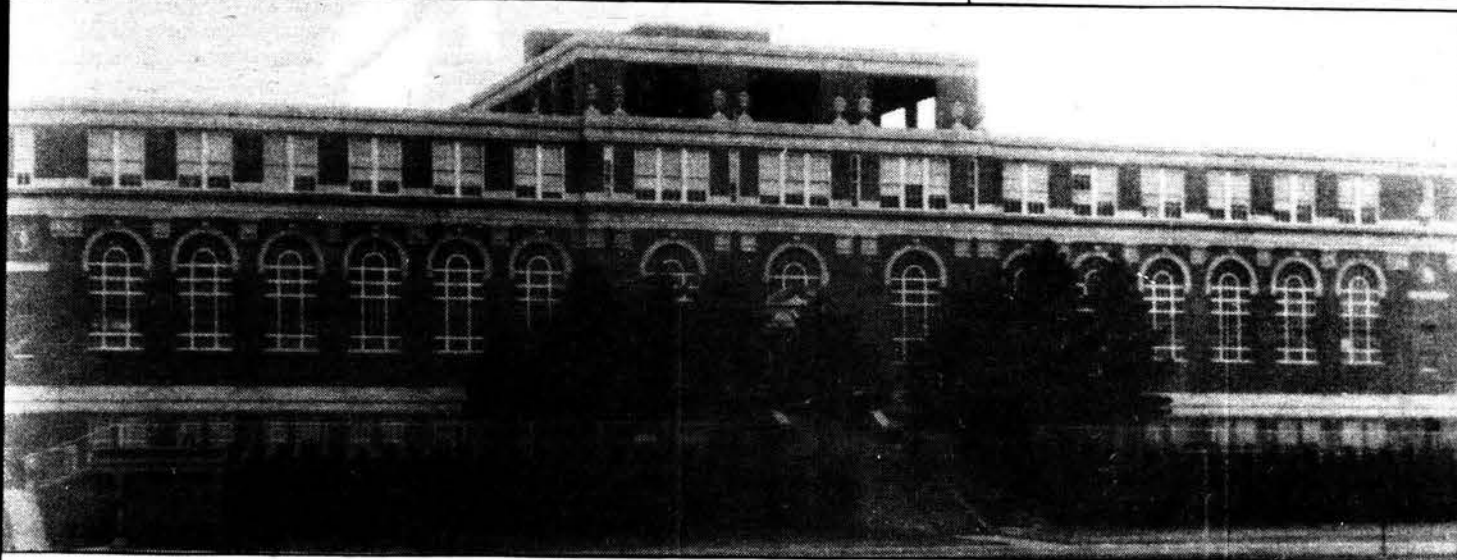


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decades of educating, Tech High may be converted from a school to an administrative facility.

photo by Mark Fritz

School Board proposal may close doors at Tech

Amidst much protest and many questions, Dr. Jack Taylor, OPS superintendent, released a proposed school reorganization plan on Wednesday, February 23.

According to Mr. Ralph Bradley, Public Information officer, this plan is the result of a school and community task force which made recommendations about student segregation, school consolidation, and magnet programs.

The plan, if approved, will affect the high school level in the 1984-85 school year, including the closing of Technical High School. In considering Tech's and other schools' closing, a major fact was that OPS has lost 21,000 students in the past seven years.

Dr. Taylor said, "Low enrollment, high cost of maintenance, and utilities were important in considering school closings."

Mr. Bradley said that Tech's declining enrollment and its proximity to Central were some of the reasons for closing Tech. One major reason was the under-utilization of the building. In this plan, Tech will house the administration offices which are at Joslyn Cas-

school district costs and re-establish racial balance within the schools.

With the proposal, there will be a tremendous revamping of Omaha area high schools. Benson's area will expand to take in Kennedy's attendance area. Burke will recruit more black students in an effort to equalize black/white student numbers. North High will house a computer-math magnet to attract more white students. Bryan and South will both become 4-year high schools.

Central and South High will see the biggest changes. South will take charge of Tech's programs and have increased busing. The final cost for all of South's changes will be \$160,000.

According to Mr. Bradley Central might receive an increased enrollment of 470 students. It is believed that Central can handle this many without disastrous effects. Mr. Al La Greca, Central administrator, feels there is no fear of overcrowding. "We have to handle 2200 students at one time." The current student body is 1475. Over a 3 year period it would gradually increase. He said, "Every room would be utilized every period. Teachers with plan periods would go to the office instead of staying in a room." With the renovation of the courtyard and the new hallways, there should be no more traffic than there is now.

Mr. La Greca thinks this move would benefit Central. "We worry about the elective courses, with the minimum number of students. With the increase in enrollment there would be plenty of students." Also he said that Central's academic standing would not be hurt.

Currently Central receives teachers at a ratio of 20:1. With more students coming, teachers will also come. Even though the plan is not in effect until 1984-85, Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, said, "Sophomores who picked Tech might start coming to Central next year instead of changing high schools."

But Tech is not leaving without a fight. Genelle Grossman, Tech student council president, said, "Student leaders have formed a save Tech High committee." They intend to go on a letter writing campaign to contact school board representatives. Parents are also going to be involved. She said, "Parents are voters; if school board representatives, know this they will listen because they want to be re-elected."

Dr. Taylor stressed the fact that this is just a proposal, which has to be approved. Miss Atwell said, "It will be presented to the School Board and they will have 45 days to vote."

Students plan careers with colleges' support

Many students find themselves in a predicament when they try to choose a field of study for college. However, a relatively new program at Central can help. This program, open to any student, is composed of career planning sessions run by Mr. Stan Maliszewski, Central counselor.

For those students interested in the entire program, "the ideal situation would be to devote nine weeks to a once a week session," Mr. Maliszewski said.

The program is primarily composed of two parts. The first is a self-assessment. This is done by each student who compiles his own folder. The self-assessment of "career testing" is done on five different levels: personality, values, skills, interests, and goals.

If the student wishes to continue with the program after the self-assessment, personal interviews with professors or professionals in their field of interest can be arranged. This gives the student opportunity to receive first hand information and learn the answers to any questions he may have.

Mr. Maliszewski cites the program as "very successful" as he has already arranged career meetings for approximately 36 students.

Some students who do not wish to do both parts of the program, or who do not have time in their school day, may make arrangements to do the self-assessment at home.

Lisa Benetz, Central senior, is interested in the field of economist/investor. By Mr. Maliszewski's arrangements, she has met with three kinds of economists: a professor from UNO and representatives from Union Pacific and Mutual of Omaha. "It has been very helpful in deciding what field to go into because there are so many different types of economists," Lisa said.

Erin Belieu, senior, expressed an interest in creative writing to Mr. Maliszewski. He immediately set up an appointment for her to take to Mr. Richard Dugan, head of Writer's Workshop at UNO. Erin thinks the career program is a good idea for those students who are unsure of their field of interest.

Cycles of shuteye unsatisfying

Centralites sacrifice sleep for jobs and homework

Gibson
Associate Editor

Some students attempt to capture it in study halls. Others ward it off with caffeine. Eventually, though, sleep must overtake everyone, or the lack of that important commodity will catch him instead.

While the need for rest is uniform, the amount of sleep necessary varies individually. The World Book Encyclopedia recommends eight or nine hours for teenagers, but many students cannot claim that amount. Five hours marks the average period of relaxation for junior Ann Welty, who admitted, "I could sleep more than I do."

Homework, roles in various shows, and extracurricular activities demand much of her time. "Sometimes I come home and crash" to make up for lost rest, she said.

Senior Fred Hinsley bases his sleeping habits around a job, as do many Centralites. During the week, he sometimes works from 10 p.m. to about 11:30. Homework must wait until after this shift, Fred said, adding he had "kind of lightened up the week" to allow time for schoolwork. Sleep for the senior comes "after I have figured what I can do the next day," he said.

When sleep does come to Fred and to others, it does so in cycles. According to John Sorenson's *The Mind*, subjects of experiments show the pattern of having short dream stages every ninety minutes of sleep. As the night progresses, dreams become longer and sleep deeper until the cycle returns to its stage and repeats.



Photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

Ann Welty (junior) takes the normal studying position of an overworked student.

One phase of this cycle particularly stands out. During it, the sleeper dreams most vividly and experiences irregularity in his heart beat, elevation of blood pressure, and sometimes unconscious sexual arousal, according to *Psychology Today*, an introduction.

