

# Central High Register

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## Vandalism becomes nuisance, major problem for high schools

In the past few years vandalism has been on the rise, specifically among teenagers. Vandalism is a major problem especially in high schools. Many have been affected by this fast-growing disease. Mr. Meloy, human relations specialist for the district system, said, "Vandalism isn't as bad as it is on the east and west coasts." He believes that it is usually confined to minor damage or thefts. He believes that it's more of a nuisance than a major problem.

During the past months, Central has experienced some destruction. Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, feels that it (vandalism) is more than at other high schools. He said that the type of the harm is that which is done during the day like writing on walls and desks. He believes that the vandalism done by students is as effective in hurting the school.

With the new administration in OPS, policies have been changed somewhat. The Board of Education has a revised disciplinary code to deal with students found guilty of vandalism. It states that any student who willfully damages school property must pay the full repayment of damaged property or can be subject to suspension or expulsion.

### Courses teach personnel how to deal with vandals

Several programs have been instituted to help schools learn more about vandalism and how to cope. Mr. Clancy said, "A program was started by community counselors to talk to students on how to handle adolescent violence." Development brochures courses have been developed to teach personnel how to deal with vandals. Also, a copy of the 1976 Violence Committee of violence bill, was given to schools for the principals to familiarize themselves with.

Before understanding vandalism it is necessary to know about vandals. They are

often outcast from society because people do not really know what is wrong with them. Dr. James Fix, associate professor of medical psychology at the Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, said "Frustration and anger are the two key causes of vandalism. Often they (vandals) are people who have no friends or close relationships with anybody." A typical vandal is one who is frustrated and alone.

### Vandals classified into two groups

Generally vandals can be classified into two groups. First, there are healthy jokesters. These are people who do it as a joke, like senior pranks. They are ones who repent for whatever they have done. The second type, do it more seriously. These people merely want to destroy something. Serious problems drive them to do destruction.

Dr. Fix said that there is nothing that can be done to help vandals except maybe counseling. He said no one has yet discovered that magic drug to help cure this disease. Adolescents that come into NPI for help are mainly there due to medical disorders or family problems. "We get most cases where a teen just wants to get out of his house so he comes to us."

Vandalism is also a major task for the city. For some time Dodge street between 72nd and 82nd has been a jungle of broken glass and beer bottles. There have been gang fights where groups meet in a parking lot and end up creating havoc to a business. Some businesses have fought back by installing new alarms and closing early. The past couple of months, police have been patrolling the area to prevent a great amount of violence. It is thought that with the combined efforts of the Omaha Police Department and the businesses the violence in Omaha by vandals has been extinguished somewhat.



photo by Mark Fritz

Class officers show great enthusiasm for upcoming year.

## Senior class elects new officers; Stover assumes role immediately

Recently, Central High School's own political machine's wheels were turning. On November 30, the final elections for senior class officers were held. The primary, narrowing the candidates down, was held November 24. Officers elected were: President Andrew Stover, Vice President David Foster, Secretary Kylie Hofacre, Girls'/Boys' Sergeant-at-arms Melissa Hall and Steve Fauglid.

President Stover said in discussing his victory, "I feel I appeal to all types of people. I enjoy dealing with all the members of our class." His slogan, "This Bud's For You" which quickly became the most prominent tag phrase of his campaign, was "mainly to point up the fun this class is going to have."

President Stover would also like to bring back and uphold some traditions that he feels have become too relaxed in recent years. "I don't like to watch people walk on the 'C'. It's degrading. When I was a sophomore, they murdered people who walked on the 'C'."

President Stover feels the main duties of a class president are to organize school picnics, dances, and graduation.

He pointed out that the student government is "starting broke" but hopes that the sale of class t-shirts, which will be sold much earlier, will help pay for the class' social activities. President Stover urges members of the senior class to feel "free to give me ideas and input." Ideas needed for the upcoming class picnic include what kind of music to have, and where to have it. President Stover said, "We've considered having an all-day picnic and then, later that same night, a dance in the courtyard."

Stover is interested in more than just the social side of his duties. He would also like to stop the recent vandalism occurring at Central. He said, "I personally got hit with a milk carton from the courtyard window. I was displeased."

President Stover said summarily, "I want to be the peoples' President, not just cater to the few elite of the class."

### Seniors brainstorm ideas

## Central students solve future's problems in OPS 'probe'

Handling everyday problems sanely is the task of most high school students. Solving the problems of future generations, however, is the main concern of ten Centralites who will compete in the OPS-sponsored "Future Probe," according to Mr. Dan Daly, English teacher and the group's sponsor.

Seniors Chris Adamson, Terran Boylan, Ken Dutch, Tammy Coleman, and Steve Die-mont are five of the problem-solvers.

"It will be kind of fun trying to think of creative ways to solve problems," said Tammy.

Liz Faier, Mark Jamison, Chris Graverholt, Maggie Rathouz, and Jeff Zabin agreed. They constitute the rest of the group.

"Problems are a necessary part of life," said Chris, who plans to help find the

answers to them.

The "Probe" in which students will compete is a program designed "to tap the resources of talented people," while providing them with a beneficial experience as well, said Mr. Daly.

The "Future Probe" itself is a day-long competition held at Technical High School on May 12. There students from all interested

schools will assail problems about assigned topics. Before the actual meet, they will have a chance to research this topic, according to an OPS intercommunication from Miss Linda Wells, Lewis and Clark resource teacher and Gifted Education Department officer.

Building up to the May competition will be training sessions for participating students and for sponsors, Mr. Day said.

At these sessions dilemmas which may face future generations will be introduced. Problems with population control, food supplies, and transportation are likely subjects of discussion, the sponsoring English teacher said.

The process of solving the given problems "involves brainstorming and setting scenarios," Mr. Daly said.

Brainstorming for solution ideas is a challenging process, according to Ken Dutch, a problem-solver in eighth and ninth grades as well as in his senior year. "One major problem is staying serious. You can't limit yourself from being silly because a lot of the best ideas come from being silly, but it can get out of hand," Ken said.

In that event, Mr. Daly would probably exert a little force in his sponsoring role. Since his position is "pretty much advisory," he will not be an active part in the problem-solving. Although, at present, he is "as much a novice as any student," future coaches' meetings will detail his role, the creative solving process, and the "Probe" itself, he said.

At least two of the 1982-1983 problem-solvers are confident of the teams' ability. "The group is diverse," Mark Jamison, a participant, said. "I'll trust Mr. Daly's expertise in matching us — we can only go up if we're paired correctly."

