ninth grade. The place: Lewis and Clark Jr. High. What could there possibly be to live for after a year of cheering on the blue and white, going to El Fredo's Pizza Parlor every weekend, and winning the Doobie Brothers' "Minute by Minute" album at the ninth grade dance?

"Durasel?"

I was a tearful tyke then. In the last class of the day (the last class before the super-secret surprise picnic the faculty threw for us) my biocheerleading-help-me-with-boy-problems friend Lisa sat with me under the Rocky Mt. wildlife bulletin board in the back of Uncle Ron's (our bio teacher) room. We cried and cried til the bovine quadropeds came home, at least til Uncle Ron pulled out his guitar and sang a sentimental song, and then we cried some more. Oh, memories.

And what memorabilia I had. I packed up all my fond remembrances — blue construction paper footballs and basketballs with the name and number of my favorite fling at the time, **Totems** full of silly superficial signatures kind of a Jr. high **O-book**, even an invitation from a hayrack ride with a few straws of hay I kept from the party every last one into something more than a scrapbook, bigger than a hopechest, nothing less than an old broken handled Samsonite briefcase. Sort of my own personal briefcase full of blues.

I don't seem to have any tangible memories of these years at CHS, except the yearbooks of course, and a dried up prom corsage or two. Probably better that way; some song said "You'll lose tomorrow looking back on yesterday." With all my trips down memory lane, I must have lost about ten years!

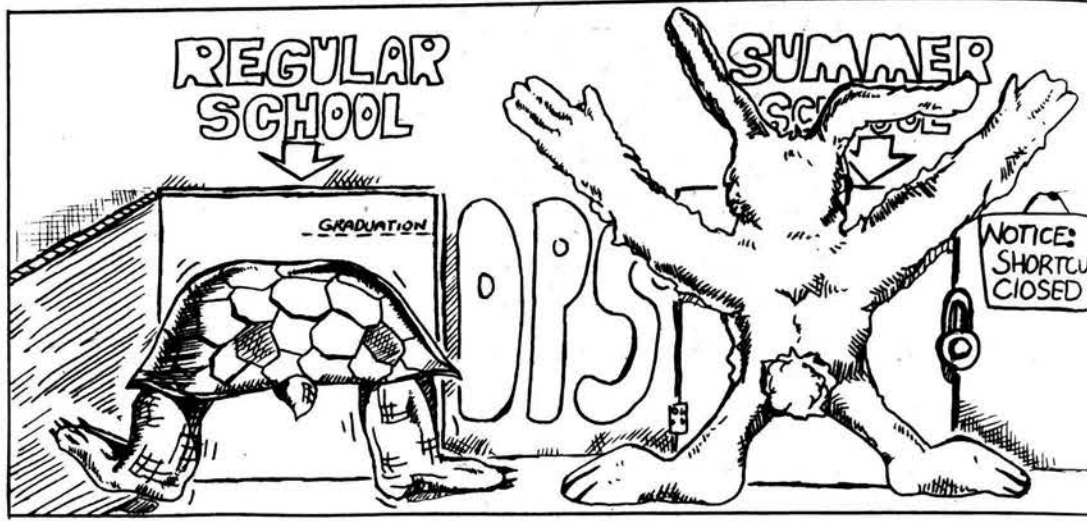
Uncle Ron

Right now seems such an odd period for the school, too. There's an overlapping between this past year's leaders and activities and next year's. And here lies another reason for not jumping my heels and clicking up and down for joy now. It's frightening to see how easily you are (or in my particular situation) how easily I am replaced in this cut-throat high school society. I wonder how much they'll like this one better. And what about next year's columnist. . . Let's see. . . Bob-sel. . . no. . . Howard-sel. . . I've got it Dura-sel. No, that's already been used, besides I don't know any juniors named Dura. But who ever it is I'm sure they'll do a much better job than me. Now this is where you're supposed to contradict me. Maybe not.

Enough self-pity, I say. Always look on the bright side of life, the sun will come up tomorrow and all that stuff. But what about the A.P. Chemistry test today? Ughh.

I guess the biggest hang-up I've got now is rooted into this emotional ninth grade syndrome. Most of the friends I had then aren't the friends I have now. What do you write in the **O-book** of someone you used to be almost best buddies — "It was great knowing ya. . . four years ago I mean." And where will the friends you have now be in three years.

I haven't really talked to Lisa in a couple of years. She's two rows over in my history class but it seems like 200 miles. And then there's three of the four girls I grew up with who still live right across or down the street and even go to Central. I wish I could revive them like I do the rest of my memories, whenever I pull an old beat-up briefcase out from under my bed.



Register reviews 81-82 stances

Another school year draws to a close. We, the 1981-82 **Register** staff, can hardly believe that this is our last issue. Over the past nine months we have worked to offer our readers items of interest and importance in a manner of accurate, professional journalism. Through our editorials we attempted to make significant, fact-supported commentary on important, timely issues and to assist the readers' understanding of these issues. Looking back over the various stances taken by the **Register**, one finds that progress has proven to both agree and disagree with the editorials.

In the very first edition this year, we came out in support of Section D of the Omaha School Board's proposed new discipline code. Section D dealt specifically with stricter punishment for students caught in drug or alcohol related offenses. Late this April, the school board voted down the discipline code as a whole. The primary objection the members had toward it concerned the severity in handling drug and alcohol related offenses.

On a more favorable note, in February the **Register** stated its opposition to setting academic standards for admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Instead, we supported a program requiring applicants to complete certain classes while in high school before entering the university. Shortly after the editorial ran, University president Ronald Roskens came out in support of required classes. He devised a plan based on required courses, and the Board of Regents is to vote on it sometime this month.

By far the most upsetting situation perceived in looking over the past editorials, is not one in which the subsequent events agreed or disagreed with the stance, but is, rather, one in which no action was taken up at all. Specifically, several editorials were written the past year, remarking on the tardiness in finishing off the courtyard. At the beginning of the year, the administration promised that trees, shrubs, benches, and banners would eventually be added to the courtyard. The absence of these finishing touches was used as an excuse for not holding Homecoming in the courtyard.

At the semester no steps had been taken to install any furniture or plant any shrubs. When Spring prom time rolled around, Student Council bravely went ahead and overcame the problems of poor acoustics and lack of furnishings — all problems which supposedly prevented Homecoming from being held in the courtyard, and all that could be remedied, at least in part, by the promised additions.

Student Council is to be praised for displaying the fortitude to go ahead with their plans, overcoming the obstacles created by the administration's slowness. However, it is now nine months since the courtyard was opened, and not so much as a plastic potted palm has appeared. The student body deserves an explanation.

One final word — The staff would like to wish its readers a happy and healthy summer and the best of luck to the 1982-83 **Register** staff.

Letter to the editor: Senior praises prom

To the Editor:

As most everyone associated with Central High School knows, April 24 was the date on which Spring Prom was held. The subject of prom was very controversial every since it was announced that the dance would be held in the courtyard. Certainly, there were reasons to have doubts. Crowd control, student discontent, and poor organization, just a few of the problems faced by the sponsoring organization, Student Assembly. Both students and administrators were skeptical. As prom neared and the courtyard was readied, more doubts entered the minds of Centralites. As students departed Central on April 23rd, the day before prom, it looked as if the doubts of many would be fulfilled as the courtyard possessed none of the elegance

of its theme, "An Evening in Times Square."

However, in the early morning of April 24th, Student Assembly members came to Central and totally changed the atmosphere of the courtyard. By mid-afternoon, the courtyard was ready for "An Evening in Times Square." Doubts about the courtyard were totally erased as students and administrators watched the evening unfold. None of the problems previously contemplated materialized. Critics were silenced. The band was good. The acoustics were more than just bearable, they were enjoyable. The crowd was very much under control. And most of all, the courtyard was elegant, just as the site for prom should be. There were approximately ten other proms held during that weekend of April 23 and 24. They were held at

places like the Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, and the UNO student center. None of these places offer that certain quality which the Central courtyard has. It is hard to describe, but the courtyard offers something special.

A great "thank-you" should be extended to the band, the chaperones, the faculty members, and all the others who helped make prom a success. But the greatest "thank-you" of all should be extended toward Student Assembly and its advisor, Mrs. Vickie Anderson. Without Student Assembly's perseverance and hard work, prom would not have been the smashing success that it was. A great tradition has been begun. . . let it not be discontinued!!

