

Auction success for school, PEP

Friday, April 29, proved to be a beneficial night for raising money as Central High's first Action Auction successfully came to a close.

Mrs. Carol Valdrighi, Central social studies teacher and one of the faculty members who organized the auction, commented, "It was a big success." Over \$5,500 was raised in one night. The evening started with a dinner that procured over \$200.00 towards the profits. Next, the main event, the auction raised over \$3,900.00.

Mrs. Valdrighi said, "The reason for the success was the cooperation and contribution from parents, teachers, and students." She said that faculty members contributed a great deal to the event. Students participated with the performance of A Cappella and a teacher of the spring play.

The money raised will go for senior scholarships this year. Will this be an annual occasion? According to Mrs. Valdrighi, it is up to the whole teaching faculty and the PEP organization. There have been ideas that if it is held, some of the money will go for school improvements.



Students release balloons in annual ceremony.

photo by Daniel J. Kuhns

Students recognized with feather

Students flocked out of the building Tuesday, May 10 not due to a fire or a natural disaster but for Purple Feather Day, the day when students are honored for a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Mrs. Udoxie Barbee, administrator and a first time organizer of this event, said, "I thought it was a great success." Speakers Dr. Jack Taylor, OPS superintendent and Bill Ramsey, a local public relations man, added to the excitement.

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The activity started third hour when all honor society members left third hour to deliver feathers to the honored students. Students were yanked from their classes and taken to the east porch. There they received gifts, refreshments, and congratulation. The ceremony finished at the end of fourth period with the massive release of purple and white balloons.

Ceremony ends year for seniors

Next Thursday, May 26, approximately 425 Central High seniors will be recognized by an audience of hundreds in the commencement ceremony symbolizing the apex of thirteen years of successful education. Ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Senior Class President Andrew Stover presiding as Master of Ceremonies.

Commencement speakers for the class of 1983 will be Dave Salzer and Harry Ber-

Junior achieves Telluride honor

"Every summer since 1954, Telluride Association has awarded scholarships to a select group of high school juniors... highly motivated and socially concerned students whose backgrounds differ in all but a common commitment to the pursuit of knowledge."

Sarah Thailing, junior, has been selected to be one of 52 students across the U.S. to participate in the fully financed Telluride Association Summer Programs (TASP's). According to the Telluride Association brochure, the summer program is an "educational experience that offers challenges and rewards rarely encountered in high school, in conventional advanced placement courses, or even in college."

Sarah qualified for receiving an application to the program, "in itself a notable achievement," by scoring in the top 1% on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The only other way to receive an application is by letter of recommendation from a qualified figure.

Of the approximate 1300 students who applied, between 150 to 200 "finalists" were chosen. These candidates were personally interviewed this spring by a Telluride regional representative. From these interviews the final selection of 52 students was made.

"I was really surprised (when I found out I made it); I don't really know about culture so I'll be learning a lot," Sarah said.

According to Sarah the group will meet in the mornings for group discussion and do writing and research in the afternoons. Longterm work may include writing a research paper and making a speech.

Sarah plans to take advantage of her stay in Massachusetts by visiting nearby colleges with an aunt who lives there.

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Great expectations

'Jam Squad' talented, versatile

"We just want to make it to the top!" This statement made by Stanley Tribble, junior, leader of "Jam Squad" sums up the group's aspirations for success.

Other Centralites who are members of the Squad include Rodney Nickols, junior trumpet player; Clarence Nickols, sophomore and lead guitar; and Nate Shaw, senior and saxophone player. The group is made up of eleven members who are graduates, UNO students, and students at North, North, and Central High Schools.

Jam Squad originated seven years ago at the North Omaha Boys' Club. It was originally organized by music teacher Chuck Miller, who has since left to earn his Masters degree. Mr. Miller, according to Rodney, is the nucleus of the group and gave everyone their start. "I admire him a lot," they said.

Stanley is one of the two remaining members of the original group. Practice is held at the Boys' Club four or five times a week.

The group has a very versatile sound but is "mostly soul, new wave, and rock" according to Stanley. "We prefer the older sound (19-25) because they get into it more," Stanley said. This sentiment was echoed by other band members who feel that "high school students can't get into a live band" as well as adults.

Most recently the band has been seen performing at the Juke Box, a teen night club in Arlington. Other upcoming tentative engagements include Sioux City, Iowa; Topeka, Kansas; the Ramada Inn at Carter

Lake on May 28; and the American Legion on May 30. The group members agree that they like playing for the American Legion the best.

Jam Squad makes engagements by talking to club managers. All decisions as to the group's scheduling are made as a group. Right now all profits the group makes go toward equipment and possible recording sessions this summer.

Most of the "squad" members have versatile talents. Clarence plays guitar and "messes around a little" with the bass. Nate plays clarinet and flute in addition to the alto saxophone which he also plays in Central's band. Stanley plays drums, keyboards, and guitar in addition to the bass and singing. Rodney plays keyboards in addition to the trumpet which he also plays in band.

The individual group members' interest in music ranges from Prince and Kool and the Gang, to Jazz and Pop. Or as Rodney put it, "I like it all!"

Most of the Jam Squad members plan on sticking with the group after high school and attending college, according to Nate. Both Stanley and Rodney are interested in sound engineering while Nate may find a future in marketing. Clarence, one of the younger members of the group, would like the group to "stick together and make progress" in the next few years with the possibility of "getting discovered."

Stanley cites that Jam Squad has received a very positive response from their audiences. "They usually ask us to come back."

Education standards low

Many pupils considered 'functionally illiterate'

"If an unfamiliar foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war," admonished the recently-published 36-page report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

Armed with a battery of statistics which show declines in test scores throughout the nation, the blue ribbon panel prepared a five-step plan of attack on the "rising tide of mediocrity" which it reported to be sweeping America's education channels.

Former Nebraska Commissioner of Education Ann Campbell served on the 18-member committee which interpreted these facts. The NCEE formed 20 months ago, on the authority of Secretary of Education Terran Bell, to examine the state of American education, *Newsweek* stated in its May 9 issue.

"The evidence of decline was depressingly easy to find. About 13% of all 17 year-olds and perhaps 40% of minority youth are considered functionally illiterate," *Time* magazine reported.

Average scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests, given annually to high-school juniors and seniors, dropped over 50 points to 424 (out of 800) in verbal skills and 36

points to 466 in math between 1963 and 1980, the magazine said.

Nebraska students do surpass the average scores of the nation on achievements, according to Dr. Campbell. However, they could gain from the changes the NCEE recommended, she said in a *World-Herald* interview.

"I think they (local education authorities) should examine all the recommendations in terms of their own communities and conditions, and work together," Dr. Campbell stated.

The commission outlines five major changes. Calling for stricter high school requirements, the report suggested four years of English; three years each of science, math, and social studies; and a half year of computer science. Students planning to enter college should enroll in two years of a foreign language as well.

Currently Central's requirements, based on a three year high school instead of the commission's four, are three years of English; one each of math, a laboratory science, and American History; a half year each of American Government and World History; and a year of physical education, according to Mr. Stan Maliszewski, head of Central's guidance department.

