

Camelot affords expression outlet for students, grads

by Linda Rock

"Under state law, it is unlawful for the pupils of any public high school to participate in or be members of any secret organization." This is how the Central High School handbook, "Opportunities Ahead," reads on the subject of secret or underground activities.

Recently, plans have gotten underway by several Central students to publish an underground political newspaper. The newspaper, **Camelot**, is run by a core staff of five with approximately ten additional writers and contributors. Central High School students, St. Joseph High School students, and "graduates" are among those currently working on the preliminary plans of the paper. Writing under pseudonyms from the legendary Camelot, this staff plans to publish their first paper in mid-June.

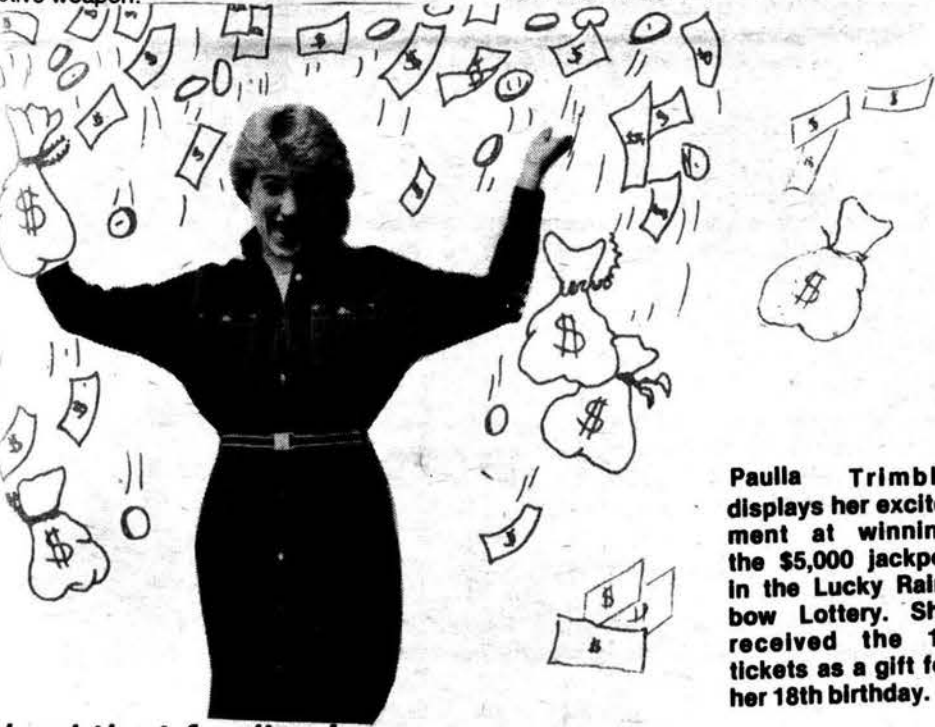
"We want our first issue to be basically informative," said Mordred, Central student and page editor for **Camelot**.

Speaking also in terms of freedom and democracy, Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High School principal, expressed his views on the group. "We are privileged to live in a country in which such things can be done."

"We have a forum for all political philosophies," said Mordred, "a lot of attitudes which aren't considered mainstream. We want to publicize more than the two-party system." Included in some of the parties to be represented in the paper are socialism, communism, libertarianism, and humanitarianism.

Going on sale for a minimum cost, the paper is not expected to turn a profit. Although nothing is definite yet, Mordred expects that the paper will be on sale at the Magic Theater and at music stores around Omaha.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," said Mordred. "We don't have to blow up buildings to prove our point. The form of expression which we have is a much more effective weapon."



"I had that feeling"

'18' proves lucky for Trimble

April 23, 1984, marked the first day of sales for the controversial city lottery tickets here in Omaha. April 23, 1984, also marked the 18th birthday of Central Senior Paula Trimble. The coincidence of the two events on the same date turned into a \$5,000 birthday present for Paula.

Paula said that when she found out that lottery tickets were going on sale on her birthday, she thought it would be fun to get some. Paula's mother, Mrs. Nell Trimble, agreed with the idea and so she bought Paula 18 tickets for her 18th birthday. Little did she know that her \$18 present would increase in value to \$5,000.

"I had that feeling," Paula said, "I've got to win something, it's my birthday!"

Paula found out that she had won something on Friday, May 4. Paula's mother called her at work and told Paula that she may have won a thousand dollars after seeing that her daughter's ticket had won on Channel 7 TV, the winning ticket being the 18th ticket that her mother purchased for her. Paula said that her mother called her back ten minutes later and told



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A worker fills in the hole some feared would swallow Central. Meanwhile, Dodge Street traffic is channeled into one lane in front of the school.

Dodge Street 'inconvenience' to students

No, this is not a picture of Dodge Street at the beginning of the 1982-83 school year, but it is Dodge Street in May of 1984.

Dodge Street, which was completely resurfaced in front of Central High just last school year, is once again a big pile of dirt conflicting with students who are dropped off for school in the mornings and students who are catching MAT buses after school.

According to one construction worker, a water main was leaking underneath the street and the dirt eroded away. If enough pressure had been put on the street, it could have collapsed. The worker said that the hole underground was big enough for a whole bus to have fallen in. The entire street in front of Central will have to be torn out, the water main fixed,

and the street relaid. Work should be completed by the beginning of next school year.

In the meantime, Central students will have to put up with the inconvenience connected with catching a bus after school. Central junior Amy Donnelson said, "It's hard enough to get out in front of Central to catch the number 2 bus on time, but since the construction started you have to go down to 19th Street to get the bus." Amy said that the bus drivers are pretty good about stopping for students if they see them walking toward the stop.

As for the uncertainty of the extent of the underground tunnels created by the leaking pipes, city officials promise Central students that there is no danger of the ground opening up and swallowing Central High.

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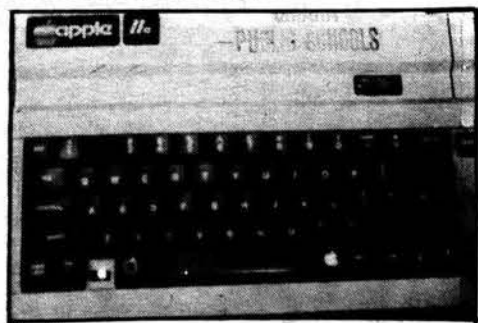
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'Everyone is penalized'; much 'wear and tear' is hard on computers

by Andrew Sullivan

The computers in the computer math room have had numerous breakdowns.

Mr. John Waterman, math department head, said that one of the most common breakdowns occurs in the disk drives. Mr. Waterman said that the disk drives get a lot of wear due to the use of the computer language, Pascal. Mr. Waterman explained that Pascal requires two disk drives instead of one. The disk drives also receive wear-and-tear from turning the computer on and off again. Mr. Waterman said that the disk drives would receive less wear-and-tear if the computers were left on during the day when they are used most.



Broken keys are only one type of abuse computers have received this year.

Mr. Waterman said that the printers are used a lot and have already broken down.

In comparing the math computers with the business computers, Mrs. Wanda Utecht, business department head, said that the computer problems they have had, have been with computer software. Mrs. Utecht said that some programs had been altered and/or had computer graffiti. Mrs. Utecht said that only one computer has broke down repeatedly. She said the first repair cost \$259.

In the math computer room, some of the computers are missing keys from their keyboards. Mr. Waterman suspects that the

breakage has occurred for playing video games which require the use of the keyboards. Mr. Waterman suspects that the citing games cause students to punch the keys much harder which causes breakage. He said that the games cannot be played on the computers without a teachers' permission, but since the computer room has little supervision, students can easily get away with playing a video game.

Mrs. Utecht said that only educational games are allowed to be played on the business computers, and all other games are forbidden. Mrs. Utecht said, "I think game playing leads to breakage."

Mr. Waterman said that he does not think anyone is deliberately breaking the computers but said that abuse of the rules is obvious. He pointed out that food wrappers have been found in the computer room and explained that food can cause damage if any particles fall between the keys of the keyboard. Mr. Waterman added that some of the computers are at least two years old and are in constant use.

Mr. Paul Pennington, a computer program teacher, said that there is some suspicion that there has been some tampering with the computers. Mr. Pennington pointed out that it would provide a student with a good excuse for not finishing an assignment. Mr. Pennington added that unlike the writing lab which has a teacher in the room, the computer math room has no supervision.