Sincerely,

Jeff Jezewski



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you a safe
and
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Language Fair participants get top competitive scores

The Nebraska Modern Language Fair was held March 30 in Lincoln, but the results were returned to the participants early May. Central's 41 participants have just learned of their scores.

In the scoring, explained Mrs. Bayer, French teacher, is in different levels, ranging from participant (lowest), to good, very good and superior, the highest. Central's foreign language students scored no participant marks, but 15 students brought superior marks.

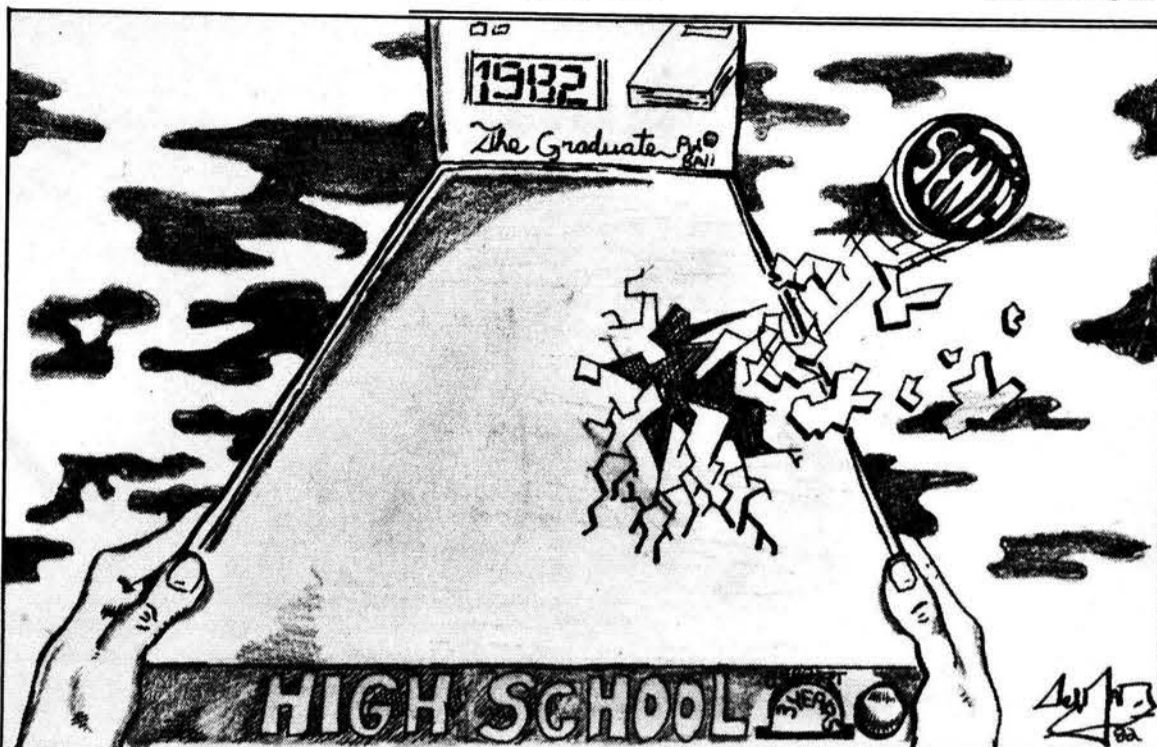
In the French competition, in the listening and reading comprehension, sophomore Ernest Back received a superior. In the music, senior Marsha and sophomores Amy and Bruce Lockwood all

received superiors. Senior Kate Shugrue got a superior in the poetry competition, and Nani Soares, sophomore, received the highest mark in the name tag competition.

In the Spanish competition, juniors Matt Ahrens, Steve Beda, Steve Fauglid, Brian Olson, and Kurt Pyle received superiors in the music event, while senior Jeff Jezewski got the high mark in the poetry reading event.

In German, seniors Diane Adcock and Ryan McGill and junior Oksana Lechnowsky got superior ratings in the honors test.

Other Central foreign language teachers participating were: Mrs. Vickie Anderson and Ms. Sonja Plata, Spanish; Mrs. Gretchen Schutte, German and department head; and Mr. Kevin Throne, French and German.



Seniors look back, ahead as high school concludes

The year is nearly over, and for Central's seniors, today marks the last day of high school. The Register asked ten seniors about things that they remembered most this past year and what they saw in store for the future.

Ann Thomas, on college:
"I'm going to UNL, to major in Speech Communication, and I'm thinking about law school afterwards. I think I'm prepared. I've got my classes picked out. Mentally I don't know if I'm ready. At first I wanted to go, but now I'm afraid. I know I'm academically prepared because Central's a great school — I brag about it all the time to my friends at other schools."

Vernita Hultman, on her most influential teacher:
"Mr. Daly has been most influential to me. He follows my up-

bringing, it seems, and he's a go-getter. He'll explain things if you really don't understand them, not talk totally over your head."

Cindy Linson, on renovation:
"It's not fair! There was all the hassle we went through in closing the courtyard. Why did they change it. In the old courtyard, you could go outside on your lunch hour, get some sun, and relax. Now I don't like it — it's dark, stuffy, and noisy!"

Bradley Allen Billig (Brad Emanuel, Dave Burden, and Dave Billig), on music:

"It's the most important thing around here! It keeps us from going insane. It's common ground to talk about. It's too bad there's no music in the courtyard, and they should have kept the radio station we had here. The administration should let us play music in passing period without earphones, because nothing sounds better than really loud music on a jumbotron. And, there should be more jazz appreciation at Central."

Shirley Nance, on an influential T.V. series:

"'Fame' is important — it means a lot. It shows how kids struggle to be somebody. It shows real problems and real people. I can get into it."

Johnny Triplett, on leaving home:

"It's a challenge. I will see how much I've matured, how independent I am. It's a scared feeling I have, knowing I'm going so far away, but I wouldn't want to pass it by. I can't really describe the feeling, but I know if I don't try it, later in my life I'll wonder how it would have been if I hadn't left home and gone to college."

Felicia Hepburn, on good memories at Central:

"Games and cheerleading were fun, and I liked prom and being in plays and musicals. In A Cappella, when a senior leaves, it's something to remember — everyone's crying because you're leaving."

Eddie Poe, on a regret at Central:

"Prom never should have been in the courtyard. It was too small. And the music was very limited."

Renovation goes into high gear; rooms, study halls, field change

Central High reconstruction will go into high gear this summer as workers continue the metamorphosis of both the inside and outside.

"The bulk of the work done this summer will be concentrated on the third and fourth floors," said Dr. G.E. Moller, CHS principal, about the summer's activities. Carpeting will cover the wooden floors except in science classes where it would not be practical.

As soon as students are out of the building, the stairs (described as old and rickety) will be replaced by newer models. Several rooms

will change completely as walls are knocked out, ceilings are lowered, and most wood is sanded and refinished.

Study hall ceilings will also be lowered in an effort to reduce the amount of energy needed to heat rooms of such volume. The courtyard will also be under attack. Bushes and benches are planned along with the planting of an environmentally proper ivy on the walls.

On the outside, Central will take on a new visage also. A one hundred yard astro turf practice football field will stretch across 24th street in the present student parking lot. A practice track (not official length) will encircle the field. The track and practice field will bring next year's track and football teams home for practice from Norris Jr. High and Kellom Elementary schools respectively. Dr. Moller said, "I was recently at a meeting with salesmen demonstrating different turf surfaces, so some progress has been made." Dr. Moller said that the track and practice field should be completed by the end of the summer if no problems arise. As for the rest of the school, there will be construction going on for at least another year.

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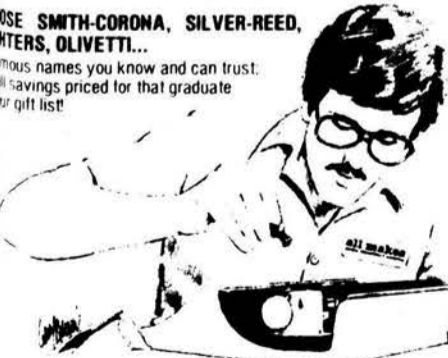
Monday, May 21	Last day for seniors.
Tuesday, May 25	Senior picnic at Benson Park.
Wednesday, May 27	Cap and gown delivery beginning at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30	Baccalaureate services at the Civic Auditorium beginning at 3:30 p.m.
Friday, May 31	Memorial Day. (No school).
Saturday, June 1	Central High Commencement Program beginning at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 2	Last day of school
Monday, June 5	SAT and Achievement tests to be given at Central.

