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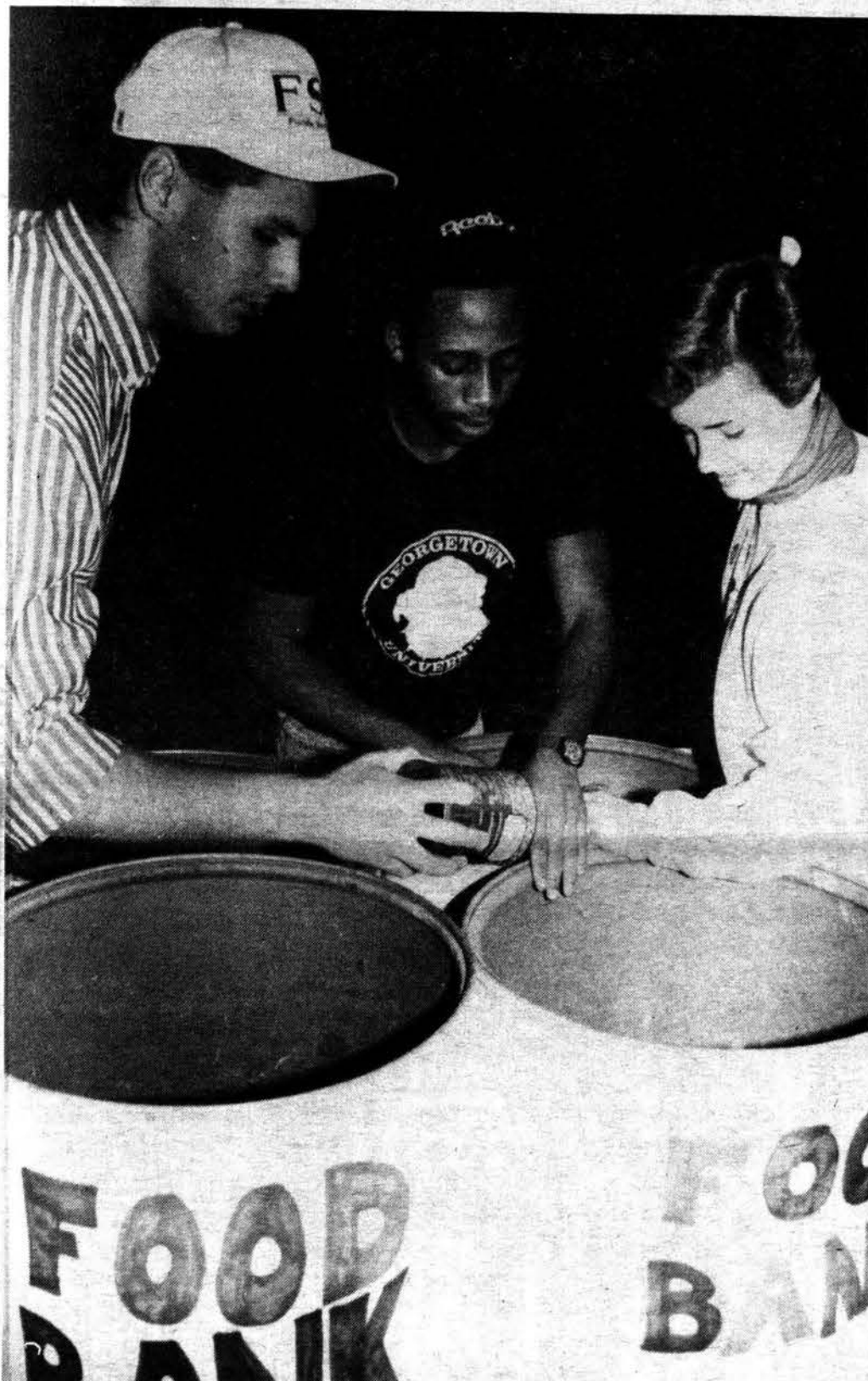
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Simon Joyner

Student council members Rick Heller, junior, Ralph Falkner, senior, and Maria Bang, junior, help collect canned foods for the canned food drive held at Central from November 24-26. The Council collected 1,500 cans which went to help the needy over the holiday season. Mr. Gaylor's homeroom, 325, was selected as being the homeroom with the most donations.

New businesses join Adopt-A-School ranks

—Jennifer Smith—

What do Scoular Grain, Enron, Guarantee Mutual, and American Charter all have in common? They are Central High School's Adopt-A-School partners.

According to Mrs. Wanda Utecht, Coordinator of Central's Adopt-A-School Program Task Force, the companies provide numerous services to the school in exchange for complimentary tickets to plays and athletic events, performances by Central High Singers at various company functions, use of the athletic field for exercise, tours, and various other items.

Mrs. Utecht said that each company provides different services to the school. Although Enron, Central's first partner, transferred to Texas, the company still hosts the National Honor Society's annual brunch induction and prints the PEP letter.

According to Mrs. Utecht, Enron also donated paintings to the scholarship auction, printed certificates for students with perfect attendance, allowed students to shadow (spend a half day) with an executive in a field of interest, supported debate and math teams, and hosted Central's junior positive image class.

Four years ago the company donated \$1600 to help the funding for the Close-up trip to Washington, D.C.

Last year, Guarantee Mutual joined Enron as a partner. Mrs. Utecht said that so far the company has displayed students' artwork, and Central provided Guarantee Mutual with grammar books for their employees.

Last year, when DECA went to nationals, the company contributed \$500 to help students pay for the trip.

American Charter started participating in the program this school year. Accord-

ing to Mrs. Utecht, the company provided USA Today newspapers to the Social Studies classes during election week.

Mrs. Utecht said, "You cannot form a good strong partnership with pie-in-the-sky ideas." She went on to say that they generally start partnerships off with a slow pace.

"It's a lot of work. I want to see the partnership succeed," Mrs. Utecht said.

Ms. Saralee Ryan, coordinator of Guarantee Mutual's Adopt-A-School Program Task Force, said, "We are pleased to be a part of this outstanding program which creates an awareness for the students of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow."

According to Mrs. Utecht, each company has a different reason for choosing Central. Enron formerly became a partner after years of services exchanged with Central.

American Charter joined because its partner, Horace Mann, became a magnet school.

One of American Charter's executives is a Central alumnus, and the school is inner-city with a wide variety of students.

