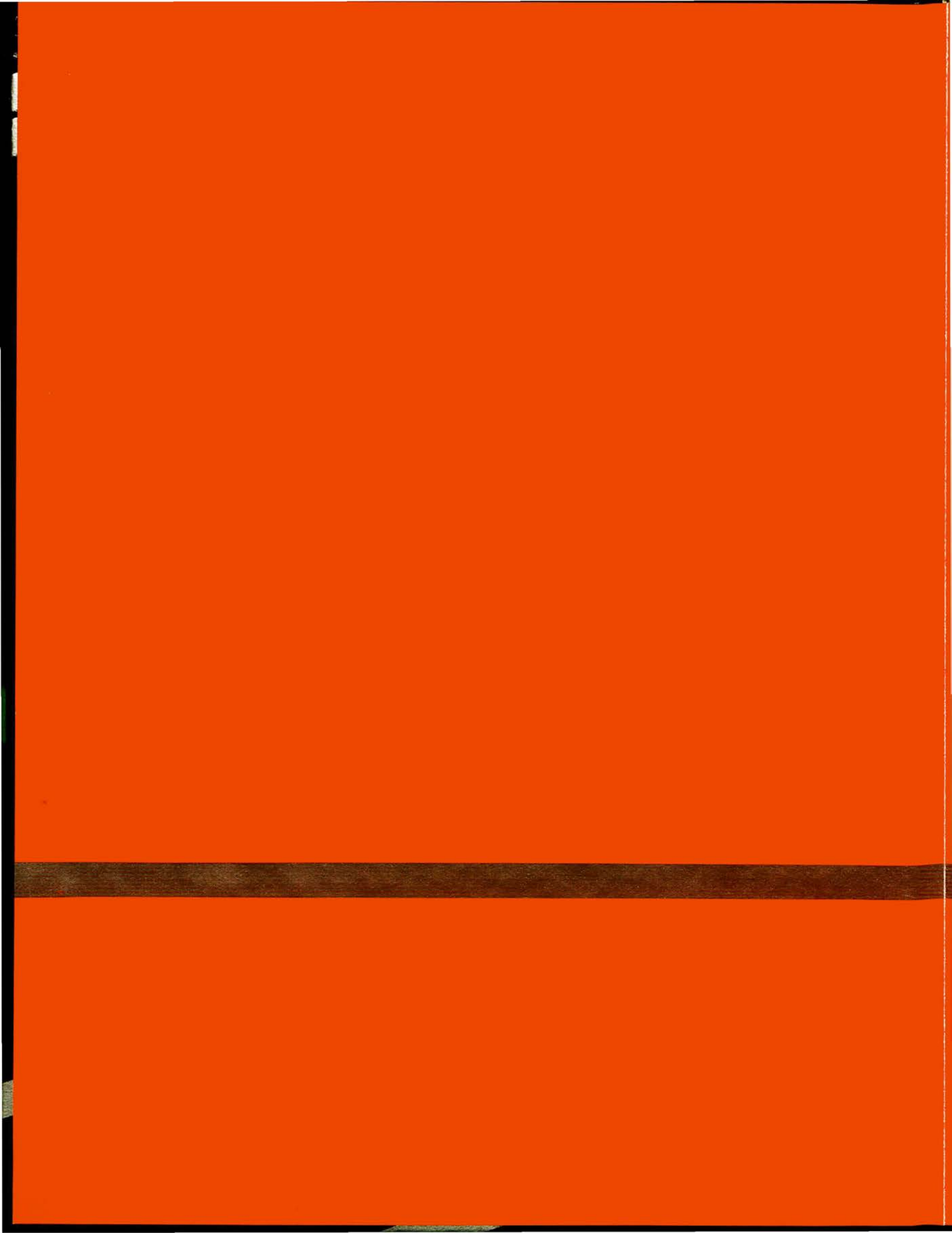


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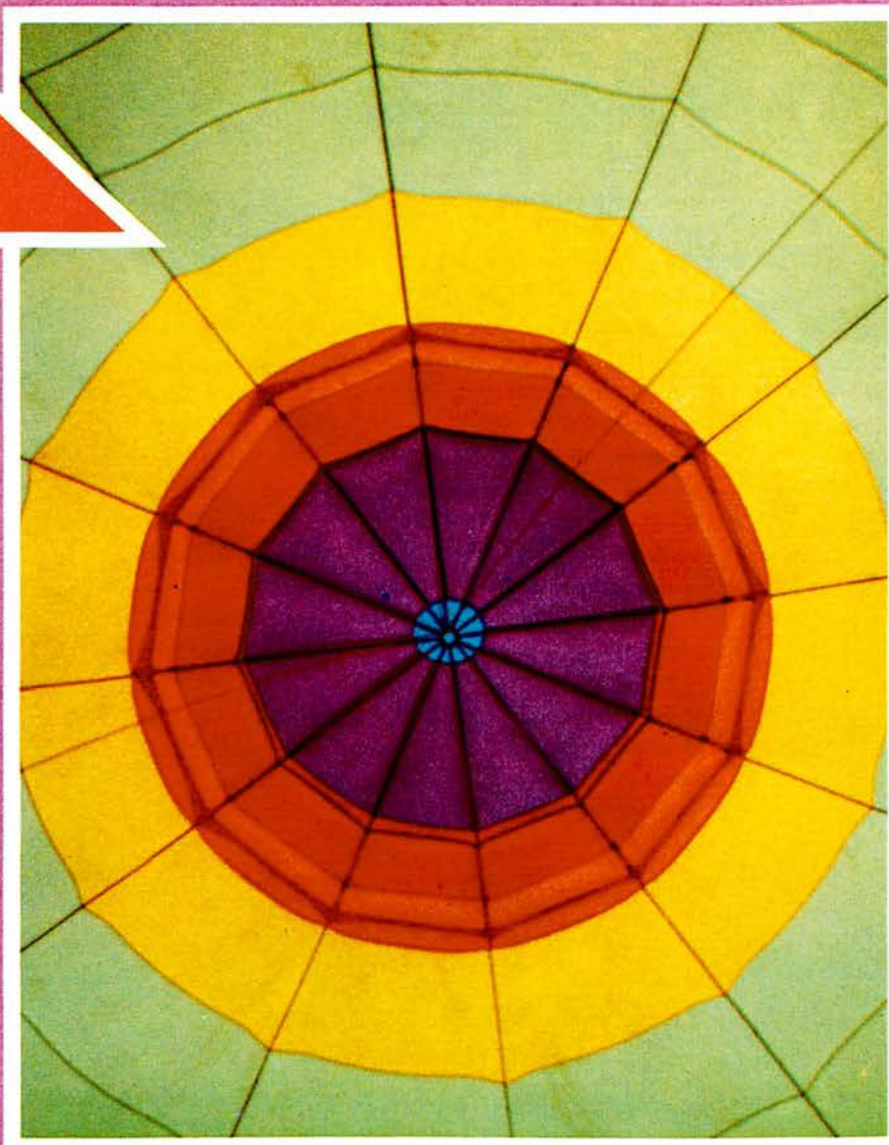
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# Beginning

**T**his is it. For some Central students this is the last year of high school, and for others, this is just the beginning. Whatever the case, Central students share many of the same interests. Each individual contributes his or her own unique qualities in an effort to unite the entire student body.

Even though the summer months quickly vanished, memories of vacationing, swimming, and sunning, linger in everyone's minds. In accordance with the new calendar for the 1987-1988 school year, classes resumed in late August, giving students an extra week before their adjustment to routine schedules and, of course, late night study sessions.

