

Computers find way to student homes

With the increase of technology in today's world, computers are becoming an important part of many people's everyday lives. The influence of their popularity can even be seen on the high school level. Room 318, computer room, is nearly always filled with students waiting for their chance to work on one of the computers. Many of these students are expanding their computer knowledge at home with home computers.

Thad Ware, junior, got his Apple 2+ computer last spring. Having only taken one year of computer programming, he is now teaching himself machine language so that he can write more advanced programs (such as games). Thad claims that the computer helps him with trigonometry graphs and statistics problems. But he also admits that sometimes it distracts him from his homework. "I try to stay away from games," he said. In the future, Thad said he might like to go into a computer programming field.

Pete Lankford, junior, agrees that his Commodore 64 helps with homework. Unlike other computer buffs at Central, Pete has never taken a computer course. He learned the fundamentals of computers with the help of friends and some book work on his own. His only complaint is that there are not enough advance manuals printed for his computer system. Pete, in his future, wants to go into a science related career and he says that his experience with computers will help him because the field is rapidly becoming more computerized.

Roxanne Gryder, junior, received her IBM personal computer for Christmas. She has taken one semester of computer programming and has done some work outside of class with friends. Roxanne doesn't feel that her homework has been at all hindered because of her computer. In fact, with a word processor, she saves a lot of time on assignments. Asked how she feels about the computer, she commented, "It's just nice to have. It saves a lot of time on things like research papers."

Erik Rogers, junior, has already found computers to be profitable. He is currently working on programs for Data Base Systems. In only one year of computer classes, he is now teaching himself. Erik admitted that his Apple 2E, which on occasion, keeps him from his homework. But he agrees with Roxanne in that the word processor helps with his papers and assignments. Erik plans to major in computers and/or physics in college. Computers are the latest fad, but this is a trend that's going to stay. They will be a part of everyone's everyday lives in the future. These Central students just have a head start.

Centralite wins Miss Cotillion crown in recent ball

On March 27, 1982, Central High swept the Miss Cotillion Ball by winning the top three spots. Third place went to Tami McGruder, second place was Cheryl Bowles, and Miss Cotillion for 1982 was Wendy Franklin.

Wendy said the Cotillion is sponsored by the Links. "Whoever sells the most tickets gets to be Miss Cotillion." She said on the first day a tea is held to introduce people to the Links and the Cotillion.

The next step is finding an escort. The girls are given two weeks to find an escort. Then the contestants must sell ten tickets to go on any further. The winner is based on who sells the most tickets.

Wendy said she sold 342 tickets. Out of 52 girls 18 Centralites were represented.

Afterwards the winners are eligible for scholarships.

She will reign as Miss Cotillion for a year until another young lady takes her place next year.

Wendy said, "It opens you up to a wide variety of people. It also helps to get scholarships." The scholarships are dependent on how much the Links make on the Ebony Fashion Fair.

Next year Wendy will be presented with the Silver Anniversary Crown. This is part of the duties that senior Wendy Franklin will undergo as part of being Miss Cotillion.



Wendy Ranklin, a happy girl after winning Miss Cotillion '83, making her eligible for scholarships.

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Raffle new event

King, Queen indigenous to Spring Prom '83

For decades the school year has been topped off with an annual dance known as the Spring Prom. This year is different, however; students will note several changes.

For the first time students will have the opportunity to vote for a king and queen, an event usually reserved for Homecoming only. "It started because people were upset with the voting process at Homecoming," remarked Wendy Weiner, student council president; "only the jocks and cheerleaders were eligible to be king and queen." Any senior is eligible to be king or queen, Wendy noted emphasizing the fact that only boys

can be king and girls queen. Only seniors are allowed to nominate, but everyone with a Student Activity ticket may vote.

Another event indigenous to this prom is the raffle sponsored by both PEP and Student Council. Tickets were \$1.00 with the chance of winning a complete Prom night including: a dress for the girl, a tux for the guy, flowers, dinner at Maxines, and a Prom ticket. "Most of the gifts were donated, so the proceeds will go to the Senior Scholarship Fund," Wendy said.

Although last year's Prom was held in the courtyard, this year's will be held at the

Warehouse at 15th and Q in Carter Lake. Construction work prohibited Central from having Prom in the courtyard this year. This is the reason for the slight increase in price. For \$15, a couple may dance to the musical group Breeze from 8-12 p.m. Saturday April 23.

The theme this year is Memories. In accordance with this theme the hit songs from the past three years will be mostly on the agenda. "Although Prom is for everyone, we're concentrating more on the seniors since it is their last year," Wendy said.

Contacts or Glasses Alternative eyesight decisions may cause wrinkled brows at expense

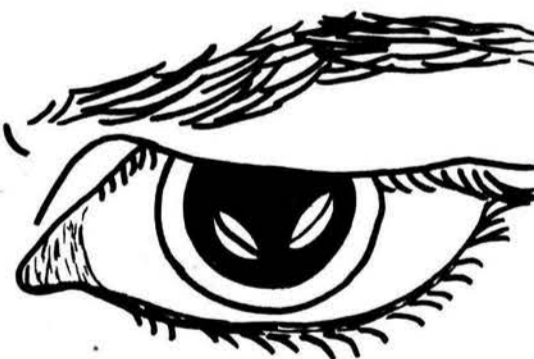
Gibson Associate Editor

The eye is a talented organ. It can scan a written page, guide an artist's hand, and track a basketball game. The bodily gem winks, twinkles, and cries according to owner's whim. But the jewel is not without flaws, frequently, nature constructs a pair of organs which cannot function normally. Such shoddy workmanship shows in various forms. The most common are myopia (nearsightedness) and hyperopia (farsightedness). To overcome these defects, developed eyeglasses, credited to the 15th century, were described by the World Book Encyclopedia. Time went on, increased technology brought about the contact lens. Now, every man has a choice of vision aids and the decision can be rather perplexing.

"Choosing between glasses and contact lenses can be extremely difficult," said Dr. Bert Simpson of NPO Optics. "There are many options with contacts — soft, hard, gas-permeable — it's very confusing." A person with questions should ask his doctor for individual advice, Dr. Simpson recommended.

According to the optometrist, the term "contact lenses" encompasses three types of lenses: hard, soft, and gas permeable. Conventional hard lenses are the least expensive; they cost approximately \$60. Next in price — around \$85 — come the soft type, and gas-permeable lenses shoot up to \$100. A price chart from International Contact Lens shows.

Just as each kind of lens has its own price, so, too, does each have distinctive features. With proper care and disinfection, hard lenses will last for three to five years, a relatively long life-span. This type, however, requires intermittent wear difficult. Also, contact wearers over 30 should not consider the



hard models, warns an information sheet from the ICL Center.

"Soft lenses are the most fragile of all lenses, with an average life-span of about two years," Consumer Reports of May, 1980, tells the reader. The lenses appeal to people who do not wish to wear contacts on a full time basis because they "work quite well in occasional use." Soft lenses require disinfection with either heat or certain solutions, the magazine said.

Newest of the three types, gas-permeable lenses are made of a material that permits oxygen and other gases to pass through them, "allowing the cornea to breathe." This feature reduces the chance of the eye's retention of fluid and of "spectacle blur," the consumer magazine reported.

Gas-permeable lenses can last as long as their hard counterparts, and they are conducive to occasional wear. The type also "provides astigmatism (those with an optical defect which causes blurred vision) with the

comfort of soft lenses," according to last March's Newsweek.

An offshoot of the soft lens, the newly-developed "extended wear" lens can remain in the eye day and night for two weeks. These lenses were originally for patients who had been through cataract surgery and who could not handle the lens properly, but the Food and Drug Administration licensed the product for general use in January, 1981, the ICL information sheet said. A \$280 price tag accompanies the EW lens.

