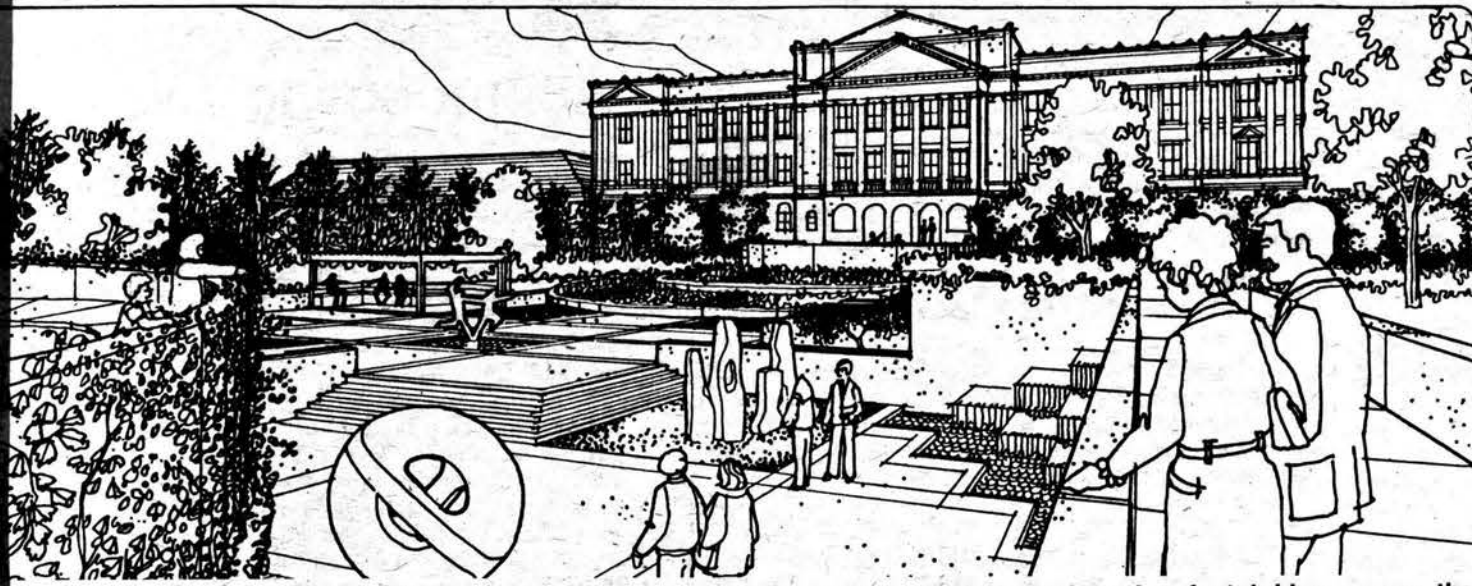


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Look at Central from the Joslyn Art Museum, only two years from now, will look pretty much like this. The sculpture garden, seen in the foreground, will include: a plaza, amphitheater, reflection pond, and a foot bridge across the garden. courtesy of Joslyn Art Museum

Joslyn expansion shines brightly on CHS

Charles Scarlett
Feature Writer

Joslyn Art Museum is celebrating its fifth anniversary in a golden way, by creating a sculpture garden and refinishing the entrance and parking lots.

Construction has begun on the \$10,000,000 expansion project and should be finished in the first part of 1983. Miss Judi Rosenblatt, Joslyn public relations officer, said the initial phase will be the renovation of their lots with the final phase including the creation of a boulevard and sculpture garden, improvements to the north entrance, and renovation of the mezzanine and storage areas. Miss Rosenblatt said the sculpture garden will include a plaza and amphitheater, sculpture and memorial sculpture, reflection pond, and foot bridge, all surrounded by a garden.

She said the ideas for the project came from many people. The architecture firm handling the project is the Leo A. Daly Company. The sculpture garden, which will extend from Joslyn's main entrance east to Central, will include a 25-foot modern work by George Sugerma in memory of the late

architect Leo Daly.

Joslyn's expansion project is the result of a 1977 Combined Endowment Capital Improvement Drive started by General Chairman Willis A. Strauss. Miss Rosenblatt said, "It's taken some time to get the land we needed." A goal of \$4,000,000 was met and divided with \$3,000,000 going towards General Endowment and \$1,000,000 going towards Capital Im-

Joslyn's expansion will greatly enhance the downtown area.

Miss Judi Rosenblatt

provements. A matching grant was given by the Kiewit foundation for the new construction.

Joslyn had problems with the Omaha Public School District about land negotiations. The school district wanted some of Joslyn's land to build an athletic and track field for Central. The negotiations ended last year after four years of discussion. It

ended with the exchange of two land tracts each around 64,000 square feet. Miss Rosenblatt felt Central and Joslyn both received good trades.

Changes are also planned to make Joslyn more accessible for the handicapped. Plans are for turning the north entrance into a handicapped entrance. It will also include a glass canopy, exterior ramp and elevator.

Miss Rosenblatt said the new Joslyn will be able to handle more displays. The garden will be the sight of many exhibitions. The amphitheater will be used for outdoor orchestras and theater performances while the entire garden will be used for classes and dances. The space east of Joslyn will be an exhibition spot for all local and student artists to display their work. In this space there will be a pedestrian bridge near Central, a small gazebo, trellised seats, waterfall, and reflecting pool with ivy-covered walls. These additions will be around where twenty-second street used to be. When all is finished, it will look like a Central Park Mall. The new Joslyn plans to be around in Omaha to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

Work program proves to be a terrific benefit

Choosing a career is hard for some students, but this year Central has a program that could help.

Mr. Stan J. Maliszewski, guidance counselor, has set up a new program to help students find career choices. Mr. Maliszewski calls it a work program. He or a counselor looks over student's records, mainly science and math, and talks about possible career opportunities. If a student shows a certain interest in a career, he then tries to place him with a person in that same area. To his knowledge, Central has never had a work program.

A student can also have the possibility of an internship in certain careers. Before going to the session, he receives a list of possible questions to ask. These questions help by showing what to ask and establish some kind of plan. Mr. Maliszewski says students come back after the meeting and tell him about their experiences.

A recent survey showing that a person changes his career 5-7 times in forty years, is responsible for the start of this program. Mr. Maliszewski said, "Statistics show people are unlikely to remain in their career for their entire life, unless they are professionals, like doctors or lawyers." Participating in a work program gives the student a chance to see what he likes to do. He said, "This program gives them an opportunity to experience a career on an informal basis with someone in that field." With the soaring costs of college, if a student has an idea of a major, it will cut down on money and time.

Many students have already participated in the work program

Central isn't the only high school to have a work program. Mr. Maliszewski was a counselor at Burke before coming to Central. He said he instituted the program there. It helped some students make up their minds on a career. Most people involved seemed to enjoy themselves, he said.

Mr. Maliszewski has not had the opportunity to formally announce this program. He hopes to do so within the next few weeks and get more people interested. He wants to stress that seniors are not the only people allowed. Any student can join if he wants to do so.