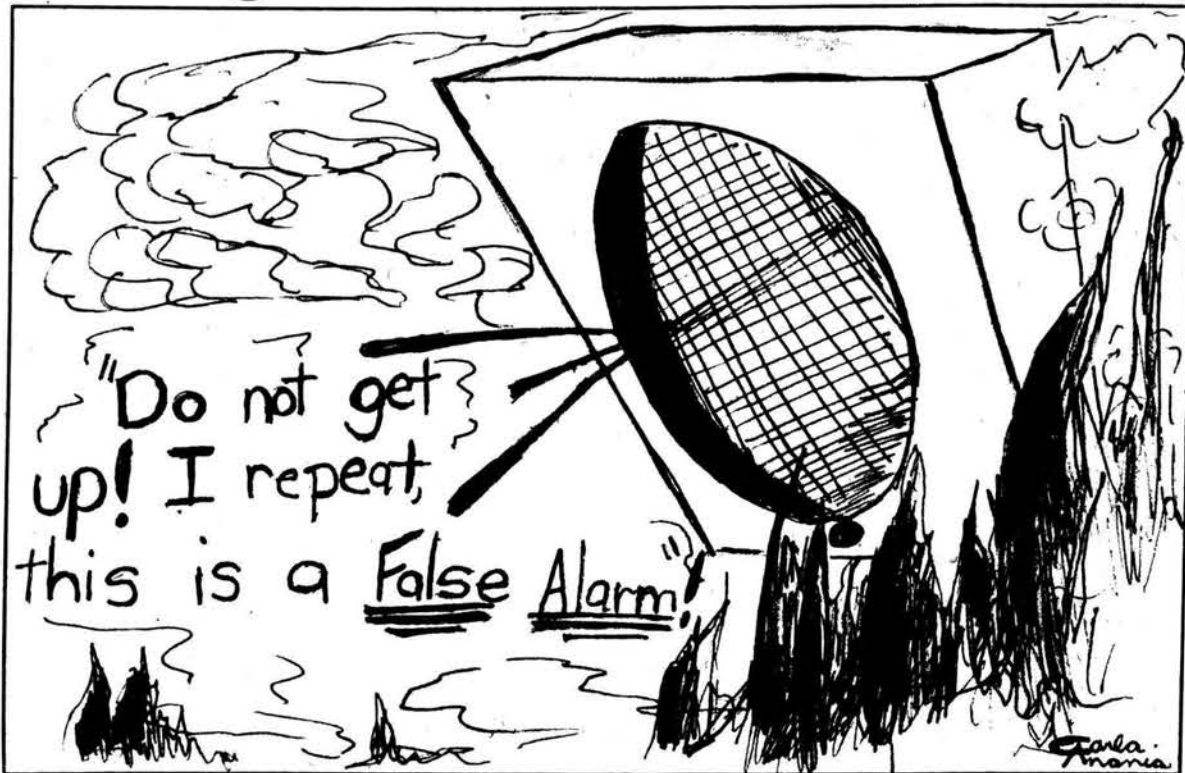
Tammy agreed. "Look at these names! With a team like that, we'll go far," she predicted.



photo by Mark Fritz

Future problem solvers, Chris Graverholt (left) and Maggie Rathouz (right), take a lesson from their sponsor, Mr. Dan Daly (center).

# Ambiguous fire alarm policy arouses contention



An unlikely situation: see editorial at right.

Central students have obviously become accustomed to ignoring alarms after being told so many times that the alarms were false. Us, when the alarm rings, students start, then continue with a lesson, etc. There seems to be much confusion as to whether or not the alarm is a fire. At either time, the administrators have announced over the intercom system to either ignore the alarm or get out of the building, but most teachers end up looking out into the hallway to try and find out what is going on.

The nonchalant attitude displayed by teachers and students is distressing. Jokes are often cracked about there being a fire, everyone ignoring it because of the lack of attention paid to the alarm. The probability of this occurring exists, however, and will continue to exist until an understanding of the observation of fire alarms is established.

## Editorial

Ever since grade school, there have been designated days when representatives from the city fire department come and check to see if students and staff get out of the building fast enough in response to alarms and know where to go. This is, of course, a good practice for teachers and sometimes students know ahead of time when the practice is to be held, thereby defeating the purpose of immediate response.

Mr. Richard Jones, Central High administrator, said the policy is to wait twenty seconds, and if the alarm is still ringing, students should leave. There are two types of alarms he said, one type which detects smoke and another which detects heat. There are also pull alarms in all rooms in case of a fire occurring during an experiment. Mr. Jones said that many of the alarms have gone off recently due to construction because dust has the same effect as smoke on the alarms.

## Complaints unjustified

# Student events abound

Extremely busy high school students have a tendency to be impatient towards those students who complain of "nothing to do" and boredom. This is understandable, especially because of the innumerable opportunities available to high school students.

A primary source for things to do to occupy time lies right within a high school. First of all, any high school, and specifically Central, has many opportunities for fun and involvement. It is true that there are some things for nearly everyone at Central. An endless array of clubs, dramatic productions, and service organizations wait for those who want to take advantage of these activities. Secondly, true involvement in a school or organization can lead to a commitment of time devoted to a wide variety of oriented activities which are rewarding.

A second source for out-of-school involvement is community colleges. It is surprising the number of interesting and diversified classes these schools offer. The thought of attending more classes after school work high school students do does not appeal to all, but the community colleges often have classes such as photography, language, and also activities at Central, it should be remembered that it is usually at all important whether or not a student has previously been involved in that activity.

Yet another well of the oil of involvement is the old standby, a part-time job. Although some students dread working, a part-time job can be a source of extreme gratification. If at all possible, it is a great experience to get a job, or even an apprenticeship in the career field which a student wishes to pursue.

It is positively exasperating to find students who complain of lack of opportunity for involvement. In the midst of homework and the pressure of tests, all students need a break of some type. This can easily be found in the large offering of activities at Central and in the surrounding communities.

# Frozen writer begs for assistance

Have you ever had one of those weeks where your locker's hinges break off, your car sinks into four feet of mud while parked on a gravel road, your boyfriend informs you he's leaving town the day before Christmas Prom, you fall asleep with gum in your mouth and have to get a "punk" haircut to repair the damage, you lose your contact on someone else's lunch tray in the cafeteria and, then, when you finally make it through a Friday night of going for two-out-of-three falls with your particularly "handy" date, you

being the majority in my family have decided to keep our home at a temperature suitable for most amphibians and lizards.) This is not good for a tender fragile creature such as myself. It's very hard to be a competent, organized person when most of your concentration is maintained on watching your fingernails turn blue and on shivering.

## Send Erin to Florida fund

So, anyway, I was complaining to the rest of the Register staff, and they've come up with this wonderful, wonderful idea! A way to keep me warm and happy and writing good columns. They're sending me to Florida! I couldn't believe the support and encouragement the rest of the staff was giving to me to take off for awhile!

Why, my editor-in-chief even said, "The sooner you go to Florida, the better!" Isn't that sweet? I mean they're practically pushing me out the door. What a swell bunch.

## Monetary donations accepted

Now, of course, I don't want to leave my dear readers out and I know you're all saying, "Hey, I want in on the action! How can I help send Erin to Florida?" Here's how you can help.

Put all monetary donations (that means money, folks) in a plain white envelope and stick it in my mailbox in room 315. If the mailbox is full, any member of the Register staff will be happy to take your money.