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Central juniors Germany-bound

"Sa ducfen Sie nicht Charleston tanzen?" Maybe this phrase means little to the average student definitely, but it could cause the ears of six Central German students to prick. Ellen Zinn, Becky Welk, Sarah Stohs, Terri Tesar, Sue Begley, Terri Nelle and Sarah Burbridge will be depending on their knowledge of every-day German phrases to get them through a "survival course" in German culture, according to Mrs. Gretchen Schutte, Central German teacher and foreign language department head.

"Our goal is to learn to take care of oneself in a foreign country," said Mrs. Schutte, stating the purpose of the three-and-a-half week trip beginning on June 7. The study trip is a program of Wayne State College, and successful students completing the course will earn six hours of college credit in German. Mrs. Schutte says that this is the ninth year that Wayne State has invited current high school juniors to participate in the overseas course. Interested students and their parents attended a presentation by Inge Atkins, a German instructor at Wayne State, and then signed for the course.

Along with seasoned German students will be many beginning scholars, and Mrs. Schutte will be accompanying the group as a teacher for these beginners, giving six two-and-a-half hours classes for two weeks. "I won't teach just in the classroom; you could sit in a classroom here (in America)," she said. "I will teach managing train schedules, completing bank transactions, going to the post office, sending telegrams, shopping. These are the basics one really has to know when they are trying to get along in a foreign country. They're the things I would want to know myself if I were traveling on my own."

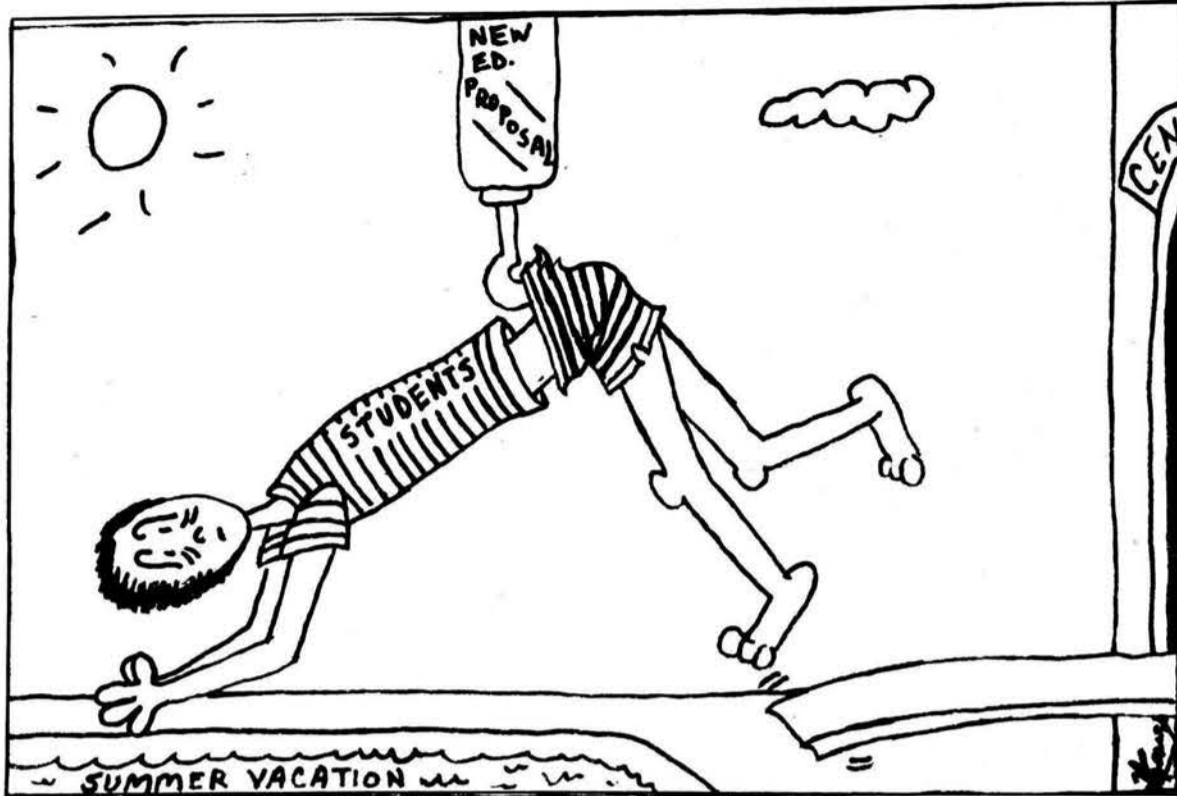
The entire group will take their basics out to many different sites in the area of Bingen-on-Rhine, where the group will be staying at the Roemerhof Inn for the first two weeks. They will write reports on what they see, and the papers will be graded and revised. The group will then leave Bingen and travel by bus to see Bonn, the capital city, and the German Parliament. Then the tour will go to the south of Germany and the Bavarian Alps, Munich, western Austria, northern Switzerland and the Alsace-Lorraine areas.



Squad members take a break at Central

photo by Mark Fritz

Solutions for improving academic excellence needed



Secretary of Education of the United States, T.H. Bell, created a National Commission twenty months ago, and the commission recently reported that the United States is faced with "a rising tide of mediocrity." The commission stated that much of the fading excellence in high schools can be attributed to the vast number of electives students may take, the lack of homework given, and underpaid teaching staffs.

Some suggestions made by this blue ribbon panel were longer school days as well as a longer school year, stricter high school course requirements, and raised college entrance requisites. On a more local level, Bell's commission stressed the importance of more homework, increased wages for teachers and local fiscal support.

This solution for improving academics in the United States is astute, and if the commission's suggestions are followed, a brighter academic future lies in store for Americans. Mediocrity in the nation's public schools systems has been tolerated far too long, and it is time that local supporters resolve existing weaknesses in school systems nationwide.

Editorial

Perhaps the most valuable of the 18-member commission's suggestions was a call for fewer "smorgasbord" electives and a more substantial required course load. The board's report suggested that all high school students wishing a diploma fulfill mandatory requirements of four years of English, three years of both math and science, three years of the social sciences, and a half year of computer science. These requirements are imperative if the country wishes to see an upswing in its academic standards. As it now stands, high school students are allowed to take a certain number of electives each year until by the senior year of high school, some students have only two academic classes with a schedule full of electives. Perhaps if the number of credits required to graduate was increased along with the mandatory courses, students would have more of an incentive to push themselves and would be better able to meet increased college entrance standards.

If more homework is given, students will sharpen their skills in the demanded academic areas. The homework given must be legitimate, useful homework, however, to make the work productive. If teachers are able to assign reasonable homework assignments without floundering for time or unit fillers or the ever famous "busywork," productivity will be the net result.

To establish more than just adequate teaching staffs in the United States public school system, a plan for increased wages must be achieved. The mediocre teaching methods of many teachers form a large part of the base for the lack of well taught students graduating from the nation's high schools yearly. Frequent evaluation of all teachers, with standards set for acceptability are imperative to set a precedent for future excellence.

The National Commission on Excellence in Education reported the Nation's education as a failure. This is not entirely true. It is just as if where straight "A's" "D's" exist. Pulling the nation out of its academic pitfall to insure a bright academic future for the U.S. will be a victory for all.

Columnist leaves Central with warm memories

As I look back over all my years at Central, it seems funny how some of those "monumentous occasions" have faded into my memory, a little fringed around the edges.