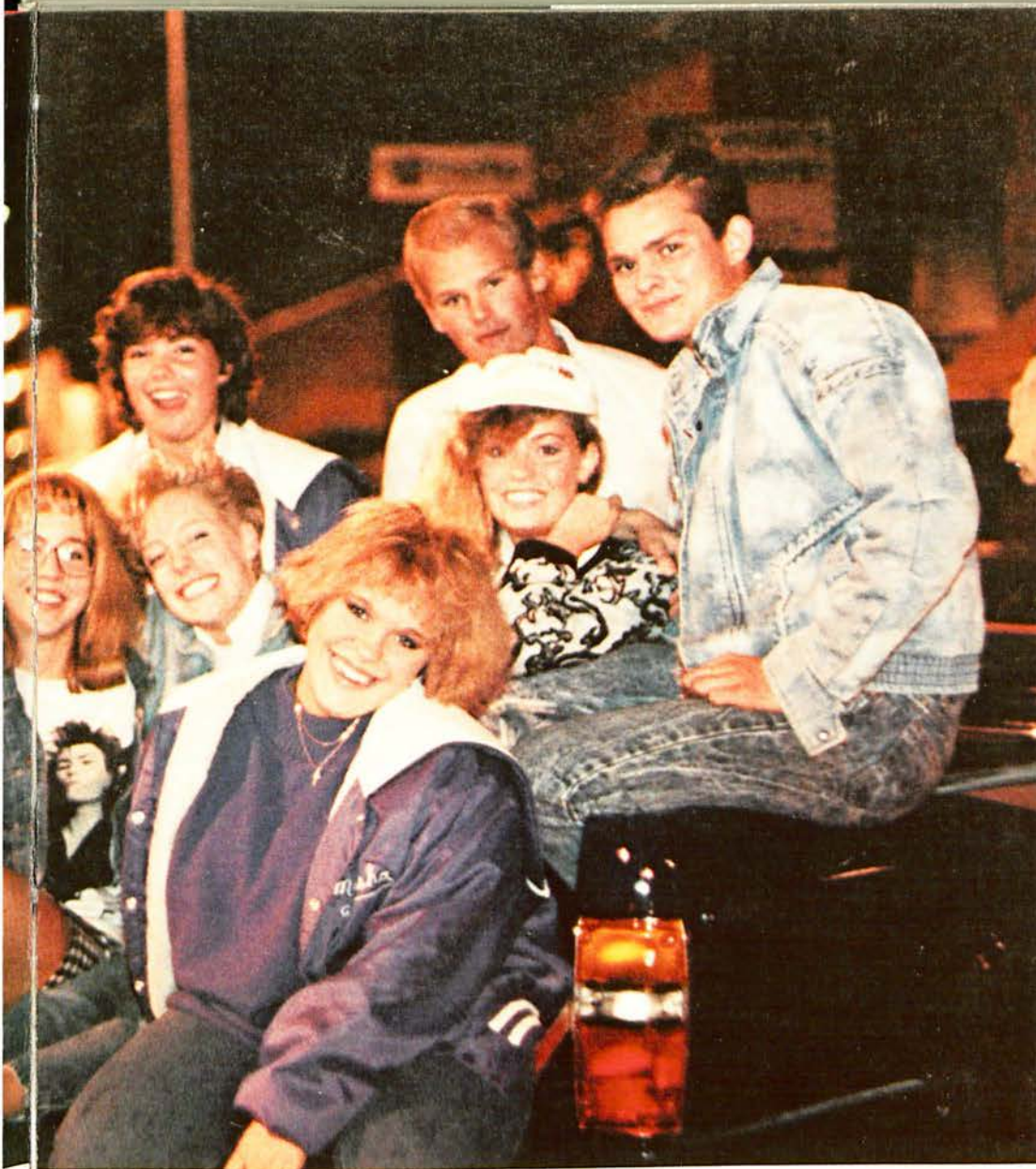
In maintaining Central's high academic standards, students still found time to secure part-time jobs and participate in extra-curricular activities. But, after a stressful week, all students anticipate a relaxing and recreational weekend. Whether spent working, or going to parties, both students and teachers dread the following Monday.

During the year, each student strives for certain goals. That may include selecting a college, making next year's cheerleading squad, winning the big game, or just keeping passing grades. Through a combination of willingness and support, Central students exhibit a positive image. This is how the Eagles do it!



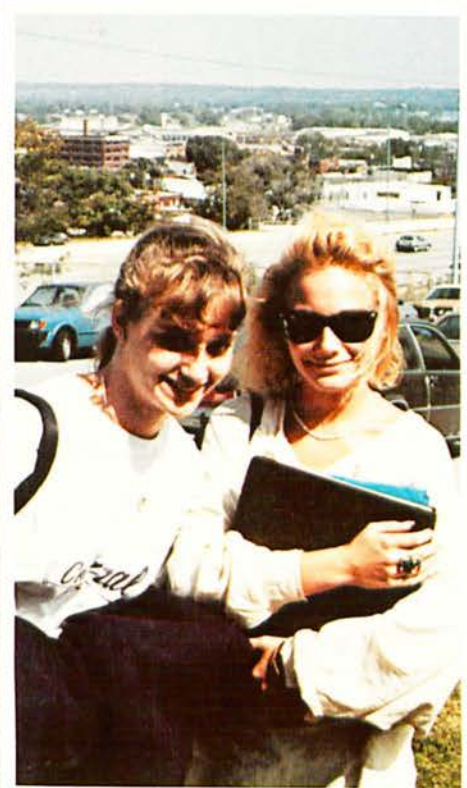
Kaylene Hixson drinks a Pepsi in the courtyard during her lunch period. After a month of suspension, the courtyard privilege was returned to the student body.





Michelle Lukowski, Mike Olerich, Tina Ludwick, Chad Burns, Julie Squires, Jenny Hausman and Marsha Lukowski pal around in the Old Market.

Kelly Skillen and Carole Nelsen leave school after ninth hour. Both participate in the Marketing Internship program, allowing them an early release to get to their jobs.



Sandy Olsen, DeeDee Hall, and Kim Donham enjoy their free time in the courtyard. The courtyard is a popular meeting place before and after school.