Mr. Waterman said that four student aides have been watching the computer room at certain periods of the day. He added that before the student aides there were computer breakdowns every two weeks, but since the aides have been working, breakdowns now occur about once a month.

Mr. Waterman said that teacher supervision would be nice, but with Central expecting an increase in enrollment next year there is bound to be a shortage of teachers making teacher supervision of the computer room highly improbable.

Finals approach for unlucky seniors

"All my seniors take finals — they always have, and they always will!" declared Central chemistry teacher, Mr. John Williams. Mr. Williams has followed this policy in all of his classes because he feels that "the final is an integral part of the course — without it, students would just sort of fade off into the sunset and forget what they've learned." Many of his senior students may not appreciate his insistence concerning the final, but at least his "policy" is consistent.

However, not all teachers at Central are as clear about their rules for senior finals. Although the administration does suggest a few guidelines for teachers to follow concerning finals (a student maintaining a "3" of above grade point average may be excused from finals), the final decision is left to the teachers' discretion. Mr. Jack Blanke, head of the social studies department at Central, said, "Whether or not seniors take the final is based on intangibles. Those people I feel need to take a test get one."

Editorial

When asked if they felt a set administrative policy is needed for finals, both Mr. Blanke and Mr. Williams supported the individual discretion policy. Reasons for this are based on the large amount of variables involved with each separate situation, for instance: absences and effort shown through class participation and homework grades. Said Central math teacher Paul Pennington, "I think the decision should be made by the individual teachers although it would be easier for teachers if there was a set rule."

In many ways, a mandatory administrative policy followed by all teachers would make senior final situations easier all around. Primarily, senior students would be able to go into a class knowing what to expect and prepare for. An administrative policy would also support teachers in any confrontations they might have with seniors about finals, as well as eliminate that decision from their many responsibilities.

It is reasonable to have a student with a "4" or below in a class take the final, and including a rule about absences in a policy would eliminate much of the present confusion.

Summertime

blahs



Rocky Road

Linda Rock

Where's the fun?

Everywhere the air is filled with the sound of pages turning. Students rush to their homerooms to read and write. No, it isn't a new incentive program to get students to do their homework. It's yearbook time! "Will you sign my yearbook?" is now the most commonly uttered phrase, even more so than "may I go to the bathroom?" Yearbooks symbolize friendship and memories, but most of all they symbolize the approaching end of the school year.

And with the school year drawing to a close comes the promise of summer, a time all students love and all parents fear. Parents dread this time of year not because they dislike seeing their children (although some may deny that statement) but because they fear the summertime blahs.

Summertime blahs, characterized by the whining complaint "Mom, I'm bored," are not fatal but can really take their toll on the unsuspecting teenager.

Picture, if you will, an average teenager, Joe Class. Joe has been counting down the days until school lets out since last August. The awaited day finally arrives and oh how Joe does rejoice! He has his whole summer perfectly planned. First, he will sleep until noon, after which he will wake to a breakfast of cold pizza and gatorade. Sometime in the early afternoon, he will plop down to watch "soaps" or to vegetate on MTV. Perhaps (if it isn't raining and if he's already seen all of the **Brady Bunch** re-runs), Joe will venture out into the sunlight. On some rare occasions he may even go so far as to go to the local pool.

'Flintstone' reruns quick to lose entertainment value

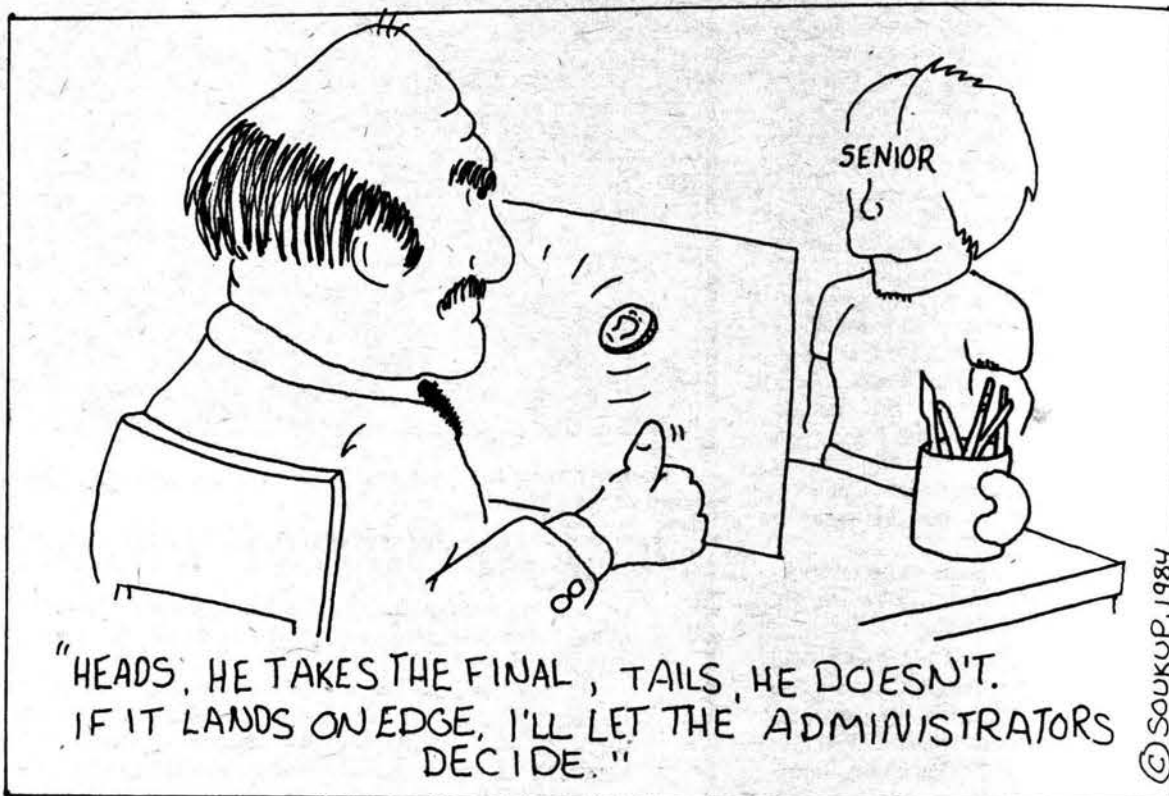
A perfectly calm, relaxful summer all planned out... until the blahs strike. All of a sudden, Joe is no longer interested in "The Flintstones"; watching the grass grow no longer holds the same intrigue and fascination for him.

If you, like Joe, suffer from this annual ailment, don't despair; there may still be help for you. Thanks to modern technology, several antidotes now exist to combat the summer blahs.

Jamming, breaking, thrashing, slamming — if you have understood this much, perhaps dancing is your bag. Buffalo Billy's (84th & Blondo) and Catfish Lake (Bellevue) are teen night clubs currently open in the Omaha area. They both provide the atmosphere of a night club without the alcohol which restricts most teens from the music and dancing of conventional night clubs. The Magic Theater in the Old Market features bands and dancing. A traditional summer stand-by, Sprite Nite, is held on Thursday nights at Peony Park.

So, you like out-of-doors activities. A camping trip or fishing trip might be on your agenda; you like to watch wildlife in the woods. But what if you aren't able to go out of town? Don't fret, there is an answer to this, too! If you can't go to nature, make nature come to you. Leave tuna sandwiches in your front yard and just see how fast nature comes to you.

Summer school often fills the time of students. What a perfectly depressing way to complete the school year — by going back to school. Well, there is no reason to make summer school a total chore. After all, it is still summer. Convince your math teacher that the class should go on a field trip to Baskin Robbins to figure out all the possible combinations that 31 flavors can make. "Forget" to replace the lid on the reptile cage in the biology class. Tell your driver's education teacher that the doctor ordered you to listen to a minimum of twenty-three hours every day of loud, acid rock music (especially while driving).



Registered Opinions

Teachers share wisdom, experience

In this issue's Registered Opinions teachers were asked what advice they would give to students just getting out of high school.

Dan Daly - English Department - pic at right)

"I think that people should really pursue what they want to do, have faith and confidence in their own aspirations and try for everything they want."

Stan Maliszewski - counselor - (pic at right)

"People have to take risks. The only way to grow is taking risks, and that means not living in the past but being aware and living in the present."