Graduations always remind me of riding on the city bus. Some people got on, and pretty soon, you strike up a conversation with them and you get a little friendly, while other people get on and maybe you just exchange a quick smile or perhaps you're too busy to notice them at all. Either way, eventually you have to get off, and start, what will hopefully be, a short walk to the place you are headed for.

Kind of corny, huh?

Of course, it didn't help much when I walked into Mrs. Autenrieth's Honors English class and she whipped out a list of theme topics, informed us we would all probably fail and pointed out the fact that she files her fingernails to a **very** sharp point. (As a Senior, I am still afraid of Mrs. Autenrieth's fingernails, and rightfully so.) And while I'm at it, I think I should take credit for some of the first I've honored Central with:

I was the first person to provoke the head of the math department to throw an overhead at a student, (me).

I was the first diver in Central's history to fall off a diving board during a school swim meet.

I was the first sophomore to successfully damage or drop every microscope ever given to me in biology.

I am the first person ever to skip 15 consecutive days of study hall (3 weeks) and then get a pass for **every day** gone. There isn't a study hall teacher alive who could bust me although a couple came close. (Miss Orr and Mr. Watson, I salute you!)

Ah, so many memories. How will my head hold them all? I guess you just have to pick out the special ones, the ones that make you smile most often and put them out of the way but still in a place where they are easily reached.

To all of you graduating seniors, good luck, God bless you and I'll see you at the 10-year reunion.

To the juniors and sophomores: please take care of Central. It's a grand old place!

And to The Register Staff: hey, Gang, isn't this whole thing sacrilegious?



As I See It
Erin Belieu

I can still remember my first day of school. Was that scared, bespeckled girl with the too-tight jeans, feathered hair, and the comb jammed in her back pocket really me? The first day I made the mistake of getting to school very early (my mother insisted because my brother informed her I would get hopelessly lost in the building) and I knew absolutely no one. I spent from 8:00 until 8:20 pretending I was talking to someone on the phone. I was so scared.

Letter

To the cast of **CHARLIE BROWN**

Thank you for a terrific time and show. I love the picture of my "Peanuts Gang." There was no team like our team. Happiness was directing all of you.

Love, Mrs. S.

Students voice opinions on increased work

In conjunction with the National Commission on Excellence in Education's view of the mediocrity

of the United States education standards, students at Central were asked to comment. Dr. Jack Taylor,

superintendent of the OPS school district, has expressed his opinion that a heavier homework load for

high school students would improve these standards. Students were asked to comment on this.



Mike Davis, senior. For a better future, I think there should be more homework for all schools. Not in all classes, but just English, science, and math. Computer science should be emphasized.

Jaki Fritz, senior. I think that in a lot of classes more homework should be assigned. There is not much homework in a lot of classes now; maybe more homework would be an incentive to do more.



Susi Svoboda, junior. I think that the more homework they give the students, the less they will do, thereby creating a higher rate of dropouts and failures.

Christy, Cox, senior. We have as much homework as we can stand right now. If people get too tired, they'll space off school. I have 3-4 hours of homework a night as it is.



Susan Neitzel, sophomore. I think they should give us less homework than we have now.

Mark Pluhacek, sophomore. It would bother me to have a lot more homework. Only in math, science, and English should an increase in homework occur. The homework in half credit classes should be cut back.

John Coolidge, senior. They should require four years of English and social sciences and two years of math. Perhaps for required classes, there should be an increase in homework, but the homework in electives should be decreased.

Jody Sortino, junior. I think it's unfair. More kids will end up dropping out. Kids are having trouble enough as it is.

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Talent thrusts obscure groups into plateau of popularity

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B-52's Whammy (WB-23819-1)
B-52's new release **Whammy** should be titled **Nothing Fresh** instead. The B-52's, outerspace punk artists from Athens, Georgia, even though they stay consistently good, with obscure inane lyrics, don't advance in style on their new disc. The new music has lost its powerful beat that was so prevalent in previous releases such as **Private Idaho** and **Rock Lobster**. This album could only be recommended to the most zealous B-52's fans.

Motley Crue's Too Fast For You.
Motley Crue, California's premiere metal band; produces a very good first album. Previously released on their own label **Leathur**, **Too Fast For Your Love**, is now available on **Electra/Asylum**. Motley Crue is made up of extremely talented metal musicians. **Nikki Six**, who wrote all of the cuts on this first album, provides an excellent bass line rare in metal music. Lead vocalist **Vince Neil** uses his well-toned voice to make their album one of the best this reviewer has heard. **Motley Crue**, with such great talent, has landed a spot in the upcoming **US Festival** along with such awesome bands as the **Clash** and **Judas Priest**.

The Call Modern Romans (3474-1 AS)
The Call, an up and moving West Coast band, has set the charts afire with their latest release **Modern Romans**. On this disc, the band provides easy and imaginative music to listen to. The Call reached cult status in Southern California bar circuits with popular cover songs of the **New York Dolls**, **Iggy Pop**, and other New York based punk bands. The synthesizer work done in the album is intricate and very well executed. **Michael Been** supplies outstanding lead vocal work especially in "All About You."
Favorite Rips: "The Walls Came Down," "Back From the Front."

Bananarama Deep Sea Skiving (London 810 102-1 R-1)

After doing some backing vocal work for the now disbanded group the **Specials**, these three girls are finally doing some of their own work.

This entire album is characterized by a jungle rhythm type beat. The most important element of this album is the vocals of the girls. Aside from the vocals the other elements of the album such as guitar, bass, and percussion are well done but not very exciting.

Favorite Rips: "Shy Boy (Don't it Make You Feel Good)", "He was Really Sayin' Somethin'."

Spandau Ballet True (Chrysalis B67 41403)
It seems that the only two reasons this band hasn't been very successful in the U.S. are lack of exposure and these so-called goozches for whom the local radio stations cater to with groups such as **Triumph**, **Van Halen**, and **Def Leopard**. This trend towards playing bad music seems to be changing with the recent playing of groups such as

Senior Wills sometimes leaves unwanted inheritances

"I hereby will my great looks, my superb body, and...my grade point average to J.R. May he never outdo me, just be as good as me."

An example of an old tradition since most can remember, Senior wills made history last week for the graduating class of 1983. The wills were a means of wishing a last memento to those who would-be seniors next year.