Even with an understanding of contact lens choices, deciding between lenses and glasses still troubles patients.

"Some people who have had glasses and kind of afraid to change. They ask me how much contacts cost and about their maintenance, and it seems to overwhelm them," said Dr. Simpson.

One junior cited expense as the main problem with contact lenses. Although she does not like her bespectacled appearance,

she "can't shell out the money for contacts," and her parents will only pay for glasses.

Many people are discovering that the price of contacts is not really an obstacle, said Dr. Simpson. "The difference between the cost of a basic pair of glasses and a basic pair of contacts is really minimal. You just have to decide whether the advantages are worth it," he said.

Lisa Larson decided that they were. "I'm vain," she laughed, adding that her activities in sports also influenced her choice of contacts. Lisa wears her soft lenses all day, and although allergies initially bothered her, the senior is now quite happy with her choice, she said.

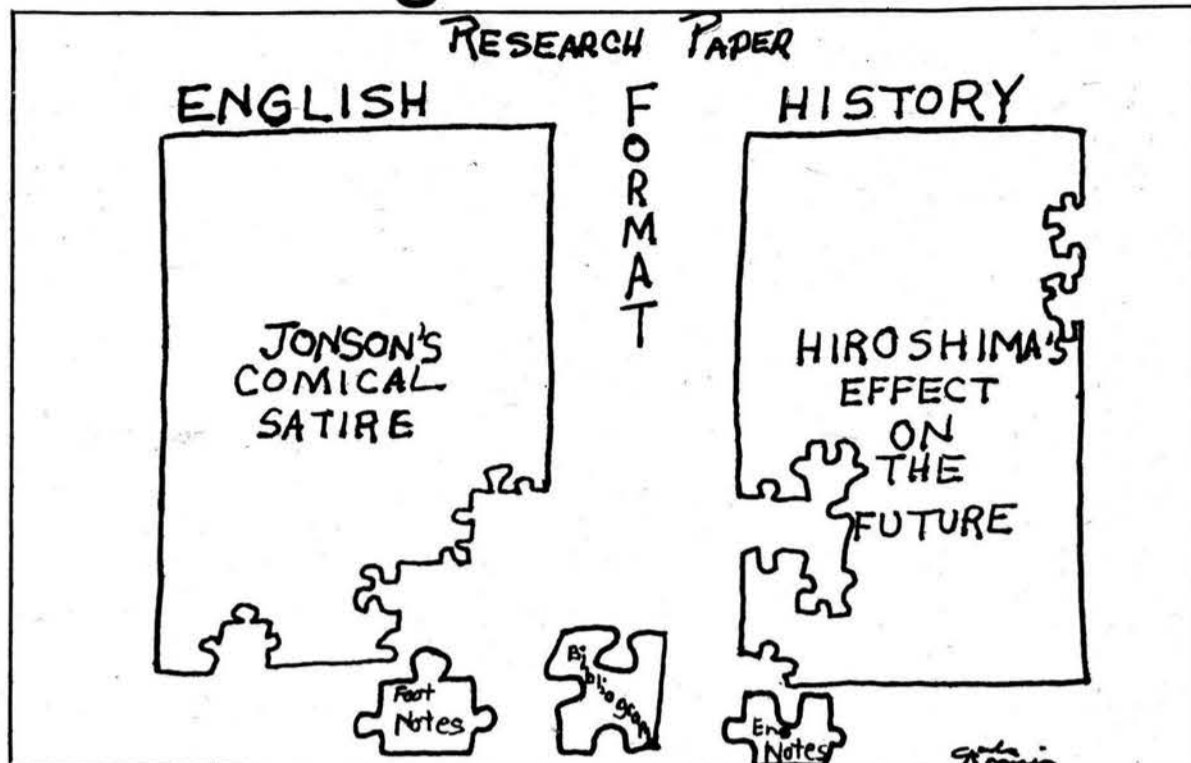
When former glasses wearers do switch to contacts, they notice differences in their vision aids. "The improvement in peripheral vision usually surprises new contact owners," Dr. Simpson said, "and it takes a while for them to get used to not feeling glasses."

Although the wearer may not know it, contact lenses can actually correct certain vision problems better than eyeglasses, according to an ICL pamphlet. "Extreme nearsightedness and unequal refractive power of the eyes" find the best compensation in contacts, the booklet stated.

"People respond differently," said Dr. Simpson. "Some people love contacts and say they'd never go back to glasses. Others can't deal with the routine of cleansing the lenses or they lose one or lenses irritate their eyes. It depends on the individual."

Ultimately, then, the individual must make the decision. With the advice of his doctor and careful thought, he can protect his body's wonder organ, the eye.

Opinions Knowledge of different paper styles necessary



Every spring, a large percentage of the Central High student body is presented with the mind-boggling task of writing and typing research papers. After a few days worth of instructions and numerous handouts, students are considered prepared to write.

In-between other assignments and tests, students find time to research and write extensive papers on assigned or chosen topics. A brief feeling of relief on completion of writing the paper is often cut short because of perhaps the most perplexing aspect of writing a research paper; the typing.

Different departments have different requirements for the format which should be employed when typing papers. Students who are required to write two, and sometimes three papers, all for different classes, complain that it is too much to ask for a student to learn different specifics for each paper.

Mr. Dan Daly, head of the Central High English department said that English students are required to conform to the conventions of research outlined in the Modern Language Association's style sheet. He stated that it's just as well that students learn to adapt to the different ways of writing papers. Mr. Jack Blanke, head of the history department at Central, echoed Daly's opinion by saying that different colleges require different styles, too.

The English department uses footnotes at the bottom of each page of a research paper rather than endnotes as the history department does. Mr. Daly feels that it is not a great difference, but that "footnotes are a personal convenience for the instructor reading the paper." Blanke said that he tells his students to use endnotes because most colleges and universities are now switching to them.

Although research papers are somewhat of a trial to those having to write and type them, a unified format for the typing of them would be wise. When students reach college level research work, the instructor will already expect the students to know how to write top-notch papers. By getting exposure to different styles of research paper writing at typing now, students will be able to cope more efficiently with their college research assignments.

Past orthodontic trauma truly gory



As I See It
Erin Belleu

pretty much ignored the impendence and adopted a rather odd smile (hence the chipmunk-like appearance of my column picture) reassured that my retainer would come off in a couple of months.

I guess I must have forgotten an appointment or something, but, finally, at my boyfriend's insistence I scheduled a day for my "lower retainer" AKA the Transcontinental Railroad to come off.

Now, anyone who has ever been to an orthodontist's office can tell you they are **not** the most exciting places in the world. They are usually done in green and orange with the kind of furniture you can't really sit in. There are always a big stack of obscure magazines (dated September 1981) except for one issue of People which usually some six year old kid is coloring in or holding upside down, etc. Last time I was in the Orthodontist's office I read an exciting consumer report on trenchcoats, you get the picture.

"Erin Birggblrgg"

So after about two hours of watching people with mouths straight out of **The Exorcist** go in and out, they finally called "Erin Birggblrgg" which is very irritating, as I believe correct name pronunciation came in the deal when my parents decided to hang tinsel in my mouth.

The story gets truly gory after this, and I will spare you the perverse details. And you know what I got for my trouble? **Another retainer?**

(There has got to be a moral to this story. . .)

Although I had the majority of my dental work removed around the 7th grade, my orthodontist decided to leave me with a little legacy to my braces, the ever dreaded **retainer**. Now when you first get your braces off, a retainer doesn't look that bad (and that's because it's removable, so you can leave it on a lunch tray or "accidentally" knock it down the garbage disposal, or let your cat bury it in the litter box) and, all in all, it's a sense of freedom not having enough metal to make a good sized toaster in your mouth, but, as I found out, they have ways of keeping that puppy across your teeth. So about four years ago, I hunted down my retainer (which I **had** been using as a doorstep) and went to what I thought would be one of my last orthodontist appointments.