This paradoxical phase, during which the body seems almost awake, yet from which it is very difficult to awaken a subject, is the period of REM — rapid eye movement — sleep. Usually occurring one or two hours a night, REM sleep "apparently contributes to the maintenance of mental equilibrium," the book stated.

People awakened on the verge of this stage will make up the sleep if given the opportunity. However, when deprived of the REM phase for several nights, subjects in an experiment by William Dement became irritable and had difficulty concentrating, according to the textbook.

Dan Kuhns, a senior who participated in a five-day Dungeons and Dragons marathon last year, agreed with this description of deprived sleepers.

"Big fights over when to sleep" broke out among the players, granted cumulatively five minutes of sleep for each game hour. "By the end, we were hallucinating like

crazy," Dan said.

While such long-term sleeplessness is not common, most students do struggle against some form of weariness during the school day.

"Usually the time of day doesn't matter as much as the class," said Ann. "If it's a lecture type, sometimes I can barely keep my eyes open."

"I don't have to worry much about staying awake in the evening," said Dan, "but in the morning, if I'm really dead, I do — rarely — resort to the occasional No-doz."

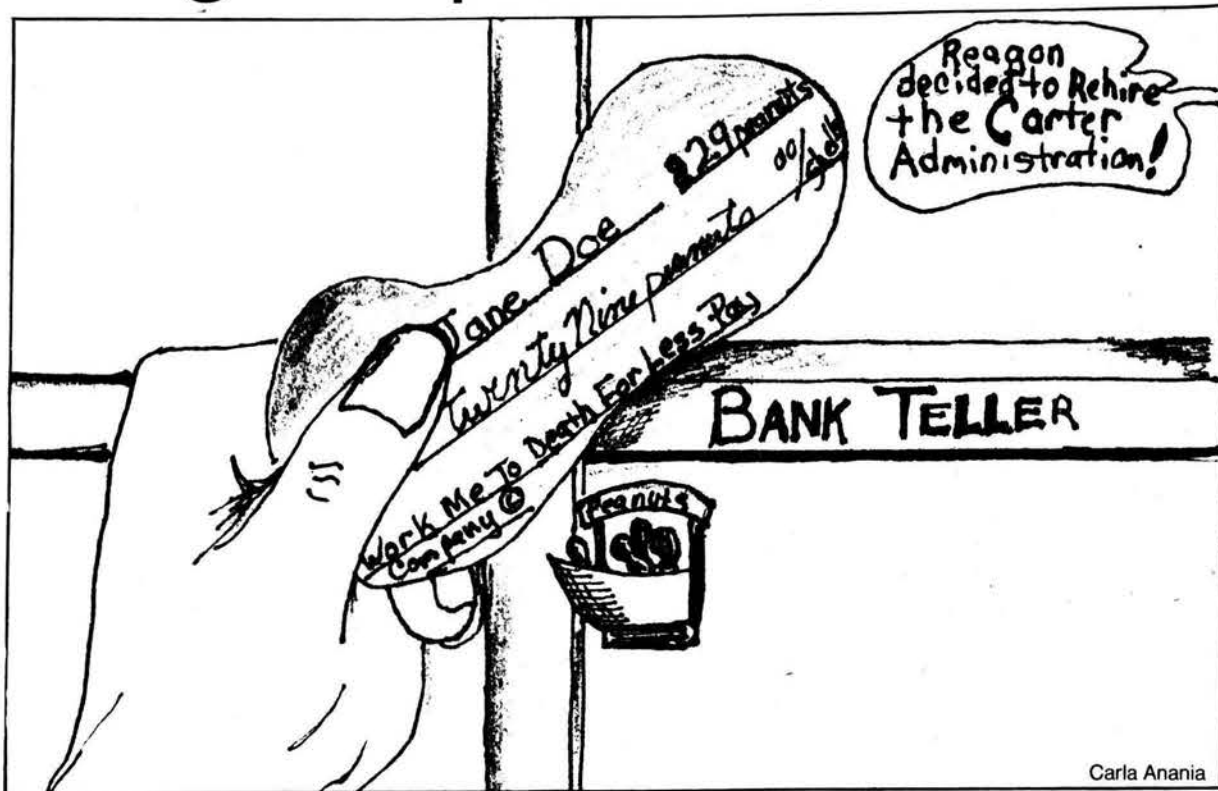
These pills, non-prescription caffeine tablets, are safe, he feels, if taken correctly. "They just get your adrenalin going a bit," the senior said.

An employee of a local drug store which sells the tablets expressed a different view. "I worry a bit when I sell them to a kid because I know I wouldn't want my son to use them. But, there's no law against them," the worker said.

Guidance director Mr. Stan Maliszewski summed up the battle for and against sleep as an organizational problem. "A person who doesn't plan his day to incorporate all the things he needs isn't really leading his own life. The problem isn't really sleep; it's just not taking time to do a little self-assessment," he said.

As every human spends about one third of his life in slumber, an approximation in *The Mind* fact establishes sleep as an essential part of living. As such, it is almost inevitable that in the race for rest, nature should win the spoils.

Reagan's plan to lower youths' wages unfair



Carla Anania

President Reagan's proposal for a drop in minimum wage for young people is unwise. Not only are his reasons for wanting the decrease silly, but his solution is preposterous.

February 9, Reagan expressed a wish to eliminate the minimum wage entirely, but added that it would be hopeless to propose this to Congress. Reagan said that he will not ask for elimination of the minimum wage for young people, but that the administration will present Congress with a plan to lower the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$2.50 between May 1 and September 30 every year for anyone under the age of 22.

Reagan feels that because of the minimum wage, the unemployment rate is high for young people. With a decrease in minimum wage he feels that fewer teenagers would be unemployed.

Editorial

The primary reason that Reagan's plan is so offensive is the fact that summer jobs are the prime income sources for teenagers. Young people would prefer to search for a job that would pay a minimum wage of \$3.35 than be hired readily for \$2.50. Many students do not have time to carry a job during the school year because of obligations to schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and families expect students earning money for college in the summer to work for \$2.50 is unfair.

Reagan feels that the young work force is unskilled and inexperienced and would not be hired as easily if not for the drop in minimum wage. But \$2.50 does not give many students and young people incentive to work.

For a first time worker, the \$2.50 wage would perhaps work as a starting wage and work up to a minimum of \$3.35. But for young adults 18 and over who have work experience, a minimum wage of \$2.50 is demeaning.

If the bill is passed and the National minimum wage is lowered to \$2.50, many young people will be unable to afford single and college life.

Students disrespectful towards new fountains

A new kind of vandalism has recently risen to great heights at Central, using drinking fountains as garbage cans. It is disgusting and necessary to throw wrappers, coffee grounds, food, peels, and other offenses in a drinking fountain, yet students continue to do so instead of using garbage cans.

Editorial

Students who approach drinking fountains for the sole purpose of getting a drink are, more often than not, greeted with trash. Not only does this offend, but it also clogs the drains in the fountains.

The drinking fountains are new this year to Central, and it is depressing to find such a lack of gratitude displayed by students for construction being done for the student body. If such disrespect continues with future classes at Central, the calibre and "newness" of the renovation at Central will quickly disappear.

It is not much to expect high school students to use drinking fountains for their original use - and to use garbage cans for trash.

Columnist reveals pet peeve

Recently, I was watching my favorite soap opera on T.V. (which, ashamedly, is one of the few things I will watch on the appropriately named "Boob Tube"), and it had just gotten to a really good part in the plot (Erica was just about to find out that her half-sister, Silver, is fooling around with Kent Bogart, financier and an unabashed womanizer) when they cut to what seemed to be about an hour's worth of commercials.