Gerl Zerse - counselor

"You have to be willing to take a risk and live with however the consequences turn out. Also, you have to take advantage of opportunities when they come along."

Robert Cain - English Department

"My advice would be that students work part-time in the field of their choice while continuing their education to decide whether their career choice is the right one."



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Downtown Omaha: its effects on Central, opportunities, entertainment, and home

by Erika Herzog

It all started with the completion of the Central Park Mall. Then the Fontenelle Hotel was torn down, the red brick twin skyscraper housing ConAgra and Norchem was erected, and the old Braiker-Brandeis building was transformed into the new "Galleria."

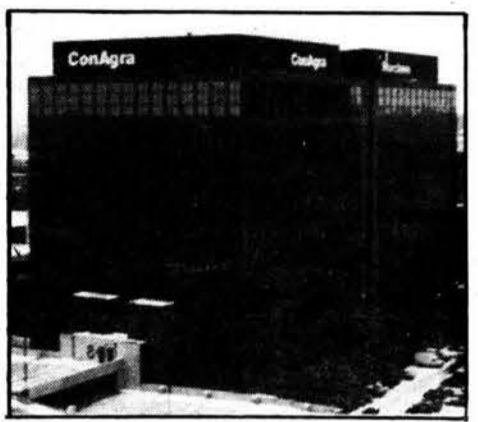
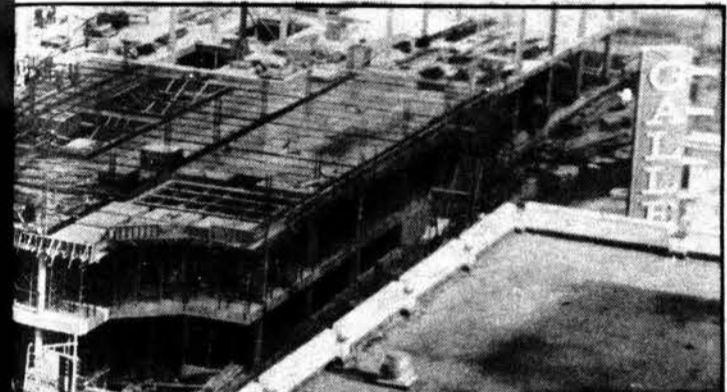
Because of all of these changes, it seems that the downtown area has become the true representation of what Omaha really consists of.

On the same vein, many students are seeing more advantages in respect to the job market that is available in the downtown area. The growth of department and specialty stores downtown creates more and more jobs for teenagers. Central, because of its proximity to, or actually and more realistically in the downtown area, has become a place where

employers look for potential employees.

With more things to do that are created with this rebirth in the downtown area, Central students can enjoy the area even more. The Old Market and Central Park Mall offer plenty of entertainment while more buildings are being transformed, built, or reconstructed.

So the environment of the around Central is special. No other school is located in the true heart of downtown, and because of this, Central and the downtown Omaha area are both at the same time being rejuvenated. The rejuvenation, whether it is at Central or in the downtown area, has enmeshed Central and downtown Omaha even more firmly together. This attitude should be profitable, giving both Central and downtown Omaha an exciting future.



-(top left) Central's architecture, part of the aesthetic qualities that give downtown Omaha its distinctive quality.

-(bottom left) New construction going on at 17th and Douglas Streets, across from the Galleria.


-(center) Central's winter beauty.

-(above top) A view of downtown Omaha taken from Central with the sun streaming through the trees.

-(above bottom) The twin monoliths of the ConAgra/Norchem building, a recent addition to the downtown skyline.

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Senior selected



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Senior Larry Anderson recently took part in a Soroptimist-sponsored conference.

Larry Anderson, senior, recently took part in an international conference sponsored by the Soroptimists International of the Americas. Held in May, the convention promised a weekend of topical discussions mixed with a lot of fun.

"Two people from our region were chosen to go to the international conference," said Larry. Larry and another representative were selected from a regional conference held last October. According to Larry, the two people who were to go to the international conference were chosen on the basis of their performance in group discussion student-selected topics.

At the international conference, Larry said the structure was "the same, except that the topics were already given." Judges were women who sat in the same room during discussions. In fact, this Soroptimist organization is an organization of "executive women who care for the education of tomorrow's leaders," said Larry.

According to Larry, the students who attended the conference were "very intelligent."

He said that in all, there were 40 students at the conference from as far away as the Philippines, Canada, and Brazil.

This week, Larry gave a presentation to the local chapter of the Soroptimists about his experiences at the convention.

JROTC recognized

Cadets of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (JROTC) were recognized on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the new gym.

Willie Hannah, senior, said, "Deserving cadets were honored with awards of various kinds." Willie added that two of the guest speakers were Sylvia Wagner of the Omaha

City Council and Lt. Col. Robert E. Fellows, director of Army Instruction in the Omaha Public Schools.

Two of the awards given were the Superior Cadet Award and the Outstanding Cadet Award. Winners of the Superior Cadet Award were Randall Underwood, sophomore; Debra Carter, junior; and Willie Hannah, senior. Winners of the Outstanding Cadet Award were Mathew Haney, sophomore; Michael Lewis, senior; and Charlene Tate, senior.

Willie said that next year's JROTC staff was also announced. The 1984-85 primary staff are Battalion Commander, Debra Carter, junior; Battalion Executive Officer, Rich Walters, junior; Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Randall Underwood, sophomore; S-1, Helene Workman, junior; S-2, Leslie Lewis, junior; S-3 Orest Lechnowsky, junior; S-4, Amy Meck, junior, and Jeff Krebs, junior.

Maj. Richard Yost, JROTC instructor, said, "I'm looking forward to working with them." Maj. Yost added that next year's staff is a good group of students.

Students make film

On April 15-23, several black Central High School juniors and seniors "interested in furthering their education" participated in a film about black colleges across the nation, according to VanDyke Walker, junior.

The film was a documentary sponsored by Wesley House, a black organization in Omaha. The documentary showed what black colleges have to offer if attended, according to VanDyke. Midwest Video filmed the documentary.

The campuses which were visited are: Philander Smith, Langston, Tuskegee, Grambling, Morhouse, Spellman, Clark and Atlanta University.

Languages play ball

Last Saturday May 12, Central's competitive foreign language clubs once again fought it out to see who has the most powerful club. The clubs, French, German, Spanish, and Latin all met for a softball tournament at Harrison Elementary School at 53rd and Hamilton.

According to Central senior and JCL member Julie Sutton, each club was allowed up to two teams with about 13 people on a team. Julie said that the clubs played single elimination rounds against each other. The tournament started out at 12:30 and went on into the afternoon.

Central senior and Spanish team member Bill Lubsen said, "It was an action packed event!" Bill commented that he felt

that the rivalry between the clubs was fun. Bill said that the volleyball tournament last month "was a blast!"

One JCL member, who for reasons unknown, wished to remain anonymous said, "Latin club was greatly disadvantaged because Miss Rita Ryan (Central Latin instructor) refused to play!"

Central hosts school

This summer students will be given a chance to attend summer school at Central.

Mr. Stan Maliszewski, guidance counselor, said that though Central hasn't had summer school for a long time, OPS has tried to rotate the program among schools. He said, for example, that Burke was often a summer school choice because of its air conditioning. According to Mr. Maliszewski, Dr. Jack Taylor, former superintendent of OPS, felt it was necessary to spread out the pro-

gram and that it was Central's turn. Mr. Maliszewski also felt Central's location would be convenient for students.

Mr. Maliszewski said that the courses offered are the required ones for graduation and also for remedial purposes. Such courses are English 3-8, social studies math, and some sciences. The cost is \$6 per course. Mr. Maliszewski said that students are permitted to take three courses, but it is generally recommended that they only take three.

According to Mr. Maliszewski, the teachers are from all over the city and he decides the curriculum for the courses, but he feels the courses aren't comprehensive enough for students because of the shortness of time the courses take.

Mr. Maliszewski said there is hope of 400 students in the program in order to make it successful.



photo by Roxanne Gryder

One of the two auctioneers awaits the arrival of another item at the scholarship auction. Receipts from the April 27 auction were used to give scholarships to five seniors.

Scholarship auction yields results

The 2nd Annual Central High School Auction, which took place on April 27 in the courtyard, was "very successful," according to Mr. Richard Jones, Central administrator.

The purpose of the auction was to create scholarships for seniors. Approximately 85 seniors applied for the scholarships, which is up 30-40% from last year.