Mrs. Utecht said that Scoular Grain will begin a partnership in the spring. Right now, the company is deciding what programs it will sponsor.

Scoular Grain decided to join the program because it is relocating to the old Enron building, which is conveniently located across the street from Central.

Mrs. Utecht said, "The primary objective of each community and school partner is to plan and implement a program which helps prepare students to compete more successfully in modern society."

"This program rewards both partners through the exchange of resources, expertise and training."

Senior class elects 1989 officers for present and future representation

—Aaron Dennison—

The conclusion of the Class Officer Election ended with the selection of Kurt Goesser as President, Simon Joyner as Vice President, Marquis O'Bannon as Secretary, Brian Brownrigg as Boys' Sergeant-at-Arms, and April Morris as Girls' Sergeant-at-Arms. The officers were chosen by the approximately 500 seniors at Central High.

Kurt Goesser, the new Senior Class President, stated, "I ran for president because I wanted to be able to make deci-

sions that would benefit the senior class." According to a contract the candidates signed depending on the office they ran for, Kurt's responsibilities include presiding over class meetings and class officer meetings, acting as the master of ceremonies, delegating responsibilities to the class officers, and organizing all class activities.

"Quality leadership"

The new senior class vice-president, Simon Joyner, said, "I ran for vice-president to assure the quality leadership that is not always found within the

realm of a school atmosphere." As vice-president, Simon will be responsible to assume the duties of the president in case of absence or resignation, and to assist the president in execution of his duties.

"Money is my life"

Marquis O'Bannon, the senior class secretary, said, "I ran [for secretary] out of instinct." Marquis added that she wanted to make it possible for the senior class to have some good activities.

The class treasurer, Mark Klipsch, said, "I wanted to

run for something . . . I figured how many times will I get a chance to run for treasurer of my senior class; besides, money is my life."

Maintaining order

Brian Brownrigg, the Boys' Sergeant-At-Arms, stated, "When I ran for the office, it was just a spur of the moment thing. It seemed like a lot of fun to campaign, and I didn't really think about trying to win until later on."

Brian's responsibilities will include maintaining order at all class and class officer meetings and carrying out duties as

assigned by the class president.

The Girls' Sergeant-At-Arms, April Morris, said, "I wanted to run because I wanted us to do some fun things this year."

April's responsibilities will also be to keep order at all class and class officer meetings and carry out duties assigned by the class president.

Mr. Kevin Moran, class officer sponsor, stated that he felt that whoever the students chose, would probably be good class officers.

Registered opinion

POLL QUESTION:

Does it bother you when student couples openly display their affection for each other in school?

YES: 25% NO: 74%

Total questioned: 175



Jason Fann, Sophomore:
"No, it just doesn't bother me."



Shon Greene, Sophomore:
"No, it doesn't make any difference to me. You just go about your own business."



Susan MacDissi, Junior:
"Yes, sometimes it's okay, but it gets sickening."



Anna Rowa, Senior: "No, if they are in love and want to show it, it's not my problem."

D. L. Kowalski

College applications create confusion

Central needs college counselor

The Central High School counselling staff would benefit from a college counselor.

The counselors not only guide students who are preparing for college, but also guide students, college-bound or otherwise, in many other aspects of their high school education.

Applications confusing

The counselors at Central have done a remarkable job counselling over 1800 students. However, the college application process is confusing and time consuming.

A college counselor would aid college-bound students as well as the other counsellors on the staff.

The staff needs a person who would be responsible for keeping track of visits from college representatives, application deadlines, test dates, and other aspects of the college application process.

Applicants need guidance

Such a counselor could focus mainly on seniors first semester, when seniors applying to colleges need guidance in order to finish their applications

correctly and to meet application deadlines.

Juniors select colleges

Second semester, after most college applications are turned in, the counselor could focus more on juniors.

By this time, juniors should be in the process of selecting colleges, writing letters to or visiting the colleges, and planning the steps they will need to take involving their applications during the next year at school.

Confusion prevention

Many students apply to several schools, and with all the transcripts Central is to send out, there is room for much confusion.

Students need to inform counselors adequately to make sure their transcripts reach colleges.

A college counselor could prevent some of the confusion and take on some of the responsibility which the college mailing process involves.

Creighton Preparatory School and Westside High School both have counselors who

devote all of their time to college counselling. Surely Central has as many college-bound students who would benefit from a counselor who specializes in college applications.

Alternative counselor

Many students feel as if they do not know their counselors well enough to have the counselor write recommendations for them. Most college applications require a letter from a school counselor. A college counselor could be another alternative in this case.

A college counselor could be an alternative whenever another counselor is busy or, for some reason, cannot speak with a student.

Helps students

The counseling staff needs another person, available to all college-bound students, to help with the college selection and application processes.

A college counselor would alleviate college application problems in the counselling center by lessening the students' confusion and counselors' burden.



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'PDA' disrupts hallways, belongs elsewhere

Many students choose to publically display affections (PDA) for one another. The Register staff expresses disapproval of these acts.

The physical contact between couples is annoying. Many students walking down the halls going to their classrooms are confronted with groping couples.

Simply getting through the halls is annoying enough. Facing the couples makes the ordeal all the more irritating.

These scenes make for an "untidy" atmosphere for visitors. Many of the visitors in the school are student teachers, class observers and prospective students. If the visitors come across

the couples, they are sure to question their opinion of the school.

The PDA offenders simply validate the expected immaturity of high school students. These students give the impression that they did not learn the "rules of public manners" as children.

The public displays of affection are a clear disregard for the others who attend the school and use it for advantageous means.

Not only are the couples a nuisance, but they often obstruct routes and student lockers. The student who needs access to the obstructed location must confront the couple.

This is often uncomfortable for the student and (hopefully) the couple as well.

Students should not have to force their way to their established lockers.

Teachers and the Administration often are faced with the responsibility of controlling this problem. They should not have to.

Teachers' duties do not include dictating manners and morals to students who should know better.

School is not intended to cater to the affections of couples. The place for this is not in school hallways. The Register asks the couples to transport their affections elsewhere.



For What It's Worth

with Seth Kotok

We have all had our bright ideas. We look at today's products and think, "People actually buy that stuff; if consumers are that dumb I ought to invent something."