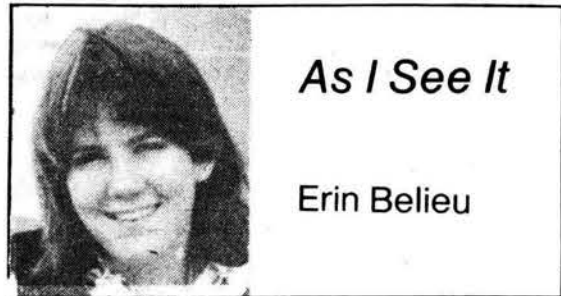
I didn't really think about it right away, as over the years, I, like most everyone else, have learned to immediately tune the things out and do something more important like raid the refrigerator or clip my toenails, but for some reason it just caught my attention. When I glanced up for a second, I saw a conductor (tuxedo,

happen to flip on the T.V. invariably Cathy Rigby will be on trying to convince the world that feminine problems can be fun as she does a triple back handspring on the balance beam. She really must be hurting for the bucks! Or what about ice skating star Peggy Fleming throwing perfectly good packages of sugarless gum in the pool while three prepubescent tykes stand waiting to dive in and rescue it, practically swooning with anticipation. Oh, and another one of my regional favorites is the one where they show a root worm magnified about 5,000 times, burrowing sinisterly through the stem of a corn plant. I mean c'mon! Root worms are pretty ugly not magnified. What makes them think I'd want to see one magnified 5,000 times?

I was about to give up and stick to my books, but then there was cable. It took a while but eventually the wonderful people from Cox made their way to my neighborhood. Hurray! I thought, "no more commercials, no more 'Three's Company,' Sheriff Lobo, or 'That's Incredible.' No more 'B.J. and The Bear,' 'Dukes of Hazzard' or channel 7 breaking in with urgent weather reports for Chicken Coop, Nebraska!" Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, cable was here at last!

And cable has been quite an improvement I must admit. I've seen some excellent play on Bravo and H.B.O. Theatre, like the "Rain Maker," "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck and "Inherit the Wind," but it is not faultless. One channel does have an even worse space filler than a commercial. It's called "Aerobicize for Life" to supposedly strengthen you "mentally as well as physically." What it consists of is usually two to four females as scantily dressed as possible, dancing, bouncing and jiggling to disco music. The "solid gold dancers" of physical fitness I like to call them. And the thing that really kills me is after it's over they flash a warning saying you shouldn't try these exercises unless you're physically fit! Isn't that a scream? Maybe I'm just being fussy, my brother and dad don't seem to mind it.

And of course anything's better than Roach Motels, Ring around the Collar, and Scrubbing Bubbles.



As I See It

Erin Belieu

clipping hair and everything) conducting a chorus of twenty of the ugliest dogs I had ever seen, all facing the camera, chewing some new kind of doggie treat in that particularly slobbery, unappetizing way that dogs tend to eat, while off stage somewhat a lyric soprano sang the words, "Crunch crunch - crunch crunch - crunch crunch" with the intensity of perhaps the opening aria from *La Traviata*. And that's when I thought, "My god, they can't be serious."

Commercial makers all over America must think that the entire population of the United States is retarded. Lately, I've taken up watching commercials, and this is the only way I can explain why commercials are the way they are. I also can not give commercials any credit for taste or timing. It never fails if you're eating dinner, or you're with your boyfriend and you

Students voice concerns over lower minimum wage



President Ronald Reagan has expressed a desire to lower the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$2.50 from May 1 to September 30 of every year. The decrease would apply to everyone under the age of twenty-two. Central students were asked whether or not they agreed with Reagan's idea.

Julianne Franklin, senior. (at right) I don't particularly appreciate it. If they drop the minimum wage, my salary will go through the floor. I'm sure the President has his reasons, but I don't agree with his actions.



Kevin Wilson, sophomore. (upper left) During the school year, many students can't have jobs because there's no time for homework with a job. Summer is the only time for many students to work. Unemployment would not be helped because there won't be as many jobs available anyway.

Jackie Slezak, junior. I don't think he should drop the minimum wage. People under twenty-two do just as much work as older people. College tuition is a lot, and a drop would be hard on college students.



Laurie Bock, sophomore. I don't think it's fair. Young people deserve the minimum wage as it is now.

Natalie Brown, sophomore. (at right) I don't think it's fair for those who need to work. College is getting more expensive, and it would take longer for kids to put themselves through college.



Rod Gainer, junior. (lower left) I don't think there is a need for an immediate cut. It should be looked into more before a decision is made.

Bobbie Thurber, senior. (at right) It's stupid. With the cost of food and gas, there is no way kids could survive, especially kids with cars. I thought that they would raise the minimum wage not lower it.

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Early rock survives as classic listening for investigative musical audience

Mark W. Fritz
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Best of the Beach Boys - Vol. 1 (Capitol DT 2545)

For someone who does not own the entire Beach Boys collection this greatest hits album is a good way to find out what it was your older brother was listening to way back when.

This album contains all of the hits of the older Beach Boys, i.e. hits such as Surfin' U.S.A., Little Deuce Coupe, Surfer Girl, and many others. You will find this album impossible not to like. Favorite Rips: Surfin' U.S.A., Fun, Fun, Fun.

The Rivingtons - "Papa-Oom-Mow-Mow" (Liberty LN - 10184)

Though you have probably never heard of them, The Rivingtons' sound is that of original rock and roll. The Rivingtons formed in 1962 and gained their popularity with the song "Papa-Oom-Mow-Mow."

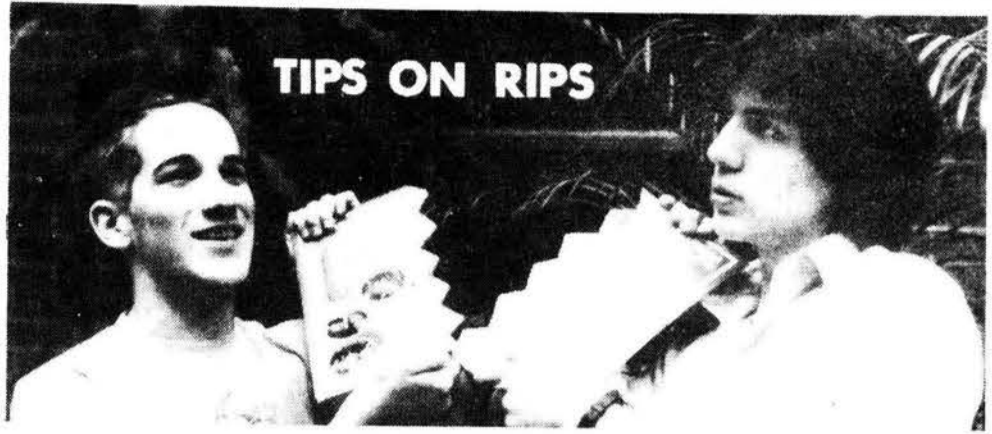
The vocals are stressed heavily while the work of some very talented studio musicians tends to go unnoticed. The Beach Boys, The

Ramones, and The Cramps have all used songs of Rivingtons on their own albums, The Beach Boys doing "Papa-Oom-Mow-Mow," and The Ramones and The Cramps doing "The Bird's the Word." if not just to hear the original versions of these songs, buy it just to hear some great rock and roll. Favorite Rips: "Cherry," "Love Pill." The Original Rock n' Roll Hits of the 60's Vol. 13 (Roulette SR-5901).

When deciding which of the sixteen "Original Rock n' Roll's" to review, the number thirteen struck my fancy. This proved to be a good decision, for, much to my surprise, this album just happens to have the toga party song, that's right, "Louie, Louie."

This is the type of music that you would hear on a golden oldies. Besides "Louie, Louie," this album contains those AM hits "Dizzy" by Tommy Roe and "Crystal Blue Persuasion" by Tommy James and the Shondells. For a good cross section of the music of the early sixties, this album is a good choice. Favorite Rips: "Louie, Louie," "Peppermint Twist."

The Coasters' "Young Blood" (Atlantic



AD2-4023)

"Young Blood" is a collection of the Coasters' greatest hits, a late 50s early 60's Rhythm and Blues band from Los Angeles. The Coasters, with their writers Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, were as integral to the quality of the fifties' lifestyle as Elvis and Brylcream.

They were the first Rock-n-Roll group to speak out on the black social issue of the

era. Many of the Coasters' songs were banned from the airwaves, some of the songs being "Framed" and "Riot in E Cell Block House #9." The Coasters are most famous for their humorous songs "Young Blood," "Charlie Brown," and "Yakety Yak." This album would be a good selection for anyone's party collection.

Favorite Rips: "Framed," "Along Came Jones," "Run, Red, Run."

CHS students featured in Youth Symphony

To be a member of the Omaha Area Youth Symphony is an honor in itself, but to be featured as a soloist at one their concerts is an outstanding honor. Arthur Kosowsky and Sari Huusko were recently featured at the February 20th Youth Symphony Concert held at Burke.

The soloists, accompanied by the Symphony, were winners of the Concerto Competition held in December.