Transcontinental Railroad

I guess I should have known something was up when they put the funny jacket without arms on me, and before I knew it, they had cemented a "lower retainer," AKA the Transcontinental Railroad, onto my bottom teeth. After I got over the initial reaction (if took the entire SWAT Team to take me and the hostages), I

Students suggest preventions for problem

Vandalism still a nagging concern

With all the reconstruction and beautification efforts going on in and around Central, it is perplexing

to note that a serious and frustrating problem of vandalism still exists. Damage to bathrooms, hallways,

and even newly painted areas is incomprehensible. **The Register** asked students how they felt this pro-

blem could be hampered and how students caught vandalizing should be dealt with.



Greg Smith, sophomore — (at left)
Teachers in the area during passing period should take turns guarding the bathrooms. If someone is caught they should be suspended.

Jenny McKee, senior — (at right)
First of all, it is almost impossible to catch a person doing it. When they do, they should enforce the strictest possible punishment, because it is the only way to deter people.



Lisa Morris, junior — (at left)
There should be more administrative supervision during passing periods in the bathrooms. If someone is caught, they should pay for the damage or clean it.

Ann Ostermiller, junior — (at right)
I think teachers should go into the bathrooms during hall times to guard them. If they catch a person, that person should be punished, but they shouldn't go around blaming people



Greg Gler, senior — (at left)
The biggest problem is to catch someone vandalizing. You can't have television monitors everywhere and teacher supervision is uncalled for.

Ron Kilgore, junior — (at right)
If someone is caught, they should be expelled and should pay for the damage.



photos by Daniel J. Kuhns

Letter: (In response to an earlier editorial)

"It's not nice to fool Mother Nature" is a margarine commercial's message that has economic relevance. The laws of supply and demand are natural laws. Attempts to modify these laws lead only to problems in the market. For example, if the government passes a law that artificially sets a price lower than its production costs and what people are willing to pay, the result is a shortage in the market. If, on the other hand, they pass a law that sets a price higher than people are willing to pay, the result is a surplus in the market. Labor is a commodity that is sold in the market, and it's ultimately subject to the laws of supply and demand.

President Reagan is correct about minimum wage laws. They should be abolished. They discriminate against the very group they are supposed to help: the unskilled worker. A teenager would be better off working and gaining job experience at say \$2.00 an hour rather than being unemployed at \$3.35 an hour. The high rate of unemployment among teenagers, and especially black teenagers, is both a scandal and a serious source of social unrest. Recently the NAACP acknowledged this when they testified against raising minimum wages.

Who wants higher minimum wages? Organized labor does, and not for humanitarian reasons. A higher minimum wage effectively protects its members from lower paid competition. For example, if a skilled laborer can do the work of three unskilled workers for say, \$9.00 an hour, he "blocks" those three unskilled workers from work because they are charging \$10.00 an hour for the same work.

The simple fact of life is that every time minimum wages go up, so does teenage unemployment. After all, if these laws work, why not raise minimum wages to \$10.00 an hour?
Sincerely,
Brian E. Watson

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Lowe and Townsend go solo; Ramones and Bowie release new albums

Mark W. Fritz
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Nick Lowe **The Abominable Showman** (Columbia FC 38589)

Nick Lowe is a long time member of the British music scene. Even after producing records for Elvis Costello, playing bass for the rockpile, and doing his own solo albums, his latest album shows that he has yet to run out of steam.

Lowe's vocals are perfectly balanced by a band that features former Squeeze member Paul Carrack on keyboards. The different aspects of love is a theme that is carried out through the entire album.

Definitely not for heavy metal fans, but if you like good pop music, buy this one!

Favorite Rips: "Tanque-Rae," "How Do You Talk To An Angel"

Echo and the Bunnymen, **Porcupine** (Sire 23770-1)

This generally unknown band has come out with an extremely good sounding album.

Though tempted to compare them with the Bunnymen's lyrics seem to have a much rougher edge. It is unfortunate that a great bass line is almost drowned out by some often erratic guitar playing.

Even if you have never heard of the Bunnymen but you like bands like U2, you should like this album.

Favorite Rips: "Gods Will Be Gods," "My White Devil"

Peter Townsend **Scoop** (ATCO 790063-1-f)

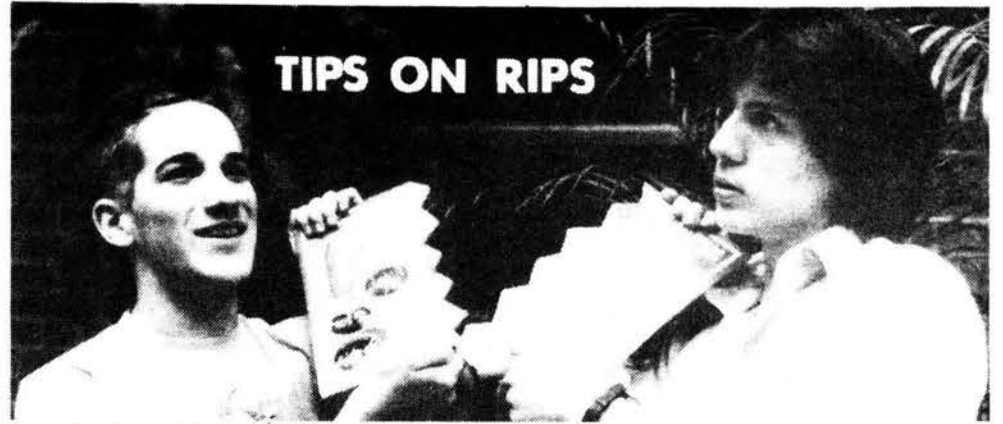
This double album is a collection of master song writer Peter Townsends demo tapes and home recorded rips from 1964 to present.

Pete Townsends, for years, has been recording different tracks for himself and the band the Who. Recording is Pete's favorite hobby and he stated that, "Making demos is where I find peace and even sometimes a feeling of prayer."

This album consists of many fine one man versions of songs made popular by the Who. It also contains purely instrumental work done on guitar and piano done by Pete over the years. Classic rock-n-roll cuts included on this fine album are "Love Reign Over Me," "Politician," and "The Magic Bus."

Pick Rips: "Behind Blue Eyes," "To Barney Kessel"

The Ramones, **Subterranean Jungle** (SIR 23800-4)



Ramones, forerunners in the punk movement from Queens, New York, put out yet another fast paced three chord album. This reviewer, even though a devoted Ramones fan doesn't find the unique spark in their past great works such as **Rockets to Russia** and **Pleasant Dreams**.