Remember, send donations to 'Send Erin to Florida,' and Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and aloha.



As I See It

Erin Belieu

drag yourself through the house, prepared to crank up your electric blanket, and become comatose for a good twelve hours, only to climb into your nice, warm, soft bed and find your cat has thrown up in it. Then, and only then, do you know that someone is out to get you.

## Heating by blowdryer?

I myself have just lived through a week such as this. I figure it has a lot to do with this Nebraska weather. Several nights this week I've been reduced to wrapping myself in my snuggly while piping extra heat in with a blowdryer (My parents and brother

## Registered Opinions

# Workers commend students

In every issue the Register picks a question or issue which is in some way related to the Central High student body. The Register picks representatives of the stu-

dent body to respond to that question. In view of the fact that construction and construction workers have become such a part of Central students' lives, the

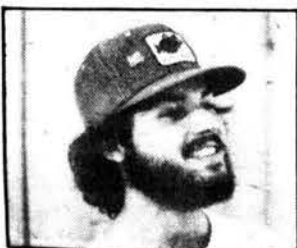
Register staff sought out several construction workers and gave them a chance to respond to a question about their impression of Central and Central high students.



Terry Hansen — They are all right.



Jerry Ling — They are better here than at other schools. They don't mark everything up that you already have done.



Don Stoffs — It looks like a good school. Better than my high school. The students seem a lot more grown up, like when they talk to each other.

Dean Rezac — Just fine. Courteous. They're staying out of the way real well.

Robert Garner — Polite students, they cause a lot less trouble than when I went here.

Gerald Harris — It's a fine school. The kids are alright as long as they stay out of the way.

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## Letter:

# Band praised

To the Central High Register:

In previous years the Central High Pep Band has been condemned for the unfairness shown to the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team over the Girls' team. Complaints were made that more school support was given to boys sports than to girls sports. Noticing this injustice several of the CHS Band officers motioned to support the Girls' Varsity Basketball team more heavily. This year the Pep Band will be required at at least two of the games. As a band officer, I see this advancement as a particularly praiseworthy attribute to our Pep Band. In the future, I hope to find a greater support of Central's women's sports as I feel they are a great asset to our School's program.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Rathouz

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# Actors unite to form group

AUDITIONS: the letters stand for "Actors Unifying Drama In Theater In Omaha Nebraska Schools." This organization of drama students in the Omaha area is a new facet of dramatic co-operation between high schools.

Mrs. Pegi Stommes, Central drama teacher, and Mr. Gordon Krentz, Northwest drama teacher, began the program to "help promote drama in the high schools," by attracting students to the productions of different schools than their own.

"The first meeting was really just an ice-breaker," said Carol Irey, Central junior. The members simply met each other and learned a little about the drama techniques and ideas in other schools. The last meeting, held on November 21, featured a workshop by Mr. Matthew Kamprath, a student at UNO. AUDITIONS group has met twice at the Juke Box in Irvington, with drama activists from schools including Benson, Northwest, and Central participating in impromptu skits.

Kris Olsen, Central senior, said that "anybody is welcome to join, not just drama students."

# Central joins Honor music

Various Central students from A Cappella Choir, band, and orchestra will be auditioning for the 1983 Hastings Honor Choir, Honor Band, and Honor Chamber Orchestra on December 11 at Papillion High School.

According to Mr. Robert McMeen, A Cappella director, auditions involve a prepared solo and sight reading. The choir will be composed of 84 members and will be directed by Dr. Lynn Whitten from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

The 75 member wind ensemble will be conducted by Donald L. Corbett of Wichita State University. The Honor Chamber Orchestra, to be composed of 24 strings, will be directed by guest conductor Thomas Lewis of the Sioux City symphony.

Selected students from Central's band will also have an opportunity to perform in the UNO Honor Band. According to Mr. Ferrel, his band is mainly composed of Omaha area High School students.

Students wishing to participate must submit an application with a recommendation from their high school director. Later on, auditions for chair order are held. Rehearsals and performances will be on February 25 and 26.

# Many acts to be judged

Students have begun well in advance to rehearse, create, and invent as the week of auditions for the Central High Road Show approaches.

Mr. Warren Ferrell, Central instrumental music director, is in charge of the Road Show auditions for this year, and together with "a diverse group of faculty and students (the student Road Show managers)," will judge nearly 100 acts for the approximately twenty available places on the Road Show bill. Mr. Robert McMeen, Central vocal music director, and Mrs. Pegi Stommes, Central Drama director, will help with the judging, especially in the song and dance auditions.

Though certain of the fine arts programs such as A Cappella choir, stage band, and orchestra have accustomed places in the Road Show, the remainder of the acts audition after school to be accepted. "We have always had an incredible variety," said Mr. Ferrell, adding that the only criteria for auditioning be "positive, well-rehearsed entertainment." The auditions, usually taking place during the first week after Christmas vacation, last three to four nights, with certain days for dancing, singing, and acting.

The circular will alert students wishing to try out for Road Show of audition times.



Photo by Karen Nichols

Gene Huey makes his move against Roy Wright.

## Chess team wins Mid-American

# Metro and State chances bright

The Central High Chess team has had a very good start according to Mr. Kevin Throne, coach of the team. Central, in its first two matches, beat both Boys Town and South High.

The win over South, Mr. Throne regarded as a valuable one. "This is the first time in five years we have beat South," Mr. Throne said.

Along with the "good" start Central captured first place in the Mid-America Scholastic Tournament. Mr. Throne felt that the win was very valuable to the team's further success this season. The tournament is state wide and that gives a clear indication of the team's strength, Mr. Throne felt.

In the Mid-America Scholastic Tournament, Central captured five out of the possible six trophies. Central's winners were Ty Soares (first place overall), Tim Hughes (second place), Mike Wassem (1st place under


1500), Roy Wright (first place under 1300), and Erik Rogers (first place unrated division).

Mr. Throne regards the team as a "very good" one. "We have an excellent chance to win both Metro and State," he added.

As for weaknesses, Mr. Throne felt the major weakness was the inexperience of the team. "It is a very young team with three players being sophomores," he said.

Along with the wins of this year's team, Mr. Throne felt good about Ryan McGill's success at UNL. Ryan is a freshman and Second Varsity at UNL. "It is the first time in five years a freshman has cracked the Varsity," Mr. Throne said.

After Metro and State, Mr. Throne looks forward to the National Chess Tournament in San Jose, California on April 29. "Our goal is to raise enough money to be able to go to the National Tournament," he concluded.




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# Holiday traditions vary world-wide

In almost every country in the world, sometime between the 5th of December and the 6th of January, strange traditions and odd customs are practiced to celebrate what most Americans call Christmas.

Some countries, or some religions, prepare for Christmas by what they call Advent. To these people, Christmas means the celebration of the birth of Christ, whom these people accept as their savior. Advent, then, refers to the time before that sacred day when the believers prepare for the coming of Christ.