TIPS ON RIPS

Madness and Duran Duran.
Songwriter and guitarist **Gary Kemp** is stuck in a very nice sounding rut. **Spandau Ballet** has kept the same type of music for every one of their albums. The sound is good, but it is getting a little old. Still, for some good though slightly unoriginal music, this album is recommended.
Favorite Rips: "Communication", "Gold"
Eurythmics Sweet Dreams (Are Made of

This) (RCA AFL 1-4681)
This little known group has a sound that is new and somewhat refreshing.
The striking quality to this album is the outstanding vocal work. Not only are the vocals great, but they are backed by a great band. This album is just, in some places, a little boring. For that reason it is recommended but not strongly.
Favorite Rips: None



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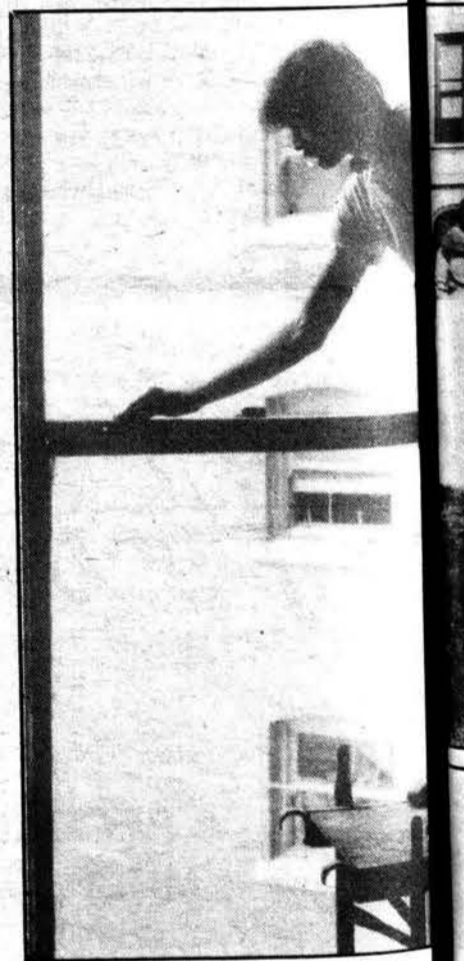
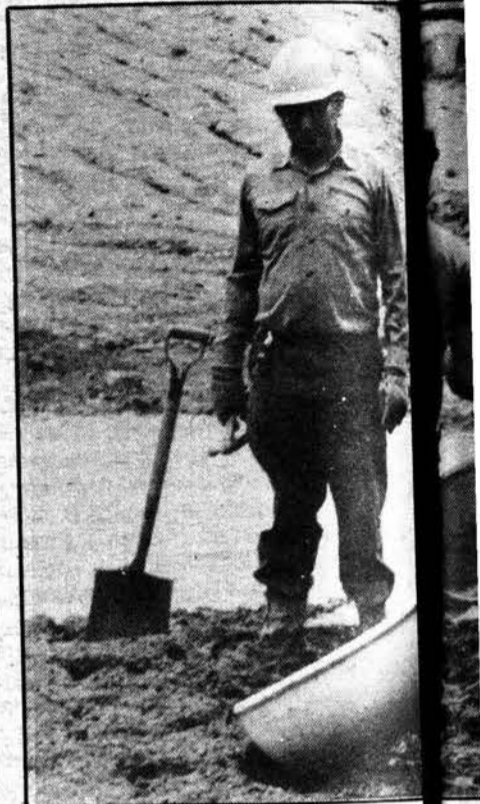
BE THERE OR BE BEAMED!

Major metamorphosis of hallowed halls Central in step with



With the addition of a dome in 1981, the courtyard now provides a pseudo-outdoor atmosphere for students enjoying lunch. Pictured here are Centralites eating lunch during seventh hour with the construction worker's center evident in the foreground.

Central's renovation took place all year long, even during school hours. Students became accustomed to the noise of drilling, the smell of paint, and the inconvenience of closed halls and stairs. Seen here are workers touching up the windows (right) and pouring cement for the new track on the west side of the building (above right).



Renovated Central to be 'beautiful'

As the school year approaches its end, students and teachers alike may begin to reminisce. Minds recall the memories of the way we were last semester, last year, and so on.

Central has undergone many changes since its present seniors were wet-behind-the-ears sophomores.

The once segregated stairs are now liberal co-educational. New windows, newly decorated rooms (complete with green carpeting and orange cabinets), an almost completed track field and an atrium to replace the courtyard have all added to the physical changes of the school.

"The reconstruction has been nice, but inconvenient, but well worth it," said senior Julianne Franklin.

Senior Chris Adamson had these very

specific views on the inconvenience of reconstruction:

"Throughout history, a reoccurring theme has been the ostracism of individuals by society. Here at Central High, many members of the student body have recently been victims of similar ostracism. The members of the CHS band have been without a permanent home for the last semester. Like the citizens of Troy after the fall of that great city, we have been driven from our home. A crime! An outrage! Perhaps our sacrifice, however, and role as scapegoats will somehow return order to our chaotic state."

Well, perhaps the band has been used as a sacrificial scapegoat, but the bandroom is on its way to be a "perfect atmosphere for the learning, practicing, and perfecting of all

types of music," said senior band member Maggie Rathouz.

Mr. Clyde Lincoln, social studies teacher, said, "I had a tendency to be tempered because of all the noise from construction; the kids, too, were irritated, but they adjusted very well."

"I'm looking forward to the day there will no longer be the crash of a hammer or the odor of paint," said Mr. George.

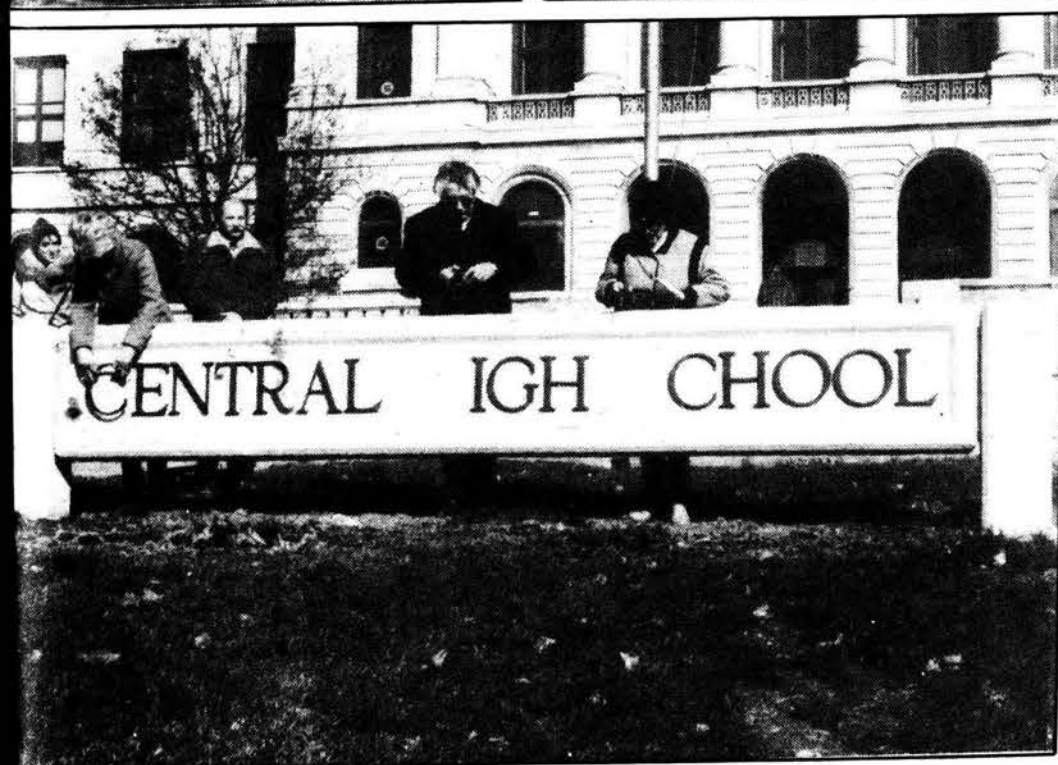
Jaki Fritz, senior, said, "I was walking to school this morning and I looked up at the first time, I thought how beautiful the school was."