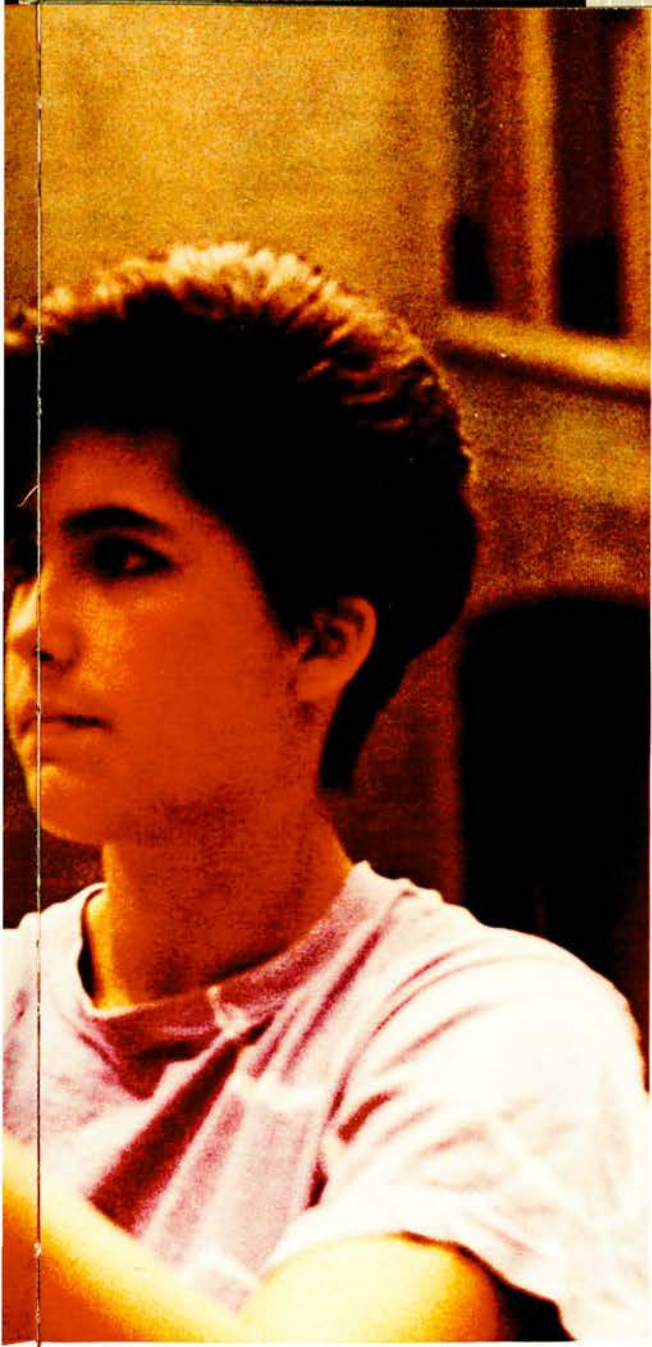
Kym Lauvetz and Trish Foster sample the fall makeup collection at Younker's. Many Central students work part-time after school.







# This is Student Life



Jenny Holmes demonstrates her school spirit by blowing up balloons in preparation for Homecoming week. Cheerleaders and Pom Squad members offered their time to decorate the courtyard on the preceding Saturday.

This is Central High School's student body. 1,834 diverse individuals combined together to preserve Central's reputation of excellence in academics and athletics. The students are Central, and the character Central exhibits from year to year changes with each new sophomore class. Strengthened with the senior leaders, balanced with the eager and experienced juniors, Central continues to maintain and establish new goals for its students and faculty members.

Student life encompasses all aspects of high school, from intense studying for an exam, to attending a sporting event or dance. Each becomes an important component of well-rounded Central student life.

School spirit, good study habits, motivation to be active, and a strong sense of personal discipline, are all part of the Central student who can differentiate between work and play. Centralites know how to combine relaxation and studying, providing a synchronized equilibrium.



This is when . . .

All is said  
And done

**T**his is R-E-L-I-E-F! The 48 hour "grace period" known as the weekend, keeps students rolling through the work-week and allows for free-time, jobs, and, yes, extra study-time.

Who doesn't live for Saturday and Sunday? Two days unblemished with the routine school day.

Many students attend parties, enjoying the casual atmosphere and meeting with friends. "I anticipate the weekends and all the parties, so I can talk to people I haven't seen all week," Chris Harz said.

Central students frequent the latest movies, congregate in the Old Market, attend theatrical and musical productions and sporting events, and enjoy the many restaurants in the Omaha area. For many, Omaha offers a wide variety of things to do.

Most students agree that a night out with the gang is the best way to have fun on a weekend night. A night on the town with a few of your closest friends can really put an end to the monotony of the week.



Karen Farkas, Chrystal Benskin and Amy Rogers sit by the bonfire at the German club hayrack ride.

Steven Butler and Darnell Mickel show enthusiasm over Michael Jackson's new album.





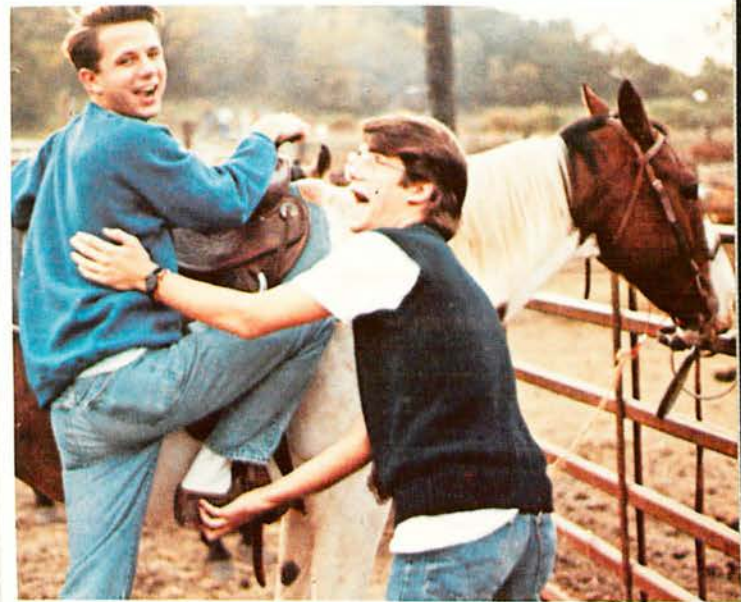


Dan Rischling and Keri Babe share a malt at Ted and Wally's Ice Cream Shop.

Erin Heese and Mike Frey take time out from the Homecoming Dance to pose for a quick photo.



Tammy Macafee and Jenny Lockwood browse through the compact discs at Homer's in the Old Market.



Todd Weddle and Allen Klopper show their German Club spirit by mounting their favorite horse.





# This Is Summer

Sun, swimming, sailing, beaches, rising barometers, and bare feet all characterized the carefree days of summer. Central students relaxed and enjoyed the temporary lapse from school over the summer months.

Most students held full or part-time jobs to earn extra money for going-out during the summer, buying a car, and for purchasing school clothes in the fall. Students worked at Peony Park, as lifeguards at local pools, as "lawn boys," as camp counselors, and as numerous other summer employees, to raise the cash necessary for going out during the week.

Lots of students traveled either

abroad or within the United States. Seniors took advantage of the summer months to visit college campuses around the country. "My mother and I visited schools in Minnesota because the weather was good for driving and many of the schools had special tours in the summer," said Jenny Andersen.

Students are very active in the summer months with sports, jobs, camps, vacations, hobbies, and sleeping! Centralites fish, camp, bike, back-pack, and mountain climb during the summer months.

Summer comes and goes quickly, leaving the memories to last through out the entire school year.



Drew Weiss, Chris Bashus and Robin Leavitt await the next bike race in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Chris races frequently during the summer months.

On Saturday, September 26, colorful hot air balloons were launched from Ak-sar-ben Race Track in conjunction with River City Round-up.





Kim Stinn and Kalen Anderson pose for a picture at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont, Nebraska. The Presbyterian camp was attended by many Centralites in early August.

Bryant Williams peddles his way through Memorial Park after school. Biking is a good way to enjoy the outdoors.



Carrie Spellman prepares to take souvenir photo in Mesa Verde, Colorado.

Justin McWhorter mows the yard on a warm summer day. In addition to fun, summer means odd jobs for extra money.





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Central . . .

## Within the walls

The day for a typical Central High School student starts early. The school day officially begins at 7:45. Most students, though, start the school day fifteen or twenty minutes early to give them time to prepare for classes, cram for tests, or chat with friends. Central's unique courtyard plays heart to hundreds of students every morning.