In Gillian Cooke's **A Celebration of Christmas**, the four weeks of Advent are said to "symbolize the four comings of the Son of God: in the flesh; at the death of every man; and at the Day of Judgment. The fourth week is never completed, just as the glory of His coming will never end."

Besides the religious rituals practiced by certain people, there are many other customs, both religious and non-religious which take place in the winter months.

The sending of Christmas cards is a custom the result of Victorian enterprise, and with improved printing techniques, Christmas cards became even more popular.

One of the first Christmas cards, reports Alfred Carl Hottes in his **1001 Christmas Facts and Fancies**, was sent in 1845 by W.C. Dodson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters.

Gift-giving is also a Victorian Christmas revival, taken from the Romans, who once gave gifts in mid-winter. "Even in countries where Christmas customs of gift-giving are not indigenous," says Cooke, "thought and care are always as important as the gift itself." Or, as we Americans say it: "It's the thought that counts."

Of course, in most countries, some sort of red-robed and white-bearded figure is to be found "distributing gifts from a bottomless sack," Cooke says.

In Spain, the children receive gifts at the Christian holiday Epiphany from Three Kings.

In Italy, a witch on a broomstick is the gift-bearer, and in Russian, a grandmotherly figure called Babouschka delivers the presents.

Germany gave the United States their Kriss Kringle, who originated from the German angelic messenger from Jesus named Christkind, who gave the gifts.

To decorate a house, church or tree with red, white or green decorations has a most un-Christian history. This practice comes from an old pagan practice to decorate trees to symbolize life when all else was dead in mid-winter.

One source of the tradition of hanging Mistletoe comes from an old Scandinavian belief that if enemies met under the Mistletoe plant, they would put down their arms and form a truce. This probably led to the British custom of kissing under the plant, until all the berries were gone, at which time, the kissing would stop.

Senior Gail Hutchinson, who moved to the United States from Britain a few years ago, said Christmas in Britain is celebrated by a Christmas "feast," at lunchtime which includes turkey, Yorkshire pudding, custard, and "loads of vegetables."

After 1:30 in the afternoon, Gail said, it is a relatively new custom to watch the televised speech given by the queen, which is followed annually by the showing of "The Wizard of Oz."

Christmas food can range from the sublime to the ridiculous, to the gorgeously

exotic to the plain disgusting.

In England, plum pudding is the tradition while in France, Christmas just wouldn't be the same without the Noel Log, as Americans call it, which is a cake rolled up in frosting with decorations to simulate a Yule log.

To those of the Jewish persuasion, the period of the year when "the days begin to lengthen and the cold begins to strengthen," as Hottes puts it, is called the Festival of lights, or Dedication, named **Hanukkah** or **Chanukah**. This celebration lasts eight days during which candles are lit each night and gifts are exchanged.

Because the United States is a melting pot of all nations, customs here vary widely, and have come to rest within the family. However, whether a family intends to set out wooden shoes, or hang up acrylic stockings, the holiday spirit of "joy and goodwill," as Charles Dickens wrote, shall always occur during this most unique season.



Photo by John Gibson

Decked out in their holiday attire, two heads of the English department, Dan Daly and Bill Shakespeare, strike a festive pose. (above)

Senior Lumberjacks Bernie Tobin and Rex Schmadeke brave the Nebraska wilds in search of the perfect Christmas tree. (at right)



Photo by Brian Olson

## Season's Greetings

My little princess-May you marry a poor army man and have many little musheads. Love, The old man in the corridor Merry Christmas Jenny!

Let's hope for snow, mountains, and gorgeous ski instructors for the new year. Shel Steve B. have a good X-mas with Spike and family. R.S. S.A.W.-Thank you for your helpful line, let's not forget your paradigm. H.S.B. C. I'd like to stuff your stocking. Love, T. Paul, Someday we'll have a pink buffalo and all the brown and green Gorfians we want. I love you, Dawn. Merry Christmas Julie, Candy, Niffer, Angel. Love Vonda Brian W-Sorry for embarrassment I apologize. Chuggy Freddie, It's been fun being your sister let's do it again sometime. love, Mary To E.T. Olson-You're such a sweetheart but I wish you'd get your defroster fixed. Keith, Hope Santa brings you something warm for Christmas. From a concerned friend. merry X-mas Fritos Violins! Merry Christmas Melissa, Love Ya, -Doc- Merry Christmas Tammy & family Love Kevin A. Walden Merry X-mas Girls/Boys Golf Team- Mr. D. Steve Crosby, You are a handsome young man. L.B. Gina & Carla. Don't ride your bicycles down brick roads! Merry X-mas! Love ya, Linda Bob, Nancy, & Erin, We'll be back. Deena Happy Holidays from Lynn Bob P. & Joe R. are B-buddies Stupid-May your Xmas be smart C. Wright Guy, I hope to be friends always. Happy Holidays. M&M's Becky, you've been with me through it all. Have your best X-mas ever. Luv ya Laura Merry Xmas Jenni and Family! Love Doc

M&ZOLA PARTY at Paula and Cathy's for Xmas-all welcome Merry Christmas Car Pool! Love the blue pacer. Evan, Happy Holidays. hun! with love, Liz Dooner thank for being there T. B. Joe Turn your love around me Kylie, Merry Xmas Charlie pab J Butler, pro-race car driver beach bum, and chocolate lover You're always in my heart pab Larry, I wish you a Merry Christmas, with love always Jody X. Dave-Here's to our first Han nukkah together. Woo Liest, xmas won't be the same without you. Love Joe Phillip, Merry Christmas Love ya Cathy. Merry Christmas Mez and HUW from ALF Sinalco Bon Voyage A.Q. Many TexePical Merry Christmas Dan & John from two SUPERIOR women! Kris, Chris, Krissy, Jill, Susan, Mom, Carol, Jenny, Pookie, & Lisa-You guys are great! Thanks for being there-Amy M. Merry X-mas Sandy S. You're all I want for Christmas! Joe R. Ludwig lives! L.B. P&P #2 Thank for the years P&P Merry Christmas V., Krista, Renee, Ori, Ker, Laura, LeLe, Tam, Trac, and Franc Love Linny Cathy-You've meant a lot to me these past two years, even though I've never quite found the right words to express my thoughts. Your beauty is best represented by the beauty of two red roses. Merry Xmas & Happy New Year. Linny, Merry Xmas to my favorite Rah Rah! Luv ya Traci Remember Halloween? Ape Nous savons ce que vous dites de notre amitie! Du'une femme et d'une relative

Lady L. Merry Xmas Lady T. Tickle- Hey, baby; homeroom would not be the same without you Superwoman, Thanks for being a special part of my life & being there when I need you Mick.

## Visions of X-mas Prom dance in students' heads

With the holiday season quickly approaching, students' minds begin to turn from their studies to more engaging thoughts, specifically that of Christmas Prom.

Students from all over the metropolitan district will attend this annual event to be held in the Peony Park Ballroom. Wednesday, December 22, 1200-1400 area students will flock to Peony Park for an evening of dancing and entertainment.