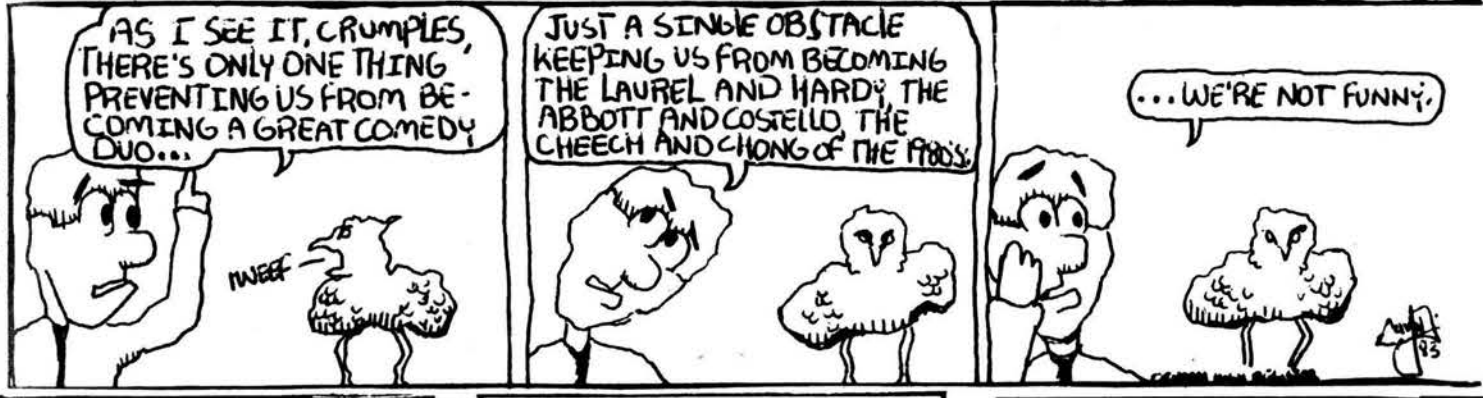
This album is very weak because the new lyrics rely too heavily on psychotic drug and alcoholic binges. Also from song to song there is a little noticeable change in musical style. The only bright spot on the disc is a nice remake of Music Express' 1967 hit "Little Bit of Soul."

David Bowie **Let's Dance** (EMI 7805)

This two song EP (extended-play) from Bowie's new album has many Bowie fans very excited about the upcoming release of this new album.

The two songs are "Let's Dance" and "Cat People (Putting Out The Fire)." If the quality of the rest of the songs on the new album is anywhere close to that of these two songs, the album should sell well.

Favorite Rip: "Let's Dance"



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Michael Hall; drawing his own future

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Mr. Gordon Thompson, drafting teacher, praises Michael as one of his outstanding advanced drawing students. "His work is good enough to get in there and compete nationally," he said. "There's an awful lot of time involved, but then there's a lot of professional experience to be gained."

Although Michael's first passion is in designing houses, that does not prevent him

from experimenting with other types of buildings. In fact, he recently entered a working drawing of a gas station in the Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association competition. He is optimistic about his chances of winning, especially because last year he entered a similar contest sponsored by ACT-SO and won an expense-paid trip to Boston.

Michael hopes to earn a master's degree in architecture at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he plans to attend school this fall. "I've learned a great deal about design at Central," he said. "Never create a house that's real flashy."

Ancient Rome is reborn through JCL League

Chariot races, slave auctions, and an authentic Roman banquet were all part of the Junior Classical League State convention held April 8 and 9 at Bellevue East.

Latin students from all over the state convened Friday for a day of competition and for the annual state election.

Competition involved many activities ranging from auditory and written comprehension to the annual JCL Olympics.

Students delivered oration in Latin and English which measured their oratory capabilities depending on the level of Latin the students have taken. Teams were also awarded points for their performance on writ-

ten test.

In the past, Central's Latin club has always done very well in competition, according to Miss Rita Ryan, sponsor.

JCL Olympics highlighted the day as each team competed for points for their team. Activities included swimming, volleyball, and track and field events.

Senior Loys Johnson, JCL state president felt very good about the convention.

"Central has always done well. Last year, we swept through competition," he said.

He added that he expects to do very well this year, too.

Spirited bunch chosen

What do thirty-two girls have in common? At football and basketball games these girls are in their prime. They cheer our teams to victory and keep spirits high. They are the Central High cheerleaders.

Mr. Clyde Lincoln, cheerleader sponsor, remarked on tryouts that took place the 31st of March. "Tryouts were very trying, but they went well. I think we have an excellent squad."

This expression of excellence seems to be the consensus opinion among cheerleaders. As Leslie Johnson and Lisa Morris put it, "We are looking forward to a really unified squad next year."

Those girls that made varsity cheerleading were Julie Aden, Amy Agosta, Sherri Blair, Leslie Johnson, Michelle McClendon, Melissa Meares, Lisa Morris, Beretta Smith, Kendra Tisdale, Mary Villella, Rayshelle Willis and Ellen Zinn.

Those girls that made junior varsity cheerleading were Lisa Bashus, Gia Cuimmo, Sherrie Culliver, Chantelle Dunbar, Mary Hargens, Terrie Johnson, Lisa Kline, Meline McLeod, Dawn Rhoades and Laconda Scott.

Reserve cheerleaders that came from junior highs who also tried out were Sherri Grosse, Princess Hampton, Monica Hart, Danielle Miller, Kellie Pritchard, Becky

Reynolds, Michelle Seizys, Margie Shugart, Jill Stommes and Hayley Wasson.

Staffers win gold

Eric Olson, Central High Register Sports Editor, and Daniel Kuhns, a Register photographer, were recognized as National Gold Key winners in this year's National Writing and Photo Contest.

The contest, sponsored by the American Newspaper Publisher's Association and the Quill and Scroll Society, awarded 203 student awards out of 3,537 student entries.

According to Eric, who was awarded a gold key for a December sports column concerning coach Stan Standifer, "I think winning the gold key will serve as a stepping stone toward my journalism career. It's an honor to be regarded as one of the top high school journalists in the country."

Daniel Kuhns, who was awarded his gold key for a basketball photo on the front page on the January 20 issue of the Register, said of his award, "I didn't expect to win because it's a national contest, but the fact that I did win was extremely encouraging because I'm going to major in journalism. This will give me an edge."

Mr. T. M. Gaherty, Register advisor of the winners, "I'm very pleased and proud of both Eric and Dan."

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Senior fun may prove vulgar

Pranks can be clever, humorous, traditional

Prank: according to Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a prank can be anything from a practical joke to a malicious act. To many high school administrations, the senior prank falls into the latter category with very few exceptions.

At all three schools, Westside, Burke, and Central, senior pranks have not occurred yet this year, their respective principals said. Dr. Tangdall, Westside principal, said that there is not an average amount for each year and that at Westside there has been only two pranks in the last two years. Dr. Moller also agreed that there is not an average but it differs from year to year with each class.

Dr. Klima, Burke principal, said that the senior prank is anything that is "a deviation from the expected behavior of students," and usually occurs in Spring. Dr. Moller, Central principal, accredits this to the weather and the anticipation of seniors to graduate. Generally they (pranks) occur in the spring. When the weather and the blood warms up, students become a little more active," he said.

Dr. Tangdall thinks that one reason Westside does not see a lot of senior pranks in spring or ever is because of the class structure at Westside. "We have an open campus for seniors which is part of our modular system. The seniors expect this and the other privileges and they know what their responses should be," Dr. Tangdall said.

when they become destructive or insulting and cause extra work for the custodians they are not very funny."

Most of the principals would not share a lot of the types of pranks because they feel it can encourage negative pranks. Dr. Moller chuckled as he told the story of one of his most memorable pranks though. He said although it did result in a little work for the custodians it was one of the most humorous. "Several years ago some people found some thin paper and when I arrived at school I found the paper wrapped around the entire perimeter of the building several times," he said. He also said that it was not hard to clean up because the paper was a continuous sheet.

Vulgurities not amusing pranks

Dr. Tangdall did not find the past two pranks during his term as principal as amusing. He said they both included painting the building. "They painted part of the building and put a large sheet over the commencement area. The other was where some students had painted vulgarities on the wall," he said.

The punishment for these pranks also varies from school to school. According to Dr. Klima there is not a set amount of rulings to deal with pranks. Dr. Tangdall said that in the two instances the students had to pay for the clean up and help with it. The students involved with the vulgarities were not allowed to participate in the commencement services he said. Dr. Moller also said that there was not a clear cut set of rules. He said that not all the pranks need to be reprimanded but of those that do he does not like to punish one or two from a group if he only knows of one or two from a group.

All three principals agreed that there are many negative things that go along with senior pranks and that not all of them are necessary. As Dr. Moller said, they can become a very fine tradition but not when they are destructive.

