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## Fall musical to entertain audiences tonight

Central's annual musical for 1982 will be **Guys and Dolls**, a comical production set in the early fifties. **Guys and Dolls** features a cast and orchestra of over 60 students singing, playing, acting, and dancing.

The plot deals with two love affairs. Nathan Detroit, a gambler played by Bob Trochsen has been engaged for years to waitress Adelaide, a night club singer and dancer portrayed by Lisa Kerekes. Sky Masterson, a big time gambler played by Tom Backer, and Sarah Brown, a social worker at the Avenue-Soul Mission portrayed by Jennifer Bakkerud, comprise the second couple.

Love, marriage, and gambling are the main influences in the story. Musically, the production contains over 20 songs including: 'Overture for the Tin Horse,' 'Luck Be a Lady (Striptease),' and 'Sit Down You're Rocking the House.'

**Guys and Dolls** will be playing tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Central High Auditorium.



photo by Brian Olson

"Guys and Dolls" cast works hard on this year's production. Pictured above from left to right: Jennifer Bakkerud, Tom Backer, John Bradley, Bob McMeen, and Lisa Kerekes.

### Musical expenses raise ticket prices.

Tickets for this show will be \$2.00 with a Student Activity Ticket; \$3.00 without a ticket. This price is up from last year's price.

One of the reasons for the increase in price is the cost of production. This year's production will cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, according to Mr. Bob McMeen, musical director and conductor for this show. Royalties for this show will be \$450 a night and script and score rental will be \$250, he said.

Mr. Larry Hausman, stage director, said he has been trying to keep costs down by shopping around for materials. Due to shortages, the sets this year will cost less than \$300. "My kids have worked hard," he said.

Another charge was the hiring of a choreographer for the show. Ms. Wendy Larson, principal dancer of the Omaha Ballet, is choreographer this year.

Mrs. Pegi Stommes, drama teacher and director for the show, is confident that they

will break even, citing that a musical seems to appeal to a wider range audience.

Mr. McMeen and Mrs. Stommes chose **Guys and Dolls** for several reasons. "It's one of my favorites," Mr. McMeen said. It's well written, has good music, and a large cast, he explained. "I think it will sell well to both young and adult audiences," he said. **Guys and Dolls** is both fun and delightful, and it has been a really good script, Mrs. Stommes said.

Bob McMeen, senior, said, "I've been in almost every production at Central and I think it's going better than any of the others. I real-

ly like the people involved and the energy of the show," he said.

### 'Guys and Dolls' applauded by cast members.

"I love it!" Lisa Kerekes, senior, exclaimed. Lisa explained that **Guys and Dolls** has a nice flowing plot, that the songs fit perfectly with the script, and that the orchestra does a superb job with the songs.

Matt Ahrens, senior in the orchestra, said that while he was required to play in the show, he really likes it. "Basically the good

players had to play in the orchestra," he said. "Mr. McMeen is a versatile director to be able to direct both choral and instrumental."

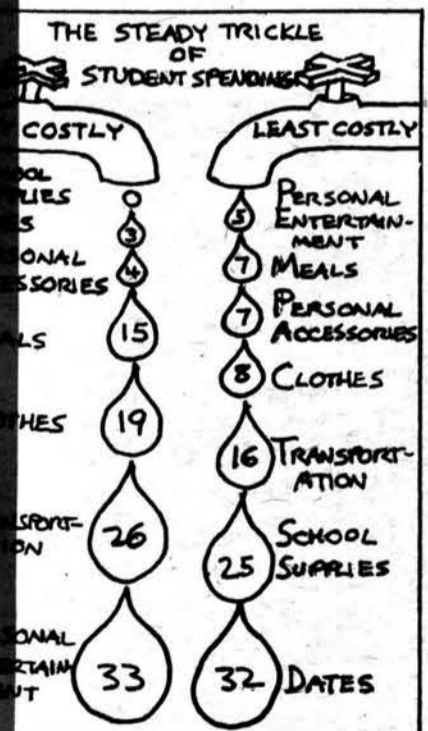
Participants in this year's musical have found that their nights have been occupied with rehearsals, often lasting as late as 9:00. "I don't get much sleep anymore," Lisa Kerekes said.

Mr. McMeen explained that because of frequent holidays, the crew has had to work overtime to do this show on time. "We've even moved ahead of schedule," Mr. McMeen exclaimed. I am really pleased with the whole show."

## Steady flow of students' money

# School activities' costs add to everyday expenses

Robinson Associate Editor



Just as miniscule drops of water, trickling from a neglected faucet, accumulate unnoticed into gallons, so do a few dollars spent every day collectively mean hundreds of dollars each year to Central students.

According to a recent Register poll of 210 sophomores, junior, and seniors, 30 percent spent between \$5 and \$15 each week. While amounting to little each day, their every-day expenses add up to between \$180 and \$540 each school year.

The 11 percent spent at least \$20 weekly rack up a total of over \$720 during the school season, while \$180 comes from those 9 percent of the students who pay less than \$5 for a week's expenses.

Actually, most of the money these students spend paid for Friday or Saturday's activities. Forty-four percent of those surveyed said those two days were the most expensive.

Accordingly, 69 picked personal entertainment as their most costly expense. School supplies ranked rather low on the list, with 25 percent listing them last.

To the rapid glance, this seems fitting, as spiral notebooks and #2 pencils are not a girl's best friend. School, though, means more than just these necessities.

Transportation to school is a constant expense. Senior Stacey Weirich spends "around \$8 to \$10" each week. MAT bus riders with student identification cards can expect to pay 40¢ on each trip, plus 5¢ for each transfer under a new MAT policy, company officials said. Without the \$2.50 card, issued at the school year's beginning, rides are 55¢ plus the transfer fee. For one week, at least \$5.60 leaves the student's pocket to

pay for bus transportation.

Other school necessities include the familiar notebooks, pencils, and of course, stylebooks of the school year. For these, students turn to Central's bookroom, managed by Mrs. Lu Schaaf, school treasurer. Not enough students patronize the school store, although supplies are less expensive there than in other stores, according to Mrs. Schaaf.

"We're not here to make money; we're here to serve," said the manager of the non-profit booth.

Still another expense for the school year are the basic fees paid by every student in August. Locker fees, which all 1500 Central students pay, SA tickets, PEP memberships, and O-Book sales, all optional, can mean anywhere from \$2 to \$13 dollars.

Classes, too, can mean expenses. For Mr. Al Roeder's Photography I Class, students pay \$6 per semester for use of the school's photographic supplies. Art students, according to senior Heather Gaherty, are asked to buy their own supplies, which can add up to as much as ten to twenty dollars each semester.

Required classes sometimes require fees, too. Gym class charges \$2.75 for towels and a locker, while all English teachers ask a nickel for each semester's theme folders.

If a student wishes to join a club, as 26 percent of those surveyed did, money as well as time is necessary. Outright dues, for 13 percent of the students, add up to \$10 or less. In clubs such as the chess, French, and Latin groups, costs beyond that are optional, the sponsors said.

Other school groups, though, require further spending. For reserve football players, a \$12 fee buys uniforms, but pads are extra, as are each player's shoes, Mr. Mark Allner, reserve football coach said. In another area, Ann Ostermiller, a member of Central's A Cappella, said that one pays from \$30 to \$40 for the required blazer and coordinating uniform of that group.

These costs, along with the steady trickling of obligatory expenses of the year, add up to an ocean of money for students. How can a student cope?

Work is the answer for 22 percent of the sampled students. "If I didn't have a job, I couldn't be economically independent," said senior Patty Burnes.

Fifty-three percent of the students with jobs worked 10 to 20 hours each week, while 34 percent worked less than 10 hours, the poll indicated. Predictably, 69 percent said they earned wages in the range of \$3 to \$3.99, the minimum wage range.

Parents are another source of money. "My parents pay for transportation, school supplies — anything related to school they pay for," said junior CeeCee Champagne.