Hopefully, it won't take most students three years to realize that the exterior physical structure of Central High is a national classic in architecture, although the inside may change drastically over the years.

action of the eighties



(left) In the elections of 1982, Bob Kerrey, a newcomer to Nebraska politics, defeated incumbent governor Charles Thone. Soon after his inauguration, Kerrey travelled to downtown Omaha to speak at the annual brunch of Central's Honor Society.

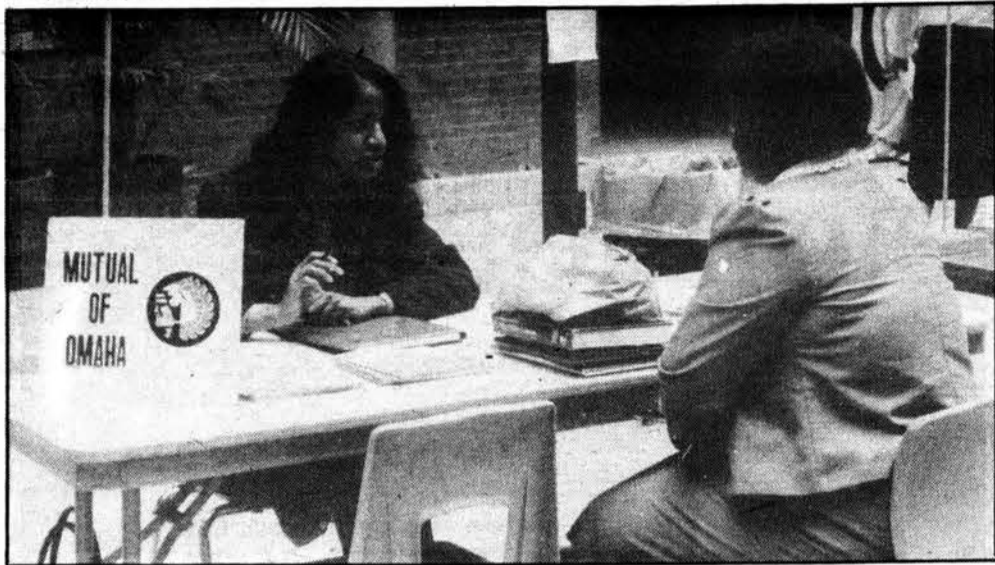


(left) A seven-year campaign by Central's PEP organization culminated in 1983 with the placement of a sandstone sign on the school's south side. Contributions from parents, students, former alumni, and faculty members made the sign possible.



(left) Two aspects of Central which will never change: purple feathers and balloons. Each year, PEP sponsors an east-porch gathering of Central's Honor Society. Pictured here is a small group of elated seniors celebrating the day with principal G. E. Moller.

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First Job Fair extends opportunities

Nineteen Omaha employers visited Central on Thursday, May 5, Job Fair Day, to talk with Central students who are not going to college and are seeking full time employment.

This is the first year Central has had a job fair, and, according to Counseling Center secretary Linda Hazuka, who was in charge of job fair day, "It looks like it went pretty

well; there's been a steady stream of students, and it gives the students an opportunity to talk to many different employers, all at once."

According to Sue Kozney, Human Resources Representative for Blue Cross and Blue Shield, "The students seem very interested. I think it's a great idea."

70 Central seniors receive scholarships and awards

Following is a list of scholarships and awards granted to Central seniors. The list includes all awards reported to the Guidance Office by May 6.

Christopher Adamson: University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Matthew Ahrens:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship, Peru State College Band Scholarship. **Deon Alexander:** Midland Junior College Basketball Scholarship. **Robert Aplegate:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Paul Aufenkamp:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Thomas Backer:** World Herald Scholarship, Elsie Fisher Memorial Scholarship. **Jennifer Bakkerud:** University of South Dakota Presidential Alumni Scholar, Bernie McClinton Memorial Scholarship. **Brian Barber:** Mary Angood Art Scholarship, Lutheran Synod Grant. **Steven Beda:** Creighton University Carl M. Reinert/Condon Academic Merit Scholarship. **Erin Belleu:** Sara Vore Taylor Scholarship. **Michael Blais:** University of Michigan Annual Giving Scholar, University of Michigan Freshman Scholar, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Mary Blazek:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Elsie Fisher Memorial Scholarship. **Terrance Boldan:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Terran Boylan:** Peter Kiewit Foundation Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship, Iowa State University Recognition and Scholastic Award. **John Bradley:** Drake University Scholarship. **Michael Brundieck:** McPherson College Academic Scholarship. **Channing Bunch:** Northwest Missouri State Athletic Scholarship. **Patricia Burnes:** Jewish War Veterans Scholarship, Creighton University Centennial Scholarship, Creighton University Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarship. **Carey Byrne:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln

Music Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln Merit Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship, University of Iowa Freshman Honors Scholarship, Iowa State University Recognition and Scholastic Award. **Timothy Chamberlain:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Iowa State University Admissions with Recognition and Scholastic Award. **Creighton University Carl M. Reinert/Nora Condon Academic Merit Scholarship. Tammy Coleman:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship. **Barbara Condon:** Grinnell College Trustee Honor Scholarship, University of Dallas Scholarship. **John Coolidge:** New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Regents Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Trinity University Scholarship. **Debra Dermeyer:** Creighton University Carl M. Reinert/Nora Condon Academic Merit Scholarship, Union Pacific Railroad Employee Dependent Scholarship. **Stephen Dlemont:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Kenneth Dutch:** Duane Perry Math Award, Michigan State University Merit Scholarship, Northwest Missouri State Regents Award, Kearney State College Tuition Scholarship, Creighton Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln 4 year Regents Scholarship, University of Dallas Scholarship, Iowa State University Recognition and Scholastic Award, Rice University Scholarship, Michigan State University Professional Assistantship.

Christopher Fox: Ione C. Paxton Scholarship. **Wendy Franklin:** Links Scholarship. **Jo Gibson:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Amherst College Scholarship. **Wade Goehring:** Harry A. Burke Scholarship, Omaha Downtown Rotary Club Scholarship, Norwich University Scholarship, Ak-Sar-Ben Scholarship, Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association Architectural Award. **Hans Graverholt:** 4 year Air Force ROTC Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln 4 year Regents Scholarship,

Education standards tightened

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Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Jack Taylor told the World-Herald he did not believe "that expanding the regular clock hours or the calendar is a realistic answer unless other things in the curriculum change first."

The national panel also suggested longer contracts and better pay for teachers. Currently, instructors work on a 180-day contract, which the NCEE would change to an 11-month one. If employed during the summer months, teachers could improve their instruction plans and generate new curriculum ideas, Dr. Campbell said.

To the commission's petition for better teacher pay, Dr. Moller responded that "the only way it's going to be accepted by the public is if they (the teachers) do work a longer year."

Dr. Taylor was less eager "to rationalize paying teachers more by working them more." Otherwise, the superintendent had no objections to lengthening either the day or year, he said.

The NCEE also called for colleges to raise their admission requirements, a step

which Dr. Campbell said Lincoln's university has taken, but most private colleges and four state colleges have not.