The criteria for earning a scholarship is based upon service to the school, consistency in classroom performance, and a basic need for the scholarship, according to administrators.

Out of the approximately \$7,000 made there will be four \$500 scholarship presented, and the remainder of the profit will go into a savings account to draw interest. "Then as the interest grows, we will take the money from it to create more scholarships," said Mr. Jones.

Compared to last year, the \$7,000 earned (\$5,000 from the auction, \$2,000 from donations and \$430 from the dinner before) was about \$1,500 over what was made last year.

79 seniors honored with scholarship awards

Seventy-nine Central seniors were awarded scholarships on Thursday, May 10, 1984 at the annual Honors convocation. They are as follows:

Amy Agosta: Jewish War Veterans Scholarship; **Robert Allen:** Northwest Missouri State University Regents' Special Scholarship, Roderick R. Ross Scholarship; **Karen Anderson:** CHS Endowment Fund; Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award, Pacesetter Scholarship, Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit for High Honor in Science & Mathematics;

Christine Andrew: Northwestern College Activity Award in Music; **Peggy Aufenkamp:** World Herald Honors Scholarship at UNO, UNL David Scholarship Commended Student for 1984 National Merit Scholarship Program; **Tracy Bernstein:** Gunnar Horn Journalism Scholarship, Northwestern University Scholarship, Morton Junior High School PTA Scholarship;

Adrienne Biggs: Iowa State University Admissions with Recognition & Scholastic Award, UNL David Scholarship, Central High School Faculty - P.E.P. Scholarship; **Sherri Blair:** Omaha Educational Office Personnel Association Scholarship; **Daniel Bye:** Nebraska Wesleyan University Achievement Scholarship, Wayne State Presidential Scholarship;

Natasha Brown: UNO Half-Tuition Waiver Scholarship; **Celia Champagne:** Elsie Fisher Memorial Scholarship; **Kelly Chaney:** Mary Angood Art Scholarship, Colorado State University Academic Scholarship, Western State College of Colorado Academic Scholarship, Wayne State College Special Abilities Art Scholarship, UNL David Scholarship;

Dana Crumbliss: UNL Medical Center Regents Scholarship; **Cheri Curran:** Colorado State University Presidential Scholarship, Ione C. Paxton Scholarship; **Marlene Currie:** Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship;

Cory Davis: Harry A. Burke Scholarship, UNL David Scholarship; **Eileen Delahanty:** Pacesetter Scholarship; **Christine Derry:** Rudy Cosentino School of Hair Styling, Inc., Scholarship;

George Hahle: Midland Lutheran College Music Scholarship; **Michelle Hansen:** Godfather Scholarship, Wayne State College Presidential Scholarship; **Rod Hauck:** Morningside College Achievement Scholarship;

Margaret Henderson: Metro Tech Community College Scholarship; **Constance Hines:** Greater Omaha Junior Bowling Association Scholarship; **Rodney Hoden:** Midland Lutheran College Religious Life Achievement Award, Midland Lutheran College Board of Trustees Scholarship;

David Hornstein: Nancy and Don Greenberg Scholarship Fund, Henry Monaky Chapter Jewish War Veterans, Augustana Athletic Scholarship; **Jacqueline Hynek:** University of Miami Grant;

Michael Jamison: UNL Four-Year Regents' Scholarship;



photo by Jackie Hynek

One cluster of seniors stand on stage, awaiting their chance to receive recognition from Dr. Moller and Mr. Malizewski for their scholarship awards.

Samantha Jespersen: College of St. Mary Respiratory Therapy Department Scholarship, Peru State College Leadership Scholarship; **Leslie Johnson:** Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, Trinity University Merit Scholarship, Trinity University President's Scholar, UNL David Scholarship, French Club Award for Outstanding Achievement;

Keith Jones: UNL Athletic Scholarship; **Janet Kent:** Nielsen Scholarship, Northeast Missouri State University President's Honorary Scholarship, Dana College Teenworld Scholarship, Iowa State University Admissions with Recognition & Scholastic Award, Susan Paxton Scholarship; **Peter Kohlert:** Peter Kiewit Scholarship;

Anna Kurtz: Peter Kiewit Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award, UNL David Scholarship; **Peter Lankford:** Nathan Hale PTA Scholarship, Rice University National Merit Scholarship, Central High School Class of '32 Scholarship; **Karina Lathrum:** UNL David Scholarship;

Ben Lehr: Wayne State Scholarship; **Bruce Lockwood:** AAL All-College Scholar's Aid Association for Lutherans College Scholarship, UNO Regents' Scholarship; **Patricia Mallory:** Central High School Faculty - P.E.P. Scholarship;

Missie Meares: Creighton University Honors Scholarship; **Rhonda Muehleman:** American Business Women's Association Scholarship; **Theresa Nelle:** Mr. & Mrs. Phillip G. Schrage Scholarship;

Sheila O'Hara: UNL David Scholarship; **Jeffrey Olson:** UNO Regents Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award, Iowa State University Marian Daniell's Scholarship, UNL Four-Year Regents' Scholarship;

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, Iowa State National Merit Scholarship; **Ann Ostermiller:** Nebraska Wesleyan University Achievement Scholarship, Southwest Baptist University Departmental Scholarship, State Student Incentive Grant, Wesleyan Grant, Northwestern College Honor Scholarship;

Michael Pankow: UNO Regents' Scholarship, UNL National Merit Scholarship, UNL Four-Year Regents' Scholarship; **Kathleen Paulsen:** UNL David Scholarship; **Rebecca Powers:** Grinnell College Grant;

Christina Price: Creighton University Honor Scholarship; **Elizabeth Prystal:** OEA Foundation Scholarship; **Angelo Randazzo:** Omaha World Herald Scholarship, Duane Perry Math Award, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Honors Scholar, Iowa State University Admissions with Recognition & Scholastic Award, Greater Omaha Junior Bowling Association Scholarship, UNL Four-Year Regents' Scholarship, Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers' Scholarship, Washington School PTA Scholarship;

Jennifer Ritter: Cornell College Scholarship; **Linda Rock:** Omaha World Herald Career Scholarship, Hotz Scholarship, Union Pacific Scholarship, Gilbert M. & Martha H. Hitchcock Scholarship, UNL David Scholarship, Leadership Today & Tomorrow Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award; **Shawn Rosenbaum:** Mary Angood Art Scholarship;

Ronald Ryan: Godfather's Scholarship, Hastings College Academic Scholarship Award; **Patrick Salerno:** Creighton University Carl M. Reinert/Condon Academic Merit Scholarship; **Cheryl Schlagenhaupt:** Texas Lutheran University Music Scholarship; **Lisa Share:** Metro Tech Community College Scholarship Data Processing Managers Association Scholarship;

Stuart Smith: Drake University Football Scholarship; **Hanna Soares:** Washington University Scholarship; **Valerie Sterck:** Creighton University Carl M. Reinert/Condon Academic Merit Scholarship, Creighton University Centennial Scholarship, UNO Regents' Scholarship, Iowa State National Merit Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award;

Sandy Stiles: J. Arthur Nelson Memorial Scholarship; **Sara Stohs:** UNL David Scholarship, Kearney State College Presidential Scholarship, Augustana Athletic Scholarship, Kearney Athletic Scholarship, Wayne State Athletic Scholarship, Peru State Athletic Scholarship, Southwest Missouri State Athletic Scholarship, Creighton Athletic Scholarship, Northwestern College Athletic Scholarship; **Lisa Sundt:** Our Lady of the Lake University Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Achievement Scholarship, Northwestern University Academic Scholarship;

Julie Sutton: Catherine Carrick Memorial Physical Education Scholarship; **Todd Swartz:** UNL David Scholarship; **Sarah Taylor:** Omaha World Herald Scholarship, Sara Vore Taylor Scholarship;

Amy Thomas: Elsie Fisher Memorial Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Trustees Scholarship, Iowa State University Admission with Recognition & Scholastic Award, UNO Regents' Scholarship, UNL David Scholarship, Dana College Presidential Scholarship, Certificate of Honor for 5th Place in National French Test; **Andrea Tkach:** UNL Chemistry Department Scholarship; **Drake University Presidential Freshman Scholarship,** University of Dallas Scholarship, UNL David Scholarship, Ida Gitlin Scholarship; **Michael Tyler:** J. Arthur Nelson Memorial Scholarship, DeWitt Wallace Scholarship, Iowa State University Admissions with Recognition & Scholastic Award, UNL David Scholarship, American Chemical Society Award Certificate for Outstanding Chemistry Student;

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Fake I.D.'s — 'serious problem,' 'cool'

Sarah Thalling

The Central senior walks into the package liquor store, frantically but calmly to read any of the labels of the stuff and the sliding glass doors, and, finally getting a six of Bud, grabs it and sets it on the counter before the man with suspicious eyes. After he asks for proof of her age, she hands him her newly-acquired fake I.D. She attempts to breathe normally.