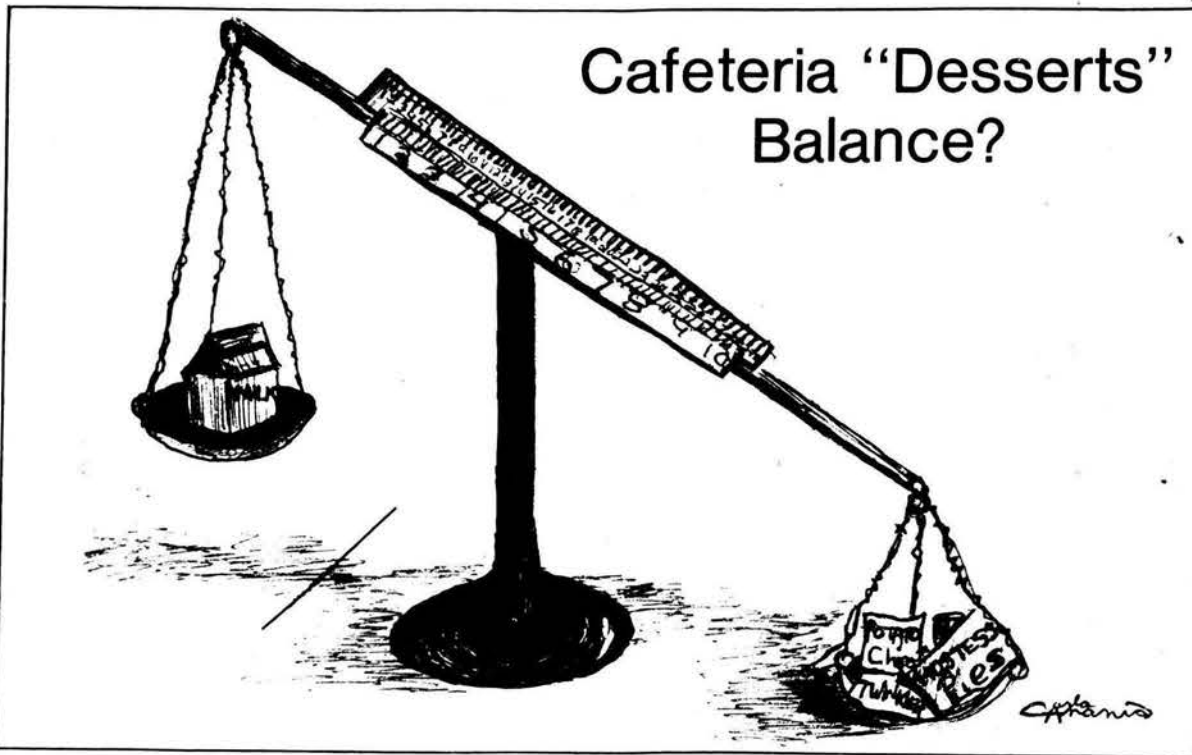
Forty-nine out of 210 students said they received an allowance of some sort. Twenty-eight percent, though, said their parents pay only for necessary items. The parents of still another 20 percent pay for any expenses the student requests.

Through these methods, students attempt to stop the steady flow of money from their pockets. Expenses, however, will never disappear.

Recently the "Register" asked 210 students to rank their expenses from most costly to least costly. Pictured above are the percentages of students ranking listed items at the top or the bottom of their lists.

# Students suffer from overexposure to junk food

## Cafeteria "Desserts" Balance?



In an age where physical fitness, nutrition, and good health are emphasized, it is dismaying to find such mounds of non-nutritious food evident in the Central High cafeteria.

Throughout grade school and junior high, the cafeteria stressed the importance of good eating habits by selling few items, especially in the dessert line. It was customary to have basic vegetable, and fruit selections, and a carton of milk.

### Editorial

The Central High Cafeteria is becoming more and more of a "server" of junk food. Now students have the opportunity to choose from drinks, a variety of chips, and an almost unlimited array of goodies. Although these items are not included in the regular fare, students are now making these items their main course.

It is obvious that by now high school students should be responsible for what they do or do not want to eat. It is also clear that while students continue to eat foods low in nutritional value, poor study habits, lack of attention in class and low moods may ensue.

### Complaints of 'hyper' students

Jane Lexau, cafeteria supervisor of the Central High Cafeteria, said that in the Omaha Public Schools junior high schools, the students are allowed to purchase only one dessert item with their meal. This is due to the fact that by now high school students should be responsible for what they do or do not want to eat. It is also clear that while students continue to eat foods low in nutritional value, poor study habits, lack of attention in class and low moods may ensue.

Mrs. Lexau said that Hostess, Dolly Madison, and Nabisco were put on the line because it became too expensive for cafeteria workers to bake pies, cookies and other desserts.

### Good nutrition essential

Perhaps a program such as the junior highs have should be entered into high school, also to put research papers that high school students of homework, jobs, and research on junk food that high school students find it essential that students realize how important good nutrition is to keeping healthy and getting things done.

All these items need not be omitted completely from the cafeteria menu, but perhaps if their role were down-played a bit Central could have fewer "junk food junkies."

### Dr. Moller 'pleased'

## Fund drive a big success

Central High School students and staff should be commended for a significant total increase over last year's school contribution to the United Way of the Midlands fund drive. The total contribution increased seven percent over Central's donation of last year.

### Editorial

Dr. Moller, CHS principal, said he was "extremely pleased and overwhelmed" at the increase and attributes the large donation to the United Way film. This was the first year a film was presented at the assembly. Dr. Moller had previewed the film earlier and said that he found it very well done. He said that it possibly made the difference for the drive.

Central is the Omaha Public high school with the largest increase over last year's donation. Central was invited to an honorary luncheon to recognize this fact. Dr. Moller and Mrs. Udoxie Barbee, CHS administrator, represented Central at the luncheon.

It's a losing game. . .

## Guys drop girls for video entertainment

It's 8:10, girls, do you know where your boyfriend is?

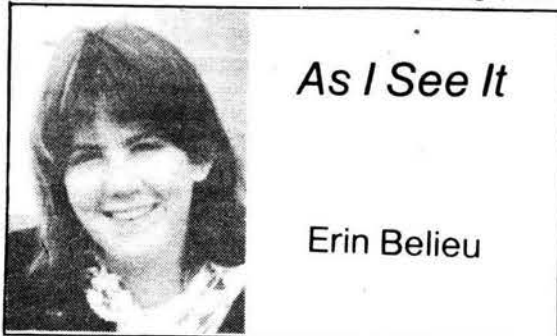
If he's anything like mine, your best bet would be to check Space City or Gizmo's. You know, those dark little galactic places, with the unearthly noise emanating from them. Any Saturday night you can find food-infested "game rooms," eyes plastered fixedly to TV-like screens, defending the world from the insane robots of "Robitron" and blowing up the savage, extra-

terrestrial voyagers in "Space Invaders," with one deft punch of their hand control. Occasionally, you'll see some poor girl sitting at the snack bar, shoulders slumped in defeat, drowning her sorrows in a Coke and wondering what the "Missile Command" machine has that she hasn't got. A sad picture indeed, but not nearly the saddest.

There is nothing more pitiful than to watch a once sturdy, strapping, young man go through "Video Game Withdrawal." Many cases can be observed on National holidays, during power outages, and any other time he's been dragged home for dinner. It's a sickening sight. Their hands twitching spastically, just itching for a knob to twist, a button to push or a flipper to flip, although thanks to the wonderful Atari conspiracy (yep, it's a conspiracy all right) you can now play video games in the luxury of your own home. And the management of many stores have conveniently placed electronic games inside the door where a teenage video-junkie can slip in a couple quick games while his mother shops. I even hear my church counsel is discussing the possibility of installing video games in the chapel hoping to boost service attendance.

Now I ask you, is no place sacred? Something's got to be done, girls. I refuse to spend one more Saturday night sitting at Space-City hoping for a real alien invasion to spice up the evening.

I say, "Women of the world, unite; we have nothing to lose but our boyfriends."



### As I See It

Erin Belieu

Occasionally, you'll see some poor girl sitting at



## Registered Opinions: Fundraisers: Annoying or understandable

With the enormous expense of club activities, many clubs are forced to resort to a means of coming up with the funds to finance such activities. Most of these fund raisers take place in the form of the solicitation of certain goods or services. Recently, some Central students commented on these fund raisers.



### Craig Chapman (senior)

If it's for a good cause, I think they should sell it. Most of the stuff is getting cut so they need money from somewhere. I think it's a good idea.



### Cece Champagne (junior)

I'm in student council and we need the money so we need to sell stuff. I think it's a good idea, but I wish they'd sell something besides M&M's though.



### Harold Adcock (sophomore)

I think that the selling is good for the cause, but I think that there is an overusage of the selling. There are too many people selling too much of the same things.

### Ron Ryan (junior)

I think that they're overcharging for their products. I think it's good to sell stuff to raise money, but sometimes they push too hard.

### Jeff Wageman (sophomore)

I don't really care. If I'm hungry I'll buy the M&M's. It doesn't really bother me.

### Dave Foster (senior)

I think they're a very good idea. They benefit many group functions throughout the school. They don't really bother me. I just see the people with M&M's and I approach them.

### Vanda Dalke (senior)

As a seller, I'm sick of selling. As a buyer, I'm not really bothered. I hate going around pushing stuff off on people. Sometimes I think that we could just pay for part of our activities ourselves.

**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.**

The Register staff would like to formally apologize for a mistake made in the last issue of the Central High Register.

In this issue, Mrs. Daryl Bayer, Central French teacher, was said to have taught at Marian High School part-time.

Although Mrs. Bayer did substitute at Marian for a very short while several years ago, she said that before she came to Central, she had spent most of her past 18 years teaching at the University of Nebraska/Omaha.