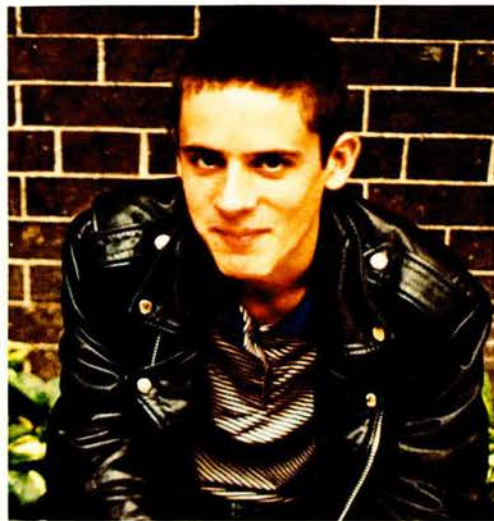
The 7:45 bell rings, the courtyard empties, and the homerooms fill. After homeroom, the academic day begins. In the classrooms, students strive for academic excellence. Central's learning facilities are second to none.

After a busy morning, students enjoy a twenty-five minute lunch break. Students are able to eat sack lunches in the courtyard. If the courtyard does not suit the students' tastes, they may eat in either of the two cafeterias on the fourth floor.

After the lunch break, it's back to the books for students. The students attend afternoon classes until 2:40. After school, the courtyard fills again with students who are busily discussing the evenings plans and rides home.



Molly Morrow quickly finishes a story in Creative Writing.

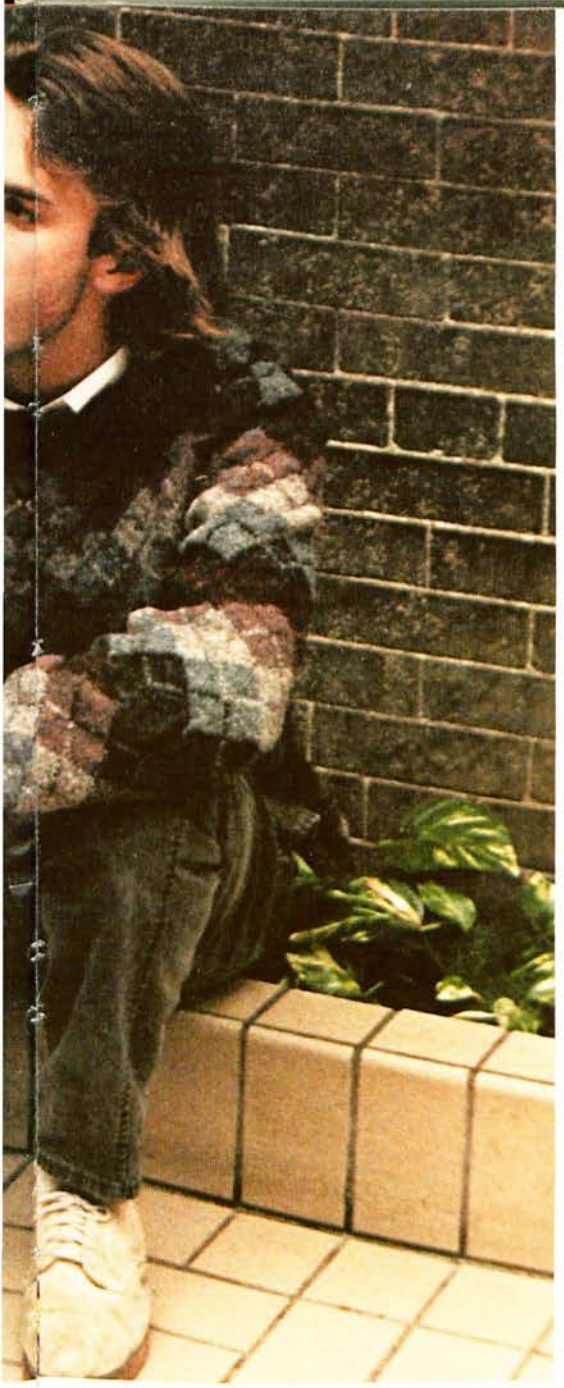


Eric Risch eagerly awaits the beginning of the day. The courtyard usually becomes crowded right before the 7:40 bell.

Gabe Astorino works on his art project in Mr. Andrew's fourth hour class.







Emmett Roepke checks the clock during his lunch hour. Many CHS students spend their lunch period in the courtyard.

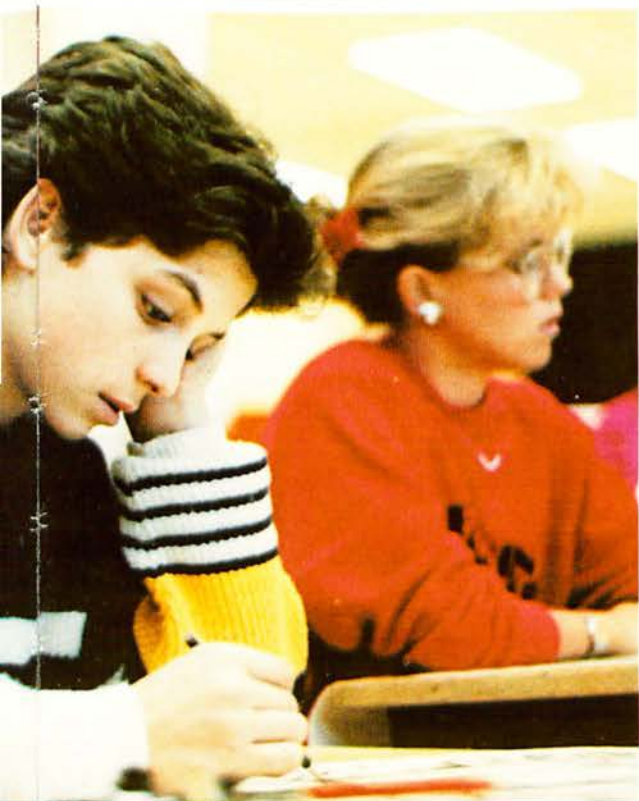
Jamie Strauss takes time out from her studies.



Michael Womack and Richard Ventry chill in the courtyard before school to beat the crowds.



Shamma Griggs mugs for the camera in the courtyard.





This is Central.

# After hours

The 2:40 bell rings and Central students file out of school in a hurry, eager to get on with their days. The school day is over, but Centralites enjoy active post-classroom schedules. Whether it's work, sports practice, or play, it's a safe bet students are busy.

Many students spend the evenings working a part-time job. Balancing a job with a heavy homework load is a large responsibility, and Central students pull it off relatively easy. They know all work and no play makes an Eagle a dull student, so Centralites are also active in extracurricular sports and clubs.

A lot of the time after school activities are just an extension of school. "I come home and start my homework so I can go to work, and then to bed as soon as I get home," Ken Dubes said.



Joanna Kosowsky and Rob Glasser give each other a friendly pinch on the cheek after school in the courtyard.