Although not yet announced, three students have already joined. Christie Akin, Lisa Benetz, and Loys Johnson are among the first to participate. Lisa visited the Economics department at the University of Nebraska/Omaha, Union Pacific Railroad, and Commercial Federal. Christie toured the personnel department of the First National Bank where she investigated certain employment opportunities in banking and trust companies. Loys Johnson differs in that he expresses interest in defensive investigation. Mr. Maliszewski has lists of many people he can contact for any student.

Students may contact their counselor about the program

Talking to Mr. Maliszewski is not the only way to get started in finding a career. All a student has to do is contact his counselor and talk it over with him. Mr. Maliszewski said, "I had a meeting with all the counselors, explained the facts, and they all agreed to help." Certain grade point averages or specific courses are not required for involvement.

Central's program is not the only way to take part in finding career information. Boy Scout Medical Explorers and Future Teachers help students decide if they want to be a teacher, and if so what type. Central's program is based on an informal atmosphere. The student goes by himself and talks to the person on a one-to-one interview, whereas the others are group efforts. Mr. Maliszewski strongly recommends anyone planning on going to college to consider this program.

Enrollment jumps

Student body largest in over 6 years

Recent statistics show Central's enrollment has skyrocketed to include the largest student body since 1976. The O.P.S. trend, meanwhile, is toward general decline in high school enrollment.

Central draws its students from a virtually unrestricted O.P.S. district. The only students prohibited to attend Central are those in the North High School area.

Historically, Central had a monopoly on students when it was the only high school in Omaha. As other high schools were created in various neighborhoods, Central's population shrank. Central alumni had a difficult time encouraging their children to attend their alma mater because the rest of the neighborhood was enrolling at the nearby high school. When the O.P.S. board divided Omaha into specific high school districts, exceptions were granted for Tech and Central, whose environment consisted mainly of businesses, not homes.

Central attracts students by recruiting prospective freshmen at the local junior high schools. All high schools must comply to the recruiting rules set down by Pupil Personnel Services.

High schools are allowed to do the following:

- 1. hold special recruitment workshops — Central is an active participant, holding such workshops several times each year.
- 2. mail letters to prospective students — Central sends approximately 2,500 letters to freshmen each spring.
- 3. hold an open house for freshmen eligi-

ble to attend — Central reserves a night during February when freshmen can visit with the faculty and tour the building.

High schools are not allowed to:

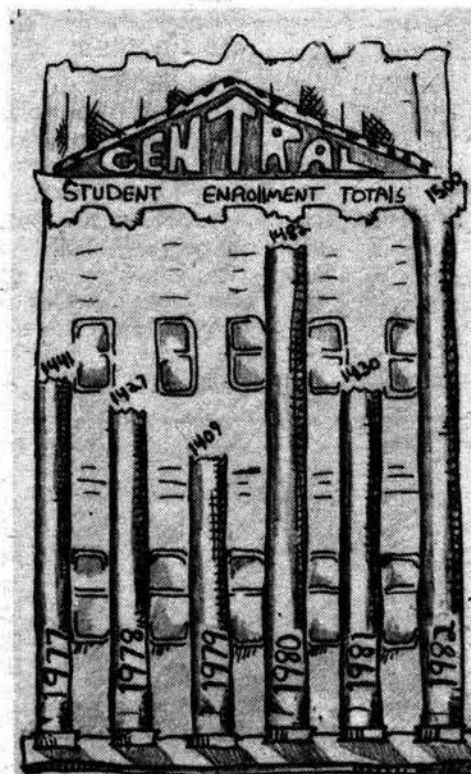
- 1. invite freshmen for individual visits —
- 2. send mail to students currently attending parochial schools —
- 3. send a group of their students to a junior high for any type of performance or activity.

A special agreement can be made for outstanding freshmen athletes who wish to participate in a varsity sport. The athlete must try out and make the team with the coach's consent. An agreement must then be signed by the athlete and his/her parents stating the assurance of the student's attendance at that high school throughout his/her high school years.

Concerning specific recruiting practices, Mr. Al LaGreca, Central administrator, said, "Undoubtedly, the best recruiters we have are the alumni and students.

"Students tell their younger brothers and sisters how much they enjoy attending Central. They encourage their friends to enroll here too. We're known as one of the best schools around. Central has a reputation as an outstanding high school in the Omaha area.

"Many parents are taking their children out of the parochial schools and sending them to Central," said Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High principal. He cited the economy as a major factor saying that many parents can't afford the price of raising their family in private schools.



While other high school's enrollments fell this year, Central's climbed by at least 80 students. Central's recruiting process is the primary reason for the tremendous growth. Alumni and students are thought to be the best recruiters.

Complaints continue

Homecoming royalty election criticized

Every fall, in high schools and colleges across the country, students prepare for the traditional fall homecoming. In a week filled with parades, parties, and a football game, there is also a certain type of "royal rivalry" present. This is not a rivalry between teams of any sort, but one in which students vote for whom they wish to be homecoming king and queen.

Editorial

This honor of being chosen as either king or queen is much sought after, with Central High as no exception. Recently elections were held for homecoming royalty candidates and there have been numerous complaints as to how the elections were run. Many students, considering themselves strong supporters of the school in clubs and other non-athletic groups, were annoyed at the fact that only certain athletes, cheerleaders, and band members were allowed on the ballot.

Ballot too exclusive

Mr. Richard Jones, Central High Athletic Director, said that a meeting was held with all coaches, cheerleading and Eagle sponsors, and the Central High Band director to submit names to be put on the ballot. There was no limit to the number of names which could be submitted, Mr. Jones said.

This is a good way to handle the ballot, but the exclusiveness of the eligible candidates is an insult to those students who support Central in other ways.

This is not to say that all club members for all clubs should be included, but certainly those which are strong parts of school spirit should.

Mr. Jones said that homecoming basically revolves around athletes because homecoming is "always associated with football." He further explained that there is no Wings Club, (Central High School's former pep club) which cuts down the ballot to even fewer names because Wings members were previously included on the ballot.

A need for a lasting policy

A lasting policy needs to be established for future homecoming royalty elections so that there is a school-wide understanding of how the election is run. As it stands, students are feeling irate about either being left out or the inconsistency of the names on the ballot.

Editorials are the majority opinion of the Register staff. Signed letters to the Editor are welcome and encouraged. Anonymous letters to the Editor will not be printed.

Central's "Royal" Deal



Letter to the editor

Elections dubbed 'unfair and unjustifiable'

Dear Editor:

Recently, the election for homecoming royalty was held. We are curious as to how one's name was placed on the ballot.

Under the impression that all persons involved in extra-curricular activities were eligible, we were somewhat surprised to find that the vast majority of these people's names were omitted from the ballot. One cannot help but wonder who chose the names that appeared. We are inclined to believe that it was the coaches and/or sponsors of the various extra-curricular activities. Students were allowed to vote, but certain members of the faculty decided for whom they could vote.