Arthur, Central sophomore and celloist in the Symphony, played Beethoven's Second Piano Concerto at the concert and said auditions consisted of playing the whole piece for a panel of six judges, made up of teachers from UNO and Youth Symphony director, Lawrence Eckerling.

"Talent was quite extensive - lots of people from all abilities and ages," said Mr. Eckerling.

Sari Huusko, senior, played Wieniawski's

Second Concerto for violin at the concert.

"I was pleased with both my performance and the performance of the orchestra. The acoustics in Burke were just great," commented Sari.

Sari has been playing the violin for 13 years but has no set plan as a musician.

Arthur said that the soloists were well received by the audience and that playing accompanied by an orchestra is something "everyone should experience."



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March 6	Tom Petty	Civic
March 8	Neil Young	Pershing
March 9	Stray Cats	Civic
March 11	Pat Benatar	Civic
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Cafeteria toiling pays off for students

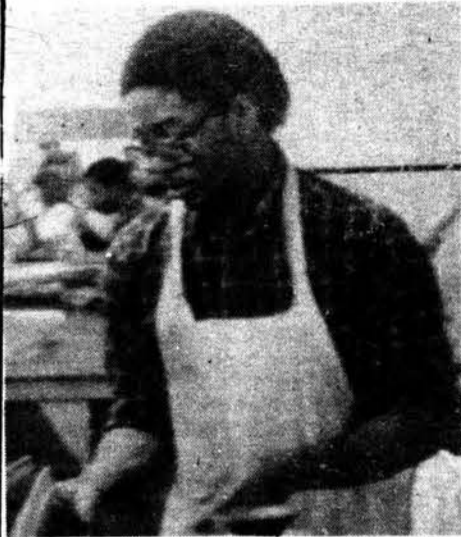


photo by Mark Fritz

Working hard in the cafeteria is senior Centralite Patrick Dawson.

There are many students who have taken advantage of Central's academic and non-academic programs this year. Thirteen have chosen a more enterprising opportunity upstairs in the cafeteria. The student cafeteria workers work at an assigned position during the lunch periods for a wage of \$3.15.

Cafeteria workers are chosen from applications submitted to the cafeteria manager for selection. Then, the workers are paid \$3.15 per hour.

Darrin Hall, sophomore and on the serving staff, talks about life on the endless "steppe" of food critics. "The kids complain about the food and things like that, but they (the comments) really are not that bad," he said.

He also adds that working in the cafeteria is really a lot easier than a regular job as a waiter. If someone argues about their position, they are promptly offered to find another job.

Students give blood

While Student Council President Wendy Weiner said she is looking forward to the March 14 Council-sponsored bloodmobile visit to Central, she confesses that many students may not be equally sanguine over the idea. But she continues to convince students that "it's an entirely painless process, and it only takes about 15 minutes."

"Omaha hospitals need something like 22,000 pints of blood each day," said Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Spanish teacher and Student Council sponsor. "So our contribution is a benefit for the entire community."

With an expected quota of forty pints, Mrs. Andersen anticipates there will be no shortage of willing donors. However, students must be at least seventeen years of age in order to be eligible, and then only if given written parental consent.

The bloodmobile will be at Central from nine to one o'clock. Wendy encourages eligible students to register. "It's a good thing for us to do," she said.

Latin certamen

The city-wide certamen, held on February 10, at Norris Junior High proved to be a victorious day for Central's JCL. In all four levels, (first year, second year, third year, and fourth and fifth years combined) the four-man teams placed. First year had both teams with a first and second place, second year placed second, third year placed third, and fourth year and fifth years combined placed first.

The certamen was a preparation for the state certamen held during the state convention April 8 & 9. Miss Rita Ryan, JCL sponsor, said that she thinks the teams did very well at the city certamen. Speculating towards April she said, "We'll probably have

a very good chance especially with the scholastic tests."

Guests view CHS

"We want you to have an opportunity to sit, eat, and talk with our students." Forty participants of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Leadership Omaha class did precisely that as they accepted Principal Dr. G.E. Moller's invitation February 14.

Members in the program consist generally of young Omaha business leaders, said Mrs. Connie Spellman, seminar coordinator. She said she tries to schedule a group meeting at Central at least once a year because "it is an excellent example of a high school that has made it. A special thing about Central is its atmosphere — it's a very friendly place."

Mrs. Spellman said that what Leadership Omaha basically attempts to do is to take an "up and coming" individual through the life of the community. While the topic of discussion was presently education, the group tries to explore a different aspect of the city every month.

Participants in the seminar discussed issues in public education, listened to several guest speakers, and visited classes. And what was learned?

"I think we realized the community has the commitment to support education," said Mrs. Spellman. "If we want quality schools we're going to have to pay for them."

Teachers' week

An entire week was set aside for students and parents to give thanks to their educators, from February 28-March 4, as the nation celebrated National Teacher Appreciation week.

Mr. Al La Greca, Central administrator said "We have great parents, they do

something for the teachers every year." Last year for example the parents served food in the staff room.

This year there were plans of the same. Teachers who went to their boxes found imitation apples there. Also parents were served hot apple pie in the teachers lounge. A Kentucky Fried Chicken lunch was also among the rewards. Kiwanians visited teachers during their lunch periods.

Art contest

Six Central High students won gold medal achievement key awards at the 1983 regional scholastic art contest, sponsored by the Nebraska Art Teachers Association and Miller & Paine, held in Lincoln, February 12-19, 1983.

The contest included schools from all over the Nebraska area. Certain pieces selected in the Nebraska contest will go to New York for National competition, where the artists will be considered for national prizes.

The students whose works were sent to New York included Central senior Shelley King, whose entire art portfolio was sent and is up for a possible national college art scholarship. Shelley said, "I feel great! I was really surprised. I almost fell on the floor right there."

The other gold key winners from Central included Bob Allen, Terran Boylan, Katarina Jacobson, Kristin Klein, and Denise Mancuso.

There were also several honorable mention winners from Central including Carolyn Chaperon, Catherine Clarke, Katarina Jacobson, Cheri Jensen, Shelly King (beside receiving the gold key), Anne Lee, Denise Mancuso, and Lauri Meadowcroft.

Club trips

Clubs have become an extremely active part of Central life this year, and are increasing in activity.

The Drama Club is planning a trip to St. Louis, Missouri. Senior Kris Olsen, Drama Club president, said that the club plans to visit a showboat in St. Louis. According to Kris this is the only existing showboat left. Also on the agenda is a trip to Six-flags and other minor activities. It is scheduled for April 15, 16, 17. She said, "It's good to experience other cities and theatres."

The German club also has plans for a trip. Senior Mark Jamison, German club president, said the club has planned a skiing trip at Trailridge on March 5.

Foreign language

Today is the last of National Foreign Language Week (March 7-March 11) and Central's foreign language forces have worked to widen its scope and "make it appeal to a wider range of students," according to

Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher.

"Last year, we didn't have as much time to plan for the festival week. This year we started earlier and we made it larger," said Miss Ryan. The people involved are the foreign language teachers and foreign language club presidents. They arranged the activities of each day of foreign language week. Mr. Kevin Throne, Central French teacher, said that one of the attractions of this year's banquet is the change of format from skits to songs in French, German, Spanish, and Latin, with each language performing two songs in that language.

The foreign language classes have all experienced different class formats, also. "On flag day, (today), people wear small flags from the country of their language study, and they must speak that language all day or lose their flags to whoever catches them speaking English," explained Mr. Throne, adding that the captured flags are used for extra points for the persons turning them in. Poster-making and class exchanging between different language teachers also took place during the week. The purpose of changing classes is, according to Miss Ryan, "to let students get a chance to find out what other languages are like."

On Monday, the French foreign exchange student from Burke visited Mr. Throne's ninth-hour AP French class and fielded questions about life in France, commenting on a foreigner's view of America. Also, Mr. Norman Zinn, head of the Omaha foreign language department, is scheduled to speak to the foreign language classes about travelling in Europe.

The foreign language banquet was held Wednesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. and was open to all foreign language students and their families. The banquet was held in the Central cafeteria and not in the courtyard as it traditionally has been because of the construction work being done in the courtyard, said Mr. Throne. This year, all those in attendance were required to help out in some way as serving, cleaning up, or bringing food. "We want to see everyone involved this year," reiterated Mr. Throne.

"We are looking very much forward to it," said Loys Johnson, Latin Club president.