"Baby on board"

Perhaps it is good that people don't usually follow through with these ideas because they just would add to the stupid products other people had ideas for and patented.

One person who should have thought about this before he produced his invention was the person who invented those annoying yellow diamond shaped car signs that suction on to the window announcing to drivers that this car has a "baby on board."

This inventor's real crime was not so much the signs, although he really should have thought this idea out more rationally.

I mean if some homicidal psychopath is thinking of slamming headlong into the side of your car, I doubt he is going to stop because he might kill a kid.

Or if someone is driving on an icy roads and loses control of his car, I doubt he is suddenly going to try harder to regain control only because he catches

'Baby on Board' only one of useless car paraphernalia

a "caution baby on board" sign out of the corner of his eye. Anyone who bought these seriously believing it would prevent an accident or cause drivers to be more cautious are dumber than a rock.

No, this invention, no matter how stupid, was not his real crime.

"Hundreds of annoying variations"

His real crime was that this one little "helpful" item led to hundreds of annoying variations on the yellow sign motif.

Things such as "husband in trunk," "mafia staff car," and "killer dog on board" are not even remotely funny and are much less interesting to read than the serial number on your rear view mirror.

Although the bumpersticker was probably the precursor to useless car paraphernalia, these yellow signs brought on the newest onslaught of this epidemic.

At least some bumperstickers are funny or at least provide some entertainment while sitting at a red light.

Of course many are stupid but there are the redeeming ones such as "Bury Switzer," "I brake

for unicorns and rainbows" or "And on the eighth day God created the Huskers."

"Suction cupped Garfields"

The newest phase of annoying car toys consists of suction cupped Garfields. As if the market is not oversaturated enough with this annoying cat, now we have to see it everywhere we drive.

Enough spent on that subject except to pose one question.

Why would anybody buy a stick-on Garfield except to annoy the people in the cars around them?

"Fake laser buttons"

Another useless car appliance are the fake laser buttons to attach to the dash of your car.

Although these would be nice if they worked, it is a much better idea to just strap a Howitzer on the front of your car and destroy anything in your path.

The first thing you ought to destroy is any car with a yellow sign or a suction Garfield.

In Brief

DECA students lend helping hand

This Sunday, DECA students are going to join Target Stores in a Senior Citizens Night.

Target Stores are going to extend their hours, bus in senior citizens from metro senior homes, and provide free food and drink in their stores.

Central DECA students will help the senior citizens board the buses, shop for Christmas gifts, and carry their packages. Twenty to thirty students are expected to attend. This DECA event is intended to get the students involved in community service and make them aware of the elderly's needs.

Math team reigns as champion

On November 19, Central's math team became the South High math contest champion for the eighth year in a row.

The team of Jenny Hendricks, Mike Lawler, Patrick Williams, and Zi Wu won first place with a score of 75 points, beating the second place team by 12 points. Six teams and twenty-four students participated from Central, placing 6th, 11th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd out of thirty-five total teams.

Other team members are seniors David Borrás, David Kay, Kip Lathrum, Karen Lee, Anne Lietzen, Beth Lucas, and Rob Hill; juniors Jenni Bremer, Jenny Collins, Dan Dorneanu, Luta Everitt, Jenny Hurley, Eric Troy, and Alvin Yam; sophomores are Scott Fullerton, Brad Gibson, Mike Hendricks, and Suzy Wolff.

Student Council Collects Food

The Student Council recently held a canned food drive. Central donated almost 1500 cans to the Omaha Food Bank. Mr. Gaylor's homeroom collected the most cans.

DECA Trecks to Indianapolis

On November 11, DECA students traveled 640 miles by bus to Indianapolis, Indiana, to take part in a leadership conference which exposed the students to new business trends, taught them about goal setting, and instructed them in the art of interviewing. Melvin Simon's Association, a major developer of shopping malls and developer of Crossroads Mall, gave Central marketing students a tour of their corporate headquarters, showing them hands-on marketing and developing techniques.

Central Counselor Honored

Mrs. Susan Richards, Central High Counselor, was recently awarded the Most Outstanding New Counselor of the year at the Nebraska Professional Counseling Association banquet.

Mrs. Richard's selection was based on a recommendation from the Omaha Public Schools.

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English Writing Lab boasts new facilities

Chris Chapman

The writing lab in room 221 off the library is boasting of its newest additions: twelve Macintosh Plus computers and two printers.

This fall, the English Department received 29 computers and seven printers from an anonymous grant.

The writing lab started as an idea in 1976, when Mr. Daniel Daly took over as chairman of the English department.

It was to enhance the writing program and address deficiencies in grammar through testing and correction.

But, as Mr. Daly put it, this method was "limited and not necessarily a valid approach to writing."

So, the program focused more on usage.

Since then, the writing lab has given individual help on writing themes and papers.

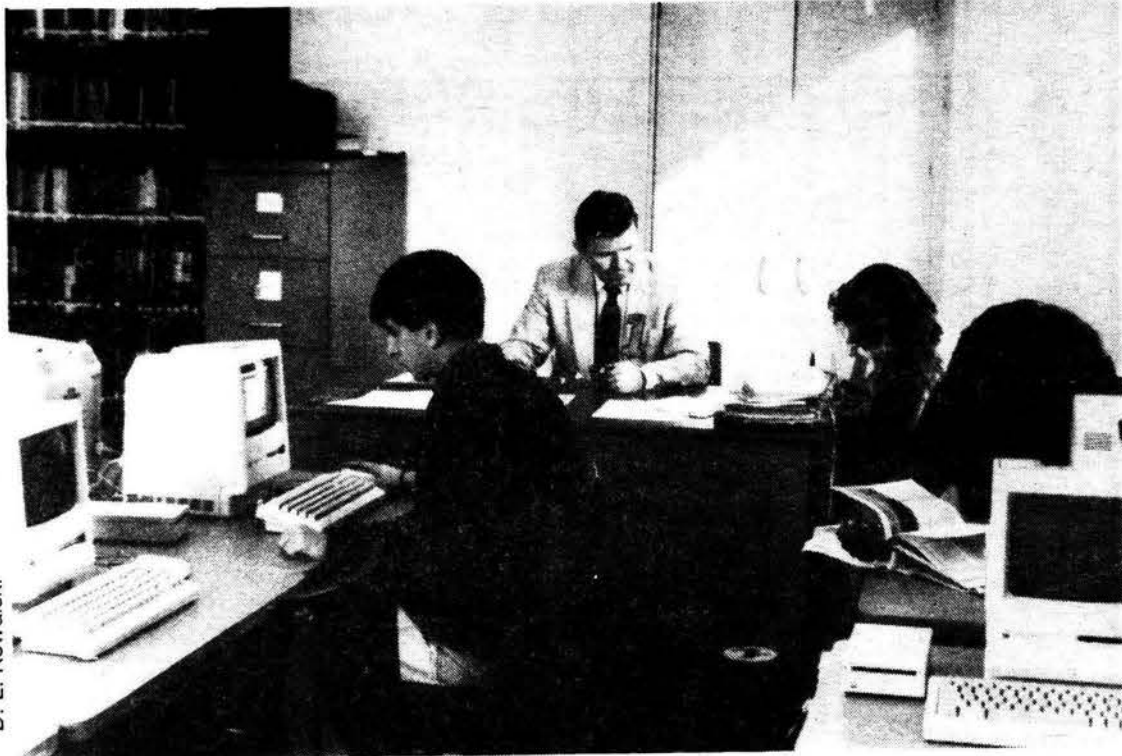
Plus, the addition of microcomputers has enabled students to learn more about computers. The other computers are spread out among offices and classrooms.