"What's your birthday?" he asks. "What?" she stammers. Then she remembers the date on the I.D. "I mean, it's my birthday! Aren't you going to wish me happy birthday?" Amazingly she has just turned 21, the legal drinking age in Nebraska as of January 1, 1985. He rings up the sale, and she goes to the car where her friends wait.

'So, you're 21?' But where did she get identification say she's "of age"? "All you need is the social security number," she said. A 21-year-old friend from work gave her information to get a Nebraska Driver's License duplicate, which cost \$2, and all she had to do was sign with the girl's name. When she got the duplicate on her "birthday" she said, "I did not sign my name really badly compared to what I usually do."

Another Central senior has his own method of changing the birthdate on his driver's License from 1966 to 1960. With a pencil, and some white-out, he transforms the "6" to an "8" to an "0." Younger kids with "profile" mugs can't do it. He also has a second piece of photo identification, in case he's asked, corroborating that he's 23. This I.D., which he has chased — no questions asked — in Omaha, cost him \$10.

Anyone can send off for one out of the two of a magazine, according to a senior who doesn't have fake I.D. but said almost all of her friends at Central do. "People can go to the photo booths at Westroads to get pictures to stick on a fake card; mom can laminate it at work," she said.

"I don't think there's a big push on phony identification," said Sgt. J. Bober of the Omaha Police Department. "I don't think there's a large quantity out there." Minors use older brothers' or sisters' I.D., but,



he said, "That's been around for years."

The penalties

"It's a big danger to have fake I.D.," the senior boy said.

"It's a big federal offense," the senior girl with fake I.D. said.

If he is caught, the minor purchasing liquor gets an M.I.P. (Minor in Possession) citation and may possibly have to pay a maximum \$500 fine or spend a maximum of 30 days in jail, the sergeant said.

The companies who make the I.D. that "boosts" the minor's age to legal drinking age can be prosecuted for making fraudulent identification, he said.

Although the police can't patrol all of the 800 Omaha restaurants and bars with liquor licenses, he said the businesses are "pretty tight." If a business were caught selling liquor to a minor without "sufficiently checking" I.D., it could lose its selling license for up to

30 days. "When they know if they closed down for 30 days they would lose \$20,000 of business, they'll be careful," he said.

However, according to the manager of an Omaha nightclub, checking for fake I.D. isn't that easy, unless the tampering is really obvious. He has three people checking identification at the door of his nightclub, and "if we spot 'em, we run 'em out," he said of minors. "We have people try to get in and it's not even their picture (on the I.D.)," he said. "Sometimes they'll give you three pieces of I.D. with three different names."

"It (fake I.D.) will always be a problem," according to a manager at Sledges Package and Liquor, 2302 Cuming St. "We've been having a problem with 'em," he said. He cited a police crack-down on the area around the store as an incentive to thoroughly check identification: "If he gets by, it's an accident," the manager said of any minor at-

tempting to buy at Sledges, adding that "we've got it under control now."

Since a girl was given an M.I.P. after buying at Sledges about a month ago, management has built up security to check for minors in the store, he said. The store is being prosecuted, and "it's costing us a lot of money," he said.

Possible risks

Mr. Paul Rosen of Louis Liquor Department and Bar, 5702 NW Radial Highway, said that a minor tries to buy there "every once and a while," or about once a month. He said he looks out for inconsistencies and raised letters on identification. "We check anyone who looks 30-years-old or under," he said.

"You're risking a lot," he said he would tell kids with fake I.D.'s "You're putting the business you're going into at risk."

"We have no protection," the manager of the nightclub explained. "All the kids go out and get fake I.D.'s and then I'm the one who pays. It's a very serious problem. I got a lot of money invested here."

"I'm a business man running a legitimate business. I don't make my living serving minors. Fake I.D.'s are something the law should take care of, not the businesses... If 20 people (workers at his club) got laid off for 30 days, how much would that be worth?"

Whose risks?

It's their own fault if the businesses get caught, the "21-year-old" senior girl said. "If they're worried, they should be carding you. (But) they can't really catch you," she said.

"They're jeopardizing themselves by selling to me," the senior boy said. "The I.D. I use is not certified I.D."

Of people with fake identification, junior Bev Atkins said, "It's none of my business. I don't look up to them."

"If they want to take the chance of getting busted," junior Mike McNeill said, "that's cool. If they don't get busted, that's even more cool."

Bev said, "It's just a fact: if people are going to drink, they're going to drink. It doesn't matter what the drinking age is." Bev said that if there were fewer loopholes, "maybe one night they're not going to get it (liquor)."

If there were no drinking age at all, Mike said, "There'd be more people getting drunk. I bet there'd be more accidents on the road."

"You can get it anytime, any place you want," said the senior girl with fake I.D. "It's just a part of your life — it doesn't seem wrong at all. To me it doesn't seem like there's a law at all against drinking."

"In a sense you could call me sociopathic about my drinking," the senior boy said, explaining that he knows it's wrong and knows he can get in trouble for it, but "I just do it anyway. It's fun."

Water slides, lawns, offices Summer hours filled with work

The word summer conjures up different images in the minds of different individuals. Some people may think of basking near a pool, under a sweltering sun, acquiring a tanned glow. Summer, glorified in media productions, seems to be synonymous with fun. However, in reality, many students and teachers view the vacation months as a time in which to engage in a money-making endeavor — in other words, the summer

Summer jobs are as varied as the people working at them. They range from the conditioned world of clerical work to the more seasonal tasks of lawn work and lifeguarding.

Central senior Charlie Liakos, has been mowing in yard work since the fifth grade. Aside from monetary gain, he said that he has "experience with lawn care."

Another Central senior Mary Villella is employed in a more seasonal occupation. She is in her second year of working at the Moby Dick waterslides. Of the job Mary said, "It's ideal. It's easier than lifeguarding."

In favor of summer jobs Mary said, "Students need something to occupy their time. They're old enough that they need the responsibility."

Another aspect of the summer job market is that of office work. Four Central seniors, Tracy Bernstein, Adrienne Biggs, John Ostermiller, and Beretta Smith, will be employed by the mayor's office this summer. Although they will not necessarily work in the office itself, they do have the opportunity to work in a clerical position.

According to Beretta, the girls received their jobs through the counseling office. They were also given a list of possible areas of employment, which included clerical work, camp counseling, and concession sales.

Beretta said, "I think having a summer job gives you experience maybe not so much in your career field, but it gives you responsibilities, such as being on time." Among teachers who hold summer

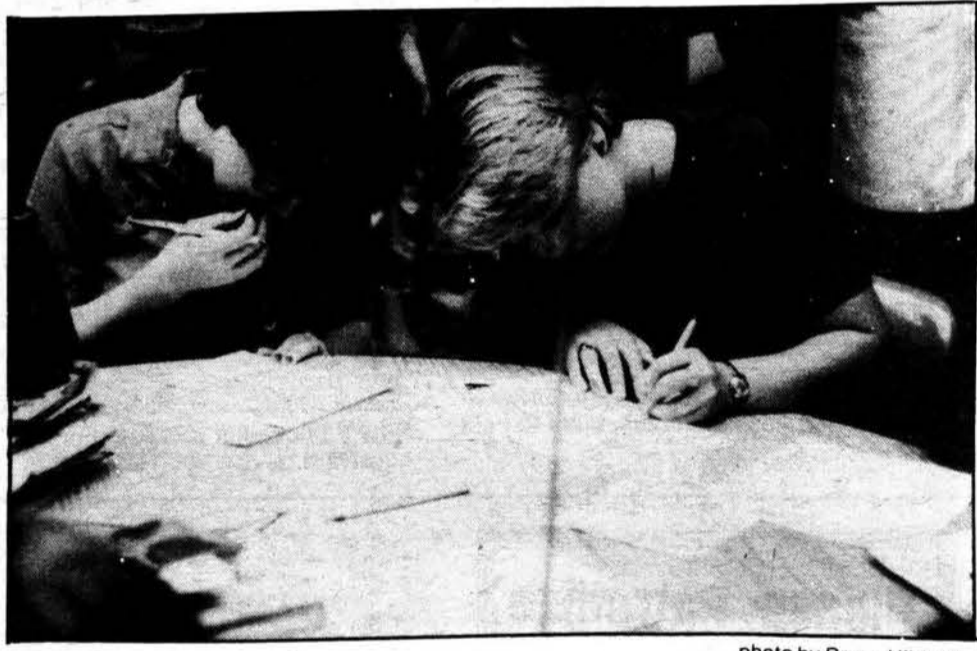


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Seniors Brenda Baker and Julie Sutton fill out applications at the Central High School Job Fair in hopes of summer employment.

jobs is Mr. Brian Watson, Central social studies instructor. Mr. Watson owns a swimming pool business which installs, repairs, and services swimming pools in addition to selling related materials.