This is unfair and unjustifiable. While some restrictions must be present concerning the names appearing on the ballot, in the end, as well as in the beginning, it is the student who must have the privilege of choosing the royalty. How dare the faculty tell the student for whom he/she may or may

not vote? We are sure that in the future, steps will be taken in order to insure a fair means by which the homecoming royalty is selected.

Sincerely,
Matt Ahrens
Supported by various senior members
of the CHS band.

Dear Editor,

I was wondering how homecoming candidates were nominated for King and Queen. I have been under the impression that all seniors in extra-curricular activities were eligible for this position. I was also under the impression that Band was considered an extra-curricular activity. If not, why should we play at the games and support the school, when we don't get the support back. I was very disappointed to see that the Band Seniors were not included in this.

Sincerely,
"Angel" Harroun

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As I See It

Erin Belieu

Homecoming . . . Fact/Fantasy

Synchronize your watches, folks. That festive time of crowning and crepe paper will soon be upon us, full swing and to the hilt. The Central High School 1983 Homecoming gee it all seems pretty exciting, huh? Well, actually, being the "worldly" senior that I am, perhaps I ought to prepare you the, hmmm - how shall I put it? - lighter side of Homecoming myself have had some rather romantic ideas about the dances I've been to. "Him" picking me up in a limo, all decked out in his Pierre Cardin tweed jacket with coordinating Italian cut shoes, just dribbling with debonaire and charm. I meet him at the door (in this dream my parents have vanished for some reason) an absolute vision in pure white with those little birds Cinderella and Snow White always seem to have hanging around, flying around my head with silky ribbons in their little beaks. He sweeps dashing into the house, and the table is set perfectly, glittering with china and steam rising from the hot elegant dishes I've prepared for him. Off in the corner is a band/orchestra in white tuxedos with silver instruments playing "Sentimental Journey" "Moonlight Serenade." (I have a real hard time dancing R.E.O. Speedwagon or Adam and The Ants, you know. We have the dance right there and everything is beautiful and lovely and romantic.

End the Fantasy

Scene II-Reality. Let's face it, whose parents have a limo, unless, of course, your father's an undertaker? You usually end up riding in a souped up Nova minus a hubcap with a rally stripe on the side.

As for the fancy clothes, well I know they make me pretty itchy, and he's likely to show up in tennis shoes (painted black) and his only tie, a flowered one his aunt brought him back from Hawaii. And the food? Well, I think many of my friends can vouch for this, I am not exactly the domestic type. (God forbid anyone should be . . .) I even have trouble with can openers. (It has been said I could starve to death at a grocery store!) I think you get the point.

The moral to this story, kids is don't get uptight. Whether it's your first time or your third time, it's still kind of worrisome, don't you think? But we're all human. Don't fool yourself - he's just as worried about his sweat spots on that inevitable zit that you didn't even notice in the middle of his forehead, as you are about falling off your heels or dropping the salad bowl into your lap at dinner.

So let's have a really good time and cheer our team to victory.

And hey, I'll see you at the dance!
(I'll be the one in the crepe paper dress)

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Moller explains facts in rumors about freshmen

Many students at Central seem to believe that Central is planning to start admitting freshmen soon, perhaps even beginning next year. Rumors of high schools closing down, even Central, also abound. The facts behind these opinions and the reasons why they are so wide-spread are many.

Enrollment dropping

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, says the persistent rumor of freshmen in the high school stems from the apparent need to close some schools because of falling levels of enrollment. While Dr. Moller agrees that one of the OPS high schools will have to be closed down, Central is not being considered for this. Though Central's enrollment has dropped by approximately six-hundred students over the past eleven years, this is a condition present at many other Omaha area high schools. Even if Central's enrollment was exceptionally low, says Dr. Moller, the school would not close but would simply begin admitting freshmen.

'Saving money' stressed

The main issue at hand, says Dr. Moller, is "saving money." If freshmen were admitted into high schools, some under-utilized junior highs would be closed. But admitting freshmen is not the only alternative. A special superintendent's task force is now working on a plan to cut the school budget and boost enrollment, and, according to Dr. Moller, may come up with something entirely different.

Freshmen in future?

Actually, Central is "better off" than most high schools because of increasingly large sophomore enrollment levels since last year. As to whether freshmen may be admitted in the near future, Dr. Moller says that it's "impossible to tell."



Music 'n Fish

Kris Kurovsky

Mark Fritz



Manifesto

The intention of "Music and Fish" is to provide readers not only with extremely well-written, intelligent record reviews, but also with the latest in information pertaining to fish of all kinds. Our opinions on music are never to be questioned; we are always correct. Albums are provided by Aardvark Records and Tapes. Next issue: decorating with fish.

X, Under the Big Black Sun

With its third album, X, a former L.A. hardcore punk band, seems to settle into his own more eclectic style, reflecting the styles and talents of individual members. D.J. Bonebreak's excellent percussion work, Exene Cervenka's stark, sexual lyrics, John Doe's driving, roughedged bass playing, and Billy Zoom's rockabilly-styled guitar combine to form a distinctive sound and technically proficient vocals in hardcore punk bands. Reviewers' favorite cuts include "Under the Big Black Sun," "The Hungry Wolf," and "Blue Spark."

Fleetwood Mac, Mirage

The vocally strong, instrumentally weak songs on **Mirage** do not deviate much from the now usual Fleetwood Mac pop style. **Mirage** sounds sluggish and uninspired with Stevie Nicks the only member trying a new style on the countryish "That's Alright."

Lindsay Buckingham writes in the same undistinguished style of his solo LP. Christine McVie adds a pop touch with "Wish You Were Here" and other songs.

Rush, Signals

The twelfth album by Rush, **Signals**, is now a favorite among their fans. A collection of songs with many unique aspects, the signals produce high quality, classic rock and roll. Guitarist Alex Lifeson, percussionist Neil Peart, and vocalist/bassist Geddy Lee show superb musical ability.

Strong songs include "The Analog Kid" and the related "Digital Man." "Countdown" is dedicated to the space shuttle Columbia on which the song is based.

New sign to grace grounds

The campus will soon be augmented by a new Central High School sign. The architectural firm of Dana-Larson-Roubal and Associates has been contracted by the Central Parents' committee to design the nameplate for the south side of the school, in front of the flagpole.

Mr. Dale Nielsen, an employee of the firm, worked with the design department to construct the sandstone sign which will stand on two pre-cast concrete supports and carry the name CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL in ten-inch bronze letters across the front.

Evergreen shrubs and installed lighting will enhance the sign, said Mr. Nielsen.

The installation of the sign is pending completion of the sidewalks, now in the process of renovation on the south side. The new sign is the result of fund-raising activities on the part of the parents' committee; the group also contacted Dana-Larson-Roubal about designing the new sign.

The sign has already been completed, says Mr. Nielsen, and will be installed as soon as construction has ended on the sidewalks.

Club contest to 'tweak interest,' 'promote math'

Officers of Central's Mathematics Club met Tuesday, September 28, to plan the club's first Michel Stiefel Memorial Math Contest. This competition, scheduled for early November, will be open to all Central students who are not Math Club members.