Tradition sometimes becomes destructive

Dr. Tangdall further commented that he thinks senior pranks can become a destructive tradition. He said at Westside the administration views the pranks with displeasure because they, the administration, feel that they are not necessary. The Burke administration, according to Dr. Klima, feels that not only are they not necessary but they are childish" as well. Dr. Moller agrees that some pranks are negative but feels that some are fun. "It really depends on the prank. Some are very clever, very humorous, and I think they can be a fine tradition but

Musical magic means much more than money to Ahrens

If you have ever been to a military funeral you may have heard a rendition of Taps wafting from the distance, apparently being played by a heavenly herald. But if you look more closely, you may find CHS senior Matt Ahrens, trumpet player extraordinaire, hidden behind a nearby tree blowing the angelic send-off.

According to Ahrens, this aspect of musicianship is "kind of morbid, but it's the best 25 dollars I'll ever make."

Matt has played trumpet on and off since 6th grade, though he did play French horn for much of junior high, and has had occasion to be exposed to many aspects of music. He has collected a list of honors along the way, such as outstanding soloist for the Bellevue East, UNO, and UNL jazz competitions. He was also first chair trumpet player both the All-City band and orchestra and a member of the All State orchestra for his junior and senior year.

His most recent achievement was being chosen at the UNO Great Plains Jazz Festival to play in an All Star Jazz Band in a special concert April 15th. Unfortunately, Matt had to send an alternate because, "I had previously committed myself to play a paying gig at my church."

Matt's music has even stretched across continents. Last summer he visited Europe with a group called the "United State Colgate Wind Band." The group put on concerts in such places as Germany, Belgium, France, and England. Matt said the most fulfilling part of his first trip to Europe was that people actually stood for two hours in pain to hear our concert band."

Besides the five music classes Matt is involved in at Central, Matt takes private lessons from professional musician Brian Schmick. Matt said, "For a person to improve the fastest he must get outside instruction from a professional."

Matt, perhaps because of his three A.P. classes, says he doesn't practice as much as he should during the school year, and he confesses to "wasting a lot of practice time



photo by E.C. Belieu

During a daily practice session senior Matt Ahrens blows an intense note on the horn he loves.

watching MTV." During the summer and on vacations he tries to get in two one-hour playing sessions a day.

Matt feels his talent is "a God-given gift that I'm just trying to develop." He likes improvising solos on his trumpet because "improvisation is a way of expressing myself and helps relieve my anxiety and tension," and feels that "the neatest thing about music is improving and playing things you never thought you'd be able to play."

Matt also claims that "the strangest things happen to musicians. I've gotten secret admirer's notes, incredible female problems, and journalistic harassment."

Hmmmmmm?



photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

Science teacher Mr. Brown carefully launches his successful airplane "Champ." The faculty plane toss was only one event at Saturday's Physics Field Day.

Field day yields physics play

Unreasonable weather conditions may have put a damper on the rest of Omaha but certainly not on the spirits of a record 26 teams attending last Saturday's 1983 Physics Field Day held in the Rigge Science Hall at Creighton University.

Two teams consisting of 17 students represented Central at the event. They captured first place in the Coulomb Scattering competition with senior Chris Graverholt and junior Andrea Tkach on team A and second place with juniors Angelo Randazzo and Thad Ware on team B.

Central also placed first in the paper airplane "flight-life" contest. This was the only honor awarded in the event.

Team B earned a total score of 193.1 points which brought home the fourth place trophy along with individual ribbons.

The teams did "reasonably well" considering that most were juniors and that this was the first year they've been exposed to physics, said Mr. Gerard Brown, physics teacher.

The day got a late start as teams from

throughout Nebraska dribbled in as late as 9:00 a.m. Competition began on time, however, as teams dispersed to their designated areas. Most remained to watch the bridge building competition.

Bridges were made of only toothpicks and glue. The object was to see which bridge had the best construction. Testing included hanging weights at the center of the bridge until it collapsed. Consequently, the event earned the nick-name of the "bridge breaking contest."

One bridge drew a crowd as it withstood a whopping 200 pound weight.

Egg drop competition ran into a nestful of problems due to the wind and rain and a stubborn clip that wouldn't open when triggered. With a lot of patience, the eggs still plunged down 20 meter drops. The Eagle's eggs survived.

Rounding off competition, Mr. Brown poised to give a winning 7.3 second flight to "Champ" in the Faculty paper airplane throw. The secret was all in the push off, he said.

Senior speakers earn high state honors

Four Centralites tested their speaking skills at the annual State Speech Competition, held March 11 and 12 at Bellevue East. Senior team members Harry Berman and Stacey Weirich advanced to the contest's finals in extemporaneous speaking, according to Mrs. Ellen Pritchard, the team's coach.

The efforts of the two earned state rankings for both: fourth place for Stacey and fifth for Harry. To reach that standing, each eliminated competitors from all major Omaha schools as well as from several outstate schools, Harry said.

Also competing were sophomores Eric Akin and Michelle Ebodi in oratory, and Daniel Mirvish in extemporaneous speaking.

These three "were working against almost all seniors," Mrs. Pritchard said. "They went along mostly for the experience."

Both Stacey and Harry participated in the contest's extemporaneous category. As Harry explained, "you draw three topics and you have a half an hour to prepare a five to seven minute speech." During that time, the speaker researches in provided magazines and gathers the information into an organized talk, the senior said.

"It's more exciting than oratory," Harry summarized. "You have to think on your feet."

The next event on the speech horizon is the State Debate competition. Central will send two teams, both of which have "a good chance," according to Mrs. Pritchard.

Proposed merger may prompt movement to public schools

Amidst loud protests from angry parents and students, it was recently announced that there would probably be a merger of Paul VI and Ryan High Schools at the Ryan building because of economic difficulties.

What will this mean for Central and other public high schools? It is evident by the protests seen that some Ryan and Paul VI students may see public school as another alternative.

According to Mike Mitlier, a junior at Ryan High School, a recent poll taken from the 290 students eligible to return next fall stated that 155 said they would return, 16 said they would probably go to a public school, 2 would go to another Catholic school, and 17 were undecided.

Another junior who currently attends Ryan High is considering Central for his senior year. He is disappointed that Ryan's current educational system, somewhere between modular and traditional, which he cites as

"the best in the city," will be sacrificed to a traditional system like Paul VI's and OPS schools. The junior feels it may not be worth paying the tuition if he could get an equal educational at a public school.

Central senior, Mary Peterkin, attended Paul VI through her freshman year when she decided to transfer to Central. "I felt Central had more to offer as a college preparatory school, and I liked the idea of a bigger school with a larger variety of courses," Mary said.

After talking to some friends who currently attend Paul VI, Mary finds that many of them are considering Central and South for attendance next year.

As Mike Mitlier pointed out, "The merger will probably be successful within a few years, and it is the only alternative." However, it is highly probable that Central may see some new faces from Paul VI and Ryan next fall.

News

Workshops planned; drug info. on agenda

A series of informative workshops designed to aid both parents, students, and faculty in chemical dependency information, family communications, and college information, will be held at various times throughout April and part of May.

The first of these workshops, an inservice session for faculty members and interested parents, will be held at various times throughout April and part of May. The first of these workshops, an inservice session for faculty members and interested parents, will be held at various times throughout April and part of May. The first of these workshops, an inservice session for faculty members and interested parents, will be held at various times throughout April and part of May.

Coulter, Eden, Pratt 'busy' in retirement

Almost a year has come and gone since Irene Eden, Helen Coulter, and Virginia Lee Pratt retired from the Central faculty, but all three of the ladies have been keeping quite busy.

Miss Irene Eden was the director of guidance counseling when she retired after over 32 years at Central.