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## Cards revised

A new computer system currently being used in all OPS high schools may enable students and faculty to save time in transferring records or learning about their personal school history among other things.

The computer system is responsible for the new report card forms which Central students received on November 11 and 12. According to Dr. Jo Corey from the Data Center, the new report card will become a cumulative record of the student's grades, grade point average, credits attempted, credits earned, etc.

The new report card is just a small part of the advantages the computer offers. "The goal of this computer system is to create a permanent computerized history file on every high school student," said Mr. Al LaGreca, one of Central's vice-principals.

According to Mr. LaGreca, a student or faculty member will eventually be able to go to the Central office and request any demographic information, i.e. CAT test scores, grades and credits, and all pertinent history from other schools attended. This request can be fed into Central's computer that is hooked to the main Data Center's computer and will immediately show up on Central's computer screen.

Not only will the computer serve as a measuring device, but it will also keep earlier, more up-to-date records with less margin for error.

Central, being used as a pilot school, began working with this system two years ago. Other high schools have participated for only one year.

Mrs. Udoxie Barbee, another Central vice-principal, will be primarily in charge of the computer system at Central.



## Music 'n Fish

Kris Kurovsky



Mark Fritz

## Goozsches defined

### Relic from past

We, as you may know, were planning a really good column on fly fishing in the Great Northwest. However, we've both become so distraught over the abuse and neglect suffered by goozsches, that we decided to write about them instead.

A "goozsch" (often pronounced "goodge"), by the way, is something of a relic from the early seventies. He or she still listens to heavy metal music and clings to the fashions of an era when girls stopped wearing knee socks with skirts at the age of eight. The word itself was originally frat slang for any high school student. At first derisive, it is now used by the goozsches themselves.

How does one spot a goozsch? It's easy. Girls are especially easy to recognize. Maybe it's their hair. It's usually blond — whether it is or it isn't — and often arranged in those funny tube-like curls. Sometimes the tubes just hang on each side of the face, but, in more advanced cases, they cover the entire head. No one knows why they do this. They are also fond of eyeliner — excessively fond.

Males always have an endless supply of concert t-shirts. In winter, they wear plaid shirts over the "Black Sabbath Tour '83" t-shirts. You never see their ears. **Goozsches never wear chinos.**

Our opinion, based on our tireless research, is that goozsches actually came before goozsch music. The first ones listened to early heavy metal, such as Black Sabbath, Bachman-Turner Over Drive, and Led Zeppelin. Young goozsches took up guitars and Auditorium Rock was born.

Early goozsch musicians were all male, with long hair and three socks each. Southern goozsches sang of good times and alcohol; Midwestern goozsches sang of good times and drugs. Strange, mystical stuff was popular as well.

Recommended listening for curious non-goozsches: "Some Enchanted Evening" by Blue Oyster Cult, "Deepest Purple" by Deep Purple, "Aqua Lung" by Jethro Tull, and "Classic Performances of Ten Years After" by Ten Years After. The before mentioned bands show the classic goozsches style but unfortunately some bands popular with goozsches may be painful to listen to by non-goozsches. This list would include AC-DC, Triumph, Iron Maiden, Billy Squier, and the ever popular Van Halen.

## Donations high

United Community Services recently recognized Central High as having one of the largest increases in donations to this year's annual United Way Fund Drive.

"Students and faculty were very responsive to this year's drive," said Ms. Udoxie Barbee, Central administrator.

Centralites donated 74 percent more this year than they did last year. Altogether, students from Omaha Public Schools from all over the city donated about \$95,000.00 to the United Way, said officials at the OPS Systems Drive Office of Dr. Don Andrews.

Before the drive began, Central students had the chance to view a film promoting the United Way and its services at an all-school assembly. Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, said the movie was "an awfully good film" and was probably an aid to the dramatic increase over last year's contributions.

## Interview airs on Cox Cable

"For 23 minutes we discussed leadership; student's involvement in both positive and negative sides of it and what OPS is doing to encourage it," said senior Jo Gibson of her recent video taped interview on the cable educational channel.

Jo, Leslie George, principal of Benson, and George Caldwell, Supervisor of Social Studies, were all three interviewed by Ralph Bradley, director of the Omaha Public Schools information office, for the November 14th showing of the program - "Your Omaha Public Schools - The Better Place to Learn."

The show, said history teacher Jack Blanke, was based on "developing leadership in students in OPS."

Although Jo was not completely sure why she was chosen to do the show, Mr. Blanke said it was because of the city-wide OPS task force of which Jo is a member which aided in selecting her for the program.

The day before the November 11th taping, said Jo, she received a list of possible interview questions such as - What is leadership?

"I wish that I were more used to talking about abstract things with strangers under blazing lights, said Jo of her recent television debut. "Then, maybe, I could have said something interesting, or new, or just somehow worth hearing."



Friday, December 3: Wintertainment, All Day, Exhibition Hall

Saturday, December 4: Symphony Concert: Murray Perahia, 8 p.m. Orpheum  
"Oliver" 2 & 8 p.m., Music Hall

Sunday, December 5: "Oliver" 2 p.m., Music Hall  
"Messiah:" Voices of Omaha 2 & 4 p.m., Orpheum

Wednesday, December 8: Plasmatics 8 p.m., Music Hall

Friday, December 10: Omaha Symphony: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m., Orpheum

Saturday, December 11: Teen Challenge: Mike Warnke, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall  
Symphony: "Amahl and the Night Visitors" 8 p.m., Orpheum

Sunday, December 12: "Amahl and the Night Visitors" 2:30 p.m., Orpheum

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## Of Central importance



Members Jenny Danielson and Annalise Festerson mingle with others as they select their dinner at Roman banquet.

photo by Brian Olson

## Banquet 'a qualified success'

Togas were the mode at the third annual Junior Classical League's State Roman Banquet, held on November 15. The banquet was open to all students of Latin in the Omaha and Bellevue areas and had a turn-out of 135 students and teachers from eight high schools.

Loys Johnson, senior and Central JCL state president and chapter co-president, said that the banquet is mainly a way for the different chapters in the area to get to know each other in an informal setting. Impromptu skits and swimming after the banquet were

the highlights of the evening's festivities; the real competition between Latin chapters is yet to come.

"This lets the students get together before beginning state competition," said Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher and JCL sponsor. Miss Ryan was pleased with the amount of participants in the banquet. The banquet was begun by Bellevue, and last year was held at Central.

"I was pleased with the way people turned out for the banquet," said Loys, adding "I believe it was a qualified success."

## McMeen to conduct all-city chorus

For the first time in his life, Mr. Robert McMeen, director of Central's A capella choir, will conduct for Omaha's All-City Music Chorus. He will conduct the freshmen choir.

"I consider Mr. McMeen to be one of the best chorale teachers in OPS," music coordinator Richard Jorgensen said. Mr. Jorgensen and Miss Jean Stutt, elementary and junior high music coordinator, were both "instrumental" in Mr. McMeen's appointment. Their attention was drawn to him because, "we just think Mr. McMeen has high standards, along with an understanding of chorale history and the young voice," Miss Stutt said. Mr. Jorgensen and Miss Stutt were also impressed with Mr. McMeen's interpretation and feel for the pieces to be sung (which he helped select).

A few years ago, Mr. McMeen, who has taught at Central fifteen years, was asked to conduct an All-City swing choir. However, those in charge of the concert decided to drop it from the program that same year.

Though one out-of-town "guest director" has always been invited to conduct in the All-City Festival, for the last four years Omahans have conducted the ninth grade All-City

choir. "We like to use our own talent," Miss Stutt said. Mr. McMeen is glad they asked because, he said, "I'd like to work with some larger groups."

Not only will the group be larger, but it will be filled with singers who have more than a passing interest in music. According to Miss Stutt, the freshmen "must take ninth grade chorus at their junior high, learn the All-City music pieces, and display good citizenship." Also, chorus is not a required course in ninth grade so most of those who take it genuinely enjoy singing.

In order to give the All-City participants an idea of what their pieces should sound like, Central's A cappella Choir is recording the All-City selections.

Friday, February, Mr. McMeen will meet with all the ninth grade participants from 8:30-1:30. Mr. McMeen said he will reach a "general agreement" with the group on how the music will be sung, and together they will "get it cleaned up, polished, and make it musical." Saturday morning there will be a final rehearsal by everyone to perform in All-City and, at 7:30 Omaha's All-City Music Festival will commence.

## Federal scissors may have to cut breakfast program

Where can you get a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, succulent sausage, giant freshly baked cinnamon rolls, milk and orange juice? Surprise! It's the Central High School cafeteria.

Mrs. Jane Lexau, Central's cafeteria supervisor, said that many Central students don't realize that they can get an excellent breakfast every morning in the cafeteria for a reasonable price.

Recently an announcement in the Central's homeroom bulletin prompted more students to become involved in the breakfast program. The announcement explained that

free and reduced price lunch tickets apply to breakfast. Since the time the announcement was made, the number of students participating in the program doubled.