Finally, the commission sought support for national educational improvements. Its "Open Letter to American Public" appealed to both students and parents for their efforts.

As for changes in Central's near future, Dr. Moller warned against expecting much community reaction to commission's report.

"There's a whole lot of hullabaloo for months and then nothing comes of it," Dr. Moller of past reactions to reports such as the NCEE's.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central principal, said that he was "in favor of tightening up requirements for graduation. "Not enough students with demonstrated ability do enough challenging courses," he said.

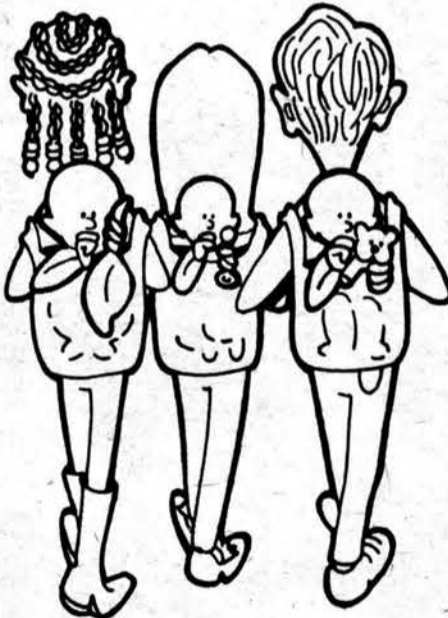
Another proposed change is in amount of time spent in learning basics. NCEE recommended seven-hour school days, instead of Nebraska's average six, 200 to 220-day school years, rather than the state's typical 175 day term.

Iowa State University Admission with Recognition and Scholastic Award. **Melissa Hall:** Godfather's Pizza Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Chadron State College Board of Trustees Scholarship. **Michael Hall:** Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association Architectural Award, **Kathryn Harris:** Iowa State Athletic Scholarship. **Rezzella Harris:** Ione C. Paxton Scholarship. **Kyle Hofacre:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Sonny Jones:** Wayne State College Athletic Scholarship, **Loys Johnson:** Trinity University Presidents Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Andrea Kaplan:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln Niles H. Barnard Scholarship. **Sue Kastric:** Omaha Legal Secretarial Scholarship. **Shelly King:** Mary Angood Art Scholarship. **Robyn Kuta:** Nielsen Scholarship. **Becky Lane:** Peri State Presidential Scholarship. **Anne Lee:** World Herald Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln 4 year Regents Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship, Elsie Fisher Memorial Scholarship, Washington School P.T.A. Scholarship. **Tom Lehr:** J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship. **Denise Mancuso:** Studio Academy Scholarship. **Paul Martin:** Jim and Elma Simpson Memorial Scholarship. **Michael Matya:** Drake University Academic Scholarship. **Tami McGruder:** Bessie Rathbun Latin Scholarship. **Shella Mosen:** Peru State College Music Scholarship. **Jay Nigh:** Kearney State College Half Tuition Scholarship. **Brian Olson:** University of Nebraska/Omaha Kayser Scholarship. **Eric Olson:** World Herald Kay Staffer Award, Gunnar Horn Journalism Scholarship. **Linda Pallat:** Peter Kiewit Foundation Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship. **Curtis Perryman:** Iowa State University Academic Scholarship. **Mary Peterkin:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **S. Peters:** Metro Tech Community College Scholarship. **Margaret Rathouz:** Newcomb College Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln Year Regents Scholarship, Elks Foundation Scholarship, Iowa State University Foundation Scholarship, Boston University Trustee Scholarship, Iowa State University Scholarship for Excellence. **Amy Salem:** Woodmen of the World American History Award, Union Pacific Railroad Employee Dependent Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Omaha Regents Scholarship, University of Dallas Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition and Scholastic Award. **David Salzer:** University of Colorado/Boulder Alumni Scholarship, Nebraska Academy of Sciences Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship. **Schaal:** Godfather's Pizza Scholarship. **Schmidt:** Midland Music Scholarship, August Lutheran Church Scholarship to Midland College, Augustana College Music Scholarship, August Lutheran Church Scholarship to Augustana College. **Lori Sebek:** J. Arthur Nelson Scholarship. **Katherine Smith:** Augustana College Entrance Scholarship. **Gregory Stonehouse:** University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, 4 Year ROTC Scholarship. **Andrew Stover:** Washington University Scholarship, University of Nebraska/Lincoln David Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition and Scholastic Award. **Vickie Strayer:** Metro Tech Community College Scholarship. **Terri Swoboda:** Kearney State College Presidents Scholarship. **Cheryl Thompson:** Central High School Class of '32 Scholarship. **Kimberly Tisdale:** University of Wyoming Athletic Scholarship. **Kevin Walters:** University of Nebraska/Omaha Music Scholarship. **Isaiah Williams:** Norwich University Scholarship. **4 Year Air Force ROTC Scholarship.**



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Netters finish season 6-3

After a sluggish start, with a few losses early in the season, the girls' tennis team was able to sweep five consecutive matches to finish up their season with a 6-3 record.

In the season opener against Burke High School, the Eagles were defeated 1-8, Anne Lee being the only victorious team member. The Bulldogs, led by Nancy Rath, seemed to capture the match rather easily.

According to Lisa Benetz, the tennis team's number one singles player, Burke always beats Central because they have an unfair advantage.

"We have no place to practice because of bad weather, while they (Burke players) can practice inside if the weather is bad," the senior said.

Despite the loss, the Eagles bounced back and beat Benson 8-1 as Benetz, according to Ms. Joyce Morris, girls' tennis coach, played a very good game.

Unfortunately, the team faced another tough opponent April 21 — the Marian Crusaders. Marian swept the game 9-0 to make the Eagles record 1-2. "We usually lose against both Burke and Marian every year," Benetz said.

In their fourth match the Eagles faced Gross High School. The Cougars were victorious with a 6-3 win. Anne Lee, Central senior, regarded the loss as very "dissapointing."

But as the team was hampered by a 1-3 season after four matches they came back blazing to win a string of five.

Their first comeback match was against Tech, which the Eagles swept 9-0.

Following the regular season, the Eagles play both Metro and state. Coming off a five-string victory streak, the Eagles should do quite well in Metro and be ready for state, according to Benetz.

Senior Harris eyes future in running

Senior Kathy Harris is finishing her high school running career in style by capturing firsts in the 100 in both the Metro and district track meets, May 3 and 4, and May 10, respectively.

According to the senior, her daily workout is a two-mile run with weight training and physical therapy treatments in the summer. The physical therapy is to condition her knee which kept her unable to run most of her sophomore year.

Mrs. Jo Dusatko, girls' track coach, said, "Kathy has shown great team effort and is an outstanding runner." She con-

tinued by saying that "Kathy is an exceptionally bright young lady."

Harris has been running for nine years. She began with the Skylarks and then changed to the Striders, which she is currently running with.

Harris, who runs mainly the 100, 200, and 400 meter dashes, has come in with an abundance of firsts this season. Yet, she not only excels on the track, but she also excels in her full load of academics.

She will be at Iowa State on a full-ride scholarship next year. "Iowa State is lucky to get her," said Dusatko.

Harris said her goal is to compete at the world level.