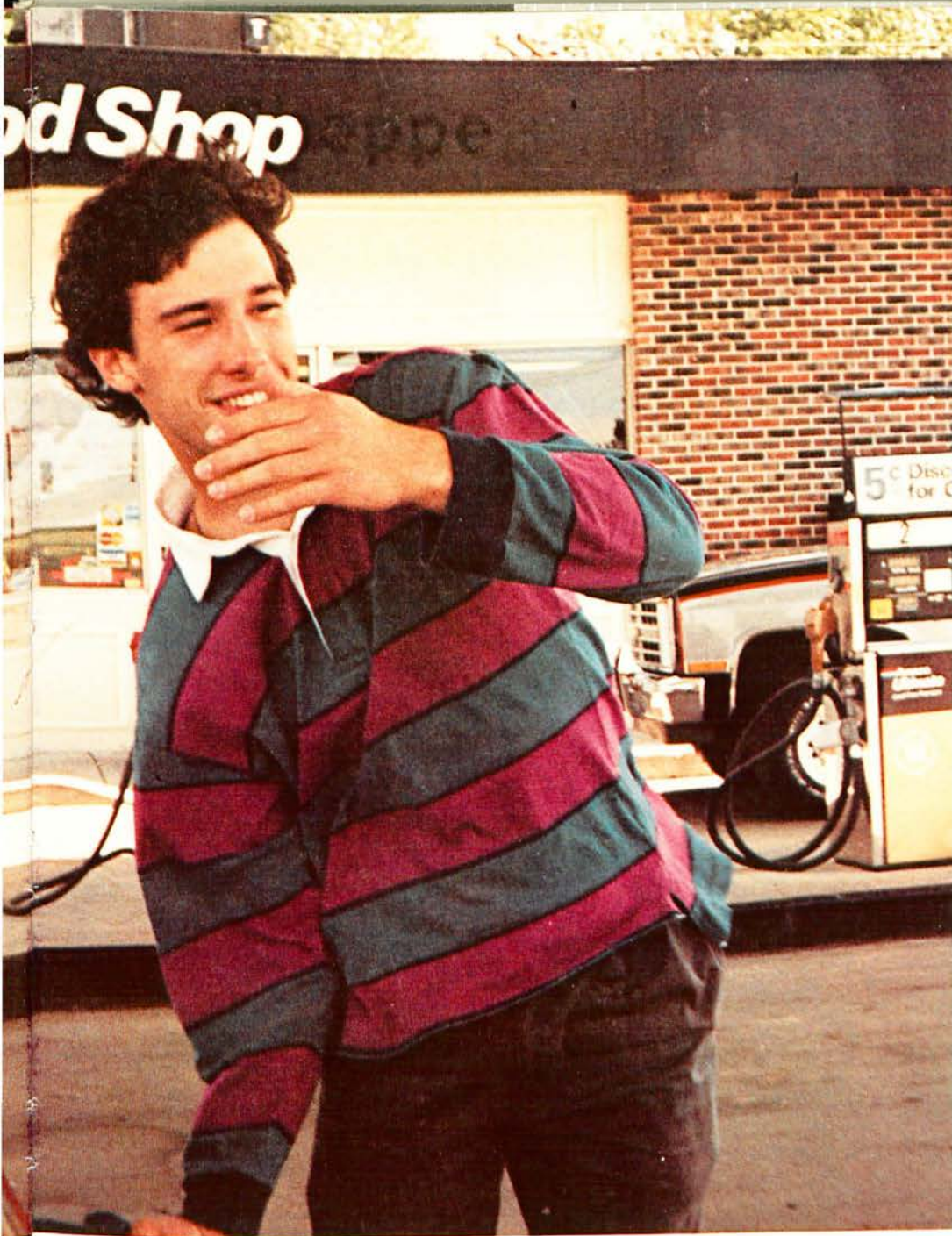


Cherrie Temple, Valerie Davis, Billie Jo Adams, Mona Newson, Tammy Hill, Lynn Berry, Lisa Medley and Sharita Carodine catch a bite to eat after school at ParkFair Mall.

Chris Vachandez tries to get Katie Broekemeier's attention as everyone gathers in the courtyard on their way out of school.

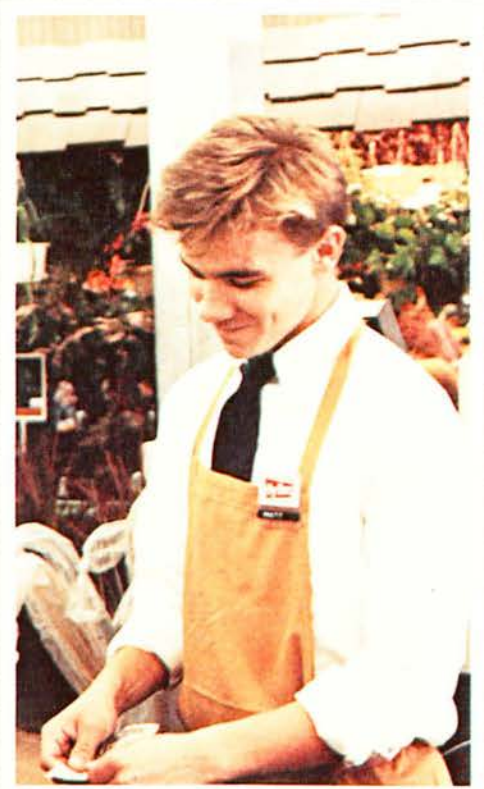






Randy Gilbert pumps gas into a friend's car at an Amoco station after school. Like other Centralites, Randy lives outside the school district and finds his gas tank often empty.

Matt Jespersen earns money by working as a cashier at HyVee grocery store.



Alyson Bruns and Lara Jochim relax and enjoy a snack in Memorial Park.

Cathy Farrell sorts through clothes in the men's department of Younker's where she works part time.





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# Spirit Week

This year's Homecoming Weekend took place on October 2nd and 3rd. The Central Eagles' football team played the Benson Bunnies on Friday night and the Homecoming Dance was on Saturday night. The preceding week was Spirit Week, devised to promote unity in the student body and to increase overall school spirit. Each day of Spirit Week, excluding Monday, had a different theme so that students could dress up and have fun. Tuesday was Pajama Day, Wednesday was Caribbean Day, Thursday was Student Dress-Up and Teacher Dress-Down Day, and Friday was the traditional Purple and White Day. Pajama Day attracted the most participants because, "it was easy to just get up and go to school!" said Drew Weiss. Everyone enjoyed seeing their teachers in "street clothes." "You forget that teachers can be casual, too," added Michelle Kay.

The week culminated on Friday with an all-school pep rally in the gymnasium, featuring the football team's dance routine and ending with a mini-dance on the gym floor. The pep rally boosted the morale of students, teachers, and football team members.

Jocelyn Humphrey summarized the week in saying, "I thought Spirit Week was a huge success! I saw a lot of students participation! More than ever before!"

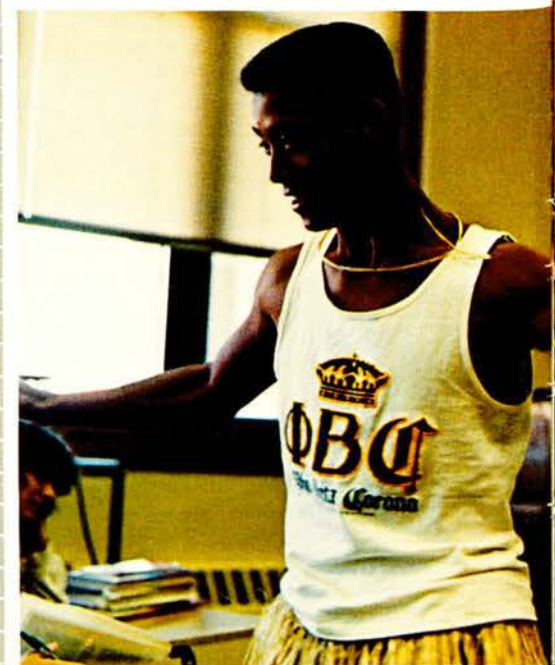
Pom-pom squad member Sevrin Huff added, "Students haven't been as supportive as in previous years, but I think spirit is increasing and everyone is beginning to feel proud about coming to Central again."