Mrs. Lexau explained that it is very important for students to take advantage of breakfast program or it may stop receiving special federal funding and may have to be discontinued.

Students may purchase the regular price breakfast for 45 cents or buy items a la carte. Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 8:10 in the cafeteria.

## Students tour area businesses

Twelve students from Central's business-education classes met at North High School to attend district-wide Management Workshops held November 9.

Participants Karen Anderson, Chris Akin, Lisa Benetz, Wendy Franklin, Andrea Kaplan, Ellen Osby, Linda Pallat, Curtis Perryman, Patrick Powers, Lisa Rice, Paula Rigatuso, and Lori Sender, were treated to a morning breakfast followed by a keynote address by Mr. Bernard Reznicek, General Manager of the Omaha Public Power District.

Students were later divided into groups to visit area businesses. There, they were taken on tour through the management department where they "shadowed" the management offices.

Mr. Stan Malszewski, head of the CHS counseling department, and Mrs. Wanda

Utecht, head of the CHS business department, selected the students on the basis of their leadership abilities and academic achievements. The purpose of the workshops was "to promote more of a working relationship between school and industry," said Mrs. Jeanie Pennington, Human Community Relations work coordinator.

## Finish line now in sight for track

Currently, Central's west campus muddy, bare field covered with nails, but this spring, it will be transformed into a meter, four-lane track.

Central has long been in need of a suitable running track for its athletes. According to Mr. Al LaGreca, Central assistant principal, past years have seen Central runners out on Dodge street getting in early conditioning because there was no track. Present work on the track is all part of renovation taking place on Central's campus this year.

### Weather delays work

Mr. LaGreca contacted the Borck contracting firm to do the general track construction work, and an out-of-town firm was hired to lay the astro-turf. All of the work has to be finished this fall, but weather problems have delayed the final day of work until this spring, 1983. This includes fencing the track, landscaping, new sidewalk, asphaltting, and laying the astro-turf.

### Track ready by spring

The nails in the track were used by contractor to level the surface of the field. The asphaltting; boards laid on the ground were used to show the low spots in the field which were then denoted by the nails. Contractors also ran water onto the field to see where depressions were formed.

"The architects really worked," said LaGreca. "I'm very happy with the job they did." Coach Joe McMenamin is hopeful the track will be ready for use this spring. Plans to hold dual track meets at Central in the future.

## Youth Symphony involves students

Omaha is one of the few cities in the country which can boast of a metropolitan youth symphony and philharmonic orchestra. Thirteen of the members comprising the Omaha Area Youth Symphony are Central students. Members of the youth symphony are: Carey Byrne, Kathy Fritz, Jon Lexau, Jennifer McKee, Andrew Stover, Sheila Monen, Maggie Rathouz, Sari Huusko, Jennifer Hazen, Susanne Vargo, and Arthur Kosowski.

### Younger musicians involved

The philharmonic is comprised of a younger group of musicians, including Central students Steve Berman, Natalie Brown, Heather Hammons, and Jacqueline Olmstead. Both groups practice at least once each week.

### Music director kept busy

"Tryouts are held during the spring and whenever there is an opening," said Mr. Larry Eckerling, music director and manager of OAYO. During the week Mr. Eckerling's time is spent with even another different orchestra, for he is also the assistant conductor of the Omaha Symphony.

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## Sandstone sign installed: Contributors' campaign ends as representatives add final letters

amidst winds of 40 miles per hour, a plunging temperature, and a flurry of flakes, the finishing touches were put on the sandstone sign.

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal; Mrs. Harry A. Koch, parent representative; Mrs. Glenn Burbridge, 1981-82 PEP Board President; Dale Festersen, PEP Publicity Chairperson; Dale Nielson, designer of the sign; and Wendy Weiner, Student Council President, gathered on the front lawn for the ceremony.

Mrs. Burbridge said, "This sign is more than a marker that will identify this institution. It marks the culmination of years of expectation of enhancement for Central." She expected that Central has always been a premier academic institution, and this sign is to make it even better. With this Mrs. Koch, Mr. Lincoln, and Wendy installed the final letters in the sandstone sign.

A question was asked as to the placement of the sign behind the historical marker. In any way it is situated the new sign is blocked from view from the street. Mr. Dale Nielson said that he didn't know the problem was as serious as it is. He said when the other sign is installed, this will be changed. Mr. Moller said if things go well it should be completed in the spring of next year to the west side of the school. Plans have been made to install plants, shrubs and lights around the

Mrs. Burbridge said, "This sign is the result of a project that actually started seven years ago." The PEP Committee of 1976 initiated this plan of renovation. She said this was the big push behind everything that has happened. Contributions by faculty, parents, students, and former alumni helped make the plan a reality. Each of these groups made donations to help pay for the sign.

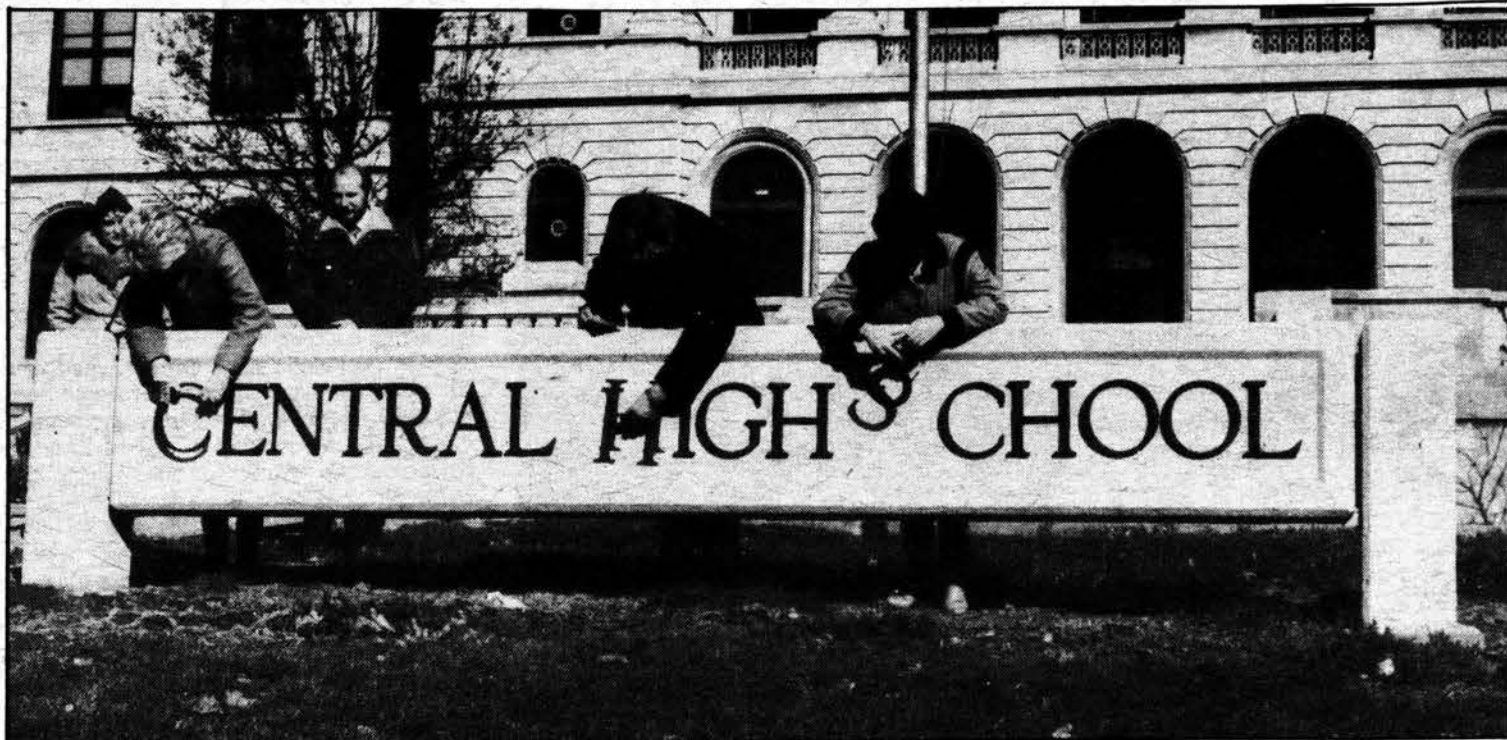


photo by Brian Olson

While former PEP Board President Mrs. Glenn Burbridge and sign erector Mr. Dale Nielson watch, Mrs. Harry Koch, Mr. Clyde Lincoln, and Wendy Weiner, representing contributors, complete the new Central Sign.

"The people chosen to place the final letters on the sign represent these groups," she said.