Club president, Ken Dutch; vice-president, Arthur Kosowsky; treasurer, Harold Adcock; secretary, Stuart Diemont; and club sponsor Mr. John Waterman determined the contest's events at the early morning meeting.

Events test skill

Students will be able to compete individually in the Mad Hatter, a rapid-fire test of speed and accuracy; in the computer category, with a prepared computer program; or in the Michel Stiefel Chalk Talk, a "mystery event to tweak their interest," according to Mr. Waterman.

Participation in the final event, the Leap Frog, requires teaming with another student. In this competition, partners take different forms of a mathematical test. The two switch papers at the end of a specified time and try to correct each other's mistakes.

Club 'optimistic'

Waterman and appointed club members will judge and score each event's tests. The next day, Math Club officers plan to announce the winners and present trophies.

The club will announce other tournament details later this month in the daily bulletin and in information sheets available in the Math Office, room 316.

The Math Club is "optimistic" about student turnout, Waterman said. A 50 cent entry fee will provide revenue for the tournament's trophies, but fund-raising is not the event's intent. Overall, its purpose is to "promote math — the joy of discovery," Waterman said.

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Excitement mounts as eve of 'Trol'

Festivities provide fun, enjoyment

Tonight's Homecoming festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:00 P.M. with the annual Homecoming parade. Clubs and various school groups will decorate cars, trucks, and vans for the colorful occasion which will start at Washington Elementary School, 55th and Mason, travel through Elmwood Park, and end up at Caniglia Field, Central's home field for tonight's game against Burke. Kick off is at 7:30.

Halftime will feature the Central Marching Band and their contest show, on which they have been working for many weeks. In addition, the pageant will include the presentation of Homecoming royalty candidates.

The theme of tomorrow night's dance is "Tropical Paradise," with "Theme from An Officer and a Gentleman," the song of the evening.

The dance is to begin at 8:00 P.M. at the Airport Ramada Inn. The band is E.T.C., who will entertain dance-goers until 12:00 p.m.

Voting for Homecoming King and Queen will be held at the door, as couples walk in, with the crowning ceremony at 10:30 P.M.

Tickets for the dance are \$9.00 per couple, \$6.00 for singles and are on sale today during lunch, but may not be bought at the door.

(Right)-They don't quite make it as the men with the golden wings, but Scott Anderson, Salvatore Rahti, and Pat Chastain do their best at the florist. (Hope they have big pins).



(Below)-The finer points of manners don't come as easily to some people as others. Wayne Palmer and Mike Gearhart are shown cramming at the library. The reign of chivalry...?



(Above)-There is more to "pinning the flowers" than meets the eye. Steve Beda demonstrates his skill in this all important ritual. Don't smile too much, Steve.



(Above)-Chris Adamson displays his dexterity at his first shave. Goodbye peachfuzz.



(Above)-Meeting a close encounter. "Hey, you're not M..."

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Paradise' homecoming nears

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never people" to keep you on schedule and have you "lookin good" in time for the big dance!

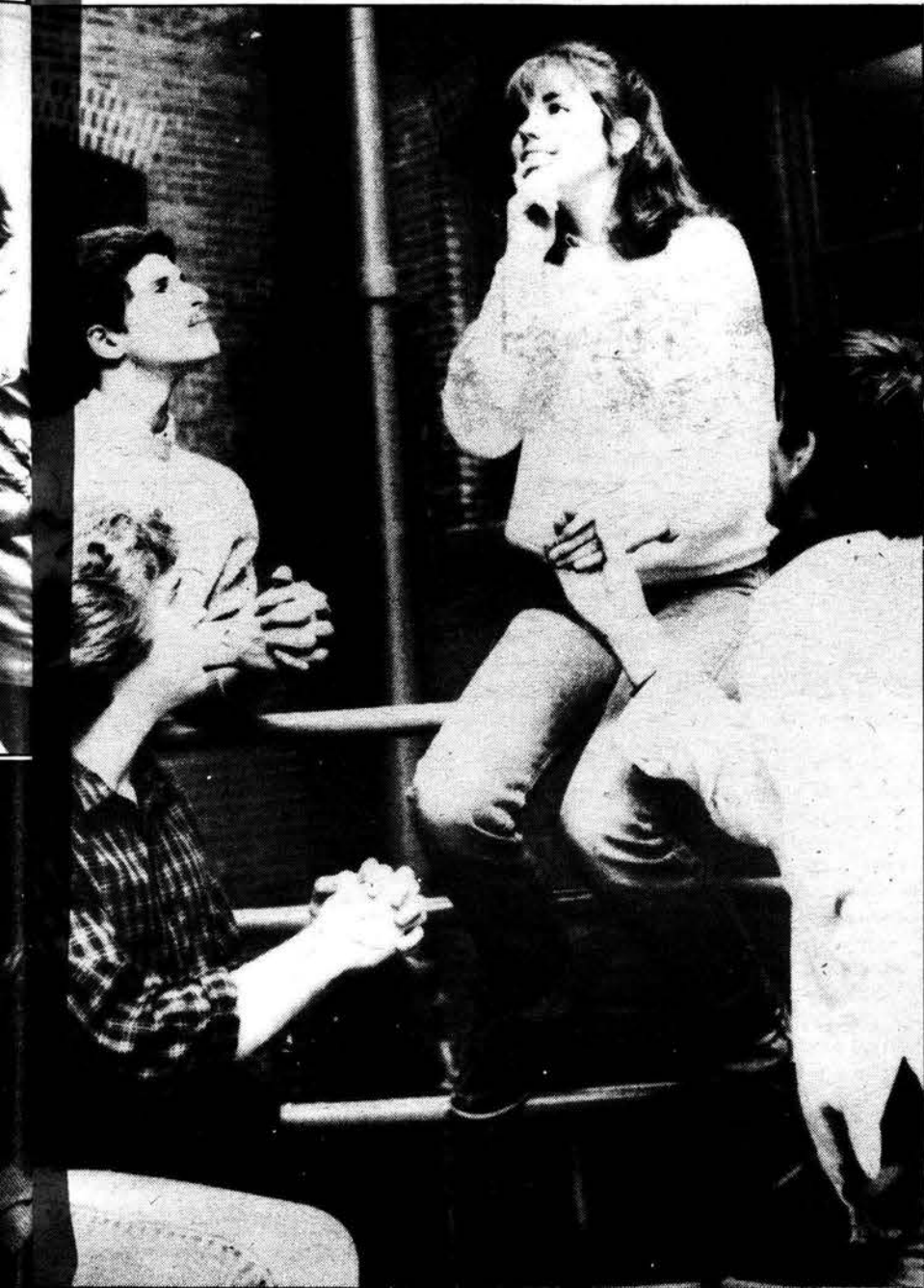
Boys' Itinerary

- 11:30 Wake up. Catch tail end of "Scooby Doo" cartoons.
- 12:00 Eat breakfast (leftover pizza from after game festivities). Worry.
- 12:45 Realize bank closes in 15 minutes. Realize you are broke. Worry.
- 1:30 Wash car, vacuum car. Conceal champagne glasses under seat. Worry.
- 4:00 Become bored. Waste time. Watch M-TV, eat, and get more bored. Take nap.
- 6:30 Wake up. Realize it is 6:30. Realize "she" expects you in 1/2 hour. Realize florist closes in 1/2 hour.
- 6:45 Throw clothes on. Get dad to tie your tie.
- 7:00 Leave to pick her up. Accidentally HONK. PRAY.
- 7:15 Meet father. Lie, tell him you plan to be a neuro-surgeon.
- 7:30 SMILE.