Traditionally, girls ask the guys to the prom and even go so far as to pay for the entire evening. Jim Hronek, who is organizing the event at Peony, said that the whole idea of the girls asking the guys started just because it was something different from the norm of the guys asking the girls, like with homecoming and prom.

Mr. Hronek explained that because many area high schools will be getting out Tuesday instead of Friday, the evening will be held Wednesday night instead of Sunday or Monday night.

"Tight Fit," a mellow-loud rock band, will be the band for the evening, Mr. Hronek said.

Tickets for the 11th annual Christmas prom can be bought in advance for \$10 and at the door for \$11. The doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the dance will run from 9:00 to 12:00.

Christmas Prom started partly because it was something for students to do in the winter during a festive season," Mr Hronek said. "Many schools had a difficult time financing the event."

Students who are unable to attend the event need not despair for a similar dance may be held on Valentine's Day for the first time ever, Mr. Hronek said.



Photo by M...

Junior Shari Napora asks sophomore Tony McLean to make her Christmas Prom evening brighter.

## Fa la la la- quartets to carol

For the fourth year in a row, chorus students will be entertaining on road.

Central is supplying two quartets on special buses for Metro Area Transit. Robert McMeen, A Cappella director, "The program lasts for one hour, students board the buses in the morning start singing. He said it is an honor to bring it for the fourth time. Quartet members sing carols and seem to have a fun time

Inspired by the lack of Christmas decorations around Central grounds, Dean Rezac, superintendent of construction, and his fellow workers hoisted their contribution to the holiday scene upon a courtyard wire.

photo by Mark Fritz



## Music 'n Fish

Kris Kurovsky

Mark Fritz



## Columnists solve gift puzzle

Since we've been feeling rather guilty about our habit of wasting ten inches of perfectly good newsprint each issue, we thought we would try to make ourselves useful and do a column on gift ideas.

Last year, we gave fishing gear to all our friends and relatives. They loved it. This year, we plan to indulge our other interest and give everyone albums. If you're planning to do the same, consider our advice.

There is no need to restrict yourself to new releases. An old album shows more imagination, and the recipient is less likely to buy it him/herself.

Fans of esoteric (!) pop might enjoy another addition to their collection of the records of unheard-of bands. We recommend anything by the Modern Lovers, a pre-punk Boston-based pop band that sounds like a youthful cross between the Cars and the Talking Heads, both of which contain former Lovers.

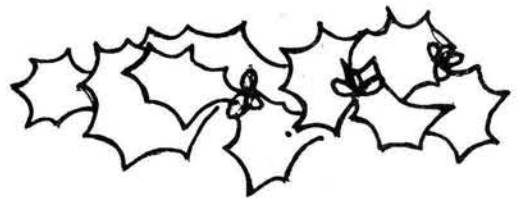
Jazz fans will appreciate the brilliant /

*Wanta Play For You* by the brilliant Stanley Clark. Goozsches — who like the old stuff anyway — will enjoy *The Twelve Dreams of Dr. Saradanicus*, a masterpiece of L.A. acid rock by Spirit.

Those trendy rockabilly fans tiring of the Stray Cats and the Blasters might enjoy something by the "original" English rockabilly-revival band: Ray Campi and the Rockabilly Rebels.

Recommended new releases (if you're the boring unimaginative sort) include *Silk Electric* by Diana Ross, *Oh, No! It's Devo* by Devo, *What Time Is It?* by Time, *Showtime* by the J. Geils Band, and, for goozsches, Led Zeppelin's *Coda*.

If, however, you really want to give a gift that keeps on giving, make a donation in someone's name to the Send Erin to Florida Fund. We'll all be glad you did!



## Inexpensive Indulgences

Are you cheap, but sensitive? Want to give the perfect holiday gift, but prices seem beyond your means? To help out, the Register staff has compiled the following list of gift ideas:

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- 5) Dental floss: let your conscience be your guide; regular 67¢, special mint flavor 83¢.

Don't like these ideas? Get a job and buy some real gifts.



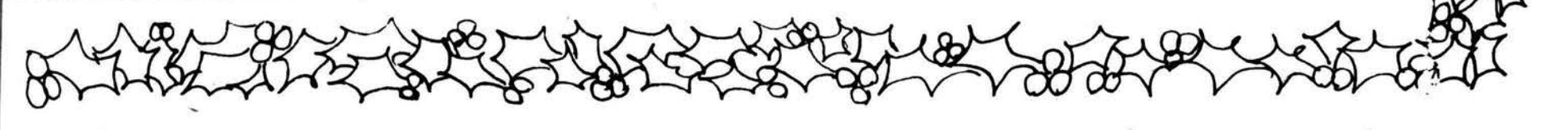
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Ken Dutch seen here surrounded by holiday scenes.

# Season's Greetings

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## Of Central importance



photo by Jackie Fritz

Speaker Susan Bartman of the National Park Service answers questions concerning geology on Career Day.

56 speakers participate:

## Career Day 'works'

Held during second and third periods on December 8, Career Day was deemed a success by both administrators and students. The event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Omaha, brought fifty-six speakers to Central to discuss with students a great range of career interests. Mr. Richard Jones, school administrator, agreed that the activity, scheduled to take place every other year, is

worthwhile. "It's for the kids' benefit," he said. "It's not an in-depth study, but if they become interested in a certain career, they'll know who to contact for future information."

Mrs. Udoxie Barbie, who has taken over the task of coordinating the program from Mr. Al LaGreca, said that a few career topics were added this year for the sake of modern career opportunities including cable TV and computers.

## Math team calculates victories

Central High math team members Ken Dutch, Ted Boylan, Chris Graverholt, and Mike Blaise walked away from the South High Math Tournament on December 4 with smiles on their faces and the first place position in their back pockets. The contest consisted of 120 problems testing the competitors' knowledge in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus. Central math department head John Waterman said "It was really exciting and gratifying to be considered the best. We had some strong com-

petition from Lincoln." Approximately thirty math teams from mainly class A schools participated. Central's practice team of Steve Beda, Dan Mirvish and Angelo Randazzo placed second in their division. Central math whizzes are confidently looking forward to the Creighton Math Field Day in January.

Results of Central's infamous Moebius Memorial Math Match produced seniors Steven Diemont and Kurt Pile as the champions of their division. Junior Thad Ware won the computer Competition.

## Ninth graders offered slice-of-life

Recently, ninth-graders have been getting a preview of high school life by attending workshops at Central.

Mr. Daniel Daly, English department head, who is in charge of the program, said, "These programs are a portion of Central's response to desegregation instituted in 1976." The objective is for students outside Central's attendance area plus other students to spend a day at Central. Also, they are influenced to decide on Central or another high school.

Mr. Daly said that this program is more to increase enrollment rather than to enhance racial balance. He said, "It's not just a recruitment; it gives students an experience."