Mrs. Koch represented the parents' work and contributions in funding the sign. Mr. Lincoln represented the faculty; he headed up the drive to get donations from past and present teachers. Wendy represented the student council which gave a generous donation toward the construction of the sign. Mrs. Koch said, "I am proud to be involved in one

of the most effective parent groups in the city." She said Central has always turned out academically inclined people.

Mr. Lincoln said that the committee in 1976 was formed to preserve the history of Central. He said that he wishes to extend many thanks for all the work they did. Wendy concluded the ceremony by thanking everyone on behalf of the student body.

The PEP organization for the past seven years has been working on this project, and

the sign marks the conclusion of its efforts. Many people have put long hours into fundraising and helping with plans. The entire process of renovation has taken much work from everyone. Students and faculty have both had to put up with construction noise during school. PEP has helped in finishing some of the construction. This sign shows that achievements of all of these people. It is something that will remain with Central for years.

## Historic house Centralites' home

Central students Mary, Ellen, and Cathy are different from other students in that they have the rare opportunity to experience history firsthand. The Zinns live in a house that has been proclaimed an Omaha Land-

mark. Mr. Bill Zinn belongs to Landmark's Omaha club for those interested in

structures of historical value. There are several reasons by which a house may be considered a landmark. In the Zinn's case, their Colonial Revival styled home is so labeled because of its age (it was built in 1905), its historical structure, and architecturally significant design. The architect who built the house was John McDonald, who designed the Joslyn Art Museum, Joslyn Castle, and the original Omaha Community Playhouse at 40th and Davenport which has since been torn down.

The Zinns bought the house at 507 S. 38 Street in October of 1980 and moved in in June of 1981. The previous home owners were the Schaafs. Mrs. Schaaf had a passion for bright colors, according to Mary, who said her room was bright orange and the rest of the house was either orange or green.

The Schaafs were known for their elaborate Christmas decorations which eventually led to their home being locally dubbed "The Christmas House." Each year the house would receive newspaper publicity because of its decorations which brought many tourists to witness the spectacular sight. The house was also the scene of annual Christmas teas for some Central students given by 1957 graduate Lucy Schaaf.

The Christmas decorations came down regularly every year after the holiday season until the year Mr. Schaaf passed away. After this, the decorations remained up for the next four or five years until the Zinns bought the house and had them taken down.

Not only did the Christmas decorations have to come down, but the entire house had to be refurbished as well. The house, which contains no wallpaper, had to be entirely repainted and all carpeting had to be torn up so the floors could be refinished. In addition, all electrical wiring and plumbing needed to be redone. Prevalent throughout the house is mahogany woodwork. This includes the walls in the dining room, pillars in the living room, and banisters on the staircase.

Without the help of a decorator, the entire Zinn family worked to redo the house while still maintaining its original state. Because of the home's historic significance, there are certain restrictions placed on what improvements can be made. In essence, no significant changes can be made inside or out.

"The house which was originally taken on to be a longterm project, has turned into a learning experience for the whole family," said Mary.

## Debaters face transportation woes, 'hard work,' but season still 'fun'

Kris Kurovsky  
Reporter

"I am more pleased with the novices this year than I have been in a long time," said Mrs. Ellen Pritchard, Central's debate coach, of Central's current first year, or "novice" debate team. Their "dedicated and serious" attitude has already led to some fine performances.

Sophomores Stacey Kinnamon and Jane Kurtz took first place at a tournament sponsored by the Greater Omaha League of Debaters held at South High School on November 12. Sophomore Dan Mirvish competed against more advanced Junior Varsity teams in his first tournament of the season on November 6 at Mercy High School and won all his rounds. His J.V. partner, junior Larry Anderson, said of him, "Dan is a good debater, very good." Dan called the experience "valuable — despite the tough competition."

### Seniors 'disappointed'

In an otherwise disappointing season for the Varsity, senior Harry Berman distinguished himself in a recent Iowa City speech and debate tournament by taking second place in the extemporaneous speaking event, a current events competition. Harry and senior Stacey Weirich comprise the Varsity team.

The J.V. team, consisting of Larry and junior Rod Gainer has gotten off to a slow start, competing together only once. However, Larry said, "I expect to do well this year."

### Tournament means 'hard work'

Good tournament performance comes as a result of months of hard work. Each year a single resolution is debated for the entire season. Students write cases defending an aspect of the resolution. This year, they are arguing the pros and cons of "Resolved: That the United States should significantly curtail its arms sales to other countries."

In addition to writing a "case" detailing their reasons for supporting the resolution, debaters write a "plan" describing how this should be done. Then, they must gather, through hours of research, not only evidence supporting their plans and cases, but also

evidence against plans and cases that they may be called upon to argue in a "round," or debate in a tournament.

Tournaments have at least three rounds in which two teams, or pairs of debaters, argue a specific case and plan. One team is judged the winner of the round and all participants are given from one to thirty "speaker points" depending on their organization, evidence, delivery, and arguments. Tournament victories are determined both by the number of rounds won and the number of speaker points a team has earned.

### Transportation a problem

Besides preparing for tournaments, Central debaters must also worry about getting to them. Mrs. Pritchard said she is "tired of spending time" arranging transportation. An Omaha tournament is seldom a problem, because students are able to drive themselves and each other to the local high schools where the functions are held.

However, it is often advantageous to attend those held in nearby cities and towns. In these cases, the school must provide transportation. Since Central does not own and cannot afford to rent a van, students must drive their own or family's cars, and Central must pay for the gas. This is expensive and difficult to arrange.

Other team expenses include tournament fees of up to seven dollars and fifty cents per team entered and hiring judges at about forty dollars each. All schools that enter tournaments are expected to provide judges.

### High School debate differs

Those sophomores expecting to find high school debate exactly like that which they experienced in junior high soon find that it's not the same at all. Said sophomore Michelle Ebadi, "It's a lot different here."

In spite of the hard work, many students find that they enjoy participation in debate. "It's fun," said Larry of his work on the team. Sophomore Andrew Sullivan said that it was "exciting" even though it "requires hard work." Senior Paul Cunningham, a former Central debater, said, "Yes, it's worthwhile. Everyone should try it."

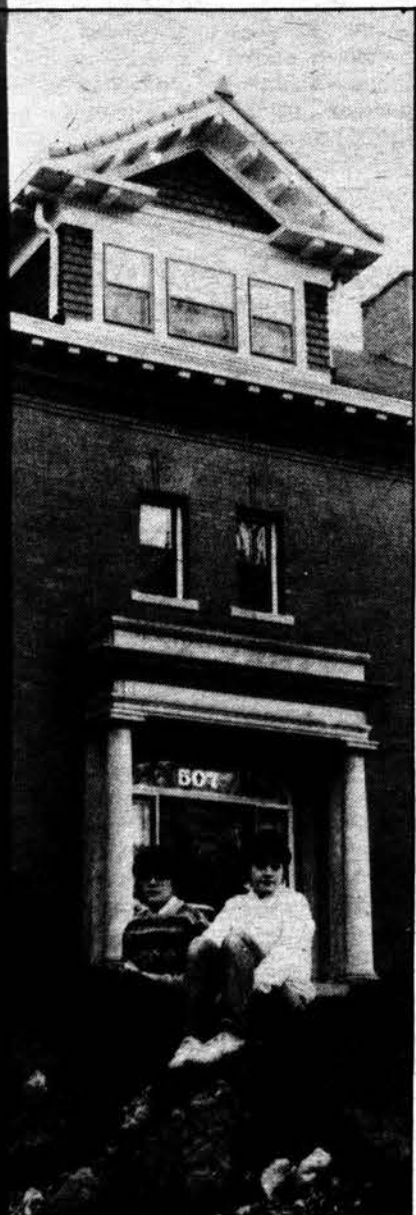


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Ellen and Mary Zinn consider the landmark house a "learning experience."

# CHS computer students take bite from Apples



photo by Brian Olson

Mr. Waterman oversees a computer room full of programmer hopefuls.

Central has a newly added facet in its math program that department head Mr. John Waterman describes as "fantastic": the Central computer room.

Located beside room 319, the new computer room boasts five Apple computers, including a mobile Apple that travels from room to room, and two PDP-11 computers which are a part of a multi-school hook-up with South High's computer system. Students in Computer Programming use the room to do problem solving related to math and programs for computer classes, usually one a week.

Mr. Waterman says that though this is the first year the computer room has been available, there have been computers at Central before, located in the back of his classroom. Mr. Waterman believes the new center is important because of the large number of colleges that now require computer use and programming skills. "People who cannot program a computer even on a basic level are going to be considered illiterate in the future," said Mr. Waterman, adding that "computers are used in almost every career field today."

The computer languages taught at Cen-

tral are basic, including Apple soft, for and Pascal, the most important languages recently. The math teachers involve teaching computer skills at Central and Paul Pennington, Mr. Lenny Widhalm, Mr. Waterman. Mr. Pennington is in his year of teaching computer classes and he had to take courses in programming the summer. "It's a challenge for me," he said, "because in college, I learned to be a teacher of math, not computers." Widhalm had already taken programming classes and before coming to Central to teach computer programming at Tech High.