Chess team

Chess club made its final move at the City Chess Tournament February 22 towards the State Tournament February 26. The tournament held at Roncalli High School resulted in five out of five overall wins with individual and team trophies for Central.

The top five players who attended the meet were Gene Huey, Tim Hughes, Arthur Kosowski, Angelo Randazzo, Eric Roggen Ty Soares, Todd Starkey, Mike Wassen, and Bill Zuck.

Although chess is not a recognized sport in Nebraska, the teams activities have not been stipulated. Since the city tournament the team had an eight win, one tie, and one loss record.

New class officers plan spring results

Four months have passed since the senior class officers were elected, and most of these officers agree that another four months will pass until any real progress will be evident.

Dave Foster, senior class vice-president, said that most of the projects, on which the cabinet is working, will not go into effect, or even be seen by the student body, until this spring.

"More of the responsibility will be in the future," said Andrew Stover, class president, referring to class reunions, "but for now, class t-shirts have been ordered and we need to start planning the senior picnic," said Andrew as he glanced at fellow officers Channing Bunch and Steve Fauglid as they took orders at cap and gown measurements last month.

Andrew also said that the officers made an attempt to get senior study halls, in which seniors could study or listen to music without teacher observation, but because of construction and lack of classrooms, this was not possible.

Kylie Hofacre, senior class secretary, said, "I think we'll make more progress than other class officers have in the past, but it won't be seen until the spring."

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Sharing language skills 'elementary' for Eagles

acy Bernstein
Senior Assistant

Some of Central's foreign language students are sharpening their skills by teaching elementary students in a mini OPS student teacher program.

Mrs. Vickie Anderson, Spanish teacher, says that this program has been extremely successful. She says that not only do the elementary students and grade schools enjoy it but the administration feels it is great public relations. She believes the program first began in 1979.

The only languages participating so far are Spanish, French, and German. There are approximately thirteen students who teach in the majority, seven, coming from the Spanish classes.

Charles Scarlett, senior and AP French student, teaches third graders at Harrison School every Thursday afternoon for about an hour. He and his "co-teacher" Melissa, a senior, teach basic French such as numbers, alphabet, greetings, and names. When asked how the grade school students reacted to the lesson, Charles said, "The children were excited, they loved it!"

Mrs. Daryl Bayer, French teacher, has elementary students who participate in this teaching program. She says that the demand from elementary schools for student teachers is coming great. Currently Washington, Lincoln, and Saunders schools are participating, and three others have requested students.

"It is an excellent opportunity for our students to better understand their language by teaching it to others. It is also an excellent opportunity for the elementary students who are learning a language other than their own, to become more creative and can better



photo by Brian Olson

Senior Kurt Pyle sharpens his Spanish acuity on three young subjects. Kirt along with several other Centralites is teaching through an OPS mini-program for student instructors.

understand experiences," Mrs. Bayer said. Raschelle Serghini, Central junior and fourth year French student, also teaches third graders at Harrison school. "The kids are very eager to learn. They enjoy the

lessons and pick things-up easily. As long as you can keep the whole group busy, they don't lose interest," she said. Raschelle and her "co-teacher," junior Cathy Wendt, plan to hold a little party at the end of the six week

session where parents can attend and find out what their children have learned.

The Central student teachers are required to have a lesson plan and provide their own transportation to the elementary schools.

Al-ateen: group means help for those near alcoholics

"It's not a club-not a cult," said Mary Jones, (name changed to protect anonymity), Central junior and six year member of a teenage organization called Al-ateen. "Its purpose is to provide help for the relative or friend of an alcoholic," she said.

The fundamentals of Al-ateen are based on those of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and the 12 steps to sobriety. Mary cites the first of these steps, "admitting you are powerless," as very important to the child of an alcoholic. "It's important to admit that you can't help the alcoholic, you can only help yourself. You can't be successful until you admit that," she said.

Although members of Al-ateen occasionally participate in social activities, it is only a serious group. Regular meetings are held in which members have an opportunity to share and discuss their problems, fears, and frustrations. Members sometimes take time researching a topic and then chairing meetings. The meetings open with a

serenity prayer and close with the Lord's Prayer.

"It's amazing how many friendship and relationship problems members have in common that don't even relate to alcoholism, yet it all goes back to alcoholism as the source," Mary said. "Alcoholism is a sickness like cancer or diabetes. It is a constant and eternal struggle."

Mary explains that there are two sides to Al-ateen; those members whose friend or relative is a recovered alcoholic and those members whose friend or relative is not a recovered alcoholic. "This gap sometimes makes relating experiences difficult," she said.

A strict unwritten policy of Al-ateen is the maintaining of anonymity. Even at meetings introductions are made only on a first name basis.

Mrs. Geraldine Zerse, Central counselor, cites that the main points of Al-ateen and Al-anon (a similar adult group) are that alcoholism

is a "family disease" that affects everyone. Statistics show that for every one alcoholic there are approximately five people close to them who are affected.

In recent times the problem of alcoholism has broadened to include all types of chemical dependency, that is anything that is "mood altering", according to Mrs. Zerse. The major symptom of alcoholism, or other types of dependency, is denial. Sometimes the alcoholic will even become an over-achiever to hide his problem and keep up the veneer of normality.

Al-ateen is a regional and national group as well as local. The Annual Midwestern Al-ateen Conference (AMC) is held every November during Thanksgiving Vacation. "Activities, meetings, and massive group sessions are held 24 hours a day. It's a great chance to meet new friends," Mary said.

Meetings of Al-ateen and Al-anon are always closed to member. The alcoholics are never present. "It's hard enough to discuss

things ourselves without having others present," she said. The only time that all three groups may combine is when a special speaker is present or a film is being shown, usually at a convention sponsored by AA.

There is no age limit to being a member of Al-ateen. According to Mary, Omaha has established a group called "Al-atots." This group of youngsters learns as simply as possible about what alcoholism is as they are not affected as much until they are older.

Local Al-ateen groups find their own meeting places, like a church. Each group does its own thing according to basic guidelines and has the option to participate in state activities. An adult sponsor, a member of AA or Al-anon, is present at all meetings.

"A lot of Central students have asked me about alcoholism and the program because they have friends or relatives they want to help. I have been able to refer them to individuals or groups for support," said Mary.

Third floor track draws teachers, teams

Halls serve double-duty

With all of the construction work going on, noisy hallways aren't uncommon at Central, even long after most students have left school. However, if one decides to "check out" the jack hammerings on the third floor at 3:30, one will discover that all the thunderous pounding is not produced by a few busy drillers. Instead, one will find several pairs of feet running through the hallways. For many Central athletes, jogging mandatory pre-season sport, and the third floor seems to be the favorite place for

Several sports require stamina and speed from their players, and running is a great exercise for acquiring both. The majority of the third floor sprinters are soccer, basketball, and wrestling team members.

"I run up here because this is the only place at Central that I can sprint," explained Central junior and track team member Chris. The third floor is the only area available in the building for running since in-season sports have priority in using the gyms and the first floors are blocked by "humps" and construction scaffolding.

Most of the runners cited unfavorable weather conditions as their reason for jogging inside. One female soccer team member said she might run outside, "if the weather came out, it wasn't so windy, and it was a tad bit warmer." Things may change in a few years, however, if plans follow through for carpeting



photo by Mark Fritz

Caught in mid-stride, Mr. Ed Waples displays his jogging technique on the third floor. These halls serve as a track for many after school.

the hallways. "After the carpet is laid we probably won't be allowed to run up here," Mr. James admitted.

'Spiral' of Saxon Algebra promotes student review

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Central High is currently the subject of a new math pilot program for the Omaha Public School district. The program is testing a new approach to algebra, called Saxon Algebra, for first year algebra students.

Saxon Algebra differs from the classic approach to algebra in the way the text is organized. The Standard algebra text is organized in chapters or blocks, where one algebra concept is introduced in a chapter and 20 or 30 problems are worked which are almost exactly alike.

Concept promotes review

John Saxon, an instructor at Oscar Rose Junior College, assembled his book in lessons rather than chapters using the "spiral concept." According to Mr. Lloyd Fitch, the math teacher in charge of the Saxon program at Central, the "spiral concept" is based on repetition. Over 75 percent of every homework problem is a review and incorporated all of the math concepts previously learned. Mr. John Waterman, head of the Central math department, said the spiral concept improves "retention of knowledge." Mr. Fitch said, "A student has no choice but to learn in order to continue on in the text."