When Mr. Daly took over program in

1977, it was more professionally. He said that there used to be professional writers' workshops with professional staff in charge. "Finally we decided to use our own people to be honest." He said that the freshmen became sophomores, the staff would be there. Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, Mr. Daly, Mr. T.M. Gahen, English teacher, and Mrs. Pat Heese, management paraprofessional, conduct the programs, but during the day many others

Dr. Moller said that mainly students from Lewis and Clark and Norris but also Bancroft and Horace Mann. He said the students and parents like this program because it familiarizes them with Central before they come.

## Art contest draws upon talent

Mrs. Margaret Quinn, in announcing the opening of the 1983 Scholastic Art Contest, advised students of the competitiveness and work that each participant must inevitably endure. "Students who in the past have entered have put a lot of hard work into their projects," she said. "But I also have to gear them so they realize how tough it is and their expectations aren't disappointed."

Regionally sponsored by the Nebraska Art Teachers Association, the contest is open to students in grades 7-12 and offers

achievement awards and public exhibition of winning entries. Several art scholarships also to be granted.

Mrs. Quinn said that despite the competitiveness in applying and the limited number of awards for each school, one gold key winner and eleven honorable mentions last year at Central were awarded. She said that the particular competition usually appeals to a wide range of student interests, including photography, primarily because it is one in that it has little stipulation as to subject matter.

All entries must be approved by teachers before submission. The deadline is January 20.

## Students in youth organization gain offices

Central High senior Liz Faier was recently elected Regional recording secretary for the United Synagogue Youth organization. Liz became an active member five years ago and was last year's president of the Omaha chapter.

Liz was elected Regional recording secretary by the regional presidents at their camp in Wisconsin. Liz's duties include attending all chapter meetings and taking notes at regional conventions.

Local chapter officers include Central senior Harry Berman as vice-president and sophomore Dan Mirvish as treasurer. The local chapter, BILU, currently consists of environs 25-members and meets weekly. The group participates in charity work and community services.

## C's courtyard adopts Mr. C's greenery

If you ever get the eerie feeling you've met one of the plants now decorating the courtyard before, you may not just be experiencing *deja vu*. It is entirely possible you have seen one or all of them before you have ever visited Mr. C's Steakhouse.

The plants were formerly used to decorate the outside of the restaurant and had to be stored indoors during winter. Central principal G.E. Moller and other administrators lunched at Mr. C's this fall and noted that Central had an indoor courtyard where the plants could be enjoyed year-round. Mr. Al Caniglia then offered to donate them.

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# Short stay in NFL edifies Standifer

Before his teaching career commenced in 1970, Mr. Stan Standifer spent a brief stint in the Oakland Raiders of the National Football League.

Although he spent only three months on the team as a free agent, Standifer has a feeling of what it is like playing professional football.

"NFL life is tougher mentally than physically, according to the North High coach."

"There is a strain from not knowing if you stand on the team from day to day," he said. "You are trained to tolerate the pain and bruises."

## Keeping Score

Eric Olson



However, pro football has its rewards. To be on the same field with Bart Starr, Tom Unitas, and John Brodie was an experience in itself. And to be on the same field with Kenny Stabler and George Blanda is a growth experience," Standifer said. Standifer who played tight end and on special team units, was put on waivers in October, 1969.

He was released from the Raiders along with linebacker Carl Weathers, who later became an Apollo Creed in the three "Rocky" movies.

The P.E. teacher has no hard feelings for coach John Madden, the man who waived Standifer. According to Standifer, Madden said he regretted cutting him. However, the field coach explained to him that it was a coaching decision he had to make.

Madden, who commentates for CBS Sports and is widely known for his wild antics, was putting up a false image of ranting and raving, according to Standifer.

From my remembrance, John Madden is a quiet, congenial man. His actions on the sidelines were his way of reacting under

pressure," he said.

Standifer said the summer training camp at Santa Rosa, California, was very grueling.

### Practiced with LaMonica during strike.

According to him, players spent 2½ hours on the practice field in the morning and an additional 2½ hours in the afternoon. Players spent their evenings at meetings, he said.

Rules were rigid at camp. For instance, a player was fined \$25 for every minute he was late to practice or a meeting, according to the Central volleyball coach.

Standifer appeared in nine exhibition games before his career ended. One was a nationally televised game against Green Bay, in which he played a full half at tight end.

Although he played well in the game, Standifer's playing days in the pros were numbered. He was released from Oakland in the final cut.

"When the messenger comes to your room and tells you the coach wants to see you, you know what to expect," he said in reference to getting cut.

Ironically, Standifer was a rookie during the first NFL players' strike. He did not walk out, however, because the strike was limited to veterans.

The ex-NFL player recalled how he and several other Oakland rookies were sent to another field after regular training to practice with starting quarterback Darryl LaMonica.

According to Standifer, veterans were not allowed to step foot on the practice field. So to keep LaMonica familiar with offenses and defense, rookies from the team met him at a high school field each day for secret practices.

### "I have no doubt that I could have made it in the NFL"

Considering the Raiders were only one game shy of making the Super Bowl the year before he signed with the team, Standifer believes he had the talent to play in the NFL.

"I have no doubt that I could have made it

in the NFL," the former UNO griddier said.

Hypothetically, Standifer said he would have played five years in the pros barring injuries. He believes that he could still play today, considering his physical condition.

According to Standifer, people should remember that pro football is more of a business than a sport. The real game is getting the players that draw people to the stadium and sell tickets.

"It's your job. It's how you fit into the organization and how well you contribute to the business that determines your future," Standifer said.

### Pro football more of a business than a sport.

He said the enthusiasm before games in the pros is not as great as in high school or college, but he recalled that "everyone was up for the Packers."

Standifer said the pre-game hype was watered down because "you are paid, win or lose."



Standifer

"It has increased lately because of the money being made today and the availability of drugs," Standifer said.

After his career ended with Oakland, Standifer went on to finish his education and began teaching.

Standifer offered his advice to anyone pondering a career in the NFL.

"To make it in the NFL, you have to be in the right place at the right time," he said.

Standifer tried to summarize what it felt like playing in the pros.

"It's an exhilarating feeling. Being on national TV, having 65,000 cheering people in the stadium, being in on the first tackle and hearing your name announced.

"It's the best feeling in the world," he said.

# JV cagers defeat first two opponents

Using a balanced attack of scoring and rebounding, Central's JV basketball team got the season rolling with back-to-back wins on December 3 and 4. In their season opener on December 3 the JV squad downed Papillion 44-38.

"Both teams were extremely nervous. The turning point came in the second half when we had better ball movement and got the ball inside," Coach Paul Pennington said.

Pennington added that Johnny Blackburn, one of the two juniors on the team, was the key to the offensive attack in the second half. The win, according to Pennington, was a nice surprise as he was unsure how the sophomore-dominated team would adjust to the step-up in competition from junior high.

Coming off their first game with an untainted record, the JV proceeded to trounce Bryan by a score of 68-47.

"Everyone played, which is good for team morale," Pennington said.