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Metro area students' opinions of CHS from 'smart' to 'violent'

After attending a Central activity, such as a football or basketball game, the students can be found at their favorite hangout, full of talk. The gossip is usually about teachers, other students, and often other schools. It is a reasonable assumption that students from other schools have similar discussions about Central. But just what do these students think about Central?

In an attempt to discover the answer to this question, the **Register** sent questionnaires to many of the high schools in the Omaha area. The questionnaires were completed by the schools' journalism staff. Out of 20 questionnaires that were sent, 13 were returned.

The schools have a "fair" to "good" impression of Central. Maria Morgan, a sophomore at Gross, said, "I think that Central has a very good reputation with people from other Omaha schools."

Approximately 79 percent of all the people polled knew Central's location. Among those aware of Central's location ranged from 100 percent at Burke, Benson, and Westside high schools to 50 percent at Millard North.

Nearly 60 percent of the people polled have friends at Central. The percentages ranged from 100 percent at Benson to zero percent of the people polled at Millard North.

Central was rated academically tough by ten of the 13 schools polled. Jaymie Rizzuto, a junior at Westside, commented, "I've heard Central is very good academically, standards are very high."

Bill Kollbaum, a senior at Benson, said, "I heard a girl who used to go to Central say that she couldn't handle being in activities and keeping her grades up."

From reports in the news media, the public is aware that there is occasional violence at Central. Nine of the schools polled felt that Central is physically tough and seven schools replied that it is

a dangerous school. At Papillion, the staff thought that "most students carry some kind of weapon or something with which to protect themselves."

Central has a long-standing reputation as a school of high academic standards. The number of National Merit Finalists at Central and other scholarly awards given to students are evidence of the opinion.

On a scale from one to ten (ten is high) the other schools rate Central a 7.2 on scholastics. According to Maria, "Central is academically well above other schools and above them athletically."

With Central's football team participating in the quarterfinals of the state competition, girls' basketball gaining a wildcard spot in the state tournament, and the recent success of the track teams, Central is gaining recognition for athletics. The rating athletics received is a 7.3. Bill commented, "It's got a good football team." The staff at South felt that Central "gets into athletics."

Although some of the schools knew little about the performing arts at Central, the schools that were acquainted with them rate Central a 5.5. Millard South stated, "The choir and Road Show are fantastic." Jaymie felt, "The fall musical was very good — the people really carried it off."

The other schools were also asked to describe a typical Central student. The replies ranged from "preppie" to "jock." A few schools felt that Central students were party goers and others thought they were cliquish.

Bill agreed with the last opinion. "There are probably cliques," he said. "At Benson there aren't any. I have friends from all parts of town. Everyone is on the same level."

And what do the other schools think of Central as a whole? Most of them agree with Maria, who said, "From the people I know, I feel it's a normal, everyday school."

Final Exams

This is the schedule for the final exams for juniors and sophomores.

Friday, May 28, 1982

H.R.	8:25- 8:36
I	8:40- 9:14Regular
II	9:18- 9:53Regular
III	9:57-10:57EXAM, study hall or regular assignment
IV	11:01-11:36Regular
V-VII	11:40- 1:05Regular
VIII	1:09- 2:09EXAM, study hall or regular assignment
IX	2:13- 2:44Regular
X	2:48- 3:20Regular

Tuesday, June 1, 1982

H.R.	8:25- 8:36
I	8:40- 9:40EXAM, study hall or regular assignment
II	9:44-10:06Regular
III	10:10-10:32Last class session, pick up books
IV	10:36-11:36EXAM, study hall or regular assignment
V-VII	11:40- 1:05Regular
VIII	1:09- 1:40Last class session, pick up books
IX	1:44- 2:44EXAM, study hall or regular assignment
X	2:48- 3:20Regular

Wednesday, June 2, 1982

H.R.	8:25- 8:36
I	8:40- 9:19Pick up books
II	9:23-10:53EXAM, study hall or regular assignment. Pick up books
III	No III period.
IV	10:57-11:36Pick up books
*V-VII	11:40- 1:12EXAM, study hall or regular assignment. Pick up books.
VIII	No VIII period.
IX	1:16- 1:46Pick up books
X	1:50- 3:20EXAM. Pick up books. Only students taking exam are required to stay. All others must be out of the building by 2:00 or be in Rm. 235.

*Bell times for V-VI-VII periods on Wednesday, June 2.
 V 11:40-12:08
 VI 12:12-12:40
 VII 12:44- 1:12

Senior Walker up for national crown

Central's Lisa Walker, state Junior Miss, will have a very special day June 10. After many months of preparation Lisa will compete for the national title in Mobile, Alabama. She will compete with 51 other girls in various categories.

According to Lisa, "The girls are judged on their physical fitness, poise and appearance, talent, scholastic achievement, and a conference with the judges which lasts for approximately ten minutes."

Getting to the state competition has been no easy task. Many hours of hard work have gone into preparing for this special honor. First there were local state competitions. A talent had to be

their real parents at designated times." The purpose of the fifth graders and host family is to make the girls feel more at home. Lisa explained, "The fifth graders are there to cheer you on and be a friend to you."

According to Lisa, "After we arrive we will tour, shop, eat, and work very hard at rehearsals. There will be many rehearsals because everyone must know

their part when the pageant is televised. The two days before the pageant is broadcasted are preliminary days when the judges will look at each of the contestants and decide who will be the five finalist for the broadcasting on June 22."

"The pageant will be televised June 22 with Michael Landon as the host"

selected and perfected along with stacks of paperwork and much time spent in the pageants.

When Lisa arrives in Mobile, she will be greeted by a class of fifth graders. According to Lisa, "Each contestant is assigned a class and each class selects two representatives, a boy and a girl who correspond with the contestants and get to know them." It is through Lisa and the other girls that each class will learn about the specific state that each girl represents.

Lisa also explained that she will stay with a host family in Mobile with another contestant. Everything will be very restricted. The girls are not allowed to date and can only speak to and see

The pageant will be televised June 22 with Michael Landon as the host. It is this night on television on which the five finalists will be announced. The five finalists will then be asked to perform their talent again and will be asked a question. From this, the new National Junior Miss will be selected.

The new National Junior Miss will win a \$25,000 scholarship to the school of her choice along with many other prizes. A \$5,000 scholarship will also be given to those outstanding girls in various categories such as poise and talent.

Lisa explained that she is very excited, but she is going to go to have fun, make friends, and most important of all, be herself.

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Saybert Johnson Paul Rathouz enjoy the Parachute ride at Six Flags over Mid-America.

Band rates 'superior' in St. Louis

Rumors and dreams of going to a St. Louis band competition had been flying around the band room all year. The weekend finally came and passed, and the CHS Concert Band returned from Missouri with a Superior rating. Yet band members completely denied going to St. Louis.

"It bothered me that we didn't see St. Louis," said Mary Danielson, sophomore oboe player. "I wanted to see the Arch." The Fun Day With Music competition was held at the very Ramada Inn the band was staying at across the road from Six Flags over Mid-America. However, the hotel and park were thirty-one miles from St. Louis. But band members still managed to have fun.

Leaving Central after eighth hour on April 30, the gang began their nine hour journey across parts of Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri to the supposed destination of St. Louis. Two Arrow luxury buses carried band members, chaperones, and "jam boxes" galore to the Ramada Inn. As the bus pulled into the parking lot, excitement filled the air for in

sight were the lights of the one and only Screaming Eagle. No, not a terrorizing bird but a white, wooden roller coaster, incredible when compared to Peony Park's Galaxy.

The evening was filled with swimming, saunas and "Space Invaders" but not too much action because the competition was the very next morning.