Mr. Daly wants them to be in locations that will increase student use. He says that the computers are open to anyone; sometimes whole classes are involved in the writing lab.

Mr. Daly hopes to have all the computers in one place, but O.P.S. wants Central to hold off on developing a Central computer lab.

They feel that it might draw enrollment from the computer magnet schools like North and South.

Mr. Daly said that Central is a team player and willing to go along with the requirements of the district; it will wait until they allow a computer lab.



D. L. Kowalski

Mr. Keenan, Central English teacher, works with students on new computers in the English writing lab. English teachers are in the lab every period of the school day to help students.

GED provides 'equivalency diploma'

Holly Stommes

Students staying after school into the evening may have noticed a variety of people attending the General Educational Development (GED) courses.

According to Mrs. Connie Eichhorn, staff assistant of vocation and adult education

for the Omaha Public Schools (OPS), "The GED class leads people for a high school equivalency diploma."

Mrs. Eichhorn said that anyone who is at least 16 and has not completed high school in the traditional way is eligible for the course.

The course administrators a test in math, science,

social studies, literature, and a multiple choice and essay test in English.

Mrs. Eichhorn said that the classes are free. However, she said that students have to pay twenty dollars for the test series.

"Before a 16 or 17-year-old can take the tests, they need to get permission from

the state department in Lincoln," Mrs. Eichhorn said.

Mrs. Eichhorn said that once a student completes the course, he is still required to take the ACT's or SAT's to be eligible for college enrollment.

Mrs. Eichhorn said that anyone who meets the eligibility requirements can start the classes anytime.

All of the seven OPS high schools as well as 13 other locations in the metro area community offer the GED courses.

Despite the fact that classes usually meet only once or twice a week, Mrs. Eichhorn said, "A very high percentage of the GED students pass the class."

UNL offers Independent Study

Chris Chapman

Need that extra credit for graduation?

Suppose you move to Botswana and want to complete your last geometry class?

Well, University of Nebraska Lincoln has an Independent Study High School that offers full credit courses in almost any subject.

According to Mr. Monty McMahon, Director of Independent Studies, a better word for independent study would be correspondence study. Classes are through the mail or over the phone.

Students enrolled in the independent study program work at their own

pace, sending their completed work to UNL for evaluation, he said.

"Obviously, we can't recreate everything in the classroom," said Mr. McMahon.

UNL employs a permanent staff of high school teachers and offers about any course that can be completed with paper and pencil, plus many electives like home economics and small engine repair.

Students must complete their course within a minimum of five weeks and maximum of one year, and most take about three to four months depending on their schedules and their motivation, he stated.

The UNL Independent Study High School began in 1929 and is the largest and oldest in the country. About 34 other U.S. universities offer similar programs, but UNL's

is the only state accredited one.

It enrolls about 5,500 students a year, taking between 1200 to 1300 courses.

The university has also awarded 75 to 100 high school diplomas per year since 1976.

Phoebe Mills, the U.S. Olympic gymnast, along with athletes, dancers, actors, and others make up the hundreds of different students who participate in the program each year.

For the most part though, it includes typical high school students who want an extra credit before graduation and can't fit a certain class into their schedule or those who are home bound, said Mr. McMahon.

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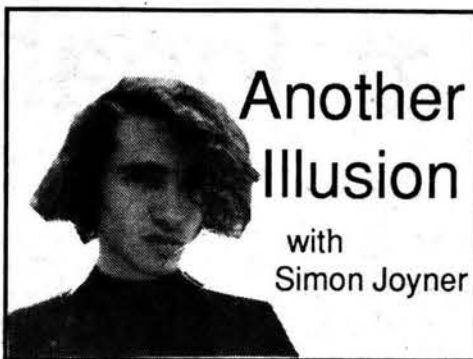


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Well, misunderstandings come and misunderstandings go. They're part of the way our lives work—The way we trigger the future and mess up the present. I've made misunderstanding situations a way of life. Ignore the truths that don't please you and you'll usually get what you want. Forget to add logic to seemingly normal situations and you tend to confuse the situation or get what you want. That's the way I've always worked.

My id and I, we're pretty good at understanding each other's faults and replacing them with misunderstandings, misinterpretations, and the like. I'm not sure I'd be the same person I am now without the adventure of careless, unconscious, misinterpretation. I'd probably be minus a few stories at the least.

Seventh grade. I remember it well. Particularly keen to my memory is the night of May 19, 1984. It was Friday night. Back then, Friday night equalled skating night. My good friend, Joe, had his dad take us to the skating rink that desolate night. My father told me as I left, "Make sure you have a ride home because I don't want to be awakened and dragged out of bed to retrieve you two!" I assured him I had a ride home and left.

It was strange when Joe's father said nearly the same thing as he dropped us off. Joe and I figured one of our friend's parents could take us home. But being the star-crossed skaters we were, none of our friends skated that night.

We had no ride home! First we pondered and questioned, and then we drew shoelaces to decide who got to call and wake up a parent. I should have

'The cat walked like Tony Perkins . . .'