The computer room is expected to expand to as many as fifteen Apple computers by next year, and Mr. Waterman hopes more students will take programming classes, but he does not want to see the room misused by students wishing to play games. "Our computer room is not a *Gizmo's*," he said. The students who use the room currently can program games into the machine but only with special permission.

AP courses in computer programming are hopefully to be started by next year and Mr. Waterman encourages all interested students to take advantage of the facilities at Central.

## OPS braces itself — State cuts aid; education included

Nebraska State Education Association President Joe Higgins hopes that with Bob Kerrey in the Governor's mansion, Nebraska teachers will finally have someone who will listen to their views, the *Omaha World Herald* reported shortly after the general election, Nov. 2, and with recent 2 percent state budget cuts, the NSEA may need more than a willing ear.

### 'Lack of communication with Thone'

Although the NSEA endorsed Republican Charles Thone for the governor's seat 4 years ago, a lack of communication available with the candidate throughout this year's campaign left the group endorsing Democratic Bob Kerrey for governor.

Higgins said that not only did teachers contribute a record high political contribution for the NSEA, but also donated much all-important time to "good, clean, hard work volunteerism" to the Bob Kerrey for Governor campaign.

To help brace themselves for the 2 percent budget cut in state aid to education, which the Legislature recently passed as part of its overall budget cuts, Omaha Public School District officials and school board

members recently okayed a \$565,000 cut in the local budget, the *Omaha World Herald* recently reported.

Although the summer school program, which was dropped last year due to budget cuts and scheduled to be revived this summer, will not be a program which will be hurt by the recent budget cuts, which was the original plan, school board members had said.

The state aid budget cuts would mean about a \$550,000 loss for OPS, calculated Dr. Jack Taylor, superintendent of OPS.

Reductions in areas from "paper to tires for school vehicles," as Dr. Taylor put it, to a \$130,000 reduction in new textbooks are areas which will suffer from the budget cuts, the *World Herald* reports.

### OPS to 'tighten their belts.'

While OPS is planning to tighten their belts in reaction to the planned reductions, Dr. Taylor said he wouldn't be surprised if there were additional cuts next spring.

"I'm not at all sure that this will be adequate for the year. This may not be the end," said Dr. Taylor according to the *World Herald*.

## Five new faces

# Election results in 'new people, new ideas'

Jo Gibson  
Associate Editor

"When you have new people, you'll always have new ideas." If OPS Board member-elect Mrs. Ann Wilhelmi's words prove true, the 1983-84 School Board should gain many new ideas from the five Omahans who will join the decision-making body in January.

Two of these five new faces defeated incumbent Board members in the recent elections. Mrs. Ann Mactier gained fifty-three percent of the Subdistrict One's vote to edge out incumbent Ms. June Blair. Former Board member Mr. Lawrence McVoy lost his Subdistrict Three seat to Ms. Brenda Warren, a well-endorsed newcomer.

In the race between two non-Board challengers, Mr. John Haller defeated Mr. I.C. Plaza to gain the Subdistrict Seven seat. Also newly-elected is Mrs. Barbara Dutiell, who ran unopposed in Subdistrict Eleven, while Mr. Frank Bogard retained his Subdistrict Nine position.

Although new to the school board, the members-elect are not new to involvement in Omaha. Mrs. Mactier, a "founding member" of the Greater Omaha Neighborhood Coalition, three-year president of Florence's Arts and Humanities Council, and "charter member" of the Metropolitan Arts Council, has "always been involved" in the area, she said.

Involvement for her has included a leadership role in high school. Mrs. Mactier, a

1940 Central graduate, served as editor-in-chief of the 1939-40 *Register*, while her future husband held the executive editorship.

"It was the most fun I ever had," she recalled.

During the past few years, Mrs. Mactier has worked on the Northern Teachers' Council and contributed to the *World Herald's* Public Pulse. One printed item of hers discussed bilingual education. "With the Spaulding system of (bilingual) teaching, you can teach anyone phonetics and reading in three months," Mrs. Mactier said.

Mrs. Mactier's goal in seeking the School Board position was "a really good education for all kids - for the smart and not-so-smart kids, for the rich and the poor." She hopes to accomplish this goal by stressing the basics of schooling, which include math, English, and history, she said.

The sixty-year-old community volunteer will not reject new programs, however. Mrs. Mactier said that computers are useful tools in some ways, but that OPS is not currently using them most advantageously.

Member-elect Mr. Haller feels strongly about methods used by OPS in a different area — integration. A retiree for the past nine and one-half years, Mr. Haller has "managed to get extremely involved" in the Omaha area, he said.

One change Mr. Haller plans to make during his Board membership is the adoption of a new integration plan. Calling the present federal plan of integration "a total failure," and citing "the general retrogression of

## Fund raisers benefit clubs

While teachers are objecting to the seemingly endless soliciting in their classes and janitors are complaining about the hundreds of candy remnants which carpet the hall each day, students continue selling merchandise, from M&Ms and Krunch bars to calendars and towels. And, according to club sponsors, students are presently bringing in more money for the benefit of their organizations than ever before.

Assistant Principal Mr. Al LaGreca, who coordinates club sales, said that he hopes the fund raising trend continues. "I'm a firm believer in clubs," he said. "It's healthy for the school."

Mr. LaGreca admits that raising money for clubs often turns out to be a disruptive business but that he reminds the entrepreneurs of a school rule which restricts the purchase of merchandise in the classroom.

In just the first quarter of the present school year, nearly fifteen co-curricular groups became involved with the promotion of a fund raiser of some kind. Most sponsors reported that attempts to increase club budgets were successful.

German club President Mark Jamison said he was "surprised by how much money was made from one bake sale." He said the \$56 will go toward an annual banquet in the spring. He hopes to raise additional funds for the several members who plan to travel to Germany next summer.

Junior Classical League Sponsor Miss

Rita Ryan said that all money which has previously been raised from bake sales is used to pay national club dues. She said she will use the profits from an upcoming turkey raffle to be used to purchase two gift certificates for needy families.

A Cappella President Dave Salzer said that selling calendars last month was almost mandatory to get out of the debt last year. Mr. Warren Ferrel, band director, said that school instruments will probably be bought with money made from chess and sausage sale. Drama Club President John Olsen said that students can look forward to getting their picture taken with an elf or Santa Claus himself sometime before a holiday break. "Tentively we're planning a trip to St. Louis to see a play or Goldenrod, the only existing show on the Mississippi," she said.

Math Club sponsor Mr. John Waterman said that the fifty-three percent profit from the sales of M&M's earlier this year chased an Apple computer for the department.

Student Council President Weiner said that they "always try to do something original" in order to raise money which will pay prom expenses in. Between bake sales, towels, buttons, stickers, and with student directories, sweatshirts arriving in the near future, the eventual three thousand dollar prom student council just "hopes to break even."

## Seniors honored

Three Central seniors have recently received either national, state-wide, or recognition of their outstanding achievements in writing, leadership, athletics. The students to be commended are Lori Rogers, a finalist in the National Council of Teachers of English Competition, Kris Olsen, a Century III Leadership Scholarship finalist, and Mychael Carter, the recipient of the third annual Wesley House Achievement Award.

Though Mychael was commended for his athletic ability, many other things were considered for his selection. Mr. Craig Sudduth, Education Coordinator at Central United Methodist Community Center (Wesley House), said that students are chosen on the basis of their community involvement as well as their academic and athletic achievements.

Lori Rogers was the only student in Omaha Public Schools chosen to receive National Council of Teachers of English Award.

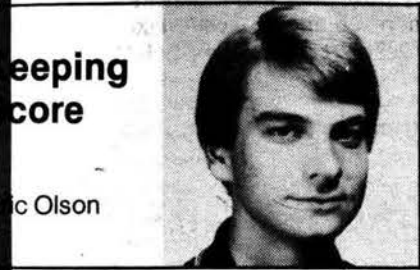
The students submitted a sample of their best prose along with an impromptu speech. The stories and themes were then evaluated by several teachers. Lori received a letter commending her as a finalist. Central will present Lori with a certificate of recognition sometime in the spring.

Kris Olsen was chosen to represent Central in the state finals of the Century III Leadership Scholarship competition. Two State Finalists will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and will fly to Williamsburg, Virginia, to represent Nebraska in the national finals in March. The national winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to the University of Virginia.

aches question N.S.A.A. rule

# Credit minimum too low?

With the recent news of former Houghton University basketball player Kevin not being able to read past the se-grade level, questions have arisen how he could go through 16 years of school and still not be able to read and write. Protection from such a tragedy happened to a Central student-athlete lies in a set of rules concerning athletic eligibility by the National Schools Activities Association. According to Mr. Richard Jones, Central Athletic Director, a student must have earned a certain number of credits in the past semester to compete in sports.