Most of Miss Eden's time is spent in Syracuse, Nebraska, where she maintains the family home. Luncheons and volunteer work with her church also occupy her time. Last summer, Miss Eden had the chance to tour parts of Switzerland, Germany, and Italy.

Miss Eden said she missed the association with the students the most. "people keep you going, keep you alert."

Miss Helen G. Coulter taught typing and business education for 28 years before retiring last year.

Miss Coulter said that she really didn't miss teaching because she had been so

open to parents and students, will be held on April 28 in the afternoon. Part of the workshop will be run by Mr. Stan Maliszewski, Central counselor, who taught a course on family counseling at Burke High for 6 years. Dr. Georgia Bichekas, a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona, will also assist in the session.

Mr. Maliszewski initiated this program because he felt there was a need for effective communication. "The workshop stresses how to be a good and active listener, honest and effective communication, and how to initiate communication," he said.

A third program will be an overview of college counseling services offered at Central. The program will be held on May 5 and is open to Central students and their parents.

busy enjoying her new free time.

"I think about the school a lot, after having been there for all those years," said Miss Coulter. "It's so strange to have all this free time."

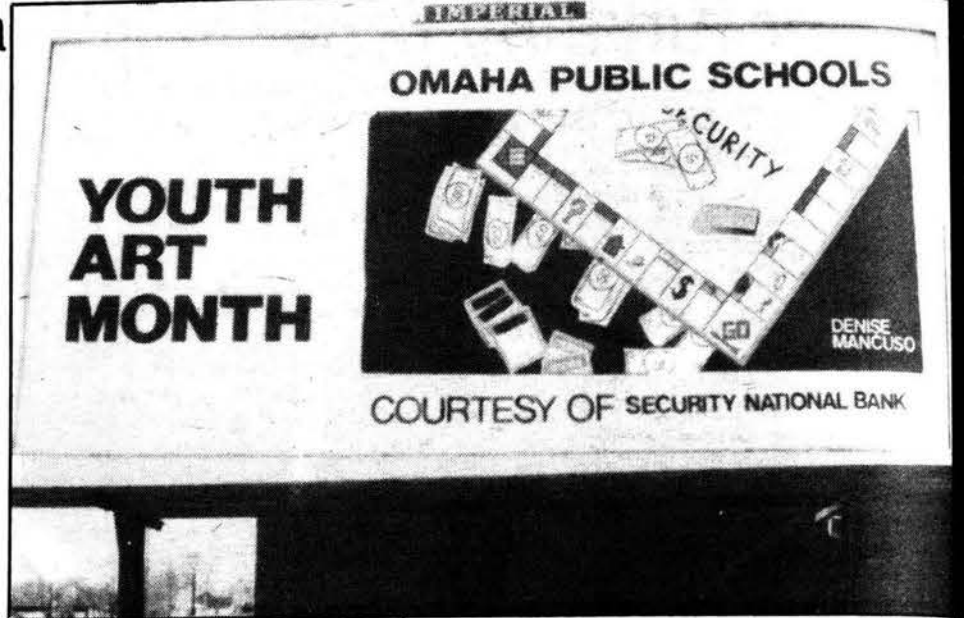
Miss Virginia Lee Pratt also retired last June, after having spent 38 years of her 40 teaching years instructing mathematics at Central.

Miss Pratt has been keeping busy with work at her church, the music series, lecture series, sewing, and she even tutors math a bit.

"I miss teaching more in the fall than I do now," said Miss Pratt. "I really miss the young people."

"I love young people," said Miss Pratt. "Being away from them was a big adjustment at first."

Miss Pratt also said that she is pleased that the math team is doing so well, and she hopes "Central continues to be a strong, wonderful school."



Displayed on 45th and Farnam is Central's entry for Omaha Youth Art Month. Security National Bank sponsored senior DeeDee Mancuso's rendition of a monopoly board, appropriate because of the month's "investment for the future" theme.

Kerrey signs Latin week proclamation

"Proclaiming the value of Latin and the classical civilizations of Rome and Greece in the modern world," is what Governor Bob Kerrey did April 7, at 11:30 in view of several toga clad onlookers, according to Miss Rita Ryan, Central Latin teacher.

Governor Kerrey signed a proclamation which announced April 11-April 17 to be Nebraska's Latin week. The proclamation, five typed pages, stated the reasons for having such a week — namely, citing the importance that Latin and its classic civilizations still carries in the world.

The idea for a proclamation came from Lois Johnson, Central senior and president of Nebraska JCL. Through his friendship with

the JCL president in Indiana he learned of Indiana's Latin Week. He got a copy of the proclamation and sent it to Governor Kerrey, asking if Nebraska might issue a similar proclamation. Governor Kerrey responded that if JCL members would type up the proclamation and assign the week to be set for Latin and would sign it. "That was the biggest problem," Miss Ryan said. "wondering if the week we wanted would be free."

At 10:00 a.m. April 7, Miss Ryan and JCL students wearing togas met in Burke parking lot to ride to Lincoln in carpools to watch the Governor sign the proclamation.

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Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall Death brag thou wand'rest in his shade
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st.
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

William Shakespeare

OF A FRIEND COMPLIMENTS

Bid to change tournament faces coaches' opposition

Last month Omaha Mayor Mike Boyle proposed that some classes of the state boys' and girls' basketball tournaments be moved from Lincoln to Omaha.

According to Boyle's press aid Barbara Richardson, the mayor will submit two plans

among Central's cage coaches is to leave the tourney in Lincoln.

Girls' coach Mr. Paul Semrad said going out of town to play is a special occasion for his team.

"The only time we've gone out of town in the last three years was to play at state," he said.

Semrad said that keeping games in Lincoln for all classes would make playing facilities equal.

"I like it in Lincoln. There's something special about playing in the Devaney Sports Complex. Playing at the Civic Auditorium is not the same."

The girls' coach also noted that Omaha teams look forward to going out of town.

Mr. Jim Martin, boys' coach, believes that in addition to bringing appeal to the city, Boyle's proposal is motivated by economic reasons.

"It would be a benefit to Omaha businessmen," Martin said.

The coach said Omaha would be able to lure outstate Nebraskans to the city if the tournament were here. Martin believes people west of Lincoln are more apt to go there for most activities rather than driving the extra 60 miles to Omaha.

"Lincoln is a very clean, attractive city—a town that outstate feels comfortable with."

And Martin doesn't want to tamper with a good thing.

"It's neat to go to Lincoln for the players with the university factor. There's just a lot of tradition involved," he said.

Martin said Omaha's only argument for the tourney would be if both the boys and girls played during the same week. Coincidentally, the N.S.A.A. passed a measure in late March that would run both tournaments at the same time.

An abundance of factors must be considered before moving the tournament from Lincoln to Omaha. It seems that tradition will be a key in determining the state tournament's site in the future, and tradition is a difficult thing to change.

Keeping Score

Eric Olson



for consideration to Nebraska School Activities Association Board of Control members.

His first plan would move all Class A boys' and girls' games to Omaha. Boyle's second proposal would bring Class A, B, and C tournament games to Omaha.

Richardson said the mayor would like to share the tournament with Lincoln on a rotating basis.

"Lincoln has it (the state tournament) every year, and it's not fair that we don't have the chance to have it too," Richardson said.

Boyle's reasoning behind the plan is to bring more people in to Omaha. He believes that by hosting tournament games, outstate residents will have a chance to see the city and change their attitude toward Omaha.

"Some people have a negative image of Omaha. The state tournament is one way to show what a fine city we have," Richardson said.

Board of Control member Mr. Dennis Smith, who represents Omaha's district at the N.S.A.A., said he does not know how he will vote when the proposal is submitted.

"It's gracious of Mayor Boyle to offer to share the state tournament. He certainly wouldn't be condemned for it," he said.