According to Mr. Watson, his business endeavors are not strictly seasonal. His partner is able to be "gainfully employed" by working full time throughout the year.

Mr. Watson developed his company in 1970, after having summer experience in construction throughout college, which commenced when his parents installed a pool during his junior year of high school.

In the current "busy season," Mr. Watson works up to thirty hours per week for his pool business, while in the summer, he said he averages between forty and sixty working hours per week.

Aside from the actual jobs, it seems that in an outdoor/indoor controversy, both

sides think that they have the advantage. Charlie said, "Mowing is the best form of work. I work about 12-14 hours a week, and I make about 10-15 dollars an hour. Aside from earning money, you get into shape and get an excellent tan."

Of the advantages to working in the open air, Mary said, "I don't have to buy special clothes for work, so I can save money." She also said, "It's fun. I meet a ton of people."

On the positive side of working inside, junior Michelle Ebadi said, "Office jobs pay better." Although she acknowledged the fact that "you need experience to get an office job," she said that in the event that one finds a job, the worker will have "experience to fall back on" in the future.

Summer employment seems to be, in the words of senior Sarah Stohs, "a good experience in learning to work with others."

Central teacher elected to board

Mrs. Vicki Anderson, Central Spanish teacher, became a senior high representative on the board of directors of the Omaha Education Association, (DECA) last April 3.

She was voted on by high school teachers from the Omaha Public School system. She said she was one of two people to be elected to the board.

According to Mrs. Anderson, the board has many functions in the public school system. For instance, Mrs. Anderson said that the board meets about two to three times a week.

There are 15 members on the board of directors, two of whom are elected from the senior high level to be representatives of high school teachers.

Mrs. Anderson said that the board performs a variety of functions. "We act as liaisons to committees and even promote poetry contests," she said. She added that OEA negotiates teachers' salaries, endorses candidates, and decides on relevant issues. OEA also sponsors scholarship money for graduating seniors. According to Mrs. Anderson, there were nine awarded to Central graduates this year.

With all the activities and issues that the OEA is involved in, Mrs. Anderson doesn't think that some members appreciate OEA. "Most members don't really understand the benefits that OEA makes possible for them," she said.



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Close up group members: (top row) Gwen Oberman, Marcia Peters, Heide McGee; (middle row) James Keene, Lisa Bashus, Kris Smith, James Quigley, Amy Story, Gia Ciummo; (front row) Dan Coonce, Wendy Novicoff, Bob Soukup, Jan Dimauro. (not pictured: Amy Meek)

Close Up group returns from D.C.

After an educational and fun-filled week of learning, fourteen Central High students returned from a trip to Washington D.C. The Close Up Foundation sponsored 300 students and teachers from many areas of the United States.

Mr. Jack Blanke, Central Social Studies department head, and Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, accompanied the school group.

Speeches by the head of the Civil Rights Commission, Mr. Clarence Pendleton, and the director of Common Cause were highlights of the teacher's trip. Nebraska Senators Edward Zorinsky and James Exon spoke to both students and teachers.

According to group member Marcia Peters, junior, the students were divided in-

to twelve groups, which were headed by Program Instructors. "We attended two seminars daily," said Marcia. The seminars involved subjects ranging from discussions concerning conservative views versus liberal views to speeches on the presiden-

Gwen Oberman, junior, said that she learned a great deal about the differences between Republicans and Democrats. "They impressed upon us to register to vote," said Marcia.

Sight-seeing trips to the Veteran Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, and Iwo Jima War Memorial were arranged for the students.

The last night of the trip a banquet and dance were held. "I highly recommend the trip to future students," said Marcia.

tropical paradise

Tanning salon 'popular innovation'

The seasonal craze to "get some color" has inspired many Centralites to experiment with a popular innovation — the tanning salon. These places, which use artificial sunlight to build a real tan, have created some controversy in the area of safety.

Imagine yourself in a tropical paradise — bright sunlight and cool sea breezes mixed with the tropical scenes of the Caribbean, Hawaii, and the Bahamas, all topped off by the squawking of a parrot and a cool drink of fruit juice. No — this is not a sunny beach on a far-off tropical island, but a simulated structure at the Corps Tanne Ltd. at 7365 Pacific St., one of many tanning salons in the Omaha area.

Tropical paradise

The "sea breezes" are produced by an electric fan. The "tropical scenes" are colorful posters decorating the walls, while the parrot resides in a small cage in the lobby. The real attraction — sunlight for a tan — is produced by sunbeds in private booths.

Each customer is advised to wear small goggles to protect the eyes and a small towel to protect the sensitive areas of the body. Even a small body sticker is provided to monitor tan growth.

"The bed is like a coffin with light bulbs, and the hot air circulates all over the place — it's really relaxing," said Celia Champagne, a senior who went to Tan Huts at 2416 S. 120th St. last year before Prom.

Catherine Clarke is another senior who has tried a tanning salon with satisfactory results. She went to a salon for seven sessions over spring break, desiring an early tan. "I got burned, but that's because I went to the tanning place in the morning and layed out the same day — it was double

exposure," she said.

Different costs

Prices vary according to salon. Catherine got seven sessions for \$32. Tan Huts, depending on the type of tanning, prices range from \$4 to \$7.50 per visit, special package deals.

Whether tanning salons are safe or not is a debatable topic. The sun emits ultraviolet rays that are identified as A, B, or C, depending on wavelength. The shortest wavelength rays are Ultraviolet C rays (UVC) which are most damaging and not involved in salon tanning.

The Ultraviolet B rays (UVB), which have a longer and less-damaging wavelength, most like the sun. These are responsible for sunburn. The Ultraviolet A rays (UVA), the longest and "safest" wavelength, are most common of those used in salons.

Skin cancer?

According to Dr. Herschel Stoller, Omaha dermatologist, the UVA are not as safe as people think. Even though they do not cause sunburn, he said the protection in tanning a sunburn is taken out, so there is no acute affect and one can stay under the sun and get more skin damage.

According to Mrs. Baker, dermatologist, sometimes send patients to the salons for medical reasons like acne. Dr. Stoller said while this is true, doctors usually send patients to hospitals for treatment or do their offices for more precise monitoring.

"Studies on human beings show that UVA may cause skin cancer," said Stoller, who is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, which he said is against tanning salons and feels the government should step in.

Suicide lecture discusses role changes, pressures

Debbly Duitch from the University of Nebraska Medical School gave a presentation to Central students on suicide prevention Wednesday, May 9.

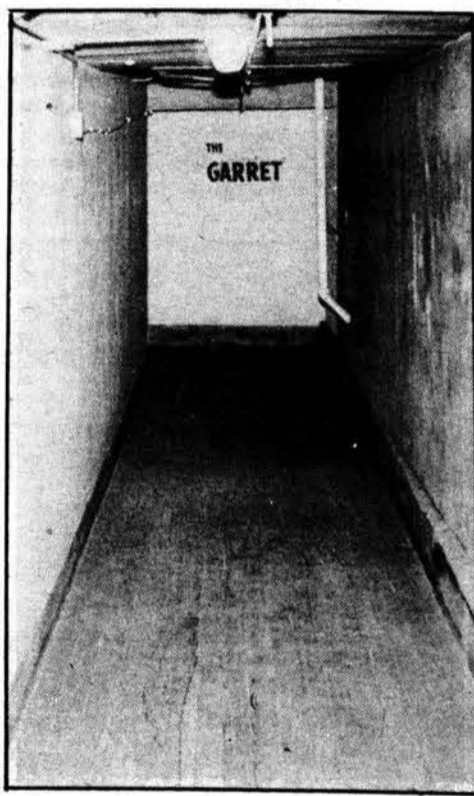
"Suicide has the potential of hitting all of us at one time or another," said Debbly Duitch. There is a greater degree of chance with the adolescent. This is due to "the physical and hormonal changes, decisions, 'who am I?' 'where am I going?' questions, upsurge of sexual feelings, and trying to become a responsible part of society," she said.