"I at least want to see the Olympics if I can't be in them."



Harris

Walks hurt baseball squad

Bunch hits .472 to lead Eagles

After their first twelve games, the varsity baseball squad was hovering near the .500 mark with a record of 5-7. Yet, their record isn't evident to their quality of play, which has been impressive at times. But errors and walks have plagued the team in late innings as the Eagles lost four close games.

Three of their losses came in the last inning, and four games found the Eagles losing by one run. Those losses came against Ralston, Bellevue East, Gross, and Roncalli with scores of 5-6, 11-12, 10-11, and 0-1 respectively.

"We could have been 9-3, but walks really hurt us and were a contributing factor to the losses," Coach Wally Knight said.

Knight said that he found little time to work with his pitchers because of their rigorous schedule. He commented on one week of play where the Eagles played five days in a row.

"I am looking forward to the three-week break between spring and summer ball," Knight said.

After twelve games, the Eagles were batting .322 as a team. Channing Bunch leads Central sluggers with a stout .472 average, which was one of the five best averages in high school baseball in the Omaha area. Other leading hitters were Pat Salerno, .410, Jim Waldron, .378, and Bob Ptacek, .371.

In the pitching category, Damon Osborne was leading the squad with an ERA of 4.69 and record of 2-2. Pat Salerno was 1-0 and Roger Wageman, who has carried most of the pitching chores, with a 2-5 record.

Today the state playoffs are being played. At press time it was not known whether the Eagles would be appearing at state. Districts were held last week to determine the state qualifiers. Central was scheduled to play Bellevue East in the first round of districts.

"We went into districts just concen-

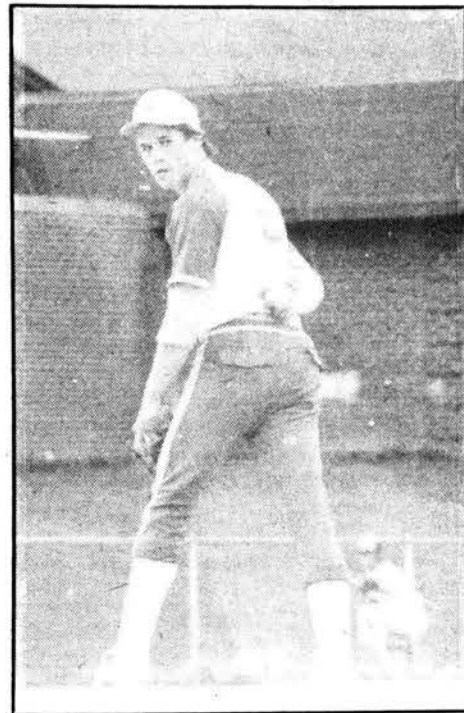


photo by Mark Fritz

Roger Wageman keeps a watchful eye on first base in a Central victory over Ryan.

trating on playing the way we've played all year, nothing different," Knight said.

Knight mentioned the play of freshmen Travis Feezell and Mike Salerno as being exceptional, and he commented that they have played in quite a few games this season.

With the advent of summer just a few weeks away, it should be mentioned that AAA baseball and legion ball will be starting. Tryouts will be held this Saturday morning at 9:00 at Boyd Field. Knight encouraged anyone interested in trying out to attend. The Budweisser team, for boys 18 and under, will play 36 games this summer. The AA squad, for boys 16 and under, will be sponsored by the Central merchants.

Jamison fires 87 to lead Central at Metro

On Wednesday, April 20 and 21 golf teams sprang into action during the Metro golf meet held on the Benson Golf Course. Central placed 12th with top golfer Mark

Jamison stroking a score of 87 and Chris Shaw shooting 89. According to Coach Edward McDaniel, the team did the good job they were expected to.

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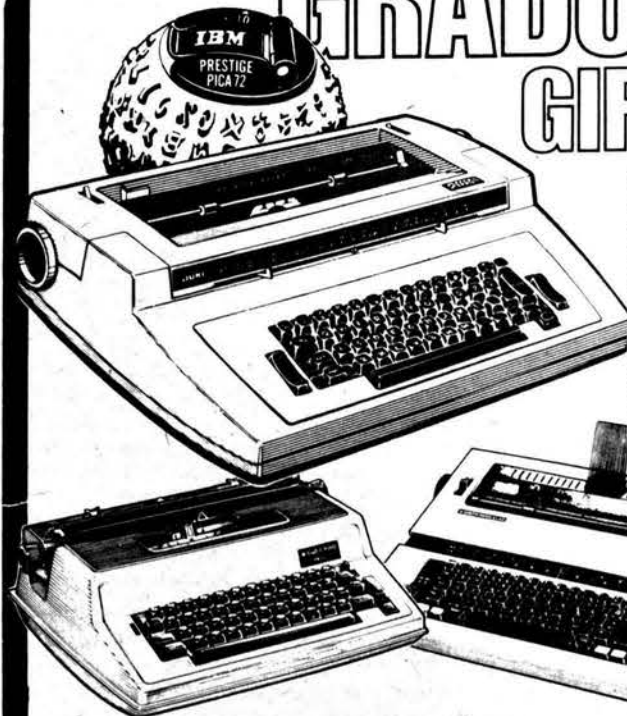
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Sports

Lady tracksters run to 11th Metro crown

The Central Girls' track team swept through the Metro Conference championship, capturing their eleventh Metro title.

Central won 42 points ahead of Bellevue West, which placed second with 76 points.

Coach Mrs. Jo Dusatko said, "I'm really pleased with the team effort."

The team took the top three places in both the 100 and the 200 with Kathy Harris, senior, taking first in the 100 and junior Maurtice Ivy first in the 200. All three relay teams won, and sophomore Tabby Whitmon finished second in the hurdles.

Next the team faced districts. According to Dusatko, "As long as no false starts or dropping of a baton hinder the team, everything looks promising for state qualifications."

The state meet begins tomorrow at the Burke Stadium.

Girls' Metro Results

1. Central	118	11. Papillion	10
2. Bellevue West	76	11. Tech	10
3. Abe Lynx	41½	11. Bryan	10
4. Burke	39	14. Marian	4
5. Northwest	31	15. Gross	2
6. Westside	26½	15. Roncalli	2
7. Bellevue East	20	17. South	0
8. Ralston	16	17. North	0
9. Millard South	15	17. Benson	0
10. Millard North	13	17. Tee Jay	0



photo by Daniel J. Ku

Central's Terrance Tyler lands with a splash in the long jump at a recent invitational. The Eagles are preparing to defend their state title tomorrow when the Nebraska State Track Meet opens at Burke High.

First in Metro

Eagles qualify 20 in state track meet

Central will be seeking its second consecutive track title when the state meet opens tomorrow at Burke Stadium.

If past performances serve as an indicator, the Eagles should do well in both the field and running events. Because the district meet was held after press time, state qualifiers from Central are not known.

Although the team has averaged over a 70 point margin of victory in their meets, Coach Joe McMenemy won't say if this is the best squad he's coached in his four-year tenure.

"We're scoring higher than we have in past years but you can't tell if this is the best team until after you sit down and look at it after state," he said.

Central continued its torrid scoring at the tragedy-marred Metro meet, taking first place by 62 points over runner-up Millard North.