Girls' Itinerary

- 10:00 Wake up. Spend 15 minutes playing "seek and destroy" with newly developed zits. Decide it is hopeless.
- 10:30 Chase sleeping cats off clothes set out the previous evening.
- 10:45 Eat breakfast. Feel fat. Decide your dress makes you look like a pregnant rhino. Go back to sleep.
- 11:00 Call friend — discuss last night's football game, discuss why we lost. Discuss your dates. "Feel ill."
- 12:00 Take shower, take bath, wash hair, take shower, shave legs, take bath.
- 6:00 Sit around in robe doing nails and watching "Solid Gold."
- 7:00 Decide at last minute to put hair up. Decide to take hair down, put it back up, take it down, put it up, take it down.
- 7:15 Hear car door slam. Panic, scream at Dad, "Don't let him in yet."
- 7:25 Put on clothes. Get a run in your nylons. Consider climbing out window to avoid situation entirely.
- 7:28 Go downstairs. PRAY.
- 7:30 SMILE

(Below)-"Duded out" in the latest of GQ fashion, Lee admires his success in gaining the total look.



(Above)-"It is the East and Juliette is the sun?" Not quite Shakespeare, but these three Homecoming hopefuls try their luck at romance. Sophomore Lisa Tuccitto contemplates her choice of the young suitors.

Restaurants of finer cuisine can times cause more problems than a headache. Here Lee Garver finds choice of forks to be difficult.



(Left) Chris Adamson makes sure he goes unseen in Arthur Murray's. John Travolta he is not, but just wait till' Saturday night!

(Left)-Steve and his date Mary Villella round out their pre-dance activities with a perfect dinner for two at Omaha's Maxine's Restaurant.



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They're called addicts — Daytime soap operas watched by many for variety of reasons

Lori Rogers
Associate Editor

They've become a fashion within themselves. What are they? Soap operas. Yes, the daily daytime drama has resurfaced recently to enjoy incredible heights of popularity, especially with younger viewers. Everyone knows about the record number of viewers tuned in to **General Hospital** to see the marriage of Luke and Laura Spencer and how **All My Children** is slowly overtaking **GH** in the polls. It seems that everyone is "addicted" to his or her favorite soap. Of twenty-six Centralites recently polled as to their soap-watching habits, ten admitted to being addicted to one or more soaps, most often **GH** or **AMC**.

But a greater number were only moderate soap opera viewers: thirteen of those polled only watched one or two soaps on a less-than-regular basis. And six pollees said they never watch soaps. One might expect, in these days of "soap fever," that a much higher percentage of those polled would claim to be addicted to the soaps. The six non-viewers reasoned that soaps are "dumb," "too melodramatic," "too long and slow," "not worth the time," and too "time-consuming." Those who were only moderate viewers said they watch the soaps mostly to kill time when they are bored. "It's just like chewing gum, really," said Sabrina Curto, Central junior. "There's no real reason why you watch, you just kind of do it." Karen Nichols, a senior, added that she watches **Days of Our Lives**, just because my mother has always had it on."

Even the addicts have fairly low-key reasons for watching their favorite soaps. "It's a form of entertainment," said Tracy Bernstein, a junior. "It helps you to unwind." When asked what they might do if they missed a show or if a show that was important to the plot was aired during school time, most responded that they would look up what happened in the paper or ask someone who had seen it, though one addict said that she would bring a television to school and watch.

At a time when it would seem that soaps, though very popular, are looked down upon by most as actually mindless or stupid, one might think that addicts would hesitate to admit that they were addicted to them. But no addicts polled showed any sign of embarrassment. The general opinion seems to be that if you like soap operas, "they serve a purpose for you, and then they're not so dumb," said Angela Perkins, senior.

The incessant action, situation changes, and bizarre characters seemed to be the things that drew in most fans, though a few opted for "good writing. I couldn't watch a stupid soap where things happen that don't make any sense," decided Jenn Jackson, senior.

Obviously, the idea of an escape from the everyday routine of school or work is the major consideration, though everyone asked agreed that they do not really envy the soap operas characters their lives. "If all those things happened to me, I'd go crazy," said Carol Irey, a junior.

So what do soap operas really do for their fans? They simply help to fill a part of their leisure time and give dormant longings for adventure a safe, hour-long outlet. Like candy music, or other habits, the soaps fill a void in the daily lives of the people who watch them. "You can let soaps fill too much of your life, but that's up to you," said Ann Ostermiller, junior. "I don't think that it's good to get carried away."

Soap operas have filled this need for many years. Their recent upswing in popularity could be attributed to the current recession, but they will, says senior Lisa Larson, "always be around." "People always want to escape," agrees Christie Akin, senior. Though Christi does not watch soaps, she feels that soaps have always been popular, and they probably always will be."

So, if the general consensus of Central viewers is correct, the soap operas of today won't be searching for fans tomorrow. They will already have a new group of avid viewers, along with the middle-aged stalwarts who are the teenaged fans of today.

Stommes shines in 'Rhythms'

Rarely do performers have the chance to be part of a show which was fit around them instead of one into which they were fit. Central drama teacher Pegi Stommes had that unique opportunity when she was chosen to appear in the Omaha Community Playhouse's production of **Fascinating Rhythms**.

The "musical revue" combines over forty of George and Ira Gershwin's works for two and a half hours of both drama and humor. "I play the comic relief," Stommes said.

Director Charles Jones, choreographer Joanne Cady, musical director John Bennet, set designer James Othuse, and costume designer Denise Ervin created the "original show" and cast its parts. However, instead of putting together a script and choosing a cast to fit it, the trio "build the show around the people they picked," said Stommes.

Singers and dancers auditioned for the production in June. For her successful tryout, Stommes sang "City Lights," a song she called "just a little show-stopping number." On July 25, she and the thirty-five other "hand-picked" cast members began practicing the show, she said.

Combining the efforts of George and Ira Gershwin, thirty-six cast members, and many behind-the-scene workers with over three hundred costumes and what Stommes termed "spectacular" sets, **Fascinating Rhythms** played at the Community Playhouse from September 10 to October 10.

Stommes was not the only Central-affiliated member of the **Rhythms** cast. A 1982 graduate, Scott Rosenbaum, worked on the show's crew team, while alumna Lisa Clute performed onstage.

A veteran actress, Stommes has performed in six playhouse productions. Her role in "I Do, I Do," won her a Fonda-McGuire award, while a Cameo rewarded her efforts in "Philadelphia Story." Most recently, the Midtown Upstairs/Downstairs Dinner Theatre's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" provided her with a summertime role.