However, some local coaches aren't pleased with the idea of playing tournament games in Omaha. The general consensus



photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

Several members of the Central track team show their confidence and enthusiasm at the Ralston Relays held March 31.

Stawniak takes weight events as Central wins Ralston Relays

Central's boys' track team picked up this year where they left off last year. The Eagles captured first place in the Ralston Relays on March 31, outdistancing second place Norfolk by 30 points, 83-53.

The team showed excellent balance at the meet, coming in with strong performances in both field and running events.

Senior Tom Stawniak turned in his career best throw in the shot put, throwing 58 feet, 7 1/2 inches to win the event.

He later won the other weight event, tossing the discus 165 feet, 8 inches.

Nate Blanks jumped 21-8 to win the long jump. Earlier in the season the senior jumped

23-5 1/2 at an indoor meet in Lamoni, Iowa. That jump was the best by a Nebraska high school athlete since 1981.

The Eagles' 400 meter relay team stole the show winning that event and leaving their mark in the record books. The team, composed of Blanks, Tony Fagan, Bernard Jackson and Keith Jones ran the race in 42.8 seconds, seventh best in state history.

Later in the day that same team broke the meet record in the 800 meter relay, running it in 1:29.8.

Weather has hampered the team this season as their first dual meet against Northwest and a road trip to South Sioux City were postponed.

Influenced by her father

Mayhue looks at state after 2 dismal meet appearances

Competing at the state track meet as a freshman, senior JoJo Mayhue has continued that tradition for three years and hopes this year is no exception.

JoJo, who has run eleven years with the Midwest Striders, finds her father Edward Mayhue the influencing factor in her success. Mr. Mayhue, the head coach of the striders, also coached JoJo's sister Lisa.

Lisa and JoJo were two of the members of the relay team which captured first place last year in the mile at State. The other two members were Jana Pulium and Crystal Hicks.



Mayhue

"It was kind of a mistake not running in ninth grade, I felt the only way to prove myself was

to run high school." Mrs. Dusatko, girls' track coach, remembers asking JoJo before her meet, freshman year, if she was scared, and JoJo said, "No—petrified."

Her first year, JoJo's relay team was disqualified after finishing fifth when one girl threw down the baton. The second year was no triumph either, as she pulled a muscle in her leg right before she was to run the mile.

"I have no definite training schedule," said JoJo, "everyday I do something different."

According to JoJo she runs a combination of sprints and distance. Mr. David James also gives advice to distance runners, she said.

"She is a fantastic team member; a good leader," said Dusatko about one of her best runners. "I've coached JoJo for four years, and I couldn't ask for a more dedicated person."

JoJo has a month until state, and then what? Well, according to JoJo, she won't be far away because she is contemplating running at UNO next year.

Winter Standings

Team	Record	Pct.
Varsity Girls' Basketball	25-0	1.000
J.V. Wrestling	6-3	.667
J.V. Boys' Basketball	9-7	.563
J.V. Girls' Basketball	8-7	.533
Varsity Boys' Basketball	9-9	.500
Varsity Wrestling	2-7	.222
Boys' Swimming	0-7	.000
Girls' Swimming	0-7	.000

The girls' basketball team coasted to Central's winter sports crown, compiling a 25-0 record and winning the state tournament.

Hovering near the .500 mark were the girls' JV and boys' basketball teams. The boys' varsity finished their season at 9-9.

The wrestling program showed future promise as the JV's posted a 6-3 record. That performance may help the varsity, which struggled to a 2-7 dual match record.

Harris, Lathrum join field of female marathon runners

Kee Garver Journalism I

Driving twenty-six miles is fairly easy, but running twenty-six miles is a real challenge!

Marathon runs of this length have long been considered the test of man's endurance. However, in recent years, increasing numbers of women have been among those attempting the twenty-six mile race.

Kathe Harris and Karina Lathrum, juniors, have each run a marathon. Both put in many months of hard training to prepare for the event.

According to Kathe, preparation involves more than just physical conditioning. She said, "Running a marathon is a combination of mental and physical training."

Kathe first chose to run a marathon after viewing a local competition and experiencing the excitement involved. In a short period of time following the race, she and her mother began training. Their rigorous workouts involved running 60 miles a week, with 18 of those miles falling on Sunday.

Kathe feels that throughout training her mother was a great source of support. "I could never have run those 18 miles without her."

Karina also feels the same way. She and her mother also trained together, but their training involved a new method of getting in shape.

She, along with her mother, attended a clinic by local runners Mike Boone and Wade Thompson. The training prescribed by the runners emphasized the amount of time spent running. Mileage makes no difference.

Beginning with short ten minute runs, Karina was able to build up to workouts of up to two hours.

According to Nancy McCormick, a local runner who has competed in the Boston Marathon, women's training hasn't been studied in the magnitude that men's training has. She feels that in the future women should be able to compete with men, but that the best men will always be better than the best women.

According to her, a females' physical makeup just doesn't provide the same strength or size which men have.

Where a woman has an advantage over men is in races of 50 miles or more. She contends that women's extra body fat provides more endurance.

After months of training, both Kathe and Karina finally ran their races. Kathe ran the Lincoln marathon on May 9 of last year, while Karina competed in the Omaha Marathon last November.

Shortly into the race, Kathe's mom got sick and she was forced to run alone. "Cheering by the crowd helped me from getting discouraged," she said, "I felt pretty good throughout the race."

She climaxed the day with a sprint of the last 285 feet. Karina went out slowly for the first 9 to 10 miles. During the race, she repeated the words "think strong." It was

these words that helped propel her through the race.

Near the 22nd mile Karina began to tire. Fortunately for her, new life was sparked into her legs when a man struggled to her side and commented, "Boy, you're really hard to catch." With two blocks left in the race, Karina saw the clock. She could see that her time of three hours and 49 minutes was going to beat the time of her father's first marathon.



Harris



Lathrum

Ironically, it was he who had convinced her to take up running in the first place.

Andrea Tkach, junior, holds that the running of a marathon is an important goal of hers. She would like to run one before she graduates, but feels that in order to do so she would have to refrain from a season of school sports.

She claims that proper training is needed. "I don't just want to finish a marathon, I want to compete."

Karina managed to do both, but admitted, "It was really hard to do."

McCormick can remember when practically no women ran at all. "Five years ago maybe five women would be at a race," she said, "Today from 200-300 compete."

She greatly looks forward to the 1984 Olympics when the women's marathon event will be run for the first time.

Sports

Lifters take state in record breaking style

Mark Jamison
Ass't. Sports Editor

Powerlifting is a sport most athletes have been doing on the side to gain strength in events like football, basketball, and track. But powerlifting has developed into a sport of its own, having a state meet in March. In the state meet, Central lifted themselves to an overwhelming victory.

Central captured six out of the eleven weight classes as several state records were bettered.

Leading the field were Loc Tran, 114 pound weight class, and Howard Howell, 198 pound weight class, who were named outstanding lifters at the meet.

Tran, in three lifts, the squat, bench, and dead lift — amassed a total of 965 pounds, a new state record. Tran also squatted and dead lifted new state records of 360 pounds and 430 pounds respectively.

Howell also broke the state record in his class as he bettered both the squat and dead lift records to get a total weight sum of 1470 pounds.

Another powerlifter who did outstanding was Courtney Davis in the 123 pound class. He totaled 895 pounds in the competition.

James Evans, although devoid of state

Tran, Howell named outstanding lifters

records, won his 148 pound weight category.

Mark Buckner, sophomore, captured the heavyweight title and broke the state record in the squat at 530 pounds.

Although not winning in their respective weight classes, Brian West and Art Thirus broke the state record in the squat. They did

not win since the winner is determined by a total weight, combining the squat, bench, and the dead lift.