Saxon algebra met with great success after being tested in the Oklahoma School System. Students in Saxon algebra outscored students in regular algebra from 55 percent to 20 percent in various areas of first year algebra skills. Mr. Fitch called Saxon algebra an "Outstanding approach to math."

Adjustment poses problem

Mr. Fitch said, "Saxon is extremely thought provocative. Students and teachers have a hard time adjusting because they are used to the old method of one block at a time."

Mr. Waterman said that the "boredom factor" of repetition could be a problem.

"I like the concept better at the Jr. High level," Mr. Waterman said. He felt that the Saxon program would be especially useful for those students who plan to continue on in math or in a math related field.

Mr. Fitch teaches a Saxon algebra class of 22 students, all of whom are average students. Dalene Adams, Central sophomore, said she took algebra her freshman year but took it again as reinforcement. She said that she has done, "a lot better this year," because, "the concepts build on each other." She said she would recommend the program for students, "especially those who have trouble in math."



photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

World renowned concert pianist Panayis Lyras, revealed his technique to an attentive audience in the Central auditorium on February 22. Mr. Lyras was presented by the Omaha Symphony as a Xerox Affiliate Artist Resident as he played at concerts around the city, including appearances at various high schools.

ROTC still active after nearly 100 years of duty

Kristin Trandahl
Feature Writer

Almost a century old, Central's JROTC program doesn't show any signs of letting up as its 1982-83 cadets continue to actively participate in parades and to compete successfully in meets with other area high schools.

One of the first major JROTC events of the school year was the Columbus Day Parade, October 9. Central's Units marched from 16th and Harney to 15th and Howard, the Colorguard carrying the flags of Central and the United States. Battalion Commander and senior Wade Goehring said that in the opinion of many spectators, "Central had one of the best-dressed battalions." He added with a grin, "Some cadets from other schools showed up wearing white tennis shoes with their otherwise formal uniforms."

Next in the line of major events (after the October 15th Homecoming Parade in which 25 Central cadets marched with JROTC banners) was the annual Creighton Orienteering Meet October 16.

In Orienteering, students from Creighton's Senior ROTC program judged students on their mental as well as practical map-reading abilities. The test given consisted of two parts. The first was a written test, the second an applied test. For the applied test, cadets, working in pairs, had to find points at Hummel Park (where competition took place this year and last year) indicated by the written test.

To practice for the meet, the ten cadets chosen by Wade and Major Edward McDaniels, JROTC instructor, took several written tests (which Wade devised) after school. Also, for practice, they went to Hummel Park and took the written and physical test from the 1981 Orienteering Meet. Last year Central cadets placed first among the eight Omaha Public High Schools. This year they came in second.

Major McDaniels and Sergeant William Middleton, another JROTC instructor, selected ten cadets to attend the October 21 Republican rally at which President Reagan spoke. They chose the cadets for their past achievements and appearance in uniform.

Seniors' Robert Craddock, Wade Goehring, Bruce T. Starkey, juniors, Richard Stewart, Danny Crosby, Michael Vievya, and

sophomore Tony Avant, were the seven chosen to present the colors at Aksarben's 88th annual Coronation October 29 and Ball October 30. This was the 88th time Aksarben officials selected Central cadets to perform this ceremony. Senior Todd Starkey said of the event, "I was just as nervous presenting the flag this year as I was when I was a sophomore. It was exciting to be there in front of such a large audience and on television representing Central High's JROTC program."

Most recent and most important of all JROTC events was the Annual Formal Inspection December. All Central cadets participated, competing with over 100 other area high schools for first and second places. America is divided into four areas, each comprised of 15 or so states. Washington D.C. officials inspect the high schools in each area and the top two schools of the area receive the rank of honor unit blue (second) or honor unit blue with a gold star (first). This year and last year Central won honor unit blue.

Last in the line of major events was the December 16 Burke Invitational. Rifle team members from various schools shot targets in the prone, kneel, and stand positions. Central senior Paul Aufenkamp won first in the kneel and was the third overall shooter.

Upcoming events include the OPS Drill Meet February 11, UNO's Drill Meet in March, the Military Ball in March, and Recognition Night May 6.

According to senior Todd Starkey, "Military Ball is the social event of the season for all JROTC programs throughout Omaha." Graduating seniors who have been involved in the program for at least three years are promoted to officers at the event. To further honor these seniors cadets will be the Grand March in which they will march in front of such guests as Superintendent Jack Taylor, before the Ball.

To conclude the year will be Recognition night when the 1983-84 JROTC staff will be announced and awards given to deserving cadets. Such awards include the "Daughter of the American Revolution," which is given to an outstanding female cadet who has shown superior leadership in her class, and four "superior cadet" awards for each LD (leadership development) level. A "level" stands for which year of the program a student is in first, second, third, or fourth. One cadet from each level gets an LD award.

New faces appear at Central

Walking down the corridors of Central one notices new faces. These faces are not the regular American student but are European students. Two such people are junior Dana Crumbliss and senior Han de Wolf.

Dana is from Slough, England, a town 30 miles outside of London. She came to America in August, 1982. This is not her first time in America. "We lived in Madison, Wisconsin, from 1966-1976." Her family moved to England because her father's company transferred him there. She said her father was transferred to Germany in 1981 and then back to America in 1982. "We decided to move back to America after my dad was transferred."

There are two types of schools according to Dana. "When you are 12, you take a test of 100 questions to determine where you go." Also in consideration are your age and how well you are doing in class. Dana likes the schools in England. She said their schools are better because they are 20 years behind. "During World War II England lost an entire generation." She said this is why England is so far behind. It is a luxury to have a computer in a school.

Dana plans to attend college in the U.S. and get into a medical field. Han de Wolf is from 's-Hertogenbosch, Holland, a town of 70,000-80,000 people. He came to the U.S. in August of 1982 as a foreign exchange student. But Han graduated from high school in Holland. He said, "The program only offers high school exchange."

Han likes America and the schools but intends to go back home in July. "The schools in Holland are more liberal than here, it is easier to skip there." Han said the American schools offer more possible



photo by Mark

Han: One of the latest European additions to Central

courses which he likes. Also like other European countries Holland schools offer the school cafeteria.

Han notices major differences between Omaha and his home town. "The entire life is like Omaha's Old Market." There are cars in the center of the city and most people walk. Han said 's-Hertogenbosch is a cozy city. Another major change is Holland has no drinking age.

Han wants to attend college in Holland and work toward a major in business.

Leadership practiced

Scouting preps girls for future

It's been a lot of headaches, good times and great memories." Thus did senior Maggie Rahtouz sum up her experiences with Girl Scout Troop 713, of which she is president. One of the group's biggest headaches is the annual cookie drive, but this is not its only activity. The twenty-one girls involved, including eleven Centralites, are "the busiest bunch in town," according to their adviser Mrs. Charlotte Roscoe.

The girls refer to themselves as a "senior association," a term which describes the Scout level reaches on entering the ninth grade. All four high school grades have representatives in the group, as do five Omaha High schools. Central, though, claims for troop officers: Maggie, president; senior Kathie Smith, vice-president; senior Julie Conine, secretary; and sophomore June Baker, treasurer.

"They run the meetings, and really gear the whole program," said Mrs. Roscoe, who calls her role that of a "resource person." With the "pretty broad" Scout philosophy of "girl development," individuals can choose areas of interest to explore. In Troop 713, there is "lots of interest in camping and outdoor sorts of things," according to the adviser.

To satisfy that interest, the group annually plans an extensive trip. The Grand Canyon and the Gulf of Mexico are two sites they recently visited. Money raised from garage sales, bake sales, and the cookie drive help fund these expeditions, said treasurer June Baker. Another aid is the Scout organization's network of camps, added Mrs. Roscoe.



photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

Julie Conine, senior, displays her leadership as she teaches songs to young Scouts at last week's Brownie Slumber Party.

A summer program at such a camp near Atlanta, Georgia provided Maggie with a job counseling youngsters last summer. Other visits to Lake Okoboji and the Minnesota/Canada border led the senior to say, "The outside opportunities are the things I have enjoyed most."

For Sheila Monen, Scout connections meant an "exhausting, but exhilarating" five-week biking course along 500 miles of California's famous Highway One during the past summer, the senior said. Sophomore June Baker traveled last February to Erie, Pennsylvania, where she joined other Scouts in "skiing, sledding, ice fishing, and skating," according to June.