Stommes praised her experience with **Rhythms**, too. "I got to practice what I teach, to ply my craft," she said. "It's good for my student to see me on the stage. It lends credibility to what I teach."

PSAT results in award

Five Semifinalists honored for scores



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The five finalists "on display" from left to right: Jo Gibson, Krus Kurovsky, Berman, Carrie Burns, and Ken Dutch.

Five Centralites rank among the top 1.5 percent of the nation's high school students who took 1981 PSAT/NMSQT last October. Ken Dutch, Jo Gibson, Kris Kurovsky, Harry Berman, and Carrie Byrne will continue in the Merit Scholarship competition as Semifinalists. Only the 15,000 national Semifinalists, who were announced in a national news release last month, will receive further consideration for approximately 5,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Commended participants scored high but slightly below students in Nebraska who qualified as Merit Program Semifinalists. Letters of Commendation will be presented to Christine Akin, Terry Boylan, Charles Brice, Elisabeth Larson, Brian Olson, Maggie Rathouz, Lori Rogers, Dave Salzer, and Andrew Stover, who placed among the top five

percent of the participants in the eighth nation wide competition.

"To rank among the top 50,000 performers in a competition that includes one million participants is an outstanding achievement, deserving of public recognition," said a spokesman for National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "We sincerely hope the academically able young men and women who are commended in the Merit Program will diligently pursue their education opportunities and career development of their talents."

The PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal, mathematical reasoning abilities, important for college work. The test is co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

'Super Club' added

Campus Life starts year with program changes

Campus Life has kicked off its third year at Central with a new director, a new program, and new concepts.

Campus Life, a non-profit organization, is an affiliate of the national program Youth for Christ. Directors and students meet one night a week, Monday night at Central, to play games and discuss the problems that most high school students face, including drugs, sex, alcohol, dating, and friendships.

Chris Springer takes over as the new director at Central for Barry Brown who left to go to Bethel College in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Barry plans to go into the seminary and one day hopes to become a minister.

City-wide involvement encouraged

Campus Life will start implementing a new program this year in hopes of getting more students from all over the city involved. Meetings used to be held every Monday night at some student's house. Meetings will now be held at a student's house only once a month.

Once a month Campus Life will have a "Super Club" in which students from schools all over the city will converge at one designated site to play games, listen to musical groups and talk about the problems they face. Rick Roberts and the White Band was a guest at the October 7 "Super Club" at Lewis and Clark Junior High School.

A time for 'spiritual renewal and personal discussion'

Another two weeks of each month spent in small group meetings. A small group, consisting of eight to ten students will meet in the home of one of the members for a time of spiritual renewal and personal discussion. Campus Life plans to get students involved by bringing them into the small groups.

This year, as in the past, students leading a few meetings. Student leaders at Central are Tom Backer, Steve Diehl, Terri Nelle, Ann Ostermiller, Charles Stover, Cheryl Schlagenhauff and Nani Soares.



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8-1 record testifies to tennis team's recovery

With Central's football team having only limited success so far this season, one would look only as far as the Boys' tennis team to find a group of winners. Finishing the season with an 8-1 record, the net crew competes in the State tournament today, hoping to improve upon last year's mediocre performance. The team has steadily improved during Mr. Waterman's tenure as coach. Central had a 5-4 record two years ago, Waterman's first year. Last season the Eagles

To change his "sponsor" position to more of a "coaching" position, Waterman studied tennis coaching techniques over the summer. He hopes to incorporate some of his new knowledge next season in the form of drills and exercises.

"At this stage, I can only point out and correct little things, such as improper follow-through," he said.

The team is composed of twelve members, one being freshman Travis Feezell from Lewis and Clark. According to Waterman, Feezell had a case of the jitters in his first match but has rebounded to play consistent tennis.

Leadership on the squad is provided by seniors Tom Backer, Dave Foster and Bob Ptacek. "I'm going to hate losing them to graduation," Waterman said.

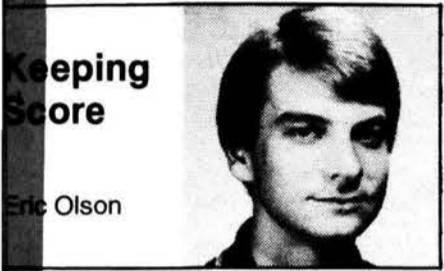
Fortunately, injuries have not beset the team. Although Foster has a back problem, he is still able to compete against tough competition.

Central met some of that tough competition, or what was thought to be tough competition on September 29 when they squared off against Millard South. The Eagles gave the Indians a shellacking, easily winning 8-1. Waterman thought the Millard South match would be the biggest obstacle at the end of the season. Obviously, the Indians proved to be no contest.

Waterman noted the good attendance at matches. He said that the more the team wins, more people come to watch. "There is good, quality tennis being played out there," he said.

The team has improved every week of the season going into the State Tournament, according to Waterman. He also mentioned that the squad has peaked at the right time, which is State and Metro time.

"Right now, our team is as tough as Chinese arithmetic," he said.



Keeping Score
Eric Olson

...eived a 6-3 standing and have topped performance this year.

Central's season started slowly, however, the team lost 2-7 to Burke. Junior Pete ...ey highlighted the match for the Eagles, ...nding defending State Champion Tony ...ger, 8-4.

Pete has improved since last year. He ...uld be real tough next year and should ...e seed at this year's State Tournament," ...erman said.

The Eagles have been very impressive ...e their match against Burke, outscoring ...e competition 54-9. Overall, the team has a ...e edge over all challengers.

Waterman, who also serves as head of the ...th Department, gives most of the credit to ...e players for their success. His role as ...ch has been limited to disciplining and ...ivating. In all, Waterman says that he acts ...ore of a sponsor than coach.

Coach: 'We'll place high in Metro'