Central students and faculty really exhibited their school pride and cooperated together to promote true SPIRIT!!!



Darice Perry, Sandy Ross, and Patrice Pittman show their school spirit by dressing up for pajama day. Pajama day was the most popular day of Spirit Week this year.

Charles Kay sports his grass skirt for Caribbean Day. This day corresponded with the theme for Saturday's Homecoming Dance.

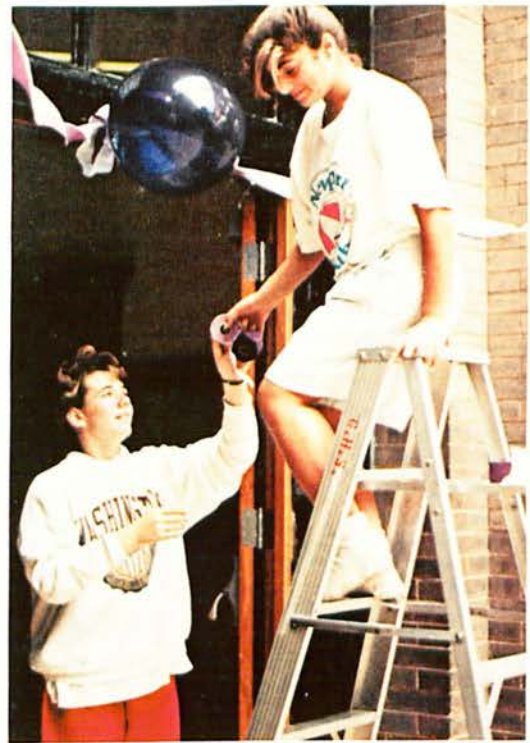






Debbie Tyler, Kelly Brown, Katie Offenberger, Debbie Dubes and Joycelyn Brooks show off their nightwear. They must have gotten up a little late that day.

Jenny Collins and Simone Wehbe decorate the courtyard in preparation for Spirit Week. Cheerleaders and Pom Squad were in charge of coordinating Homecoming festivities.



Jim Schalley, Randy Porter, Mike Lawlor, and Chip King dress in the school colors. Spirit Week culminated on Friday with purple and white day.

Virginia Craddock and Lynn Berry pose for the camera during Spirit Week.





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# Central At its best

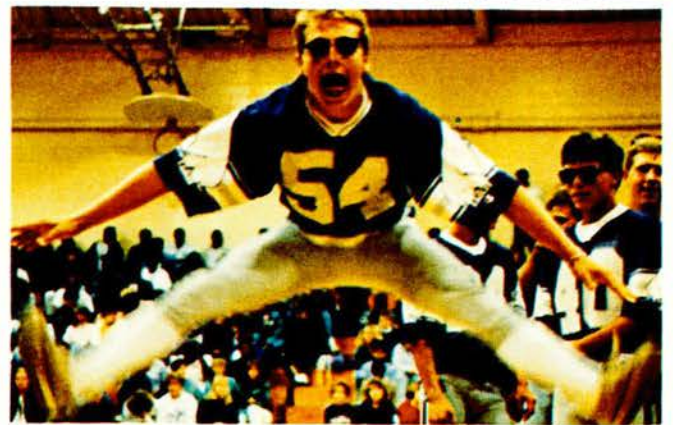
The Central football team prepares to demonstrate a cheer for the audience at the pep rally.

Andy Timm can't control his excitement for the Central Eagles.



Central Eagles display their best side in the form of spirit. That spirit results from a group of people who willingly come together as a unit to portray what Central High School is all about. With a wide variety of students, ranging from all walks of life, Central becomes a well-rounded student body, possessing both a large area of talent and the ability to learn, and aim for high achievement.

Central maintains a strong academic program that few schools can compare with. Also, the sports program works hard to be the best, while the extra-curricular activities provide fun for any interest. Each person adds individualistic qualities to Central and contributes to its diversity.



Dennis Gunia places a lei around Stacey Chamberlain's neck in honor of Purple and White day.

Gina Weberg, Chelle Roth, and Stephanie Kurtzuba pose for a "peppy" snapshot.







# This is News

Stock Market takes largest plunge in history

Moller closes courtyard

Reagan signs medium-range missile treaty

Pope visits United States Twins take world series

Hart ends presidential aspirations

Congress battles over future of Supreme Court

**Calgary hosts '88 Olympic games**

Four-year high school becomes reality

Washington upsets Denver in Super Bowl

Neil Young, John Cougar to perform at Farm-Aid III

Performers sacrifice time for farmers' benefit

City Council proposes curfew

Buffet Awards recognize 15 teachers with \$10,000

City Council opts to raze Jobber's Canyon

**Council bans 'Market' skateboards**

Hart to reenter presidential race

Thousands rally in Washington

Gorbachev meets Reagan for Summit III

Moller reopens courtyard

'Haven't missed a deadline in 25 years'

Gaherty completes his 25th yearbook







# These Are Activities



Acknowledged as homecoming royalty, Kelly Avery, filling in for David Chambers, Kalen Anderson, Rob Glasser, and Sevrin Huff stand on the Berquist football field during halftime of the Central-Benson game. This year's Homecoming King and Queen, announced the following Saturday evening, were Mallery Ivy and Melvin Jones.

Central High School offers a wide variety of activities that involve a large part of the student body. The activities range from Music to Stage Craft to J.R.O.T.C.

Homecoming, Christmas Prom and Spring Prom are usually the most popular and best attended activities among Central students. They are great social opportunities for all and a good way to boost school spirit.

Music is an important activity at Central. Central's vocal music department consists of A Cappella, C.H.S. Singers, Junior Choir, Mixed Choirs, and Treble Choirs, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, and Pit Orchestra make up the instrumental music.

Stage Craft students and photographers are the behind the scenes people who keep the Art and Journalism departments on track.

The **O-Book**, **Register**, and **Dimension** staffs, together form the Journalism Department. The staffs as a whole become the "voice of Central."

Debate members travel within the Midwest in verbal battle with other schools. The Debate team debates new topics each year.

Central activities are important to almost everyone at Central. They provide a place and time to meet with friends, work, relax, and have fun.



# 1988 A Cappella has tremendous talent

The existence of A Cappella began in approximately 1930, and Mr. Robert McMeen has been choral director ever since 1967. Along with Mr. Terry Theis, Mr. McMeen and the members of A Cappella continue a "tradition of excellence" in choral performance.

A Cappella, a group of audition-selected seniors, juniors, and a handful of sophomores, performs a wide variety of vocal music. "We concentrate mainly on 'art,' or classical choral literature," said Mr. McMeen. A Cappella meets eighth period every day and practices intensely to prepare pieces for performance. "I don't think people realize the work involved in getting a number ready for a performance," said senior Rich Vogel.

Mr. McMeen is pleased with the "large number of talented students." He commented on the theatrical, instrumental, and vocal talent that characterizes this year's choir. "I feel really fortunate to be working with these students," Mr.

McMeen concluded.