Mr. Jones feels the minimum of three credits is too low. An athlete can get around the eligibility rule by loading up on P.E. and weight-lifting courses, which are counted as credit at some Omaha Public High Schools. Those classes are counted as half credits at Central. Jones says that by raising the credit minimum, athletes will be forced to take more academic classes.

Tennis coach Mr. John Waterman agrees the minimum of three credits is "ridiculously low." He says the rule places too much emphasis on finding easy credits. Waterman suggested using an eligibility rule being discussed in Los Angeles. The rule requires a student to have a C-average to participate in athletics.

He said the Los Angeles rule is very fair and makes it so an athlete cannot take an advantage of "Mickey Mouse" classes. According to Waterman, schools in Los Angeles already use the system and enjoy the most success in sports.

Mr. Gary Kubik, wrestling coach, said the N.S.A.A. eligibility rule of three credits per semester is generally inadequate. He added, however, that the rule is understandable in Omaha because of the

wide-range of people in the school district. In addition to an athlete striving to meet eligibility requirements, one can stay eligible illegally by having his grades "fixed." This intolerable practice is carried out by a source pressuring a teacher to pass a failing athlete to keep him eligible.

Jones said this "unforgivable" practice is strictly forbidden by Central's administration. The A.D. went on to say that if any coach was caught trying to force a teacher to change a grade, it would be grounds for dismissal.

Several coaches, on the other hand, contend that athletics builds self-discipline, and cases like Ross' are isolated.

Kubik said only mature athletes will form self-discipline through sports. "Immature athletes use sports as a cop-out to 'not study,'" he said.

Waterman agrees with Kubik, in that sports do not create one's self-discipline. He used a quote that he attributed to Texas football coach Darryl Royal to bring home the point. "Athletics doesn't build character, it reveals it."

Cases of people not being able to function literally in society after high school graduation is not isolated to athletes alone. The problem affects the entire society and can be solved only by strict enforcement of established minimum credit requirement rules.

## Pennington returns to coach JV cagers

Central's basketball program adds a new addition to its coaching staff as it welcomes back Coach Paul Pennington.

Pennington, who also teaches mathematics at Central, has in previous years coached basketball and baseball teams all in the same year. After a break from coaching and more time at home, Pennington said his desire to coach was still there.

Tryouts for the JV squad fielded nearly 50 hopeful sophomores and juniors, according to Pennington. However, at the end of tryouts, the team was cut down to a more coachable number of 15.

"One of the hardest things in coaching is 'cutting.' You have to work in small numbers," Pennington said.

He also added that some extremely

## Reserves capture fall crown

TEAM	RECORD	WIN PERCENTAGE
Reserve Football	7-0	1.000
Girls Cross Country	1-0 (dual meets)	1.000
—METRO, 1st; Andrea Tkach, 1st		
—DISTRICTS, 1st; Andrea Tkach, 1st		
—STATE, 2nd; Andrea Tkach, 4th		
Boys Tennis	8-1	.889
—METRO, 2nd; Pete Tracey, 2nd		
—STATE, 5th		
Boys Gymnastics	4-2 (dual meets)	.666
—METRO, 3rd		
—STATE, 5th; Steve Houlton, 1st, All-around Champion		
JV Football	5-4	.556
Girls JV Volleyball	6-6	.500
Girls Gymnastics	2-2 (dual meets)	.500
Varsity Football	4-5	.444
Girls Golf	4-5	.444
Girls Varsity Volleyball	4-12	.250
Boys Cross Country	1-3 (dual meets)	.250
—DISTRICTS, 5th, Steve White, 6th		

Central's fall teams combined for a 47-39 record over the season to attain a .547 winning percentage. No Eagle team finished lower than third place in Metro tournaments or meets.

Highlighting the season was Andrea Tkach's 1st place finish in the Metro and District cross country meets and Steve Houlton's 1st place finish in the all-around competition at the state gymnastics meet.

The reserve football squad captured the fall sport team crown with a 7-0 record. The girls' cross country team finished 1-0 in dual meets, while the tennis team outdistanced other sports with an 8-1 mark.

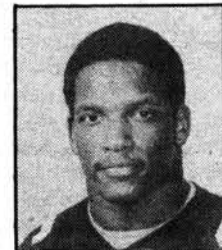
## O-Club to have pizza party

A pizza party to be held December 17 in the courtyard tops the O-Club's agenda for the winter season, according to Mr. George Grillo, O-Club sponsor.

The pizza party will follow Central's home wrestling match against Bellevue East at 4:00 p.m. Those people wishing to attend must sign up during the week prior to the party during lunch periods. The cost is \$1.50 and those attending must be O-Club members.

## TSN touts Station — top college gridder

Central graduate Larry Station was nationally recognized as one of the top freshmen in college football according to *The Sporting News*. In the November 15th issue, the Iowa linebacker appears with eleven other players from around the nation in an article entitled, "The Freshmen Have Class."



Station

In the article, Iowa coach Hayden Fry says, "When they name a freshman All-American team, Station should be the captain." He goes on to say, "When he puts a hit on someone, you can hear it all over the stadium."

Station points out in the story that he chose Iowa over Nebraska because of the opportunity to play right away for the Hawkeyes.

"At Nebraska, a player can get lost in the shuffle with redshirt years and things like that," he said.

Station, the team's leading tackler through eight games, said in the article that he didn't expect to do so well in his first year.

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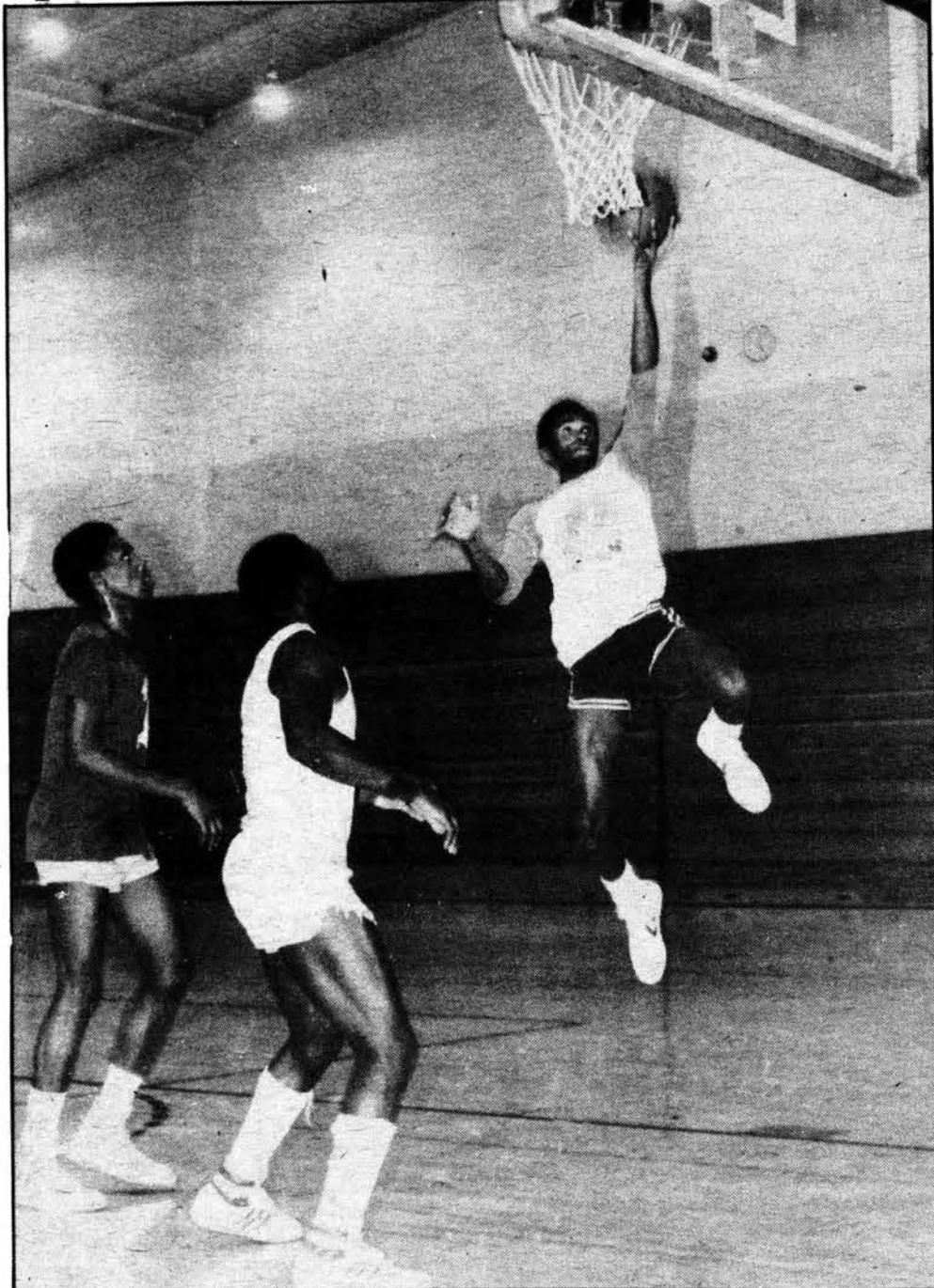


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Deon Alexander shoots a lay-up while Robert Johnson (left) and Sonny Jones look on. The Central basketball team has been working out since November 8 in preparation for tonight's game against Papillion (See story at right).