Life filled with skating
and misunderstanding

figured out that I was going to lose. His skates were bigger than mine and, naturally, would need more string. I remembered my dad's warning not to wake him and I proposed a quite different alternative if I recollect correctly.

"Hey, Joe. Wouldn't it be funny if we skated home? Be fun huh?" So off we went away from Skateland, still in skates. It was really a lot more fun than Skateland itself. It was only logical for us to get on the interstate, seeing how it was almost one o'clock and skating ended around 12:00. Soon our skates were being ruined by the gravel of the shoulder on the interstate and Joe lost his rubber stopper from the front of his skate.

We must have looked pretty strange to that police car that drove by and then skidded fifty feet to a siren-screaming, grinding halt. A policeman yanked us into his backseat and told us he was going to arrest our parents and where did we live.

I remember my father explaining some time later that evening that some things he said were not meant to be taken literally, although most of what he said was to be taken literally. Confused by this parental oxymoron, I used this statement to avoid my share of punishment that year. "Oh, was that one of those literal warnings?" became a phrase I utilized to death.

Speaking of death, my stepmother's cat had babies a couple of weeks ago. Six babies. One became sick last week. We were trying to nurse it back to health, but it died after all. My maternal figure put it in a shoe box on the back porch and told my brother to bury it in the garden. Well, he forgot, and time passed.

The next day she was taking the garbage out, and as she opened the back door, a grotesque scene of some magnitude was on display. The mother cat had found the dead body and was, well, eating furry tender vittles, basically. Taken ill, she said something to the effect that she hated that cat and wished it were on a farm somewhere.

Well, trying to be the helpful, new stepson, I decided to grant her seemingly sincere wish. I didn't like the cat much myself and so it was understandable. I called my friend, (not Joe) and he came over and we put the cat in the trunk of his car.

We were the pet mafia as we drove on beyond Omaha into the fields of corn and scarecrows. She will be so happy, I thought, as I dropped the cat that walked like Tony Perkins in a hay loft in some barn on a farm about an hour away from Omaha. I was real wrong. Misinterpretation!

It was just a few angry words of temporary disgust and she really didn't want her favorite pet in a hay loft an hour away from our house. When she asked about the cat's absence, I tried to explain the great service I had done. She just turned bright magenta and took ill again. Well, I was wrong. I confess I must have this compulsive disorder to misinterpret almost everything, but we learn from our mistakes, right? At least the ones that aren't fun anyway.

I'd write more, but I can hear through the walls the sound of another parental conspiracy. It sounds like it goes along with the phrase 'Misunderstandings come and misunderstandings go . . .' and I think my typing at two a.m. and I are the misunderstandings. I just hope I can't fit in the trunk of my dad's car.

Faculty staples, rests, and 'fan out' on snow days

Chris Chapman

On November 16, the snow day, the radio announced that only designated personnel

were to report to school. Did you find yourself wondering who these people are?

All the administrators and custodians are assigned to be at school to keep order. Mr. Jim Wilson, assistant principal, said that they answer many phone calls and tell students who show up that school has been cancelled. Very few students come to school, he added; only three came on Wednesday.

According to Mr. Dan Daly, English Department Head, teachers were to come to school on snow days a few years ago, unless announced otherwise on the radio.

Recently, he added, Superintendent Dr. Norbert Schuerman decided that only certain personnel should come. He is concerned with the safety of both the students and the faculty, explained Mr. Daly.

The Superintendent has introduced a "fan out" telephoning method, said Mr. Mike Gaherty, journalism instructor. One person among the faculty is called, and they in turn call three other people, and they call three more until everyone is notified. This helps, in case someone doesn't hear it on the radio.

Snow days are relaxing, even when teachers have to

come to school, said Mr. Daly. He remembers stapling parties where all the teachers would gather to staple final exams together, and the adventurous times they would have driving home.

Mr. Daly laughed when reminiscing on one day when the weather was so bad, that he and some other teachers ended up having to stay at the Commodore Hotel that stood on the corner of 24th and Dodge Street.

Mr. Wilson made the comment that it's nice not having cafeteria workers around because everyone can go out to lunch.

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Board debates smoking policy

Khourey Abraham

The Omaha Public School Smoke Free legislation which was proposed last year is nearing a decision. The School Board will vote in the second session in November on the issue which proposes to ban students and teachers from smoking in all Omaha Public School buildings.

Dr. John Smith, Director of General Administrative Services, said a questionnaire had been distributed to repre-

sentatives from different employee groups, including teachers and custodians.

"The questionnaire is to get a feel for the current smoking policy." Results of the questionnaire will go to Superintendent Dr. Norbert Schuerman who will then make a decision.

Dr. G. E. Moller, Central High principal, agreed that OPS should promote and enforce a smoke free environment. Dr. Moller understands that giving up smoking would be very difficult for a lot of people.

Mr. Jerome Gillogly, Central government teacher, feels the Smoke Free OPS proposal is a great idea. Mr. Gillogly has been a reformed smoker for eight years. He now finds smoking "disgusting and repulsive."

Ms. Esther Wageman, Central attendance secretary, is a non-smoker but feels that smokers should be provided with an area to smoke.

If the Smoke Free proposal passes, a decision must be made as to when it will go into effect and how to handle it fairly.

Dive in and grub at local cafes



Adrian Ferguson

Breakfast is said to be the most important meal of the day which is probably true. You are probably thinking to yourself... Heck I had a bowl o' fruit loops or a cold pop-tart this mornng and my tummy is still grumbling. Well, what you need is a hearty breakfast from your favorite cafe.

"But I don't know which cafe is right for me." The only problem I can imagine you having, is not knowing which cafe should be yours. This may be one of the more important decisions of your life. Well, at least it was for me. A kind of shopper comparison may help. In taking into consideration the most important factors, a cafe must serve a great cup-o-joe (that's coffee), have great food, bizarre atmosphere and hopefully a tacky decor.

One of Omaha's most unique breakfast spots is the Radial Cafe, located near 40th

and Cuming. It's not just the old run-of-the-mill eatery. You are forced into their new pickle bar combination art gallery to pay your check. People at the Radial don't go to gamble or look at art. They are there because they love good food.