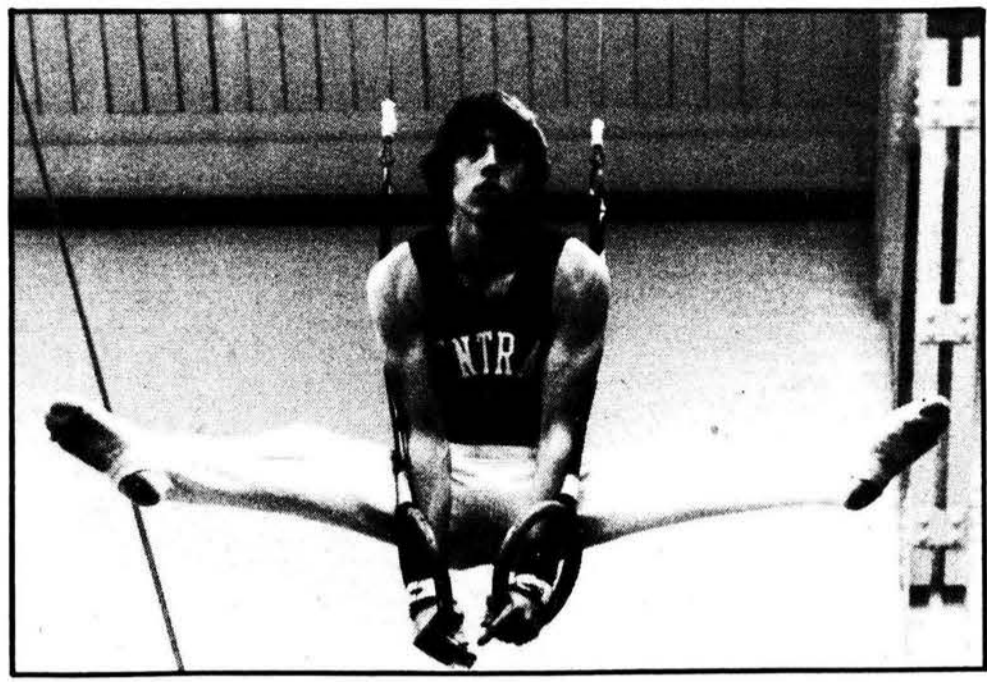


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Senior Steve Houlton displays deep concentration while executing a Straddle L in a meet against Bellevue East on September 28.

Mr. Kent Freisen, gymnastics coach, is very pleased with the performance of the boys' and girls' gymnastic teams in their previous dual meets.

The boys team soared on October 1 against Thomas Jefferson. The Eagles won by 13.00 points. Leading the squad was Senior Steve Houlton, who stole the show by winning every event. According to Freisen, Senior Kurt Pyle and Sophomore Clint Carero also gave excellent performances.

Freisen noted that not every meet has gone that well, though. In Central's season opener, the Eagles lost by a marginal 1.3 to Prep. Two weeks ago at Papillion, the team came in a disappointing fifth. Commenting on the Papillion meet, Freisen said the team

looked flat.

The girls' team defeated Bellevue East on September 28 by a score of 106-84. Freisen complimented Junior Jackie Slezac, who gave a "nice all-around." He also noted that she won four out of five events.

Assistant Coach Rick Matsunami said the team is strong on the floor exercise but weak on the uneven bars.

"We'll place high in Metro," Freisen predicted, "but we have a lot of improving to do to win it."

Before competing in Metro, the Eagles will perform in the Tom Hallstrom Invitational at Northwest on October 16. The Metro meets will be held at Millard North on October 23 for the girls and October 26 for the boys.

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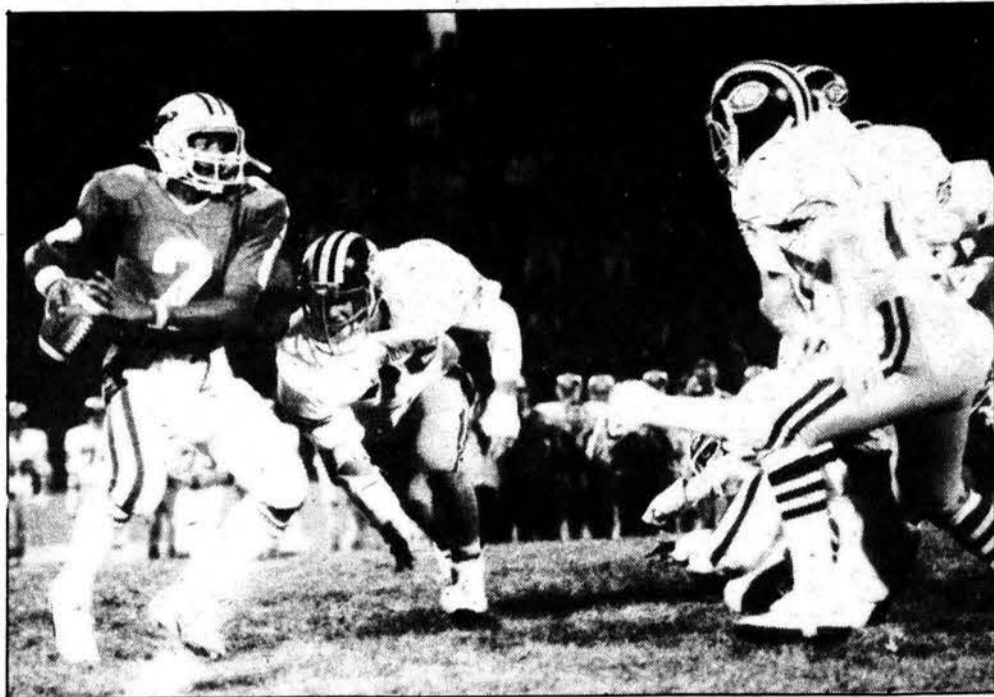


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Central quarterback Channing Bunch looks for a receiver as a wall of Prep defenders converge on him. The Eagles lost 14-13 to the Junior Jays in the game played September 24.

Central will be upset-minded in tonight's Homecoming game against Burke at UNO. The Eagles, 2-4, are coming off a 20-0 win against Roncalli, formerly rated sixth in Class B. In addition to that, Coach William Reed feels the clash against the Bulldogs has become a rivalry.

"Tonight's game will be our playoff game," Reed said, feeling that chances for a Central playoff berth are slim. "It is fairly well-known that we don't like Burke, and I think the feeling is mutual," he said.

On September 24 the Eagles dropped their 22nd consecutive game to Prep, losing 14-13. Reed said the season-long problem of bad breaks hindered the team, but noted that if several mistakes were eliminated, the team could have won.

Central scoring came on a 57-yard touchdown pass from Channing Bunch to Tom Stawniak in the first quarter and Tim Cook's four-yard run in the third quarter.

Central scored 23 points in a span of 2½ minutes on October 1 to defeat Tech in a downpour of rain. Jon Jones ran back a pass interception 42 yards for a touchdown to start the spree, capped by a 13-yard TD pass from Bunch to Stawniak.

The Eagles racked up 22 more points, making the final tally 45-14.

On October 8 the Central gridders

capitalized on three Roncalli turnovers to down the Crimson Pride 20-0.

Central drove 35 yards in the first quarter to score on a Bunch to Stawniak 1-yard pass. Later in the first half, the Eagles marched 89 yards to score. Highlighting the drive were runs of 27, 17, and 23 yards by Mark Sherman, Bunch, and Cook respectively. Central punched in to score on a 9-yard TD pass from Bunch to Randy Darrow. Central notched another touchdown in the third quarter, this time a 7-yard toss from Bunch to Stawniak.

The Eagle's recent success is attributed to the fact that virtually everyone on the team is healthy, according to Reed. At one point this season, 6 out of 16 starters were injured.

"Along with injuries, our team has not gotten any breaks," Reed said.

Another problem the Eagles have encountered this year is that of a winning attitude.

"Some players are putting personal goals ahead of team goals," team captain Tim Cook said.

"It's been a tough year on Coach Reed. We want to prove how good we are. We have the potential to beat Burke, and that would make Homecoming a lot better," he said.

State Tourney ends today

Tennis team emerges conference champs

In the midst of a dark fall sport season, the boys' tennis team has emerged as a bright spot. The team has had a very "gratifying" season. As icing on the cake, the Eagles have been able to conquer the throne as conference champions.