Last year, fifteen girls paid about \$60 to see the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. Now the senior council planning board composed of two delegates from each Omahan troop, is considering a trip to Savannah, Georgia. "We would take a van and stay about two weeks," speculated Mrs. Roscoe.

"Our troop likes freedom," said Maggie. "We try to organize things so you don't have to do just what the group's doing — you can do some things you want to do, too."

The girls are busy in town as well. While delivering the famous Scout cookies and selling extras at booths in shopping centers, they also held a slumber party for younger Scouts at a local church. "We try to have one annually. It gives the smaller kids something fun to do," Maggie said. "They'll be the senior Scouts eventually, so we ought to be an example for them."

Sports

P.E. department to enjoy facelift; looks ahead to better program

Progress has come in tides for Central's physical education department of late. In addition to the new outdoor recreation area, approval was given by the administration to abandon the conventional P.E. teaching for a more individualized approach beginning next year.

According to Ms. Joyce Morris, P.E.

"From the feedback I've gotten, the kids are pleased with the program," he said. Central principal Dr. G.E. Moller approved the plan whole-heartedly.

Dr. Moller believes the new format would make P.E. more academic in that more time would be spent studying a unit in depth. Presently, units are too short and too shallow, he said.

An added feature, said P.E. instructor Mr. Joe McMenemy, is that under the new system a teacher can use his talents more effectively. A teacher can specialize in his own area of interest.

He also noted that the new program would cut class sizes and allow for more individual attention.

According to Morris, the new teaching format along with the outdoor facilities will be the greatest improvement in Central's P.E. department since coming here.

Upon her arrival, Morris found that the school stressed academics, and therefore the P.E. sector was shortchanged when it came to making improvements.

Central only had facilities for football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and softball in the spring when she started teaching here 17 years ago.

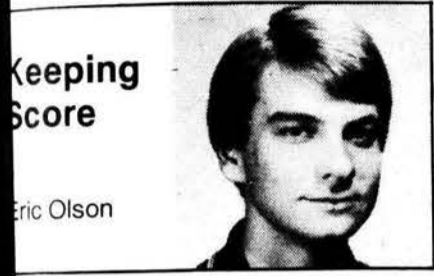
Dr. Duane Haith, head of P.E. in OPS, said Northwest stands alone in the field of P.E. He hastened to add that with the individualized teaching program and an improved outdoor recreation area, Central could be among the leaders in the school district.

"Central had the worst P.E. program 10 years ago because of limited facilities. It may become the best with these new improvements."

Morris said the P.E. department tries to improve itself every year. It appears that with the new-astro-turf field and track and a revised teaching format, the Central P.E. Department will improve tremendously.

Keeping Score

Eric Olson



department chairperson, instead of teaching units on different sports, the whole will be geared toward separate specialized units.

Each student will have the choice of which courses he will take when signing up for classes. In this system, the basic sophomore and advanced gym classes will be eliminated.

Units that will be offered next year include individual sports, team sports, fitness life, beginning weightlifting, advanced weightlifting, aerobics/weight control, and racquet sports.

"We hope to teach to the interests of the student," Morris said of the program.

The idea to change formats was brought last spring at the final department meeting, according to Morris. Central's plan modeled after Northwest High School's present program.

Mr. Charlie Rush, Northwest athletic director said that school went to the system years ago.

Team forfeit spurs girls' JV cagers to 8-7

The girls' JV basketball team concluded the season with a marginal 8-7 record. The final encounters were all wins, the best string of consecutive wins all season. In the Eagles stand-off with Ralston, the team forfeited the game when Coach Mike Maska refused to leave the gym after his technical foul.

"This is the first time that we ever won a game that way," said Ms. Cheryl Brown, JV coach.

Brown commented on the season by

stating, "The team's attitude was good, everyone showed effort each time we played, and I'm basically proud of everyone who stuck out the year."

According to Brown, much of the team will be playing varsity next year; therefore many team members plan to attend summer camps to improve their skills.

Brown concluded by saying, "We learned a lot from our mistakes, and the team finally started to go at the end of the season."

Powerlifter eyes state record

Howell joins CHS dynasty

Mark Jamison
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Recently, powerlifter Howard Howell broke the national high school record, squatting 600 pounds. With the lift, Howard joined a three-man Central dynasty of record breaking powerlifters, Howard being preceded by Larry Station and Terry Evans.

Although the lift did not come as a complete surprise, since he had made the lift before unofficially. Howard felt he made the lift with more depth. "I was very excited when I made the weight," the senior said.

Howard started lifting weights for football and track just this year and has seen his power lifting career bloom.

"Howard has developed a phenomenal leg strength," Mr. Joe McMenemy, weightlifting coach, said.

"Only a handful of boys from Nebraska have made 500 pounds in the squat, let alone 600."

Howard attributes his progress in weightlifting to McMenemy. "He (McMenemy) is the one who provokes us to lift," Howard said.

'Matured' JV's post 5 game win string

The final seconds have ticked away, and the uniforms are back on the shelves for the JV cagers of Central. In the end, including the last five games, the squad pulled to victory.

Bellevue East was the latest Eagle prey as Central downed the Chieftains 67-54. Larry Williams, a sophomore, proved his worth to the team as he scored a personal best of 16 points. According to Coach Paul Pennington, Williams was part of the entire team improvement that took place over the season.

"The difference is that they're starting to realize the important things, and they are maturing a bit," Pennington said.

He went on to say that this year's squad, in their game against cross-town rival Creighton Prep, was one of the best jobs out of a JV team he has ever coached. They had just come off a win against Roncalli before they entered the contest with Prep. The magic continued as Central beat the "junior" Junior Jays.

In the game against Prep, the fourth quarter was almost a disaster as the Bluebirds battled back to within a few baskets several times. However, the Eagles retained their lead and went on to win 56-45. Freethrows were the key as Central went 12-15 in the fourth quarter alone. Dan Ar-

"Of all my high school achievements, rank this (the record) first on my list. "Next I plan to break the deadlift record," he said.

Presently, former Centralite Larry Station holds the record with 610 pounds. "I will attempt 615 pounds in the upcoming state event," Howard said.

Lifting weights helps athletes very much in other sports, according to McMenemy. The coach feels the program is extremely beneficial.

"Our average athlete at Central is much stronger than those at other schools, thanks to our program," McMenemy said.

"Howard is a very good lifter, and he can be as good as he wants."

Howard's future plans include college and football. "I am, as of right now, going to Iowa State or Southern University. There I hope to pursue not only football but also weightlifting," he said.

Howard encourages people to lift weights. He feels that not only does one become stronger, but also he becomes faster. And one's overall fitness is improved greatly.

chie, who ended the game with 18 points, was 8-8 from the line.

"That was the best performance at the free throw line," Pennington said.

With a 9-7 record, the Eagles have attained success. It was a rocky road and a season of streaks. Following a 2-game win streak, the eagles lost 5 in a row. They seesawed with 2 wins and 2 losses. Yet, in the end, they prevailed as they posted a 5-game win streak.

"The players were more concerned whether the team won or lost, and they controlled their emotions well," Pennington said.

One change that Pennington expressed was a rescheduling of the 6 games in January to February, when the team was more seasoned. The players also voiced some concern.

"We could have played better defense," Dave Moody said.

Moody was part of the trio whom Pennington referred to as being the "three tall kids." He feels that they have good chances at making varsity next year if they keep up the good work.

The "tall kids" are Moody, Shaun Starks, and Bertrand Turnbo.

Moody and Turnbo ended the season as the team's leading scorers with 135 and 128 points respectively. Bernard Jackson rounded out the top scorers with 109 points.