The band performed in the "Great Hall" of the hotel, a room that was once a barn. The rest of the hotel was built around it. Three judges wrote and taped critiques of the band's rendition of "Toccata." After playing, the band had their picture taken and the competition coordinator presented Mr. Warren Ferrel, band director, with his first Superior rating for concert band at Central. "We finally succeeded at the goals we had been trying to set for three years," said Mr. Ferrel.

The rest of the day was spent sunning and funning in the park, and May 2 the band drove home with a trophy engraved "superior" and memories of great times.

Of Central importance

J.C.L. convention

The last day of April brought the Nebraska Junior Classical League to Creighton University for its annual convention: a weekend set in the ancient Roman tradition, destined to determine the most knowledgeable and athletic of area Latin students. Although Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher, expressed "disappointment in that more of our students could not attend due to other school activities," she said that she was pleased when Central departed with seven first place awards from major competitions, in addition to the two dozen lesser recognitions also given.

Two executive Nebraska J.C.L. offices are to be occupied by Central students next year. Loys Johnson and Liz Faier, both juniors, were elected to fill the positions of president and secretary, respectively. Said Loys, "I'm looking forward to planning next year's activities, and I hope to see greater involvement in J.C.L. activities throughout the state."

Jo Gibson, junior, placed first in both the vocabulary and derivative tests, Loys Johnson in the Roman life and history test, and Erin Keenan in mythology. An art project by Tricia Bledsoe and Joanne Collins was awarded the highest honor in the two-dimensional talent competition. Cornelius Williams finished first in the 100-yard dash and Barry Brown set the day's record with his long jump.

teacher and student parking.

If the lots are completed by next fall, Central's parking woes may finally come to an end.

Boys', Girls' State

Throughout the years, it has been customary for Central to send representatives to Boys' and Girls' State. Junior boys and girls from all over the state are sent to a workshop to learn about government.

Four students are chosen for Boys' State and four are chosen for Girls' State. Among those chosen for Boys' State were Dave Salzer and Matt Ahrens, with Brian Olsen and Tom Backer as alternates. In Girls' State Anne Lee and Jo Gibson were selected with alternates Cheryl Thompson and Sheila Monen.

Nominations for this position are made by teachers, or students may ask to be considered. Afterwards, a committee made up of counselors, administrators, and social studies teachers reviews the applications of those students who were nominated for the positions. Finally, the committee votes to decide on the students to go to the government workshop.

English Food Day

In most classes, it is considered inappropriate to eat during class.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Marlene Bernstein's Honors English class was treated to a smorgasbord of delectable dishes.

During class Thursday, May 6, students experienced the pleasure of gorging themselves on delicacies from all over the world as part of a cultural awareness effort. "I think it was very successful," commented Mrs. Bernstein.

The effort coincides with their completion of *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. *My Antonia* deals with the early settlers on the Nebraska Prairie. The class rationalized that everyone's ancestors, unless native American Indian, came from another country to settle in America as Antonia's family had.

Students tried to bring food dishes from their own native country. The effort was aimed at bringing people together. Mrs. Bernstein pointed out how community stems from the world communion. Students found amusement by singing songs of their old countries and playing foreign games.

New parking lots

Central's two new parking lots should be ready for the beginning of next school year, according to Dr. G. E. Moller, CHS principal. The new parking lots are located north of Davenport Street to the north of the school building.

The new parking lots will be paved with asphalt, as compared to the present gravel student parking lot. They will contain "many more spaces than the older ones," said Dr. Moller.

There was some hope that the lots would have been ready for this spring, but the inclement weather slowed construction last fall.

Dr. Moller also said that the allocation of two lots has not been decided. For example, one of the lots may be exclusively for teachers while one is reserved for students. On the other hand, the lots may be mixed between

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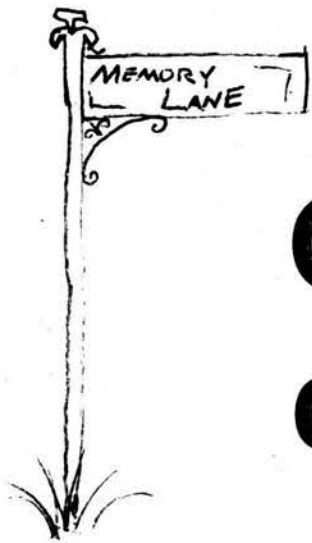
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CHS takes a stroll down memory lane

After a summer of sunny fun, West Dodge Derbies, and camps and conventions, Centralites returned to school much sooner than most would like. Fall, according to the school calendar, began in summer, according to the real calendar.

Summer renovation changed the look of the school. All this and more instigated feelings and events remembered now.

School in August? Ugh!!
Where's the band and football team going to practice — our field's dirt!

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No more matinees
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Homecoming — an "Oriental Paradise"

Eight National Merit Semifinalists at CHS
What're those on those guys' heads? Footballs!!

Whatever will become of the student parking lot?

Girl Golfers win and win

CHS claims chess champion Ryan McGill
Reserve football unbeaten
Varsity takes third in state

Student Assembly held a pre-Thanksgiving, post-Halloween, Midterms are over-have-a-good-time dance

Becky Shaw picks grapes in Central's courtyard... or is it a vineyard? Whatever the yard, the scene was a most festive one during Homecoming's spirit week.



CLANK! That noise was the wondrous gift that John Gibson bestowed on Road Show Renovation '82 "It's About Time!"



"Lord, I am SO tired! How long can this on!" Memory lane may be nearly as strenuous as workin' in a coal mine for Saybert Frazer "Marty" Johnson.

Breakthrough: A female class president
"Surprise!" Happy Birthday for Dr. Moller
A Night in Acapulco... er, A Cappella

Wantu Wazuri dissolves
Debate team begins winning season

Winter hit Omaha and the rest of the country with one of the hardest winters in years. But weather didn't stop the events, successes, and spirit of the Central High student body.

A military wedding in school!?!
Erin Belieu wins **World-Herald** Christmas prom at the park.
WINTER BREAK!

What's so funny about an egg drop? You'd laugh too if your Physics Field Day egg drop device dropped only 10 meters before it glided into a 20 foot swan dive. Ted Szczepanski was so amused by his project that he had to take off his glasses.





Soaked in sweat, but rarin' to go, Dave Van Metre makes a date for after the game.

CENTRAL! Basketball season brought out the best in these excited seniors, but some people just seem to lose their identity about wearing footballs on their heads.



Road Show — "It's about time!"
Juniors begin registering for senior year.
'82 application deadline for ACT & SAT begin.
Military ball successful.

Bathrooms look bombarded.
Walkman craze hits.
PM Magazine films foods class.
Spring break road trips in planning stage.

Tardies abound from snow and ice.
Central flies new flag.
Musical showcase: All-City Music Festival.
OPS releases CAT test scores.

What's a lime green chicken?
King of the cube contest.
Girls' basketball on road to state.

Central in spring means more than just warmer weather. Senioritus flares up and juniors prepare for senior year.

SPRING BREAK
Tennis, track begin.
Summer job shortage: Oh, no!

New: O-Book supplements sold
Senior sweatshirts
Physics Field Day O'fun
Latin Convention convenes

Club trips take Centralites afar
New Superintendent: Dr. Jack Taylor
Courtyard Prom sparks reactions

Miniskirts come in style again
"Up the Down Staircase"
Will you sing my O-Book?
Last Day for seniors, hurrah!

Yet to come is the big moment — graduation. And juniors and seniors still have studying to do for finals. But for those for whom the year is over, Central is over. And the rest are left to carry on the tradition and make 1983 a year to remember.



(Above) Todd Schuermann, coal miner #3, is ready to jam on his trumpet which doubles as a shovel in the coal mine.

(Left) Mr. Dan Daly, English Department Chairman, poses with his friend the Immortal Bard/Jolly Old Elf of North Pole on Avon who visited him last Christmas.



Larry Station prepares to send the shot flying a flight that gave him the leading throw of this season — 64 ft. 9½ in. Fortunately, the unidentified dog in this picture was outside of Larry's range.

photos by John Gibson

Central scholars prove education pays

The Register extends congratulations to all Central High School students who are scholarship recipients. The following list includes all scholarships awarded and reported to the guidance office by Friday, May 7.

Diane R. Adcock — UNO Regents, UNL Regents 4 year, UNL Merit Scholarship, Edwards Sisters Foundation Scholarship.