## Eagles face Papio in open

Six returning lettermen will lead the varsity cagers as they open their season at Papillion tonight at 8:00. Coach Jim Martin, vying for his 201st career win, will start work on improving last season's 8-9 record.

Martin said the team will be running a similar offense to the Monarchs. He discovered Papillion's offense was very effective in last year's Holiday Tournament. In fact, several other Metro coaches have attempted to duplicate Papillion's offense after seeing how the Monarchs fared in the tourney. Last year Central trimmed Papio, 47-45.

Senior David Stennis should lead the team this season, according to Martin. "He rebounds well and is an excellent shooter," Martin said.

Another possible valuable player is 5-11 guard Deon Alexander. A transfer from Waxahachie, Texas, Alexander was an All-State player in his class. Pending a decision on his eligibility, Alexander could emerge as a

leader on the court, according to Martin.

Martin believes shooting the perimeter and team speed will be strengths of the Eagles this season. Although he mentioned Stennis as a rebounder, Martin believes the team's overall on the boards. "We really don't have that overpowering player this year," he said.

To overcome the team's weakness, the Eagles will take advantage of their speed when the opportunity arises. "The break is a high percentage shot," Martin said.

"I'm more optimistic right now than last year at this time. We have more talent than last season, and the team shows good hustle," Martin said.

Among the Eagles' goals for the season is a stress for players to play to the best of their ability, whether the team wins or loses, Martin said.

"We want everyone to feel good about their contribution to the team," he said.

## Lady Eagles seek state championship

The Central girls varsity and junior varsity basketball teams look as if they have the ability to surpass last year's tough record.

Five girls will be returning to the varsity squad. According to Mr. Paul Semrad, girls' varsity coach, strengths of the team include their shooting and jumping abilities and their excellent height. "We should have better height than ever before," said Mr. Semrad.

He also stressed that leading scorer junior, Maurice Ivy and the team's seniors Deena Roach, JoJo Mayhue, and Becky Lane will supply the team with excellent leadership.

Mr. Semrad said, "My only concern is some inexperience. It's a pretty young team."

Starters for the lady Eagles are undetermined as yet. "If the competition is even,

whoever wants to work the hardest will start," he said.

Semrad went on to say the attitude of the team is very good. He noted that the team was ready for the season to begin.

The varsity's goals are to do well in Metro and in the Districts and then compete in state.

JV coach, Ms. Cheryl Brown, said prospects are Lashawn Rollins, sophomore, and Sonya Clark. The JV's may be better because of the possibility Michelle Houlton could sit out the season due to illness.

"As long as they improve, the purpose of the JV is accomplished," said Ms. Brown.

The Central varsity's ability has always been recognized by Metro coaches. The lady Eagles are seeded first in this year's Holiday Tournament.

## Gymnasts fare well in season finale

The Central gymnastics teams finished their seasons with great success at both the District and State meets, held the first and second weeks in November.

According to Mr. Kent Friesen, gymnastics coach, four out of five events at the girls' district meet were captured by junior Jackie Slezak, girls' team captain. "I was surprised, I only wanted to qualify for State," said Slezak about her impressive win. Sophomore Paula Szynskie also qualified for

State.

Although the boys' season was filled with nagging injuries, they were able to place in State. Friesen said the team's co-captain Steve Houlton and Kurt Pyle "displayed leadership through their performance." Steve did this by taking the individual all-around title, while Kurt collected four medals.

Next year looks to be promising for the teams with incoming sophomores and the return of injured Kris Houlton.

## Houlton wins all-around at state gymnastics meet

Senior Steve Houlton concluded his high school gymnastics career by winning the individual all-around competition at the State meet November 9 and 10.

Steve, co-captain of the boys' team, said his first priority going into the state meet was with the team. "I wanted the team to win,"

said Steve. After the first day of competition, Steve was in first place in the all-around. "During the second day my main concern was to hold my position," Steve said. "This was the best meet of my life and I knew before they told me that I had won."

## Swimmers hope to repeat '82 success

Although the girls' swimming team has no seniors, Coach Carol Gebhard feels confident of a successful season.

"We have many outstanding swimmers this year," Gebhard said. "This is a base-building year for the girls," she added.

Gebhard feels the whole team is very competitive and work well together.

"There is a definite spirit within the team, and (it) is one of the best yet," she said.

This year the team has a tough act to follow. Last season the swimmers finished second in their division and won the Council Bluffs Invitational.

Gebhard believes the team will have a difficult time repeating the feat but says this year's squad has more depth.

"I attribute the wins (last year) to many strong swimmers, but with more depth, we will be out to bring in more overall points in the dual meets," Gebhard said.

Gebhard said the team's strongest events will be freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly in descending order.

As the first meet approaches (December 7), the team practices mostly for strength and endurance. According to Gebhard, the season is divided into two parts, the first being strength and endurance.

"The second part is more of a specializing program as we get ready for our big meets in February," Gebhard said.

According to Gebhard, one of the problems facing the swimming team is keeping interest and enthusiasm up because of the long season.

Another problem facing the swimmers is the traditional transportation conflict to and from Norris Junior High School, where the team practices.

"If Central spends money on a football field, why can't they also pay for a pool," Gebhard said.

# 'Underdog' wrestlers eye Top 10 at season's finish

Being the underdog, although not always the most popular position, seems to be the attitude of this year's wrestling squad.

"We want to be the underdog. . . we want to hurt somebody," Coach Gary Kubik said.

This year's team returns seven lettermen including an outstanding nucleus of three previous state qualifiers, according to Kubik. They are Linnell Walker, Mike West, and Tom Stawniak. He added that each of the three has an outstanding attitude, in addition to an excellent chance at qualifying for the state meet this year.

Tryouts started with an initial group of forty-seven wrestlers vying for positions in their respective weight divisions. Then, according to talent or experience, the team was split up into Varsity and JV. However, the JV has continued to practice with the varsity, and they will attend several dual meets as well as two JV invitational meets.

Kubik described the practices as being divided into

three sections: lifting weights, running, and actual work on the mats. As the season wears on, the wrestlers will hopefully spend more time on the mats, according to Kubik.

"Our general goal for now is to be in the Top 10 in the state at the end of the season," Kubik said.

In addition to Coach Kubik, the wrestling program has been aided by the help of Coach Wes Dacus, a P.E. teacher at Lewis and Clark Jr. High.

"Coach Dacus is an outstanding coach and he really helps out a lot," Kubik said.

On a less fortunate note, however, this year's team will not have the likes of Pernell Gatson or Fred Harris.

"It's going to be tough to lose Pernell and Fred. Pernell was a good leader," Senior Tom Stawniak said.

Stawniak is a returning state qualifier and wrestles in the heavyweight division. He felt that he will get some considerable competition from Gross High standout, John Mc-

Cormick. Although he has had success in wrestling, Stawniak felt that he wouldn't continue in college.

"I'm gonna miss it (wrestling), but I've just got to go and do what's got to be done," Stawniak said.

According to another senior member, Tim Chamberlin, the team is composed of a lot of good wrestlers and hard work, the potential is there to have a winning season.

"It is possible that we have a better team this year than last year. There are a lot of good people, and we won't rely on one or two people solely," Chamberlin said.

Personally, Tim felt that his chances this year depend on how he does at the upcoming North Invitational December 2nd and 3rd.

Coach Kubik noted that Central will be hosting the district meet this year. It is scheduled for sometime in the second week of February (Febr. 7-11). He also added that several transfer students will be added to the roster in the second semester.

## Calendar

### Boys' Basketball

December 3 Papio at Papio, 8:00 p.m.

December 4 Bryan at Bryan, 8:00 p.m.

December 9 Benson at Burke, 8:00 p.m.

December 11 Lincoln East at Lincoln East, 8:00 p.m.

### Girls' Basketball

December 2 Benson at Central, 8:00 p.m.

December 7 Bryan at Bryan, 8:00 p.m.

December 9 Millard North at Millard North, 8:00 p.m.

December 14 Burke at Central, 8:00 p.m.

December 16 Tech at Central, 8:00 p.m.

### Wrestling

December 7 T.J. at T.J., 7:00 p.m.

December 14 Papio at Central, 4:00 p.m.

### Swimming

December 7 Prep/Marion at Norris, 4:00 p.m.

December 14 Bellevue East at Norris, 4:00 p.m.