Central's Road to State

Scores		Leading Scorers	
Central 64	Benson 41	Ivy	Avg. 20.5
Central 58	Bryan 43	Haynes	13.3
Central 64	Millard North 29	Stohs	7.2
Central 60	Burke 29	Deal	6.8
Central 81	Tech 23	Lane	4.9
Central 57	Burke 31	Mayhue	4.7
Central 71	Gross 40		
Central 45	Marian 37	Free throw Pct.	
Central 44	Westside 28	Stohs	64.2%
Central 50	Gross 31	Ivy	61.3%
Central 56	Papillion 29	Haynes	54.4%
Central 54	Millard South 40	Lane	54.0%
Central 69	Mercy 35	Mayhue	51.8%
Central 60	Westside 52	Deal	38.7%
Central 77	North 40	Leading Rebounders	
Central 65	Roncalli 47		Avg.
Central 77	Northwest 29	Haynes	8.2
Central 57	Marian 41	Ivy	6.5
Central 64	Bellevue East 39	Stohs	5.7
Central 57	Ralston 30	Deal	4.2
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22-0 lady Eagles travel to Lincoln vying for state

Central five survives Northwest scare in districts to advance to state tourney against Islanders

Recently the Central High girl's basketball team overcame its last hindrance and plunged into the state meet with a 22-0 record and the number one rating.

The lady Eagles' road to state came in district as they defeated Bellevue West by a score of 67-47.

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Following the win against Bellevue West, Central and Northwest squared off for the district championship. The game against Northwest was a tough ordeal for the lady Eagles as they found Northwest in front after the first half. But, as the game progressed, the Eagles rallied to come out on top 64-52 and advance to the first round of the state tourney against Grand Island.

According to Coach Paul Semrad, all teams are "gunning" for Central. A defeat for Central this far in the season, would be an impairing momentum problem this close to state.

Stawniak places No. 2 at state; 4 wrestlers compete at meet

Four Central wrestlers recently went to the Nebraska High School Wrestling Tournament, which was held over the weekend of February 17-19. Seniors Tim Chamberlain, Joe Meehan, and Tom Stawniak made the trip as well as junior Gabriel Albanese.

Gabriel, who ended the season with a 10-4 record, is a transfer student from Paul VI. He was ineligible for the first half of the year due to a ruling which disallows transfers to participate in athletic activities for a certain period of time.

However, the big story is that of the accomplishments of heavyweight Tom Stawniak, who finished the season at 26-4. After taking second in the state meet, he achieved a state ranking of number two. Most noteworthy was his semi-final victory over John McCormick of Gross.

"That was the best match I've seen Tom wrestle in the last three years I've coached him," Coach Gary Kubik said.

Kubik went on to say that Stawniak was by far the best heavyweight around since John Schurlock of Omaha South, who wrestled five years ago.

"Quickness and balance are his assets - most of them (heavyweights) are all big and strong," Kubik said.

Tim Chamberlain, who wrestled at 145 pounds, also did well in the meet as he wrestled to a near upset in the first round. Chamberlain's opponent went on to take the runner-up position in the finals.

"It was 1-1 going into the third period,

Against Northwest, the lady Eagles experienced one of their problems, according to Ms. Cheryl Brown, assistant basketball coach.

"We take some teams for granted," she said. "We don't have a lot of respect for some teams and that could be dangerous."

Fortunately, the problem according to Brown will not exist for the rest of the season.

"We want to be number one"

Brown

"Only state is left, and you can't take anybody for granted or you're gone," Brown said. "We have to play hard in state to win."

As the demands on the Eagles to win state are piling up, the girls do not seem nervous. The team has talent, they know their roles, and they play very well together, according to Brown.

"We have lost the last two years in a row. This year we're ready and we want to be number one," she said.

and I got pinned with 20 seconds left in the match," he said.

Another achievement by Chamberlain this season was a second place finish at the Prep Invitational.

He commented on several aspects of the state meet.

"You have to prepare for the crowd and not let it bother you," he said.

He added that he tried to wrestle aggressively throughout the year, but he didn't take the risks that could have changed his 14-14 record.

Kubik commented on Chamberlain's ability and noted his exceptional strength. According to the coach, Chamberlain has bench pressed more than 300 pounds, which is outstanding for someone of his size.

Joe Meehan, the third senior, went to state for the first time in his career this year and found that the competition was tough.

"It was a good experience to go down to state," he said.

He added that he wishes he could have gone to that state meet as a junior because of the experience he could have gained for his senior campaign.

"I've learned more about technique this year compared to last year," Meehan said.

Albanese, who took first place at the Quadrangular Tourney in Iowa, came to Central along with his brother Frank. The Paul VI transfer got his start in wrestling six years ago with the Ryan Wrestling Club.

Swimmers shatter girls' relay mark

Although Central's swim team started slow in the beginning of the season, they came out with a "big bang" towards the end.

At the Metro Swim meet held February 11 and 12, 17 schools participated. This meet was their last chance to qualify for state. Jane Kurtz, Anna Kurtz, Kristen Klein,

and Sherrill Fox broke the record in the girls' free style relay.

Eagle Dave Kaslow, sophomore, placed second in the breast stroke category. Monica Murray, Sabrina Curto, Claudia Sheridan, and Freshman Shelly Sitzman medaled in the medley relay, coming in 6th.

Haynes, Ivy tandem spearhead Eagles' state bid

Playing on a varsity squad as an underclassman is impressive, but starting as an underclassman on a squad which holds a 20-0 record is talent.

Two of five which comprise the top-rated Lady Eagles varsity basketball lineup are Junior Maurtice Ivy and Sophomore Jessica Haynes.

"There aren't many sophomores able to compete like Jessica," commented Mr. Paul Semrad, girls' varsity coach. This is due much to the fact that Jessica has been playing since she was 9 years old.

Like most dedicated athletes, her training is more than just the after school workout with the team. She lifts weights and plays at the Y.W.C.A., North Branch. Jessica also runs track, but it doesn't compare with her "favorite" sport, basketball, she said.

"Jessica's skill level is above most other sophomores," said Semrad. "We expect her to get 8 to 10 rebounds per game. Her average is 9, and 2 or 3 blocked shots."

This aggressiveness makes forward Jessica the second

top rebounder in the state. In scoring, she averages around 14 to 15 points per game.

Maurtice was also a starting sophomore on the varsity squad. She had an excellent season and worked to

start again this year. "There is lots of competition," she said.

Like Jessica, she has been playing since she was young, but that is not where the similarities end. Maurtice also plays for the Y.W.C.A., North Branch. She also runs track, but prefers basketball.

As a junior, Maurtice said her strongest point is her shooting and her weakest is fouling.

Maurtice plans to go to college and then continue with a profession. Both girls share the goal of someday trying out



Haynes



Ivy



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Maurtice Ivy, the state's leading scorer, will provide the offensive punch for the Eagles as they seek a state championship. The girls' basketball tournament starts Wednesday and will conclude tomorrow night with the championship game played at 8:10 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Eagles win final 2 tilts, break .500

Although the Central basketball team did not attain all of their regular season goals, they did manage to climb over the .500 mark for the first time in three years with a 9-8 record.

Coach Jim Martin said he has mixed feelings about the team's performance over the regular season, despite the winning record.

"I'm not satisfied entirely, but I did see some positive things come out of the season. I feel we lost some games that we should have won."

As of press time the results of Central's district tournament were not known. However, Martin feels the Eagles have the ability to qualify for the state tournament. If Central does qualify, the coach said this season will be very gratifying.

"In Nebraska, the districts can turn a team's whole season around," he said.

The Eagles' march to .500 was given a setback February 11 as Central lost to Prep 71-65. Mike Hart led the team with 17 points along with Dave Stennis' 16.

Martin lauded the team's effort in the

game but said the offense needs to establish patience and control.

In their final game of the season, Central

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waged a seesaw battle against a previously unbeaten Bellevue East in American District play. The Eagles defeated the Chiefs 47-44.

Junior Robert Johnson canned 14 points to lead Central scorers, followed by Mike Hart with 11.

Martin believes the team has developed a strong nucleus for next year's squad. Coach said he is looking forward to the height coming up from this year's JV team.

The height combined with expected leaders Glenn Matthews and Johnson provide for an explosive team, according to Martin.

for the U.S. Olympic team.

The fact that they play well together is no coincidence, though. Both have been playing on the Y.W.C.A. Hawks since they were 9.

"They are very unselfish team members," said Coach Roper, program director and coach at the U.

According to Roper, his goal is to establish confidence and aggressiveness. Another player that came out of this program was assistant varsity coach Ms. Cheryl Brown.

"Maurtice is a pressure player," said Roper. "Maurtice and Jessica are blue chip players, they respond when chips are down."

He continued by saying "they believe in going after the ball."

Both girls made the All-American team in the Women's Amateur Basketball Tournament in Kansas City, Kansas last year. Maurtice has made it 4 straight years. Jessica has made it twice.

Roper concluded that they have played well together for years and he expects to see them go right to the Olympic