A Cappella had a busy year with participation in many community and school-sponsored events. In January, the choir joined other musicians to honor Dr. Martin Luther King at the Sing King Festival held in the Music Hall. During December, A Cappella performed at the Winter Choral Concert, and in the spring for Spring Swing Thing. A Cappella also organizes its own performance to showcase members of the choir called, A Night With A Cappella. A favorite performance of the choir members is the annual Road Show. Popular 40's tunes and "boogie-woogie" music were the focus of this year's act.

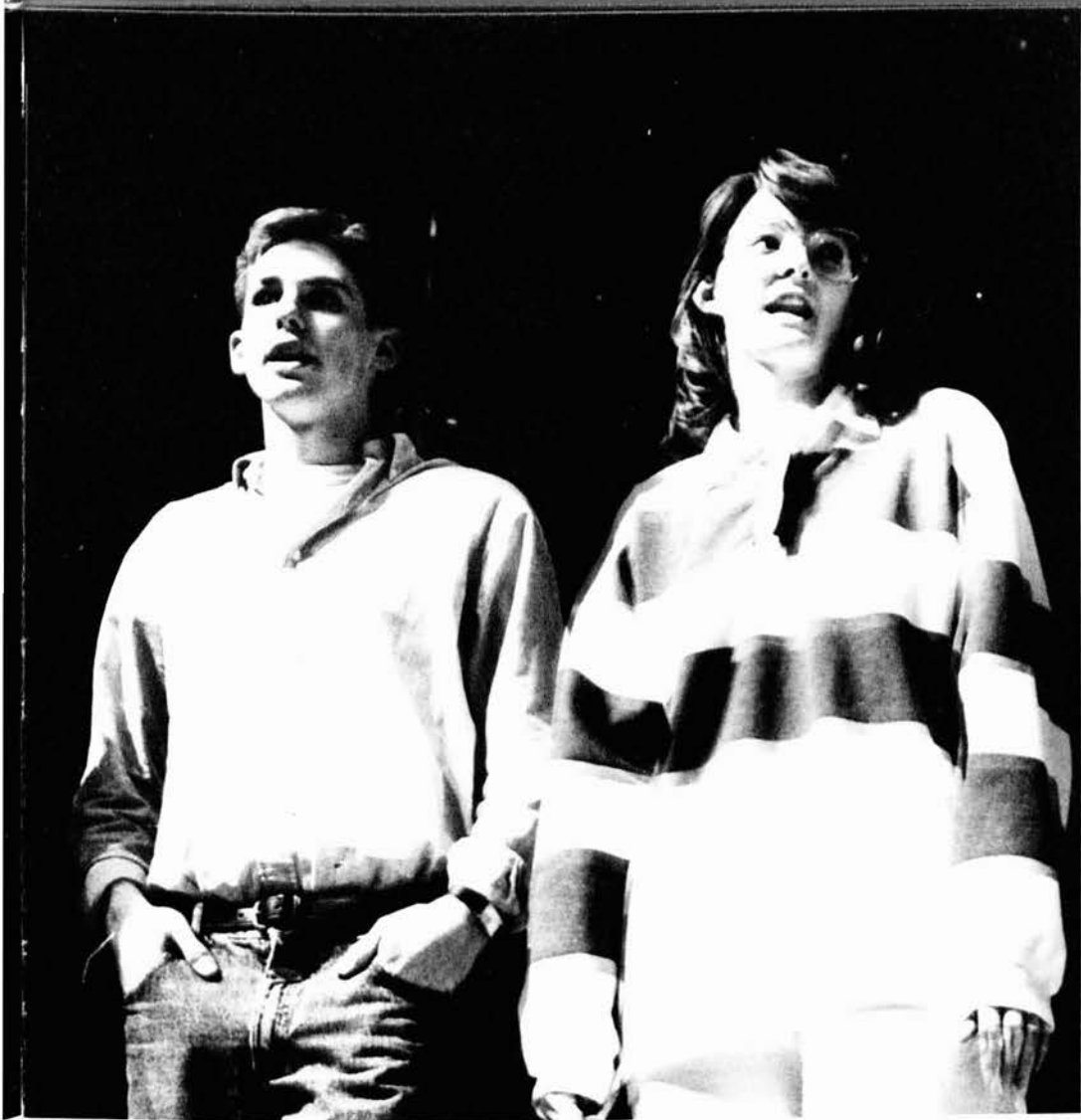
A Cappella competes as a mass choir at the District Music Contest in April and at the Festival of Choirs at Kansas City in May.

"A Cappella's success relies on dedicated students and the expertise of the directors," said Kalen Anderson. "I enjoy being apart of such an interesting group."



BACK: Alex Adams, Eric Jordan, Dan Pansing, Andy Huff, Bob Fuglei, Chris Gatzemeyer, Jim Schalley, Wes Loon, Lori Pendleton, Jeanna Orduna. FIFTH: Melvin Jones, Pete Pirsch, Chandra Freeman, Scott Easton, Lance Grush, Thurston Temple, Rob Roxas, Doug Stansberry, Rob Steele, Susan Lager, Justin McWhorter, Rich Vogel, Cherrese Washington, Sharon Moore, Tira Harris, Patrick Williams, JoAnna Kosowsky, Mary Welty, Joel McCulloh. FOURTH: Thom Davis, Terence Haynes, Donna Olson, Scott Anderson, Eshelle Brooks, Randy Porter, Chip King, Pat Hairston, Kenny Dove, Joe Norville, Palavi Kumar, Susie Donelson, Richard Ventry, Rachel Swanson, Amy Buckingham, Meredith Hammans, Kate Leuschen. THIRD: Shonda Rohn, Heather Kraaz, Shirley Keeling, Krisiti Evans, Regilanda Taylor, Jennifer Gottschalk, Sevrin Huff, Ted Vatnsdal, Tommie Blan, Jeremy Petty, Becky Christiansen, Joan Jorgensen, Jenny Holmes, Sue Herman, Zantel Nichols. SECOND: Wendy Mott, Kimberly Gossin, Michelle Mejak, Jori Berger, Reggie Rennard, Karen Williams, Holly Stommes, Emily Rasmuss, Doug Howland, Steve Likes, Britt Steenberg, Koren Mann, Andrea Dusatko, Inga Soder, Heidi Clark, Sara Rivedal. FRONT: Chandra Freeman, Chris Paladino, Dawn Smith, Cathy Easton, Michele Favero, Hilary Fenner, Leland Mickles, Trevian Franklin, Chris Steele, Christmas Reed, Kalen Anderson, Mary Szynskie, Sophie Wehbe, Lynn Mousel, Vicki Charles.





Scott Easton, Andy Huff, and Amy Buckingham harmonize a number for Road Show.

Tommie Blan tries to muffle his excitement with A Cappella's Road Show Act.



Performing as a quartet, Eshelle Brooks, Rich Vogel, Chip King, and Jennifer Gottschalk await direction from Mr. McMeen.

Dance partners Pete Pirsch, Mary Welty, Pallavi Kumar, and Bob Fuglei rehearse steps for "Tuxedo Junction," a song for the Road Show performance.



# Junior Choir; great expectations

Junior Choir is a "stepping stone" toward A Cappella, according to sophomore Tim Fuglei. Most of the members in A Cappella were members of Junior Choir as sophomores. It is the major preparato-

ry singing group for A Cappella, according to Mr. Bob McMeen, Central High school's vocal music director.

The choir meets every other day, second period, under the supervision of Mr.

McMeen. Mr. McMeen has taught the class for twenty years.

Junior Choir participated in the Winter Choral Concert, All-City Music Festival, and the Spring Concert.