Between 1955 and 1975 the suicide rate tripled. When students at one of the presentations were asked why they believe this tripling occurred, they gave many different answers, such as role changes and pressures.

Miss Duitch listed symptoms of the very seriously depressed: "loses interest in important things, sadness and loneliness, rapid loss (or) gain of weight, inability to sleep or sleeping too much, lack of concentration, often dazed. Casual drug user becomes heavy drug user; one sexual partner becomes promiscuous, talks about suicide.

"If you are worried about a friend who may need help, contact his parents, a teacher he is close to, or a counselor," said Miss Duitch.

Central's 'bowels': A look at Central's intestinal tract discloses passageways, a building turned upside down



The Garret, now a fire escape between the Art and Physics rooms, used to hold art displays.

Since the beginning of Central's renovation three years ago, the ancient structure of the building has been reshaped to fit the modern world. The innards of the building such as the lighting system and the plumbing system had to be changed from their original 1908 and 1912 states.

Because of changes, the boiler room is now closer to the building area. Before renovation, it used to be under the old school parking lot near Joslyn and heated some of the buildings. The present boiler room heats only Central.

Central is actually turned upside down from its original layout. The lunchrooms were in the basement where the Industrial Arts and Special Education classes now are. The gym was also in other areas of the building. Mr. A.A. LaGreca, assistant principal, explains "The fourth floor consisted of two gymnasiums and two study halls. The lunch room, course, was downstairs, which was nice. Then we didn't have to climb all of these stairs.


There also used to be four connecting tunnel-like hallways that joined the four areas. The last existing one is used as a fire escape, though a couple of years ago its skylight was destroyed when, as Mr. LaGreca describes it, "the lid was put on." This last tunnel was also used by art classes as a place to display students' artwork. It was called "the Garret."

In the basement, the newer boiler room occupies the old teacher lounge, which had pink walls. Mr. LaGreca said that "Dr. Moller, then not a principal, felt sorry for the teachers because they had to climb so many flights of stairs, so he had the walls painted pink."



Now a bricked-in storage room for unused desks, this area used to be a low courtyard.

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Improved season for soccer club hope for next year

John Carlson
Central High School's soccer club, formed last year, has come a long way in the beginning of the boys' and girls' season. The boys' team is currently leading. The girls' team is not having as much success but things are looking bright for the season according to senior Bryan Hildreth, president.
Carlson said the turn around in the teams' successes can be attributed to a change in leadership by team members. "After winning several games and playing good teams close, now we could be a good team."
Carlson also said the boys' team has been able to have Jason Ako, a coach from Brighton. "He played in Hawaii, a state known for its talented soccer players. He has given our players a great deal about the



Central's sprinter gets an early lead on the rest of the field at a recent track meet. The girls' track team is today seeking to win its sixth state championship in ten years. photo by Roxanne Gryder

Girls' track title on the line Team hopes to avoid mistakes

by Glenn Mathews

Central High's girls' track team has begun the task of defending its state championship title. The team has won several invitationals and the Metro Conference Championship. The team won the Lincoln and Millard Invitationals.
With these invitational victories and the Metro title under its belt, the team has set its

concentration on State. Mrs. Jo Dusatko, Central girls track coach, said, "We weren't worried about a district title so much as qualifying for State." According to Dusatko, the district was competitive.
Dusatko said that districts was an important step into state competition. She said, "We have some really talented young ladies, and if they do what they are capable of doing, we should score well."
Dusatko added, however, "It is not the time for mistakes." Although injuries have plagued the team throughout the season, Dusatko is still optimistic.
She cited the top female tracksters and their respective events: senior Maurice Ivy, 400, 100, and relays; senior Jozette Boone,

400, 100 and relays; senior Andrea Tkach, mile and two mile; senior Karina Lathrum, mile and two mile; junior Jessica Haynes, long jump and 200; junior Tabitha Whitemon, high jump and hurdles; junior Heidi McGee, 800; junior Karen McCormick, 800; sophomore, Monica Hart 100 and 1600 relay; freshman Lynn Jackson, 100, 200, and 400 relay. Dusatko also cited Jackie Wiggins who hasn't been able to compete because of illness.
Dusatko stated that she has coached five state championship teams and five state runner-up teams in the last 10 years. She believes that this year's team can keep that string going. She said Fremont has a talented team and is a major concern.

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Winning

Coaches reflect on its importance

What is a winner?

Coaches, along with high school administrators and the general public, have differing answers to that question.

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Lee Garver



American society, which puts a large burden on the shoulders of coaches and athletes by judging their success strictly on their won-lost record, believes that winners are those people that don't lose. Mr. David James, cross-country and assistant girls' track coach, said, "Society says that all is in vain if you have lost."

Notice the reactions which occur after a Nebraska football defeat. Pressure to win is part of most Nebraska football players' lives. Keith Jones, a senior football player who spent much of this year's football season in the public's eye and who will be attending Nebraska next year, felt the pressure of having to do well.

Keith said, "I felt a little pressure, but it wasn't to the point where I took my mind off of what I was supposed to be doing. If I played the best game I could, then that was all I could ask."

Mr. Stan Standifer, who was drafted by the Oakland Raiders in 1969 and has had a taste of what professional football is like, claims the pros breed a different kind of pressure. Winning games, which according to him was a more exciting experience in high school and college, was secondary to winning a job.

According to Standifer, teams wanted to win to attract crowds. "In my experience," he said, "the most important thing for a franchise was to make money."

'We consider the influence a coach has on an athlete more than his won-lost record.'

High school competition is certainly not the same as that which exists in the pros. Mr. Richard Jones, Central athletic director, is quick to emphasize this. He said, "We consider the influence a coach has on an athlete more than his won-lost record."

While Dr. G.E. Moller, Central principal, and Jones do not allow any pressure to be put on coaches for not having winning records, both Mr. William Reed, football and assistant track coach, and Mr. Edward McDaniel, girls' and boys' golf coach, believe that other high school administrations consider winning so important that they put considerable pressure on their coaches not to lose. McDaniel said, "It's not publicized and it's not talked about. But, at some schools in Omaha, if you don't win, you don't coach."

Mr. James Martin, boys' basketball coach, believes more emphasis is now put on winning than he can ever remember. According to him, because of the birth of summer basketball leagues and the need for football teams to lift weights during the summer, "Coaching is like a 12 month job."

Jones said, "We don't ask them to do it. But, you know if a coach didn't want to be successful with his kids, he wouldn't be

coaching. Every coach wants a better program. You don't go into coaching because you want to be a loser."

James believes that society and parents put too much importance into winning. McDaniel said, "I think it's terribly over emphasized. If you put too much emphasis on winning, something has to be sacrificed. It is usually academics."

According to Martin, fewer students go out for sports than in the past. James believes that because of the emphasis society puts on winning, many kids are afraid of failure. Martin said, "You find it hard for kids to have fun if they are not a major part of the team."

Parents can put undue pressure on sons or daughters

"The thing I think we fail to get across in team sports is the team concept. Players say to themselves 'unless I go out and score a touchdown, I really might not be that much of a success.' I tell my kids that they are winners if they have the reputation for being positive and always having something good to say to teammates."

Mr. Paul Semrad, coach of a girls' basketball team which has not lost a game in two consecutive seasons, claims he has "never had the attitude of win at all cost." He said, "I think the experience of losing probably helps you to be a better winner."

Semrad recalled a season in which his team lost its first five games but went on to qualify for State. "I think the kids on the team realized that to succeed they would have to work together as a team."

Standifer, also the coach of the volleyball team, believes that sports is "the most positive avenue a student has towards achieving maturity and physical fitness." He said, "Winning is irrelevant. The biggest thing I hope they get is a sense of self-awareness and self-confidence."