Cheryl Barnes — Wayne State College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Kearney State College Presidential Scholarship.

Anthony Benetz — Kearney State College Presidents Scholarship.

Tracy Benning — Iowa State University Admission with Recognition and Scholastic Award, U.S. Military Academy Appointment, NROTC Scholarship, Army ROTC Scholarship.

Eileen Boje — Kansas City Art Institute Scholarship.

Pamela Car — Creighton University Scholarship.

Julie Carlson — Jewish War Veterans Scholarship.

Richard Chamberlain — UNL Regents 4 year.

Raymond Colbert — UNO Regents, UNL David Scholarship.

Catherine Conway — UNL David.

Tanya Cook — Godfathers Scholarship.

Lucy Duncan — UNL Regents 4 year, Grinnell College Scholarship, St. John's College Scholarship.

Bradley Emanuel — UNL Regents 4 year, International Business Machines Scholarship.

Mark Ervin — Mary Angood Art Scholarship.

Mary Fisher — UNL David.

Theodore Fotopoulos — University of Tampa President's Scholarship, UNL David, University of South Florida Freshmen Scholar, University of South Florida Honors at Entrance, Creighton University Centennial & Aksarben Scholarships.

Roxanne Foy — Union Pacific Railroad Scholarship.

Cara Francke — UNL David, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Regents Scholarship.

John Gaeddert — Trinity University Presidents Scholarship, St. John's University Scholarship.

John Gibson — Rice University Scholarship.

Steve Gomez — 4 year Army ROTC Scholarship.

Richard Haggart — UNL David.

John Hazuka — Peter Kiewit Scholarship.

Dianna Heck — Hastings College Academic, Alumni and Science Scholarships.

Charles Heise — Daniel Bestor UNL Scholarship.

John Howard — Creighton University Scholarship.

Kelly Humphrey — Sara Vore Taylor Scholarship.

Jeff Jezewski — UNO Regents, UNL Regents 4 year, J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship.

Mark Juretic — UNL Regents 4 year, Stanford University Scholarship, Vanderbilt University Scholarship, Northwestern University Scholarship, Sunrise Lions Club Scholarship.

Margaret Kalkowski — UNL David.

Mark Kerekes — UNO Regents, UNL David.

Kathleen Kennedy — College of St. Mary Music Scholarship, World Herald Carrier Scholarship.

Jeff MacDonald — Ione C. Paxton Scholarship.

Bruce Marion — Benedict Club Scholarship.

Theresa Owens — UNO Regents, Northwestern University Merit Scholarship, UNL Regents 4 year, Hotz Scholarship, University of Dallas Competitive Exam Scholarship.

Debra Peirce — Grinnell College Scholarship, World Herald Scholarship.

Frank Peterkin — Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers Scholarship, Esmark Inc. Merit Scholarship, UNL 4 year Regents.

Jane Peterkin — UNL David.

Elizabeth Paige Peterson — Central High Scholarship.

Christine Powers — Doane College Presidential and Outstanding Achievement Scholarships.

Sharon Prince — Best of You Self-Improvement Scholarship.

Paul Rathouz — UNL Regents 4 year.

Beth Rheiner — University of Iowa Freshmen Honor Scholarship, Creighton University Centennial Scholarship.

Christine Ritzau — UNO Regents, UNL David.

Gregory Rohn — UNL David, UNO Regents, Elsie Fisher Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Scholarships.

Robert Rose — UNL David, Stanford University Scholarship.

Jacqueline Roth — Kearney State College Presidential and Board of Trustees Scholarships, Elsie Fisher Scholarship.

David Schinzel — Godfathers Scholarship.

Todd Schuerman — Phi Delta Kappa Scholarship, J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship, Morton Scholarship.

Catherine Shugrue — Gunnar Horn Scholarship.

Tim Smith — Drake University Football Scholarship.

Larry Station — University of Iowa Football Scholarship.

Jeffrey Stock — Hastings College Scholarship.

Julia Sullivan — Mary Angood Art Scholarship.

Ted Szczepanski — Creighton University Centennial Scholarship, UNO Regents.

Ann Thomas — Harry A. Burke Scholarship.

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Mark Thompson — UNO Alternate Academic Scholarship.

Johnny Triplett — Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, University of San Francisco Presidential Scholarship.

David VanMetre — Iowa State University Admission with Recognition and Scholastic Award, UNO Regents, Iowa State University Merit Scholarship, UNL David, Cornell National Scholar.

Thomas Vrbancac — UNO Regents, UNL David.

Lisa Walker — Junior Miss Pageant Scholarship, Morningside College Scholarship, Briarcliff College, Dana College, Livingston University, Roosevelt University, University of Southern Alabama, Troy State University, Huntington College, Columbia College, Judson College, Mississippi University for Women.

Stacey Welch — Seratoma Scholarship of Nursing.

John Wieting — UNO Music Scholarship.

Cornelius Williams — Stanford University Scholarship, Alpha Phi Alpha.

Susan Wiley — UNO Regents, UNL David.

Barbara Wright — University of Iowa Biomedical Engineering Scholarship.

Holly Zerse — Ione C. Paxton Scholarship, Kearney State College Presidential Scholarship.

Jennie Tracey, 1980 graduate, traveled to Latin America to lend her aid as a missionary. The mission program was organized through her university.



Former Eagle helps in Honduras

Going abroad. Whether it be to study or merely to see the sights, "going abroad" is a phrase that simply reeks with adventure, excitement, but mostly with — glamour. High school and college offers many opportunities for teens to absorb some of this glamour. But is it really as glamorous as it sounds? Well, consider 1980 Central High graduate Jennie Tracey's account of her recent experience abroad:

"The living quarters were pretty interesting — all 33 of us in one room. Changing clothes in sleeping bags, no hot water, no showers, and worst of all — no 'porcelain facilities!' Our outhouse was rather interesting, occupied by a large family of toads (good company?). We did have a beautiful river running down from the hills directly behind the church. It serves as a swimming pool, wash tub, and sewage system for the villagers; needless to say, we bathed upstream — way upstream."

Jennie spent three weeks last January in San Marcos, a small village on the western gulf coast of Honduras. She and 32 others stayed there to build a vocational school and work at the medical clinics in San Marcos and other nearby villages. The mission trip to Honduras was just one of many programs sponsored by Depauw University of Greencastle, Indiana, where Jennie is now a junior, as part of their winter term.

While in San Marcos, Jennie began her daily schedule by rising and getting to the work site by 7:00 A.M. In order to avoid sunstroke, lunch break lasted from noon until 2:00. Work then resumed

until 5:00.

Meals were prepared by the ladies of the village and consisted mostly of rice, beans, and corn tortillas "smeared with peanut butter." Because they could not drink the water, they drank only Coca-Cola and Honduran beer. Their motto by the end of the trip was "Coke una Sonrisa" — "Coke and a smile."

Jennie's group spent the last week of their journey touring metropolitan Honduras. Jennie related,

"What culture shock! Three hours away from our malnourished babies of San Marcos were chubby-cheeked Hondurans running around with Izods and designer jeans! We all enjoyed the immediate gratification of hot showers and good food, yet at the same time we were thinking of our villagers and their rice and beans. It was like leaving a world behind. . ."

Jennie went on to point out that, while the U.S. State Department has not issued a traveler's advisory for the group before going down, the entire continent erupted with trouble shortly after they left.

While Jennie had had reservations about the trip before going down, looking back, she says, "It was an amazing trip — a fantastic experience. I would love to have others (especially high-school age) know about it and the possibilities for mission work. It's a fantastic opportunity for growing!"

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Centralite becomes 'Godfather'

His face is familiar; his voice is recognizable, too. But few people know that his name is J. William Koll. The public knows this Central graduate simply as "the Godfather."

Mr. Koll, well-known in the Omaha area and now seen nationally as "the Godfather" of the Godfather's Pizza commercials, graduated from Central in 1944. He spent only three years at Central, attending Prep his freshman year.

"I sang it then and I probably still could, if I had to"

While attending Central, Mr. Koll was involved in Road Show, the school operettas (musicals), and he was a member of A Cappella Choir, singing bass. "Salvation," the theme song of A Cappella, was also sung when Mr. Koll was a member of the choir. "I sang it then and I probably still could, if I had to," said Mr. Koll.