The coffee is good, but what separates the Radial from other cafes is their Home-fries, chunks of potatoes fried with bits of green-peppers and onions. Sometimes I'll just stop in for the two, but everything else is equally filling.

Maybe the Radial isn't your kind of place and you are looking for the typical cafe, undecorative, an always full counter with regular customers, waitresses who are like ones from movies, and typical cafe food. Cecil's cafe, located at 50th and Dodge might be the place for you.

At Cecil's you can either take a place at the counter or grab one of the tightly placed tables. Prices are reasonable and the food is great. Plenty of grease, great hashbrowns and of course, a great cup of java.

Okay, who is feeling a bit gutsy? The 11-Worth cafe at 23rd and Leavenworth (pretty tricky name, huh?) is in a class of its own, literally. Except for an occasional outsider, the 11-



Chris Deden

The 11-Worth Cafe at 25th and Leavenworth is open twenty-four hours a day. This is a typical scene with customers at the counter and one of the friendly waitresses behind the counter.

Worth's clientel consisted of the blue-collar type to the vagrant looking group.

There is not much to be said about the food,

but popular consensus says that their "joe" is about the best a cup could hold. An added benefit to the 11-Worth is that it serves food 24 hours. I suggest you

use your discretion on what hour you show up because I am not sure how many of the people from the near-by bars make their way over.

Popular film comes to the stage :

Playhouse presents The Rocky Horror Show



Chris Chapman

Upon entering the Omaha Community Playhouse, I was asked by an oddly dressed individual, "Are you a virgin?" Upon my response, I was given a sticker that said, "I'm a Rocky Virgin!"

Rocky Horror live

If you haven't guessed already, I was going to see *The Rocky Horror Show* which is playing in the Fonda/McGuire Theater at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

Story of nerdy couple

The show is basically the story of a nerdy couple, Brad and Janet, who, after having car trouble, seek shelter and a telephone in a nearby castle.

There they meet Frankie, an alien transvestite, and his friends, who are in the process of making the man Rocky. This is only the beginning of their strange adventures.

"Sweet Transvestite"

The show is fast paced, creative, and contains great songs, such as "Time Warp" and "Sweet Transvestite."

They also invite the audience to participate in

doing a dance to the "Time Warp" and yelling traditional phrases at the actors. Unfortunately, unlike the film which shows midnight every Friday and Saturday at Westroads, the theater doesn't allow the throwing of rice, spoons, toast, or anything else.

Audience interaction

The cast does a fabulous job of portraying the odd characters. Each one interacts with the audience extremely well.

They never lose character among the yelling and screaming and seem to have fun with what they are doing which makes the show even more enjoyable.

Revealing costumes

The costumes are bright and sometimes revealing, consisting usually of some sort of underclothing.

The actors and the Playhouse should be commended, especially Frankie who wears a corset, panties, fishnet hose and heels throughout the show, for donning such strange garments and staging this lively production for Omaha audiences.

Many surprises

The whole show offers many surprises and keeps the interest of young and old.

The Rocky Horror Show is truly an experience in itself.

Once you have seen it, you are no longer a "Rocky virgin." But, hurry, the show ends December 4.

Video rentals cater to convenience



Hilary Fenner

With the high cost of theater movies and concessions today, more and more people are heading for their local video rental store.

To be the best (and cheapest) video renter possible, you must shop wisely and make a very important decision; which video rental store is the best?

This is not always an easy task because the

huge selection of stores in the Omaha area offers a wide variety of options. From price to selection, each store you find is different from the next.

One of the major area chains is Applause. A main advantage to Applause is that it is easily accessible; with 16 metro locations, you can probably find one not far from home.

Applause's main drawback is the high price of \$3.35 for an overnight rental. Therefore, it may be to your advantage to spend the extra gas money and drive a little further to a cheaper location.

Blockbuster offers a cheaper rental price of \$3.10 for two-day rental and is open until midnight so you do not have to race to return your movie in time.

At Blockbuster you can almost always find any movie you want.

The problem arises when all of the movies of your choice are already rented out, as is often the case with the more popular rental stores.

If you decide to venture off the beaten path, you may find some sort of lower profile video rental store right in your own neighborhood.

For example, Main Street Video charges only \$2.10 for overnight rental, and Pick-A-Show Video delivers movies right to your home.

Now the next time you get the urge to curl up with a bowl of popcorn, remember to weigh the options and pick the right rental store for you.

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Personal Foul with Dan Pansing

Announcers can make or break a televised game

Some announcers say really stupid things. What probably bothers me the most is when announcers make statements that you, yourself, sitting miles from the stadium, can tell are wrong. One example of this occurred recently during a football game when a player went down with an injury. The first thing the announcers did was to speculate about the nature of the injury. One of the announcers decided he knew it was an ankle injury. Well, I knew he was wrong and so did any observant person watching the game that day. From the time he went down he was holding his knee in pain, not his ankle, and when the trainers came out to help him, they were looking at his knee.

Another time the announcers really bother me is when the director of the telecast flashes a picture of a coach or a player who is angry. The player or coach is reciting a string of "dirty" words and the whole world knows it. The announcer then tries to cover up for the coach or player by making a stupid comment about how the player is a little upset. Anyone with a slim amount of intelligence and the slightest ability to lip-read, knows that guy isn't just a little upset but that he

is really hacked off and would probably tell the announcer about it if he had the chance.

One announcer, however, doesn't fit into this mold, John Madden. He does pro football games on Sunday afternoons with Pat Summerall. Summerall gives the play-by-play while Madden does the "color" for the game. Madden uses his special chalkboard on the screen to provide insights into many of the plays. He also has first hand knowledge of teams and players due to his experience as a coach. Madden, however, has two special traits that make him stand out. He is funny and therefore entertaining, and he avoids relating the obvious to the viewer.

Another gripe I have with the common sports commentators is the bias they show. I see most of the bias during college games, but some is present during pro games and it was even present during the high school broadcasts this year.

Did anyone wonder who the announcers favored when Prep played anyone? If you didn't, you were either for Prep yourself or you started to fall asleep just before kick-off and didn't wake up again until after

the game was over. I thought I would be sick during KPTM's coverage of the state final game between Lincoln Southeast and Prep. The play-by-play coverage was fine with the exception of the last play, but the announcers couldn't have been more biased in favor of Prep.