In addition to a team success, several members enjoyed some individual success. These performances included those of Chris

### Sophomores adjust well to high school competition

Craddock, who accounted for 16 points, and Shawn Starks, who pulled down 19 rebounds.

Yet, Pennington noted that the team didn't fare too well at the free throw line, as they went 4 of 10 on Friday and 10 of 28 on Saturday.

Pennington said that the team will have to work on freethrows, learn the offenses better, and establish a working zone offense and defense.

So far the team has relied on a good combination of height and quickness, according to Pennington.

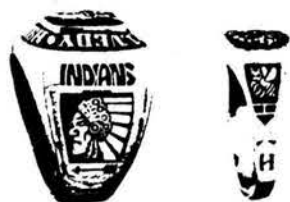
The remainder of the pre-holiday schedule posts Benson and Lincoln East on December 9 and December 11 respectively, and Millard North on December 17.

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# Sports

## Central to face Mustangs tonight

The 2-1 varsity basketball team will play at Millard North tonight at 8:00 p.m.

According to those close to the Central basketball program, this year's team has the potential to go a long way.

Coach Jim Martin said, "We have good talent, desire, and hustle. The problem is that they (the players) don't realize they're good."

Guard Deon Alexander, a transfer from Texas, doesn't question the talent on this year's squad.

"Central has the most talent in Omaha," he said.

The only major flaw, according to Martin, is the team's tendency to not use good judgement in shot selection. That flaw was the reason for the Eagles' 64-62 setback to Benson.

Central held an 11 point lead with 1:58 remaining in the game, but the Bunnies rallied to win on a tip-in with 2 seconds left on the clock.

Benson outscored Central 15-2 in the final 2 minutes, largely due to the Eagles' failure to set up a delay game when they were ahead by the 11 point margin.

Martin attributed the loss to the team's lack of poise in the final quarter.

"We didn't have the composure to play the defense we should have," he said.

Martin said he wanted the offense to stall in the last 2 minutes, but the team was "super-charged."

The Eagles stayed even with Benson, classified as the "hottest team in town" by

Martin after their upset win over Northwest.

Central opened up a 43-39 lead over the Bunnies in the third quarter and extended it to 60-49 in the fourth before the roof fell in.

The Eagles opened their season on December 3 with a 60-51 victory over Papillion. A combination of good offense and tenacious defense resulted in the win.

Papio was held scoreless for 3:17 into the game. Martin praised the aggressive defense and rebounding, a part of the Central game Martin believed would be troublesome because of the team's lack of height.

Forward Dave Stennis paced the Eagles, dumping in 16 points. Senior Mike Hart and Junior Robert Johnson each scored 14.

Central put Papio away with 1:49 remaining after watching an 11 point lead dwindle. Johnson hit a long jumper to ice the game.

The next night Central downed a fired-up Bryan team, 56-50. The Bears came into the game "as high as a kite," according to Martin, after they beat Bellevue East the previous night.

Central dominated the boards, outrebounding Bryan 42-17. Senior Paul Martin pulled down 10 while Hart grabbed 8 rebounds.

Alexander led Central scoring with 20 points, followed by Stennis' 12.

Martin also complimented the play of the bench. "There is no question about depth. Our bench is capable of playing without any drop-off in ability," he said.

## Grapplers 'green' as Stawniak places 3rd at Ekfelt Invitational

"This tournament (The Vern Ekfelt Invitational) was like the state meet. The competition was very difficult," Coach Gary Kubik said.

Kubik was speaking of the wrestling squad's first outing this year. A setback to the team, however, was the inability of the team to fill three weight divisions, which accounted for the team not being at full strength. Other problems occurred as Linnell Walker was forced to wrestle in a heavier weight division, leaving the 98 lb. spot to sophomore Jim Fisher.

"We are going to be fairly green at the beginning of the year," Coach Kubik said.

He added, however, that the semester break will allow some currently ineligible transfer students to become eligible.

According to Tom Stawniak, who wrestled in the heavyweight division, the tourna-

ment didn't go as well as he would have liked. Yet, Stawniak managed to do well enough to gain a third place medal.

"I was disappointed. I lost by only one point and made a couple of mistakes," he said.

Tim Chamberlain was the only other Central grappler to advance beyond first round competition as he succeeded in achieving a 2-2 record.

Kubik said the last three weeks of December hold the toughest part of the seasonal competition. The squad's schedule includes the South High Invitational, Papillion, Bellevue East, and the Bellevue West Invitational, which will boast perennially tough Gross and Columbus teams.

It is still early in the season for the wrestling squad as state is still two months away. But it appears it will be an uphill battle all the way, according to Kubik.

## Girls' JV cagers seek organization

The girls' JV basketball team was defeated by their first adversary, Benson, by a marginal two points December 2, at Central.

According to Ms. Cheryl Brown, JV girls' coach, everybody was able to play. "It's a matter of everyone knowing what they should do on the floor, it'll come with time and experience." Ms. Brown went on the comment that it should have resulted in a victory for Central.

The girls will have to be acquainted with "organized basketball," said Brown.

The team is not despairing though. This is the third or fourth season I've had where we've lost the first game and ended with a winning season," said Brown. "One game does not a season make," she said.

## Calendar

### Boys' Basketball

December 27 — Millard North at Millard North, 8:00 p.m.

December 22-30 — Holiday Tournament at Civic Auditorium

January 7 — Burke at Burke, 8:00 p.m.

January 8 — South at Norris Jr. High, 8:00 p.m.

January 14 — Tech at undetermined site, 8:00 p.m.

### Girls' Basketball

December 22-30 — Holiday Tournament at Central

January 6 — Gross at Central, 8:00 p.m.

January 11 — Papio at Central, 8:00 p.m.

January 13 — Millard South at Central, 8:00 p.m.

### Wrestling

December 17 — Bellevue East at Central, 4:00 p.m.

December 18 — Bellevue West Invitational at Bellevue West.

December 30 — Prep Invitational at Prep.

January 16 — Millard South at Central, 4:00 p.m.