Tom Stawniak also participated in the state meet fresh from the wrestling season.

"I think Tom did a real good job at the meet considering he only had two weeks of preparation," Mr. Joe McMenamin, weightlifting coach, said. McMenamin felt very pleased with the turnout and with his troop.

Weightlifting is not only a "guys" sport. Crystal Gresham of Central testifies to that.

Central prepares for national meet

Gresham captured state in her 148 pound weight class.

The Eagles were responsible for a total of twelve state records.

Tran was further responsible for breaking two national records in the squat and deadlift.

Even though Tran did break the national records, it is not official. National records must be broken at the national meet, according to the coach.

The national meet, according to McMenamin, will be held during the end of April in Norman, Oklahoma. The Eagles hope to flock to Norman during that time.

"We have a break in the track season right about then, so it will work out nicely," the coach said.

According to McMenamin, everyone who won their weight classes and a few more people, including Stawniak, should do well at Norman.

"The only problem we have is a financial problem," McMenamin said in reference to the trip to the national meet.

"We have to be able to raise money some way."



photo by Daniel J. K...

Senior Michael Hall, a member of the Central powerlifting team, shows his form the bench press. The lifters won the Nebraska Powerlifting Championships by setting several state records. For details, see story at left.

Jamison leads Eagles past Roncalli golf coach stresses concentration

The boys' golf team swung into the start of its season with a win over Roncalli by a score of 164-165.

Mark Jamison, a senior, led Central scorers with a score of 37. Charles Knight followed with a respectable 41.

Coach Ed McDaniel realized that the team was a little nervous because it was their first match, but he hopes that the team will shoot better in future matches.

"Our goal is to be one of the top three teams in districts and qualify for the state meet. In order to do that, the four top players — Jamison, Knight, Chris Shaw, and Mike Keating — have to shoot approximately a team total of 310 strokes," McDaniel said.

He felt that if the districts are played at Elmwood Golf Course, they'll have to shoot even lower scores. Also pressuring the team to perform well will be the presence of two very tough teams, Millard South and Westside.

"They are loaded with top players," McDaniel said.

To enforce that comment, he added that Millard South shot par golf at Benson Golf Course last year at Metro, which was phenomenal, according to McDaniel.

"One of our problems is that we don't have the number of kids who belong to a country club, where the golfers spend more time on the golf course," McDaniel said.

The amount of time spent playing is important for the development of a golfer, according to McDaniel. He also stressed the key concentration for a full nine holes.

"It takes a long time to develop a golfer. It takes much of a sacrifice," McDaniel said.

The game of golf, he said, is a game where every shot can make the difference between winning and losing.

"A blade of grass can make the difference," McDaniel said.

Central faces Bryan today

Baseball season hampered by weather

Today the varsity baseball squad will play Bryan High at Lynch Field. The season has been slow in starting, but it will soon end in approximately a month when the state tournament arrives.

Much of the team's pre-season workout time was hampered by the late-March snowfall.

"We have not had a whole lot of cooperation from the weather," Coach Wally Knight said.

However, he noted that all of the other high schools had the same disadvantage. Practicing indoors was the only alternative to get the practice schedule rolling. This predicament

caused some problems, according to Knight.

"It is difficult to hit in a confined area compared to outside. The lighting is much different," Knight said.

He added that ground balls got a bounce off the gym floor, where they had practiced infield play. That is much different from the way a ball comes off a dirt infield.

Another problem facing the team is pitching. Besides the arms of Roger Wagner and Damon Osborne, the team has looked for a few good hurlers. In the early goings, Knight said that Maurice Gatbois and Jensen, both sophomores, might add some strength to the pitching corps.

O-Club schedules Awards Banquet

The 1983 O-Club Athletic Awards Banquet will be held Friday, May 13, at the Lewis and Clark Junior High School cafeteria, according to Mr. George Grillo, O-Club sponsor.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with food being served at 7:00. Included on the banquet agenda is a speaker, yet to be determined,

awards for the most valuable player in each sport, and entertainment courtesy of Mr. Robert McMeen.

Tickets will go on sale May 1 at the bookroom. O-Club members will have a reduced ticket price while parents will pay the regular price, Grillo said.

Calendar

Baseball

- April 15 Bryan at Central at Lynch, 4:30 p.m.
- April 18 North at Central at Lynch, 4:30 p.m.
- April 19 Northwest at Central at Lynch, 4:30 p.m.
- April 21 Westside at Central at Lynch, 4:30 p.m.
- April 22 Burke at Central at Lynch, 4:30 p.m.
- April 26 Central at Gross at Christie, 4:30 p.m.
- April 28 Central at Ryan at Christie, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' Golf

- April 15 Bellevue Invitational
- April 19 Central at Prep at Miracle Hills
- April 25 Central at T.J. at Dodge Park
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Freshmen duo make baseball squad, win team's respect

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The typical day for a Central athlete consists of arriving at school, learning for six hours, and then practicing after school for several hours.

Most of these athletes are not different from one another as they work hard to achieve success, except for two varsity baseball players. These two ballplayers, Mike Salerno and Travis Feezell, start their day by attending Lewis and Clark Junior High as ninth graders.

Feezell and Salerno are able to participate as freshmen because of a ruling passed several years ago for OPS high schools.

"It was a long drawn-out process. I talked to the vice-principal at Lewis and Clark, and then I had to see the coordinator of sports for OPS," Feezell said.

After Feezell discussed his intents with Mr. Duane Haith of OPS, he was informed that he would be obligated to attend Central as a sophomore if he made the team.

Feezell, who started playing organized baseball when he was six years old, felt that his strengths were his infield play and possibly some pitching.

"I will have to work on hitting. I'm not used to some of the 'stuff' they throw at this level of play," Feezell said.

Although Feezell was surprised at making the varsity at first, he felt that he did deserve to make the team as time

went on. In a way, he got a head jump on the other players who tried out for the squad by going out for the AAA summer team as an 8th grader.

"That helped Coach Knight get an idea of what I could already do," Feezell said.

The other half of the freshman pair is Mike Salerno, who, at 6'2" and 170 pounds has no size disadvantage.

Salerno cited several reasons for trying out for the team as a freshman.

"My brother (Pat) has been playing at Central, and there was nowhere else to play spring baseball. I had a little talent, so I decided to give it my best shot," Salerno said.

Salerno got his start in the sport by playing softball as a Cub Scout.

How does he feel being a freshman on a team dominated by upperclassmen?

"They treat me pretty good. There are a few comments, but that's to be expected," Salerno said.

Realistically Mike said that he will probably not see a whole lot of action this spring, but he is looking forward to playing summer baseball. Salerno, like his brother, participates in sports year-round. In addition to baseball, he has actively

participated in basketball and football.

Mr. Wally Knight, coach of the varsity baseball team, had some comments about Feezell and Salerno as well as freshmen in general.

"The freshman ruling is not for everyone. It is a situation where 14 or 15 year olds sometimes have to compete against 18 year olds. I keep them (freshmen) on the team because they'll be better for the AAA team in the summer," Knight said.

The attitudes towards the underclassmen has been pretty good, according to Knight. He felt it was not a problem because the two have won the team's respect.

"They are going to be two very strong players by the time they're juniors," Knight said.

However, the talents of Feezell don't stop at baseball. Earlier in the year, he started on the varsity tennis team. Although baseball is Feezell's first love, he felt tennis would be a good experience. He finished the season with an impressive 7-1 singles record and a 6-3 doubles record.

"He showed exceptional maturity for a freshman, and it seems to have a good attitude towards the game," Coach John Waterman said.

Waterman complimented Feezell's quickness and participation, but he said his best strength is that he is not afraid of winning the crucial points.

"He's a good competitor, works hard, and is a positive influence on others," Waterman said.



Feezell



Salerno