This year I didn't let Brent Musberger and his pals spoil my fun on Oklahoma game day. My friends and I didn't bother turning the television volume on. Oh yeah, we watched the game, but we had the radio on and blaring to KFAB and the "Nebraska Football Network."

They're on our side and I'm perfectly happy to hear them favor Nebraska. I think if national television announcers would just be neutral with their comments, I might like to hear their point-of-view, but I'm not willing to listen to them cut my team down all day and praise the Sooners.

Nothing is like being at Memorial Stadium clad in all red on game days, but if you can't be there, Kent Pavelka and Gary Sadlemeir are the next best thing. They are entertaining and for the right team, my team.

Basketball Star

Aide plays at Creighton

Peter Festersen

Bob Harstad, a Creighton University basketball player, is currently a teacher's aide at Central under math teacher Mr. Paul Pennington and tutors students enrolled in first and second year algebra classes.

Bob, originally from Loveland, Colorado, is on full scholarship to play basketball for Creighton. He is a 6' 6", 220 pound sophomore and starts at forward. He averages 9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

Bob studies education at Creighton and majors in history with math as a possible minor.

According to Bob, right now he is just helping out by doing little jobs. He said, "Tutoring is just basically getting a feel for the classroom."

He is tutoring at Central to fulfill a twenty-four hour requirement for an education class he is taking. He tutors from 8:00 to 10:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"It's a new experience. It's kind of fun," Bob said. "I've learned a lot of teaching techniques from Mr. Pennington with students I've never seen before," he added.

According to Bob, tutoring and basketball do not conflict with each other.

"I've kind of adjusted to the two different worlds of education and sports," he added.

Last year, Bob was the fourth leading freshman rebounder in the nation and was a member of the Missouri Valley All Academic and Newcomer Teams.

Bob thinks his basketball career will probably end at college, but he said about professional basketball, "If an opportunity presents itself I'd take it."

According to Bob, his future plans include getting a teaching job and coaching a basketball team.

Although he likes the atmosphere at Central, Bob said he wants to teach for a smaller school in a smaller town.



D. L. Kowalski

Mr. James and his son sort through their cards. The family has over 500,000 cards in their basement and travel to shows throughout the Midwest.

Baseball cards a family business for Central teacher

Sarah Townley

"What attracted me was the fact that it is a family business with the boys and myself." Mr. James, Central's human growth and development teacher and cross country and track coach, was referring to the baseball card business he runs with his two sons.

The business requires traveling to cities and attending baseball card shows where dealers buy and sell baseball cards and other items, said Mr. James. The Jameses have traveled to shows in Minneapolis, Sioux City, Iowa, Kansas City, Joplin, and Missouri.

Mr. James' sons, Brian and Tim, were interested in starting the business. Due to their interest, Mr. James and his wife considered it, realizing the business would be a big commitment.

He started the business by purchasing cards and looking for shows. According to James, he and his sons obtained their knowledge of the business through other dealers. They then began finding shows through baseball card publications, which are the "bible of the industry," said James.

The Jameses buy and sell cards through private collectors and wholesale retailers. As of now they have over half a million cards stored in their basement.

"We buy them in bulk and take usually ten to fifteen thousand cards to shows. We put our most valuable cards, which are the rookie cards because they are the player's first card, into glass showcases."

The cards are valued according to the player's performance and the amount of wear the card shows. Mr. James said

their most expensive card (a 1954 Ernie Baraks rookie) increased \$50 in one month because of his performance. It is now \$450. "The card goes up in value when the players improve."

With an appreciation rate of 40percent per year, the business is a good investment, according to James. For example, Mcquire's [a baseball olympian] card went from \$.05 to \$.40 to \$25.00 in a couple of months.

Not only do the Jameses sell baseball cards, but they also sell commemorative items such as hats and bats.

When asked how long he would stay in the business, Mr. James said, "As long as my sons and I have an interest in the business, it may be something I retire doing a while down the road." He added, "I am having too much fun with it, it is like coaching cross-country and track. I enjoy it too much to quit!"

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Central graduate portrays Herbie Husker

—Marcie Rosenbaum—

Dan Rock, a Central graduate and a junior at University of Nebraska at Lincoln, is the UNL mascot Herbie Husker. He is now majoring in broadcasting and is planning on going to law school.

"I never thought I would get it," said Central graduate, Dan Rock.

Dan became the Husker's mascot by beating thirty people. To become Herbie, Dan had to first audition and then go through an interview on his personality. Dan had to perform skits, demonstrating that he could handle a rowdy crowd. They had to be sure that Dan was not the type of person to "flip off the camera."

Out of the thirty people, two Herbies were picked. Neither Herbies are paid, but they do get a few free items for all of the time they put in. Dan gets free t-shirts and he also gets into all athletic events free.

"I decided to try out because I thought it would be a lot of fun," said Dan. Although being Herbie is fun, there is work involved in it, too. According to Dan he practices two hours a day three times a week. He practices with cheerleaders and he attends special camps during the summer.

Dan also lifts weights to prepare for lifting the cheerleaders.

"Sometimes the cheerleaders get a little heavy, and you have to ask them what they ate the night before," said Dan.

Dan was on the football team at Central and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was even the Eagle mascot a few times. When asked how he felt about Central's football team this year he replied, "Central got ripped off, they are better than Prep."

Dan felt that the school spirit was "growing rapidly because of the football championship my junior year." He went on to add, "We finally got our spirit back."