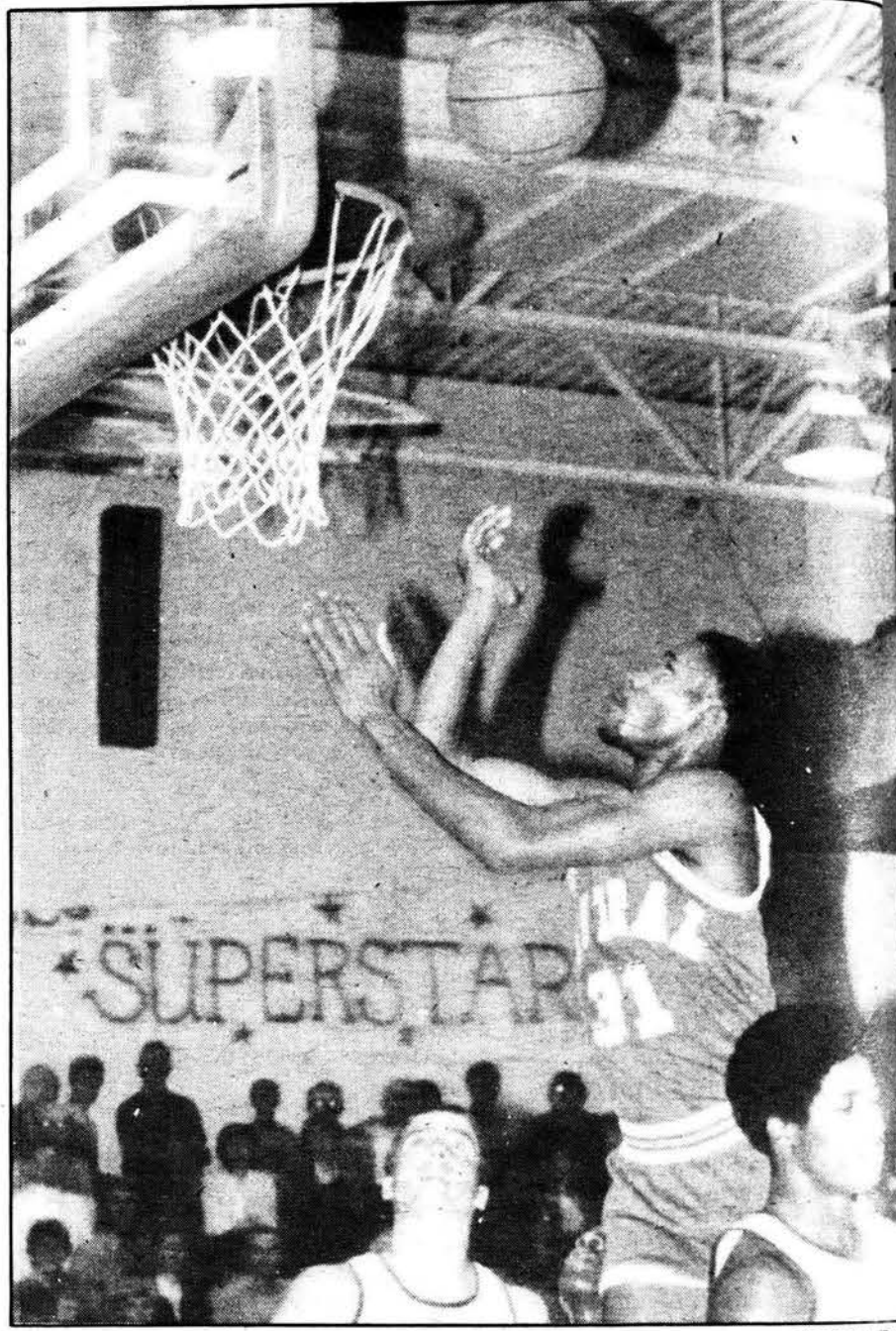
January 11 — Prep at Central, 4:00 p.m.

January 14-15 — METRO

### Swimming

January 4 — T.J. at T.J., 4:00 p.m.

January 11 — Roncalli at Norris Jr. High, 4:00 p.m.



Guard Deon Alexander drives over two Papillion defenders as he scores 20 points against the Monarchs.

## Alexander finds home in Eagles' nest

Home-grown talent is something very common to Central athletics, yet it is not always available. It often becomes a problem to find that talent. This year, however, Central is fortunate to have an example of "Texas" talent in its athletic program. That talent lies in Deon Alexander, a transfer student from Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, Texas.

Among the many honors and awards that the 5-11 senior guard brings to Omaha are an MVP award and a selection to the 1st Team All-Zone conference in District 6-AAAA, a 1st Team All-State Class AAAA selection, and a Class AAAA All-Tournament Team selection. A good example of his abilities was a bi-district game where he scored 14 points, had 8 assists, and pulled down 6 rebounds.

Deon, who moved to Omaha this year, chose Central for several reasons.

"Central is a good school scholastically and has a good college preparation program," Deon said.

Comparing the talent of the players in Texas and Nebraska, Deon felt that the game moves a little faster in Texas and was overall slightly stronger. However, he added that it was hard to rate the talent on a teamwide basis. He also compared the coaching in Omaha and in Texas.

"Mr. Martin is a great coach. He has a lot of things in common with my coach in

Texas. He is religious, and he looks like a person, not just the ball player," Deon said.

From his viewpoint, Mr. Martin felt Deon is very talented and has a great shooting ability, quickness, and anticipation. He was impressed that Deon constantly analyzes his game to better himself.

"He (Deon) desires to be a leader and leads by example and by sacrifice. In addition, he has the maturity as a quality player in all-state competition," Coach Jim Martin said.

More importantly, however, is Deon's person.

"I put God first, and I give him the glory for my achievements. Without God, nothing is possible for me," Deon said.

Deon, an obviously talented individual, believes in the concept of teamwork. He said that he has heard that Central teams in the past have had good individuals, but they were not good teams.

"Teamwork makes good players great," Deon said.

Commenting on this year's team, Deon said the guys want to go to state and he is very excited. He felt that if the team sticks together, they can achieve something great.

Deon has already proved his worth. He scored 13 and 20 points in his first two appearances as a Central Eagle.

## Defense is key to Lady Eagles' success

The Central High School girls' basketball team convincingly beat Benson High 64-41 in their season opener.

Paul Semrad, coach of the girls' basketball team, feels that the team did a very good job against Benson. "Our scoring ability is better this year than last year," Semrad said as he goes to work trying to improve the successful 18-5 season of last year.

Along with scoring ability, Semrad said that the player height is better this year along with the strong depth of the team. "We have players returning that learned lessons last year and already I see an improvement in the team's overall performance," he said.

Semrad believes the key to the team's success lies in defense. "The team must play good defense," Semrad said. With good

defense, Semrad is almost certain of a very successful season.

"If we realize our potential, we can end up with a very excellent season," he said. Semrad feels that Central could finish very near the top of the division this year. "Our chance is as good as anyone's," he said.

Among the top contenders, Semrad regarded Millard South, Millard North, Westside, Ryan, and Marian as the most substantial threats.

Semrad feels the team to be the best ever potentially. "We have good speed and quickness," Semrad said. "We handle the ball better this year compared to last and our passing is better," he added.

Although the future success lies in the team as a whole, many individuals stand out according to Semrad.

Semrad regards Maurice Ivy as an

outstanding potential player this year. "Her speed is excellent and she is a very good handler," he said. Semrad feels that the team played defense very well in the first quarter. "In the game against Benson, we played well, so I regard her as an important asset," he added.

Along with Ivy, Semrad said that Sarah Stohs is a key player. Thanks to her, she was able to block seven shots against Benson. "I think Sarah is a very good player that will serve as a dominating and intimidating force," Semrad said.

Sophomore Jessica Haynes also emerged as a force on the lady Eagles' team. "Although Jessica is only a sophomore, she played like a veteran against Benson," Semrad said.

According to Semrad, she has a great ability and is an excellent jumper.