After raising a family and becoming a successful actor, Mr. Koll still has fond memories of Central. "I enjoyed Central very much," Mr. Koll commented. One of his recollections concerned the courtyard. "We could never go in the courtyard except for pictures," he stated, but he did not know why pictures were kept out of the courtyard.

Although he worked after school, Mr. Koll remembered attending sports events at Central. "Most students went to the games then," he recalled.

ed. "We also had pre-game rallies and bonfires."

Before he became heavily involved with his character of the Godfather, Mr. Koll had been cast in numerous plays and musicals. He also has directed around 20 shows. He considers the Godfather "a little bit of all the characters I've played."

"In my mind the character came from Big Jules in *Guys and Dolls*," explained Mr. Koll, who has played in and directed that show. "He could have been any mobster." Mr. Koll also calls the character "a pussycat."

Mr. Koll has been the Godfather for six years. During this time he estimates making about 50 television commercials and 300 to 400 radio commercials. Mr. Koll figures working as the Godfather "takes up about 80 percent of my time."

Mr. Koll said that he is recognized more when he is out of the Omaha area. "My voice is usually recognized first, then my face," he added.

"I don't consider myself anything special"

"I don't consider myself anything special," said Mr. Koll. "I'm just 'Dad' at home. That's true of most performers, and I've worked with some of the 'biggies.' They all feel that way."

Mr. Koll concluded, "It's just a job and no better than any other job. The only difference is that there is some glamour connected to it."



photos courtesy of Bill Koll

Mr. Bill Koll's adaptability as an actor allows him to portray roles varying from a distinguished general to "the Godfather."

Summer school cut; alternatives open

No summer school for OPS students. This is the stand the Omaha School Board has taken for 1982's summer.

The decision was a result of an inability to fund all the programs that were wanted by the constituents of the board members. The result is that a very limited number of programs will be available this summer. Those programs which are being offered are basically for elementary school children. Also offered is a driver's education course that will include a refund of most of the tuition if the course is passed.

Unfortunately this program will

not help those students who have failed classes and need to take the class over again in summer school in order to graduate on time and receive their diplomas with their class.

However, there are options. Summer school is being offered through District 66 and Creighton Prep. The price for these classes is a major problem though. These classes can range from \$50 for two credits at Westside to \$20-\$125 at Prep depending on the course selected.

To attend these classes, one must first obtain permission from his counselor and have already at-

tempted the class at Central and failed. With the permission of Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, the credit will be accepted. "This process will be followed unless there are extenuating circumstances," said Dr. Moller.

The other alternative for students is to wait until the following year and attend night school in order to receive the credit.

Dr. Moller commented, "The discontinuation of summer school in the system will have an effect on students and will not allow some students to graduate with their class, but the complete summer school program could be reinstated another year."

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Seniors graduate

It seems that almost every year an attempt is made to change the location of Central's commencement exercises. Every year when commencement time arrives, however, it is held at the tradition location, the Omaha City Auditorium.

Senior class president Tracy Benning said that the senior class officers had tried to change the location of commencement, but "there was no way we could. Dr. Moller was against it."

Dr. G.E. Moller, CHS principal, explained it this way: "The possibility of moving graduation out of the City Auditorium was mentioned at one of the senior class officers' meeting. I explained to them why I thought it should stay at the auditorium, and the matter was not pursued much further after that."

Tracy confirmed that Dr. Moller had offered good reasons against each of their suggestions. She said they had suggested the Orpheum Theater as a possible location; Dr. Moller pointed out that it would not hold the number of people who usually attended Central's graduation. In addition, the Orpheum would have to be rented by Central, whereas the Omaha Public School District rents the City Auditorium for its high schools.

"We also talked about having it outside, like Burke did," continued Tracy. "But we don't have a lot of open space at or near Central that we could use. We talked to Norris (Junior High) about having it there, but they didn't want us tearing up their field. And of course there's always the question — what if it rains?"

Whether or not it rains, Central's commencement will be safe under the roof of the Omaha City Auditorium the evening of Tuesday, June 1. Tracy, as Senior Class President, will preside. Dr. Moller will present the class to OPS Superintendent Dr. Owen Knutzen, and Dr. Knutzen and a member of the Omaha School Board "will each say a few words," said Dr. Moller. One other student, chosen by audition, will speak at Commencement.

Graduation ceremonies are not the only things that the Senior Class officers have been planning this year. Another activity is the Senior Class Picnic at Benson Park on May 25 from 12:00 noon "till 3:30 or 4, or until everybody decides to go home," Tracy said. "Dr. Moller strongly suggested we not have both a banquet and a picnic, so we chose the picnic — we thought it would be more fun."

Tracy mentioned that the senior wills had been a successful venture. "We even made about \$75 on it, not bad for the fact that we weren't trying to make money on it. And not many of them had to be worried — maybe 5 out of 500."

Tracy concluded that she has enjoyed her experience as president, "even though it was sometimes disappointing to discover how hard it is to change tradition. But I tried to do everything I said I'd do. What I couldn't do, I tried to give an explanation to prove I really had tried and hadn't just forgotten." She said there were so many things to do this year, that she wishes she could have started earlier and hopes the seniors of next year "don't wait till spring to get everything done."

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Talented Stawniak to return next year



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Let her rip! . . . As a junior, Tom Stawniak presently ranks eleventh in the nation in discus. Discus throwing is only one of the many sports Tom has become involved in.

Who is Tom Stawniak? You don't know? He is a six foot four, two hundred and thirty pound junior who is a discus thrower for the Central High track team.

This year Tom has thrown the discus 185 feet and five inches, which is the eighth longest throw in Nebraska history and presently the eleventh longest in the nation this year.

Tom along with senior Larry Station, who is ranked first in the nation this year, makes up the best tandem of discus throwers in the country.

This year his achievements in track somewhat overshadow his football merits. Football season culminated in his being named an All-Metro tight end. He was one of only six juniors named to the All-Metro football squad.

Yet, Tom's contributions to the football and track programs at Central would be unfelt had he not transferred to Central at the beginning of this school year. His decision to attend Central was based upon his desire to attend college, and Central's curriculum to prepare him for college seemed the best around.

"The homework is harder!" exclaimed Tom when asked what was the major difference between Central and Bryan. Although the work is harder, Tom is convinced that there is not a better weight lifting program than at Central.

When Tom came to Central, he weighed two hundred and fifteen pounds and could bench press 245 pounds. Now he weighs two hundred and thirty

pounds and can bench press 330 pounds. This increase in strength is also proportional to increased distances in his discus and shot put throws from last year to this year.

His best discus toss last year was 158 feet, which was dwarfed by his 185 feet five inch toss this year. Likewise, his best shot put effort last year was 52 feet nine inches and this year he has thrown the shot 58 feet seven and one half inches. That is currently the fifth longest throw in the state. But with state this week-end, these numbers can change.

His weightlifting is the key to his success. Tom undoubtedly confirms that the "bullring" is his key to success in football.

The "bullring," in which the whole team forms a circle around one player and one by one each player from the circle hits the person in the center of the ring, has been known to create a new attitude toward football by the players that experienced it.

"That really straightened me out. After that, I worked twice as hard so I wouldn't have to get in it again," Tom said of his "bullring" experience.

His hobbies include going hunting and fishing. Tom said, "I like to go down by the river, throw my fishing line out, and stick my feet in the water while I wait for the fish to bite."

As for the remainder of the track season, he would like to throw 60 feet in the shot put and 190 feet in the discus. And remember he is only a junior.

Softball thriving again; Omaha still capital

Omaha is known to many as the "softball capital of the world." Each year, thousands of Omahans flock to the numerous municipal diamonds to participate in their favorite pastime — softball.

Unlike recreational sports such as flag football or rugby, which are often dominated by blood-thirsty animals, softball is played by boys and girls and men and women, alike, and with as much competitiveness as the meanest nose-guard can muster.

The most popular by far is mens' slowpitch with nearly 1200 area teams as estimated by the Omaha Softball Association (OSA). There are about 300 womens' slowpitch teams and 500 co-ed teams registered with the OSA.