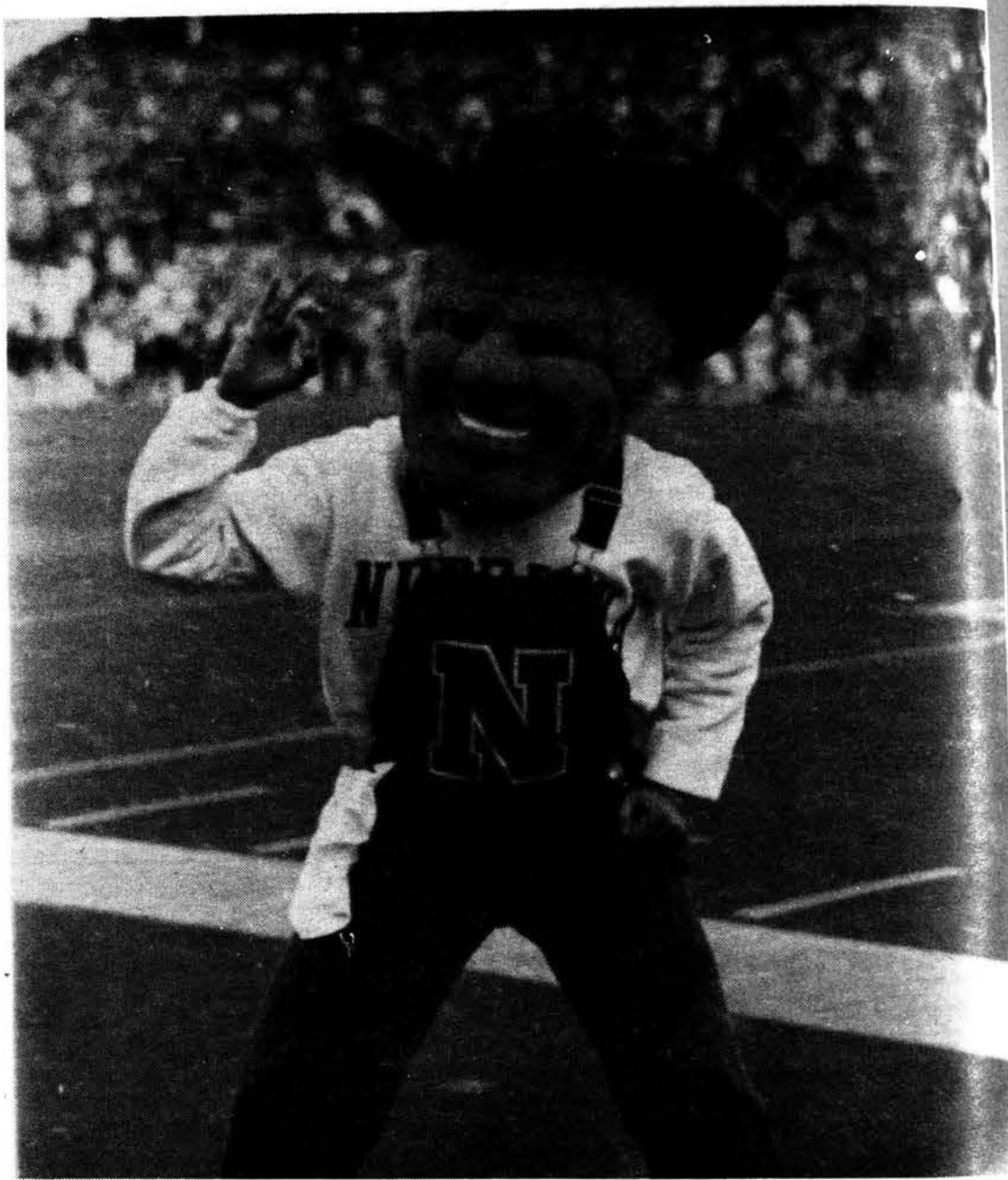
Although being Herbie can sometimes get a little hectic Dan thrives under pressure. "The busier I am, the better I do things," said Dan. He went on to add, "The hardest thing is being creative on the field."

Dan goes with the band to National Competitions in Dallas. He also marches in parades. Herbie also has to work with kids quite often.

"Herbie has a lot to do with kids. Some kids are scared of the costume," said Dan. According to Dan many kids ask for autographs.

"It's really hard to deal with other mascots," said Dan. Other mascots stage fake fights, but many mascots fight for real.

When asked if he liked being Herbie, Dan replied, "It is a very respected position."



Central graduate, Dan Rock, as Herbie Husker gives his okay to the Huskers as they battle the Iowa State Cyclones in Ames, Iowa.

Motorcycles spark teacher's interest

—Stacy Gottschalk—

Dressed to kill in his Harley Davidson attire, Central High School Social Studies teacher, Mr. Brian Watson, can be seen riding the wind on his Honda 600 XL motorcycle.

Mr. Watson became interested in motorcycles around the age of two or three, when he visited his grandmother in Two Harbors, Minnesota.

During his stay at his grandmother's, he frequently ran away, and the town policeman had to bring him home on his motorcycle. "I think it was a Harley," said Mr. Watson.

He acquired a moped in 1957, and later he bought a go cart cycle. In 1959 he purchased his first "real" motorcycle. A 200 CC German Maico.

From 1965 to 1977, he participated in motorcycle races across the country. He placed second and third a number of times in the Endurals and the Scrambles held throughout the Mid-West, though never placing first.

According to Mr. Watson, an endural is a timed event where you're required to "maintain a certain speed between two points." These



Mr. Watson stands next to his Harley. He owns three motorcycles, a Harley Sportster, a Honda 600 XL, and a 1968 Matchless British Classic.

races are held cross country providing rough terrain, streams and rocks as obstacles.

A scramble, is like today's motocross, racing in a closed track with several turns and obstacles.

According to Mr. Watson, his greatest race was in the 1973 National Rainbow Point Endural in Omaha. He finished tenth out of seven-hundred racers of the 250 CC class.

"I would like to race, but I'm too busy," said Mr. Watson.

Although racing has age divisions that he could participate in, he feels that he does not have enough free time. "Now motorcycles are just part of my life," he added.

Instead, Mr. Watson rides his motorcycle on summer trips and around the neighborhood. He is now a member

of HOG (Harley Owners Group).

Currently, he owns three motorcycles, including a Harley Sportster, a Honda 600XL, and a 1968 Matchless British Classic. He usually rides the Honda 600XL while his wife rides the Harley. He only rides the 1968 Matchless British Classic every once in a while around the neighborhood.

All-State selection includes Centralites

The World Herald released its All State Football first and second teams this week. Central was represented on the first team with three players and had one player on the second team.

Calvin Jones was chosen to the first team offense. He was chosen at the position of back.

Both Doug Ropoer and Sherman Williams were selected to the first team defense. Doug was selected at the position of tackle and Sherman was chosen at the position of defensive back.

Derek Hart was selected to the second team offense.

Mr. Jones, Central Athletic Director, said he felt, "very fortunate," and "very pleased" to have these players selected.

Head football coach, William Reed, said, "It is quite an honor any time more than two people on a team are picked." He added that Central is "more athlete oriented," and said that Central works more to develop an athlete than to win games.