The rise to Eagle superiority started rather slowly as Central lost to top ranked Burke in their first match of the season. The Bulldogs defeated the Eagles 7-2.

After the first loss, there was nothing stopping the Eagles as they shut out both South High and Bellevue East in their second and third matches respectively.

Next stop was Gross, whom Central easily defeated 8-1. "I am really happy how the team is developing thus far," tennis coach John Waterman said.

Prep, one of Central's old nemesises was not able to beat the Eagles as they went on to win 6-3. "I was very pleased with the Prep win," Waterman said, "it shows our potential against a highly ranked team."

Tech and Roncalli were also forced to accept defeat against a superior force of Eagles. Central's wins were identical in both matches, 7-2.

As tension mounted for Central in the running for a highly ranked position, the Eagle boys faced Millard South in their last contest of the season. Central defeated Millard 8-1 and expected a second place in the conference after Burke.

Fate would not have it that way though, as Prep upset Burke on the same day as Central beat Millard. Central emerged as the winner of their conference.

Along with the outstanding team efforts, many outstanding individuals were noted. Junior Pete Tracey had an outstanding season. Tracey compiled a singles record of 8 wins and no losses. Of these wins, most notable was Tracey's win over Burke's Tony Reger, last year's State Champion. "That win really got me off to a great start this season," he said.

Another noted accomplishment was that of Freshman Travis Feezell. Feezell managed a record of 7-1 for the season.

"I really don't consider anyone particular to be outstanding. The whole team and all its players are outstanding.

"We have had a very fun season," Waterman said, "and winning makes it just that much better."

The success lies in the attitude of the boys, Waterman felt. "The team has a very good attitude about winning. And winning breeds confidence," he added.

Most notable is that the Eagles are at their very peak just in time for State, according to Waterman.

"With good pairings we will be able to finish at least fifth in State, maybe even third," he said.

Spikers lose 7; attitude blamed

The Central girls' volleyball team, 1-7, has been hit by a "disappointing" slump. After the lady Eagles defeated North High School in their season opener, things have gone downhill.

The girls' second stop of the season was at Marian. The Crusaders went on to win the game 2-0, as the Eagles really could not get anything going.

The third match against Millard South showed promise as the girls won the first set. In spite of the first set win, the Eagles were not able to rally an upset as Millard South went on to win the game 2-1.

In their fourth match against a top seeded Roncalli, the lady Eagles were not able to win, but they did show strength as they forced Roncalli to fight for their win. "It seems that we really give the good teams a hard time, but when it comes to the lesser rated teams, we lose our composure, concentration and end up losing the game," Junior

Karen Kalkowski said.

Ralston and Abraham Lincoln, the girls' and sixth opponents respectively, defeated the lady Eagles 2-0. In the match, Central hosted Bellevue East.

In the match, the girls were forced to accept defeat. The lady Eagles' last match before (Oct. 5) was against one of the best teams in the conference, Thomas Jefferson.

The girls beat the girls 2-0. In this slump, Coach Stan Standifer views it as a lack of skill in the girls. Contrary, "The girls have a lot of talent ability," Standifer said.

"Where I see fault," Standifer said, "is the team's attitude. To win games one needs a winning attitude," he added.

If the girls can work on their attitude, Standifer said they can do very well. "We basically a good team, but we just don't have the edge we need to win," he said.

The key to the team's problem lies with the girls themselves," he concluded.

Sports Shorts

JV Football

Coaches Gary Kubik and George Grillo couldn't be happier with their JV football team. "Our purpose is to improve each week, and we have," Kubik said. With that, the JV Eagles upped their season record to 3-2.

Five fumbles and three interceptions hindered the team on September 16, though, as the Eagles fell to Gross 25-6. Kubik attributed the loss to "a lack of mental discipline" during the game, citing the Eagles' 120 yards in penalties.

The JV needed a boost September 23 against Prep and got it. Central shut out the Junior Jays 18-0.

"The whole defensive team really pulled together. All-around, the team played an excellent game," Kubik said.

Kubik complimented safety Kevin Marks' performance in the game. Marks intercepted two Prep passes, running one back 70 yards to the Jays' 20-yard line, setting up Central's third touchdown. Later in the game, Marks picked off a pass on the Central 10-yard line to preserve the win. Kubik also noted the play of Kenny Ross, who ran 80 yards for a Central TD.

On September 30 against Tech, the team showed an outstanding display of offensive talent, according to Kubik.

The team rushed for 200 yards and threw for 97 in Central's 33-0 win. Kubik said the team displayed a good team effort, pointing out that there were no individual standouts.

The JV squad plays its final game of the season on October 21 against Bellevue West at Bergquist Stadium.

Reserve Football

A record of 3-0 in the midst of a dismal fall season for Central sports is something to smile about. The untainted record belongs to

the Reserve football team. After their season opener win, they have added two more victories as Gross and Prep fell to the Eagles scores of 18-0 and 28-0 respectively.

"Talent-wise we are a lot better anybody else," Coach Mark Allner said.

He noted, however, that they have made a lot of mistakes and lack essentials such as intensity and maturity. Potentially, the Eagles could beat all their opponents, according to Allner.

With only three games under their belt, the fledgling Eagles might be considered relatively untested, but Allner noted that factor didn't bother the team. He also added that the varsity's hard-luck season has bothered their performance, and they support the varsity.

"Players on the team don't get down on each other. It's a decent thing to see," Allner said.

Players such as Bernard Jackson, who keeps "gobbling" up the yards, according to Allner, Claude Hays, Art Thyruis and Joe Siebler have all contributed to the team.

"We have 30 solid players," Allner said.

Cross Country

Central's cross country teams ran well in two invitationals held Friday, October 3.

Finishing a strong second place, the team revealed its strength and stamina in the UNO Invitational. Top finishers for the Eagles were Junior Andrea Tkach (13th) and Junior Karina Lathrum (13) and Jodi B. (22nd). According to Mr. David James, cross country coach, three girls were injured and could not finish the race; however, James noted that all of the girls gave strong performances.

The boys' team tied for fifth place Westside in the Roncalli Invitational. Medalists for the team were varsity runner Steve White (3rd) and Gerdine White (14th). Recognition was given to Eric and Rich Culver.

Athletes to form O-Club this month

Central athletes will unite this month to form the 1982-83 O-Club.

The O-Club, sponsored by Mr. George Grillo, social studies teacher, is a club designed to show the coaches' appreciation for the athletes' participation in sports.

Club events planned for the year include pizza parties, a breakfast, and the annual banquet in the spring.

The only requirements to join are involvement in a sport and the purchase of an annual ticket. "Our only goal is to have a good time," Mr. Grillo said.

Calendar

Varsity Football Central faces highly touted Burke tonight in this year's Homecoming game at UNO. **October 22**, the Eagles travel to Millard South to face the pesky Indians. Central ends the season on **October 28** against T.J. at Bergquist Stadium. All games start at 7:30 p.m.



photo by Dan Kuhns

Senior Bob Ptacek makes a return in a match against Gross.