All in all, there are 40,000 softball players in Omaha that play organized. Many more play softball but not on any organized team. One in every ten Omahans actually plays softball on a regular basis. A group of twelve Centralites is included in this awesome number. Dubbed the "Teenage Wastelanders," the group really "wasted" the first op-

ponent, the Nebraska Dental Central Drillers, by a score of 19-0. The team was in turn "wasted" their second time out, 10-0 in four innings.

The team is regularly comprised of Central Seniors Tony Benetz, Tracy Benning, Brian Bogdanoff, Mark Juretic, Peggy MacNaughton, Kate Momen, Greg Rohn, Todd Schuerman, Jeff Stock, Kim Svoboda, Holly Zerse, and Junior Terri Swoboda. Joe Farrage, a senior at Millard South is also a member of the team.

The major difference between co-ed softball and regular softball lies in the players; in co-ed softball, the ten players are made up of five boys and five girls.

Commenting on cooperation between the two genders, player-coach Mark noted, "We were kind of worried about it at first. Although we're extremely oriented towards winning, our main concern is just having fun."

When questioned on the team's chances of a successful season, Mark stated, "Almost all of the teams in our league are older than we are. So, we plan on using our combination of youth and speed to our advantage."

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Safe!... Senior Florian Fuerstenau hits first base in the nick o' time.

Varsity baseball

Summer action ahead

The Varsity Baseball squad finished the season with an even .500 record at eight wins and losses. Coming off last season's total of three wins and the previous year's single victory, this capped a "pretty successful year" according to Coach Wally Knight who came in this year hoping to get the program turned around. "Hopefully this will get more kids out for baseball next year if they think we can have a winning program here at Central," Coach Knight said. Apparently the possibility of playing on a winning team has spurred interest as 47 freshmen have expressed an interest in playing baseball for Central next year as compared to 11 sophomores who tried out this year, according to a freshmen survey.

The last four victories in the final eight games came against Bellevue East, 8-5, with Rich Timmons on the mound; Bryan 11-4, with Tom Vrbanac pitching; and victories over 7th rated Bellevue West 4-1, and 8th rated Roncalli 5-2, with Damon Osborne pit-

ching for Central. "Damon is really throwing well. He threw a 2-hitter against Bellevue West which included seven strikeouts and only one walk. He also threw a 6-hitter against Roncalli and the team hung in there and scored 5 runs in the top of the seventh inning to overcome a 0-2 deficit," Coach Knight said.

"Florian Fuerstenau is still hitting very well and went 6-8 in one three-game stretch to keep his average up to .451," Coach Knight added. Junior Darrel McElderry at centerfield has also been contributing a lot. He has been fielding and hitting well and has the third highest batting average on the team with a .372," Coach Knight said. Junior Channing Bunch has contributed greatly to Central's running game with his base stealing ability, according to Coach Knight. The team now faces a grueling thirty-game summer schedule and with a continued strong team attitude should do well, according to Coach Knight.

Girls' tennis

State match today ends play

After a successful 8-2 regular season, the girls' tennis team complete for the state crown today.

And, according to senior Julie Kully, a player on the squad, "the team should fare quite well." However, a state championship looks out of the question with Burke and Westside, last year's top two teams, in the quest for the crown.

Nonetheless, with Central's combination of depth and experience, the team should finish in a respectable fashion.

And leading the way for the squad is senior Betsy Boyle. Throughout the season Betsy has been a consistent point-scorer and should be one of the major keys to the team's success at the tournament.

Commenting on Betsy's chances at state, Julie noted, "Betsy is a fierce competitor so I'm sure she should do well." She added, "But a good draw is impor-

tant; last year she came up with a really bad draw and that was a major disadvantage."

Another important factor to the squad will be the play of the number one and number two doubles teams. The number one team is comprised of Margaret Kalkowski and DeeDee Mancuso while the number two tandem consists of Dinah Fox and Anne

Lee.

The two teams are considered quite formidable to Senior Jennifer Fangman, a singles player on the squad. She stated, "The players on the two teams really work well together and complement each other nicely. If they play anything like they have been playing this year, they will be tough."

Scoreboard

Sport	Win	Loss	%age
Baseball (varsity)	8	8	.500
J.V. Baseball	6	4	.600
Boys Golf	3	4	.429
Girls Tennis	8	2	.800
Girls Track	8	0	1.000
Boys Track	8	0	1.00

Coaches comments

Mr. Joe McMenamin, boys' track: Our main competition at the state meet will be Fremont, Burke, and Norfolk. I figure if everyone matches their season bests, we should have a good shot at the state title.

Miss Joyce Morris, girls' tennis: Burke and Westside will provide the main competition for Metro. Burke will provide the stiffest competition. Seniors Jennifer Fangman and CeCe Conway have been steady for us this year. I am very proud of the girls and of what they have accomplished this year.

Mr. Wally Knight, varsity baseball: I think we had a successful year. One thing that stands out is how well these kids get along with each other. We have had a good attitude all year and that should help us since we will all be getting to know each other real well with thirty games this summer.

Mr. Ed McDaniel, boys golf: The 1981-82 boys' golf season was very rewarding. I had good kids to work with, and I was extremely pleased with the first place win at districts.

JV diamondmen finish season

After the completion of ten games, the Junior Varsity baseball team has compiled a record of 6-4. The team started off quickly with three straight victories and has been relying heavily on the services of Junior transfer pitcher Roger Wageman, formerly of South High School, who has pitched in six games according to Junior Varsity Coach Bernie McClinton. Roger holds a personal record of 4-2 for the junior Eagles and "would probably be the number one hummer pitcher on the varsity if it were not for the one semester transfer sit-out rule," Coach McClinton said. "Roger has been doing a fine job but one of our biggest problems is finding

someone on the Junior Varsity who can catch for him," Coach McClinton admitted.

The Eagles have recorded victories over Millard South, South, Bellevue East, Benson, North and Prep (forfeit). Their losses have come from Bryan, Northwest, Westside, and Roncalli. The most recent loss to Roncalli frustrated Coach McClinton the most because it came on a 2-hitter by Roger. "Roger did have nine walks which can be attributed to some wildness by Roger and around 5-7 errors by our catchers alone" in the 2-7 loss.

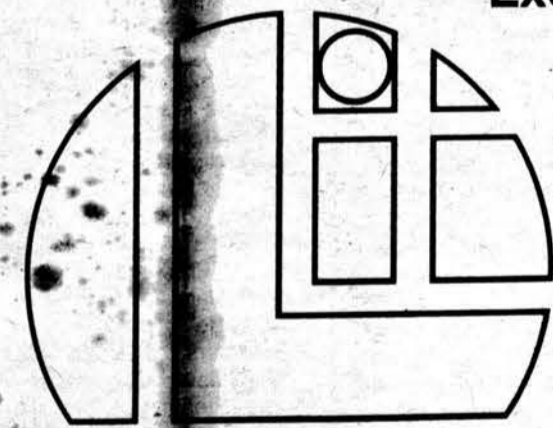
"We've had a couple of really bad calls that hurt us, but we're doing about like I expected which was over .500," Coach McClinton said. "Some of our best field play has come from Sophomores Pat Salerno and Dan Bye. Junior Doug McNeely has also been hitting the ball real well and has a .545 average in eleven trips to the plate," Coach McClinton said.

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State track & field begins today



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Sophomore Keith Jones takes the tape with him at the District meet held May 13.

This year Omaha Central became the first school in the history of the Metro High School Track and Field Championships to win both the girls' and boys' team titles in the same year.

The way it looks right now, the boys' team should have a tougher task of winning the state meet than the girls. Fremont, Norfolk, and Omaha Burke are the major obstacles in their path. As for the girls, Bellevue West, Bryan, and Lincoln East will challenge Central which will be trying to win their fourth straight state title.

This has been a vintage year for the boy's track team which has not lost an invitational track meet or a dual meet this year. Central has thirteen top ten performances this year in ten different events.

These top ten performers include Junior Tom Stawniak and Senior Larry Station in the shot put and discus; Senior Greg Spurlock and Junior Mike Carter in the 400m. dash; Greg Spurlock in the 800m. run; Junior Nate Blanks in the long and triple jumps; Sophomore Keith Jones in the 100m. dash.