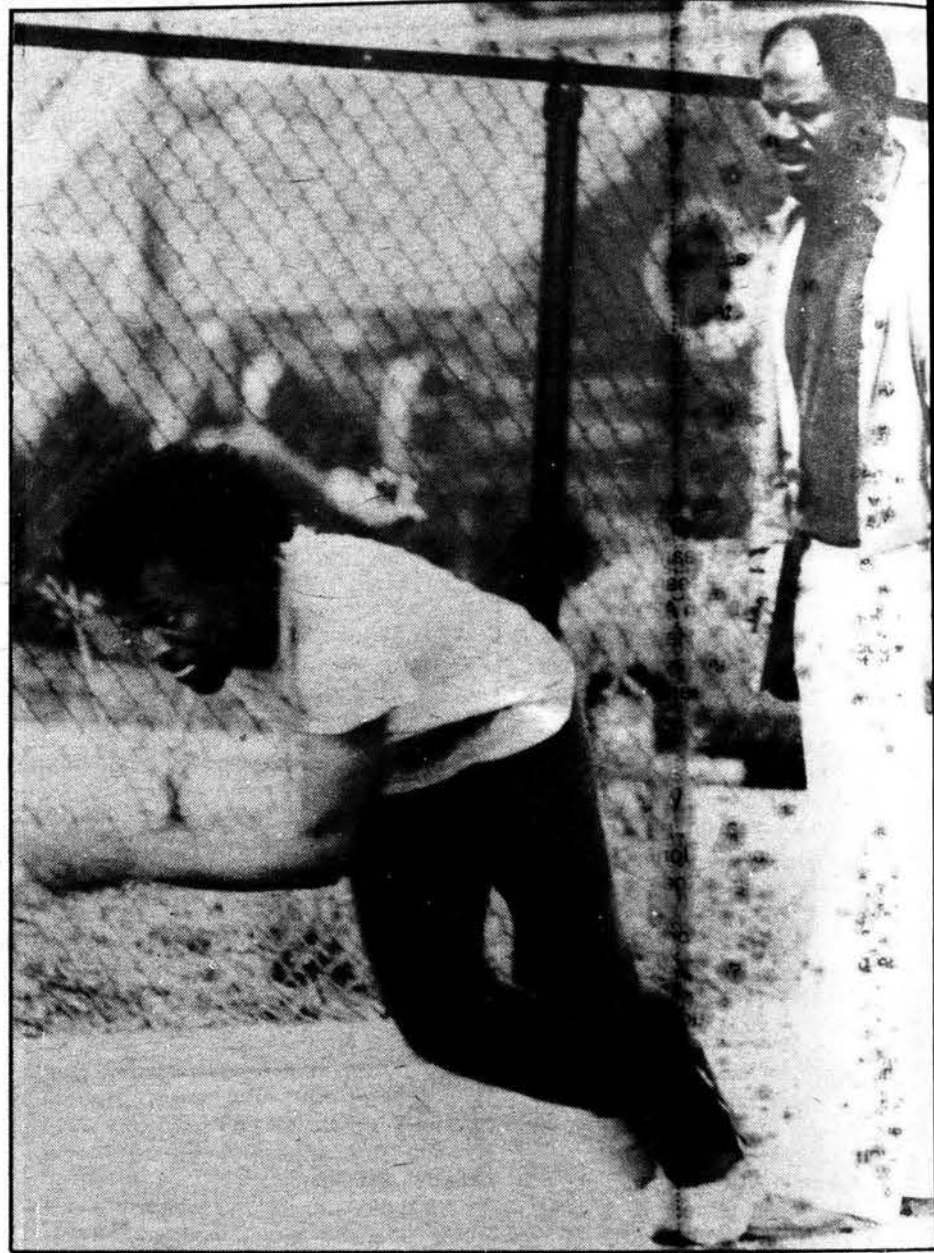
Martin said, "Sports teach us to take care of our bodies and appreciate exercise and physical development." According to him, team sports help students learn about cooperation, team work, leadership and perseverance; appreciate competition; and accept adversity.

Reed agrees. "To me football is just like a game of life except that you get to come back from the dead. If you lose a game, which I equate with dying, you get a chance to come back the following week. I think it gives students a good practice for life."

'To me football is just like a game of life.'

Preparation for contests against other teams and the acceptance of an established authority system give students some responsibilities similar to those they will face in life, according to Reed. He hopes lives can be changed from being included in his program.

Most coaches agree that there is more to being a winner than having an excellent winning percentage. Facing difficult problems and gaining experience working with others seems to be the goals of most Central coaches. They look beyond athletic accomplishments and search for students that are winners in life.



Barry Hollins, junior, practices his takeoff as Mr. William Reed, sprinting coach, observes his form. Central's boys' track team is seeking to win its third consecutive state title today at Burke.

State championship goal Track team keys toward meet

When a store clerk encounters a Central High student his first words are usually not "hello." Instead, he says, "Central has an awesome track team again this year."

The boys' track team has not stopped working just because of all the praise they have received. Instead, they are working harder than ever. The state meet is May 18 and 19 at Burke.

The *World Herald* has both Central's boys' and girls' track teams rated number one. "I think that they try to live up to the ratings. But, a few are a little over-confident," said Mr. Joe McMennamin, boys' track coach. He added, "I think overall it is positive because it makes them live up to their reputation."

McMennamin is a bit sceptical. He said, "I think the state championship will basically come between three teams: Fremont, Millard North, and Central. Fremont has looked extremely strong this year, and their strength lies in the pole vault event (of which Central has no one competing)."

Central went against Millard North at the metro track meet. Millard North finished a close second within about 35 points of Cen-

tral. However, McMennamin feels that point advantage can easily be closed with many teams participating in the state meet. According to McMennamin, Central and Fremont have never met and you may expect a showdown between the two.

Injuries are not a problem for the Central boys' track team this season. However, Keith Harrison will attend the state meet with a pulled hamstring. McMennamin said, "It's questionable if Keith will be ready for the state meet."

Many of three year team members compare past teams with this year's team as being better in one area in comparison to another. "I don't mind think we are as strong as last's years team but we have just as much talent," said Keith Jones, senior. "This year we were awesome," adds Keith.

"Since I'm a senior I have to go all out at the state meet," said Keith.

"We have to work harder than with teams in the past. We lost many of our medals who were seniors last year and we will have to work hard to repeat that championship performance," said Leonard Robinson, junior.



photo by Andrew MacCashland

Central catcher Jim Lee prepares to catch a ball. Jim finished tied for first in the Metro with two home runs. Although the Eagles' baseball season ended early last week with a loss to Papillion in district play, returning players say their team has a lot of potential. "This spring some things did not go our way."

Bye, Zerse leaders on baseball team

by Glenn Mathews

For a high school athletic team to be competitive and hold a winning record it must have two mixes of students.

Central High's baseball team possesses a group of talented athletes. Two of the team's most gifted players are seniors Dan Bye and Tom Zerse.

Both of them began their baseball careers early in their lives, and both have profitted from their early starts. Dan, who has been playing the game since he was in the first grade, is now the starting third baseman on Central's team.

Dan said, "It doesn't matter where I play, just as long as I play. It was hard adjusting from second base to third because it is a longer distance to throw the ball, and the balls come at you a lot faster."

According to Dan, he really was not a good hitter until he began playing for Centrals' summer team. He said that hitting is one thing that he has become better at while participating in the Central baseball program.

Tom is also a vital part of the Central baseball team. Like Dan, he began his career at a very young age. He said that he began playing baseball at the age of eight.

Tom said that he started out as a pitcher. He did this for three years before his position took on a series of changes. He played several infield positions before he moved to

center field between the sixth and seventh grade. Tom, who still plays in the outfield, said that he prefers it to any other position.

As a ninth grader at Lewis and Clark, Tom practiced with the Central High junior varsity team. At the end of the year, he played for the Omaha Merchants, Central's Triple A team.



Dan Bye

Tom Zerse

After spending his sophomore year on the junior varsity team, Tom became the left fielder on the varsity baseball team. Presently, he owns a .373 batting average.

Tom said, "Playing as early as I did helped me a lot in hitting." Although he has a good overall game, Tom said, "There are still areas of the game that I have trouble with."

Both players are planning on attending college on baseball scholarships. Tom said that he will definitely attend Wayne State College. Dan wants to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University, but said that he will probably accept a scholarship to Wayne State.