A dark shadow was cast over the meet on the first day when Ralston pole vaulter Darin Ohnstad was injured on a vault attempt at 13 feet, 8 inches. He fell from the peak of his vault to the box where the pole is planted, landing on his head and back.

Ohnstad underwent brain surgery on May 5 and remained unconscious up until his death on May 9.

McMenemy said the injury to Ohnstad put the competition into a different perspective.

"It really makes you think," the coach said. On the track Central distributed its scoring over many events. Squad won seven of ten final day events.

"We scored well in a lot of different areas," McMenemy said. "I didn't expect to score so well in the sprints."

In the 100 meters Central's Tony Fagan, Keith Jones, and Howard Johnson won first, third, and fifth place respectively. Fagan and Johnson also came in first and second in the 200.

Senior Tom Stawniak won the shot with a put of 58'11¼" on final day. He earlier won the discus to claim two gold medals at the meet.

According to McMenemy the team has found a new source of point scoring in the hurdles. Sophomore Tony Avant won the gold in the 110 highs, sprinting the distance in 15.36 seconds.

The 400 meter relay team captured first place also. The team comprised of Fagan, Jones, Nate Blanks, and Michael Carter, ran the event in 43.03 seconds.

Success for Central relay teams didn't stop there. The 1600 meter team, made up of Leonard Robinson, Ron Barnes, Blanks, and Carter, outlegged Burke for the medal.

The Eagles also won the long jump with Blanks' jump of 21'11"

Central joins Burke-only OPS soccer

After Central sophomore Steve Berman's persistent prodding, Central now has a soccer club.

The club consists of both a boy's and girl's team with 14 members each. Central joins the ranks with Burke as the only two teams representing Omaha Public Schools.

Central's teams are classified as B teams in Metro. The classification is based upon the team's performance the preceding year.

According to Mrs. Sue Gambaiana, soccer sponsor, the Metro Soccer Council wanted to classify Central's boys as an A team due to the participation of Central student's on a mixed team at Northwest last year. It was decided, though, that this was a completely different team.

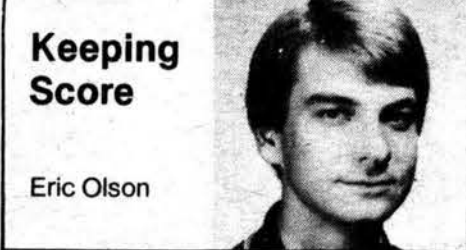
Coaching the girl's team are U.N.O. students Scott Durban and Alan Brady, and the boys' team by Creighton Students Tom Egan and Joe Castelli.

Smagacz builds class program

Track tradition continues with hard work, facilities

Central's defense of the boys' state track title tomorrow won't be unfamiliar territory for the team. The program has enjoyed a long tradition of winning that dates back to the late 1950's.

The man responsible for turning Central's mediocre teams before 1958 into a respected powerhouse is Mr. Frank Smagacz, track coach from 1958-68. In his ten year



Keeping Score

Eric Olson

tenure, Smagacz brought six state crowns to Central. Winning those titles was not easy as the team had no facilities for

practice. "We won those championships without a track. We had to use the third floor for practice," Smagacz said.

Although Central had a respectable program before Smagacz arrived here from coaching at Tekamah-Herman, Nebraska High, the former coach believes he is the reason for the start of the winning tradition.

"I went out to junior highs scouting and talking to athletes," Smagacz said.

As time went on, and Central's success increased, his recruiting became easier. "I just said to the athlete, 'Don't you want to run for the state championships?'"

Smagacz really wasn't breaking any rules by going out looking for athletes. In fact, recruiting was very commonplace at the time because there were no defined rules on it.

Without any doubt Central teams coached by Smagacz won several tremendous individual feats were accomplished during his stay with the Eagles.

Standouts of his era include Mark Wilson, who was the first Nebraska high schooler to run the mile in less than four minutes. Former Chicago Bears' great Gale Sayers long jumped 24 feet, 10½ inches for Central in 1961, the longest standing record in Nebraska books.

But among those two and a variety of others, Smagacz was unable to determine which was the greatest.

"There's so many good ones — Wilson, Sayers, Vince

Orduna, and Jimmy Hunter."

And the former coach didn't hesitate in saying he is aware of the powerful teams of the 80's. However, he maintains that his teams could beat those led by today's coach, Mr. Joe McMenemy.

"We would beat them — no doubt. I had some super guys, and if they wanted to win, they could beat anyone," he said.

When Smagacz retired, he left the new coach, Mr. David James, with a respected program. James didn't have the same success as Smagacz, but the flow of great athletes kept coming as good runners were urged to attend Central.

During James' term as head coach, the Eagles continued their dominance in the sprints but were only fair in weight events.

"Field events have never been a forte at Central except for the jumps," James said.

Not until recently, since the weight program started, has Central done well in weight events. Larry Station and Tom Stawniak have made their names known in the shot and discus over the last two years.

James said that although his teams of the 70's were not outstanding, they were definitely solid.

He picked Steve Blair as the best male trackster he coached. In 1975 Blair totaled three gold medals at the Metro meet, winning the 100, 180 low hurdles, and 220. Two of those medals were won within 10 minutes of each other.

"He won the 180 hurdles and then walked back to the starting line and won the 220 yard dash," James said, citing that the two events were run consecutively at the meet.

At the time when the boys' program was just leveling off, girls' track was being introduced for the first time.

In twelve years the Central girls have won ten Metro meets, four state championships and six runner-up in state.

Juanita Orduna, Vince's sister, was the key in Central's early success, according to Mrs. Jo Dusatko, head coach of the girls' team since the beginning.

Dusatko attributes the lady Eagles' winning tradition to good team work and great athletes.

"There have been so many outstanding young ladies I have worked with," she said.

The greatest of those, according to the coach, was Jackie Washington, who graduated in 1980. Washington

was a hard worker along with being a great competitor," Dusatko said.

James, who currently serves as a girls' team assistant, agrees that Washington was the best female trackster Central has ever seen.

"She was an electrifying competitor. At the state meet she was flocked by kids to get her autograph."

With the girls winning so much, Dusatko and her coach have added pressure to perform well.

"If we don't win all the time, people think we're losing," she said.

But, according to James, a problem has shown up in winning.

"When we won three girls' crowns in a row (79-81), we became a little complacent about the work ethic."

However, he feels with hard work and the new track facility, the program will become even stronger.

"I see having a track right outside our backdoor as a tremendous asset."

The 16-year coaching veteran feels Central's potential would be even greater if they had the talent right out of the halls. James explained that many track candidates don't participate because of the travel involved in practicing.

"It's depressing to ride a bus every day to practice. It's a waste of time," he said.

McMenemy believes Central's track tradition is based on the school's ability to get athletes from all over the area and on the echo effect.

"Tradition builds tradition," the coach said.

McMenemy has tried to get some of the untapped resources out of the hall, as James mentioned, and has had some success. Senior Howard Howell, who never participated in track before this year, won 3rd place at Metro this year in the shot put.

The 1983 edition of the Central track teams will try to win yet another set of state titles this weekend to add glory to the long, well-established winning tradition. If they don't come home with crowns, they can only respect James' key to winning — hard work.

"We always have to work hard, and that will automatically bring success."