Central's relay team in the top ten include the 400m. relay team of Junior Mason Jones, Senior Albert Brown, Seniors Daryle Duncan and Keith Jones; the

1600m. relay team of Senior William Wright, Albert Brown, Mike Carter, and Greg Spurlock; the 3200m. relay team of Senior Todd Schuerman, Sophomore Ron Barnes, Mike Carter and Greg Spurlock.

Joe McMenamin, boys' track coach, expressed confidence in the team's ability to do well at state. He said, "If everyone peaks or performs to his all-time best, I believe that our chances at state are excellent. However, we cannot afford any disqualifications of any kind because of the tough competition."

The girls have nine top ten performances out of the fourteen events.

The performances include Sophomore Maurice Ivy in the 100m. dash and the 400m. dash; Senior Jana Pulliam in the 400m. dash; Sophomore Andrea Tkach in the 1600 and 3200m. runs; Senior Shelly Melton in the 100m hurdles.

The girls' relays which are the backbone of the girls' track team will in the end decide whether or not the girls will repeat as state champion. The 400m. and 1600m. relay teams have the fastest times in the state this year, while the 3200m. relay team has the second fastest time this year.



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Senior Shelly Melton passes all competitors in the 100m. hurdles at the District meet.

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On the Sidelines



Funds questioned Airing warranted

Athletes need a good program basis for their abilities to excel. A good program has to have outstanding coaching, available facilities, and available funds. Central has found the best as far as coaching goes, and we make do with the facilities that are available. Athletes also need money to support their respective situations because without funding there would be no programs.

Each sport has a separate account. Money is allotted to each school for athletic purposes by the school board. The board reimburses the school for transportation to home contests and practice sites when facilities are not available on campus.

With the high cost of uniforms, transportation, and various other expenses, these accounts often run deficits. These deficits may be defrayed by other funds such as Student Activity (S.A.) ticket sales, the concession stand at games, and gate sales. It may be that the defrayal of deficits relies mainly on S.A. ticket sales. It may be that the defrayal count from which money is drawn to cover different account's deficits. Dr. Gaylord Moller, principal, said that at the end of the year S.A. ticket money is given to accounts on the basis of need. Often times the deficit even surpasses S.A. money help. The whole matter could be clarified by the public airing of public funds. Let's explore some of the roadblocks to understand the financial problems:

How is SA ticket money used?

Last fall the **Register** published a graph showing the amount of money each sport received from S.A. ticket sales. Dr. Moller provided these figures for the 1980-81 school year. The sales provided over twenty percent of the total athletic budgets money. The graph showed the figures: boys' swimming received \$1,248, wrestling received \$1,189, volleyball received \$1,021, track received \$955, boys' gymnastics received \$869, cross country received \$696, girls' tennis received \$494, girls' gymnastics received \$356, boys' tennis received \$249, girls' golf received \$241, and boys' golf received \$226. All S.A. money went to defray the athletic budget that year. One must keep in mind that these figures are above and beyond the amount each sport is allotted at the beginning of the season. The figures surprised coaches contacted.

Mr. John Geringer, swimming coach, estimated that about \$700 was spent on equipment. Mr. John Waterman, boys' tennis coach, stated that no uniforms were purchased, only balls. "We purchased twenty cans of balls at three dollars a can. That is about \$60," said Mr. Waterman. More than one of the coaches indicated that they didn't know what the money was used for.

In terms of swimming, the boys' and girls' teams merged last year with the intent of reducing costs. Of course there will still be the costs for uniforms, goggles, caps, and hand paddles. On last year's team there were 14 boys and 15 girls. Coach estimated the cost of all the gear at about \$700 for the two teams combined. Athletic Director Doug Morrow added that the away trips tapped the S.A. fund for about \$660. S.A. ticket sales alone contributed to the defrayment of the deficit ac-

crued by \$1,248 toward the purchase of these items and transportation needs for the boys alone.

The boys' tennis team that year spent about \$60 according to Coach Waterman. The away game travelling expenses totalled \$70.20. S.A. ticket money allotted to the defrayal of a tennis deficit equalled \$249.89.

What about volleyball? The girls got together last spring and decided that they wanted uniforms that they could keep. Together they decided to raise funds to buy the shirts. "The girls sold at least eight candles apiece to cover the near \$450 cost," said Senior Tracy Benning, volleyball member and Senior class president. Once the uniforms were worn for the first time, Coach Standifer said it was decided by Mr. Morrow to cover this cost with athletic funds. Mr. Standifer and the girls hope the team will be able to keep the uniforms. As of this writing, their \$450 is on deposit, but they still do not have the shirts.

Football equipment problems

Many people do not realize the amount of money the football team brings in through ticket sales. However, these same people are fast to criticize the amount of money that is apparently spent on the team — new sweats, new uniforms, and the like. It does take a lot of equipment to outfit an entire squad. The new jerseys are only replacements for ones that were stolen last year from the equipment room which was broken into on two separate occasions. If anyone took the time to count, there were fewer jerseys than football players on the sidelines.

One problem encountered by the team this year was that they regularly played on grass and rarely on astro-turf. These cleats cost as much as \$50 a pair. Several pairs had to be purchased — some by football coach William Reed and some by Mr. Morrow through one of the various funds. Why these cleats are not figured in with the original budget is unclear.

Another illustration is the 'let's make some shirts' plan for the state football championship. Only a few samples were ever made. When the hopes of a state championship vanished with the defeat by Northwest, the shirts apparently vanished also. If we had won the state football championship, would the shirts be purchased with money from the school board or S.A. ticket sales?

Other than S.A. ticket sales, the concession stands at games are a means of athletic income. Mr. Morrow stated that the hotdogs and other concessions sold are purchased at wholesale. "A pack of ten hot dogs costs us about \$1.10, and we sell for 60 cents a piece," he said. Considering the cost of buns, relish, the profit per hot dog could be as much as 25 cents.

For the past three years, the concession stand was run by Mr. and Mrs. Dave VanMetre. Actually the VanMetres did more than run the stand, they donated popcorn three years ago and all the hotdogs for the past two years except on one occasion. Mrs. Carol VanMetre reported that she was informed that after the candy and coke bills were paid only 30 to 40 per cent of the sales remained as profits. These profits were deposited into the athletic fund.

Removal of roadblocks mandated

There are a few costs that do not fit into just one sport's category. The cost of a new scoreboard for the new gym and O-Club tickets for coaches are a couple. But which account covers such expenses? Without open disclosure of public money, I have no idea. Those responsible for keeping the records are not inclined to open the books for inspection.

The airing of public funds is warranted. Students, parents and coaches have voiced their support of such action. Their voices are a mandate for the airing of these funds. Removing the roadblocks will allow for the clarification of the financial problems of Central High School's athletic funding.

Golfers look to success next year

"Winning was a pleasant surprise," said Mr. Ed. McDaniel, boys' golf coach, pertaining to the team's recent third place win in the metro golf tournament.

Mr. McDaniel was somewhat surprised, but extremely happy with the third place win. He commented, "Central's boys' golf teams have never finished that good for as long as I can remember."

This was the first year that Mr. McDaniel has coached a Central High boys' golf team. "It was learning experience for all of us," said Mr. McDaniel. "Though the boys did not get off to a swinging start, they finished the season with a stroke of success."

"The most pleasant surprise of the team was Mark Jamison," said Mr. McDaniel. Mark was the most improved player of the team. McDaniel commented, "he worked hard, and took the game serious, because he wanted to improve." Mr. McDaniel added that he is going to miss Shane Hanson, who was a very successful golfer.

Mr. McDaniel feels that next year's golf team will strive. "There's a good nucleus to work from: Eric Olsen, Chris Shaw, Mark Jamison, and Andy Redick will be the returning team members, plus 26 other boys who have signed up for next year's team."

Preparation for the 1982-83 girls' and boys' golf teams will consist of lots of practice this summer. Mr. McDaniel will be holding summer golf clinics to help all of the golfers in the city, ages eight to 16.

Mr. McDaniel is looking forward to a successful golf team next year — both the boys' and girls'. "The boys will have to build up a competition edge," said Mr. McDaniel. "They are a little self-conscious, yet." Mr. McDaniel feels that girls are more disciplined, and will work hard, to promote a successful golf season.