FRONT: Catrina Cain, Heidi Parker, Bernadette Callimlim, Kendra Koski, Heather Larimer, Susan MacDissi, Tim Fuglei, D.J. Suurvarik, Jason Gill, Kelly Fairchild, Molly Horton, Stacey Gottschalk, Elena Fasan. SECOND: Jennifer Baum, Barb Ivis, Dorceia McMullough, Yonnie Wilson, Aaron Moss, Dayrl Paulk, Willi Voss, Alyssa McIntyre, Rachel Kopfle,

Stephanie Kurtzuba, Kate Krauss, Youlanda Gary. THIRD: Cyndi Hall, Amy Lin, Jennifer Murphy, Jennifer Hennig, Heather Heimuli, Sean Kraemer, Tom Walker, Robbie Hudson, Renee Grush, Holly McDermott, Shelly Smith, Cali Mischo, Gayla Fisher. FOURTH: Maggie Chandler, Lynette Tyler, Nikki Horton, Gabrielle Gaines, Pam Haynes, Kamin Bea-

vers, Mark Christiansen, Brian Lynn, Teresa Galigher, Katy Shaw, Katherine Headen, Melissa Roberts, Rachel Shomaker. BACK: Dan Everding, Shawn Hui, Marcus Fount, Ebony Smith, Jonathan Culliver, Melissa Drickey, Nicole Norlin, Sheila Cooperider, Allie Green.



# Smaller choir means more help

"I'm really pleased with the job that Central High School's treble choir did this year," said treble choir director, Terry Theis. The choir performed at this year's Road Show by singing to popular 50's music. They also perform at the annual spring concert.

The choir consists of 22 members and meets everyday tenth period under the

supervision of Mr. Theis.

Because the class is so small, individual help is emphasized, according to senior Debbie Noveski. "Mr. Theis has really helped me a lot this year. The music this year seemed easier because of the personal instruction," she said.

The chorus sang a variety of music this year ranging from popular 40 and 50's

tunes to new modern songs, according to Debbie.

The variety of music helps prepare the choir for higher singing ensembles, like A Cappella, according to Mr. Theis. This is Mr. Theis' second year instructing the choir.



FRONT: Pamela Moore, Tina Richardson, April Morris, Crishawn Conway, Sherry Bentz, Marlisa Lash, Jocelyn Brooks, Elaine Tucker, Diane Krueger, An-

gie Williams, Kirsten Schroeder, Kris Siders, Stacey Henry. BACK: Chris Grivois, Dawn Black, Angela Martin, Ginger Hempel, Michelle Anderson, Lisa

Konvalin, Jean Meister, Debbie Noveski, Jaynena Franklin.



# Singers perform on NETV

"C.H.S. Singers is a Central High School singing group made up of students who enrolled in A Cappella Choir, and who have auditioned for a position in this elite group," said C.H.S. singer director, Mr. McMeen.

According to senior Melvin Jones, the group practices everyday 3rd hour in room 145.

Joan Jorgensen added that "It's more or less divided by semesters. The first semester is primarily dedicated to chamber choir music, and the second semester mainly focuses on swing music." Joan said she participated in C.H.S. Singers for two years now and simply loves it. "It's a lot of hard work, but it really pays off in the end when you perform for the elderly or at Christmas parties. The people we perform for really seem to enjoy what they hear, and that alone makes all the hard work pay off," she said.

The Nebraska Educational Television invited the C.H.S. Singers to appear on a half-hour holiday special said singer

Steve Likes. Singers performed in the Christmas at Union Station program as well as at the Joslyn Christmas Concert Series.

Michele Favero, group accompanist, said, "Auditions are tough, but the end results are the best. We perform at many Enron functions, as well as for church groups. The people treat us very well and with much respect," she said. Auditioning as a pianist, Michele found out she made singers the very same day as try-outs. "I was so excited," said Michele.

"Others had to wait up to a week to find out if they made it, but I was lucky. It's a really great honor to be in such a prestigious group," she added.

FRONT: Catherine Easton, Scott Easton, Echelle Brooks, Christi Rogers, Randy Porter, Sue Herman, Melvin Jones, Christy Reed, Jori Berger. BACK: Joan Jorgensen, Doug Howland, Karen Williams, Bob Fuglei, Steve Likes, Susan Lager, Jim Schalley, Gina Orduna, Sevrin Huff, Henry King, Trevian Franklin.



All-State selected choral members: Steve Likes, Chip King, Karen Williams, Jennifer Gottschalk, Richard Vogel, and Thom Davis.



All-State selected band members: FRONT: Jason Truman, Ann Sitzman. BACK: Erika Wenke, Louis Hill.



# All State Singers come a long way



This year's All State members include: Thom Davis, Jennifer Gottschalk, Chip King, Steve Likes, Rich Vogel, and Karen Williams. "To be in such a group should be a great honor to these students," said group sponsor Mr. Robert McMeen.

"These students have all worked very hard, and they have come a long way to get where they are today. It's a very competitive group," he said. "To be a part of the All State Chorus, students must try out during the third weekend in November, in Elkhorn, Nebraska, along with other schools from across the state," said All State participant, Steve Likes.

"We go there knowing parts of six songs and the judges pick three from that six, that they want us to perform," he said. Steve also added that he wished more Central students would have tried out for the group because it really is a prestigious honor. After tryouts, students must wait approximately four to five days to find out the results. "It's very nerve racking, but once you've made it, you realize it was worth all the time and effort," added Steve.

"I'm really proud of this group. They're doing a wonderful job, and they're truly good, outgoing kids, who well deserve this outstanding opportunity," added Mr. McMeen.

## All-State musicians perform in Aurora

Mr. McAdam, Central's Instrumental music teacher, sponsored All-State orchestra and band. In order to participate in All-State, students auditioned, and the judges selected the final members. "It was hard work, but worth it and a lot of fun," said Hilary Foster, sophomore.



All-State selected orchestra members: Jennifer Schaeffer, Kiri Soares, Hilary Foster, Julie Larsen, Christmas Reed, Jeff Wiegrefe, Duane Ludwig, Erika Wenke. NOT PICTURED: Adam Nelson, Matt Nelson.



# Band marches to a different director

The Central High School Marching Band, under a new band director, Chuck McAdam, experienced success throughout the year.

According to Dan Douglas, senior, "The band experienced some major changes with the addition of their new band director." Dan also added that, "Since the band is mainly composed of sophomores, it makes it a little more difficult to win competitions because of their inexperience in marching, but I feel they are doing a wonderful job of adapting to the major changes in the High School Marching Band."

Sophomore, Alvin Yam, feels that, "band is a learning experience for everyone." He adds that, "as a result of being in the band, I felt much more accepted and a much larger part of the Central High School tradition."

"Band is a good way to expand the various art fields," stated Alexander Young, senior. "We were fortunate enough to get an excellent teacher, such as Mr. McAdam. "He is not only a great teacher who knows exactly what he is doing, but he is also a good friend; one you can count on to help you with problems in music or just about anything that may happen throughout the day. It has made my first year in band better than I had anticipated," said Alexander.

Terence Haynes, also a first year member, said, "It's a great experience for any type of musician. If it was not for band, I'd feel as if I was missing out on a large part of my senior year. The people are great, and I'm learning a lot," said Terence. Terence is also taking part in Individual Instrumental Music, as well, in which a student may learn to play an instrument he doesn't know or may use this time to sharpen current skills in music.

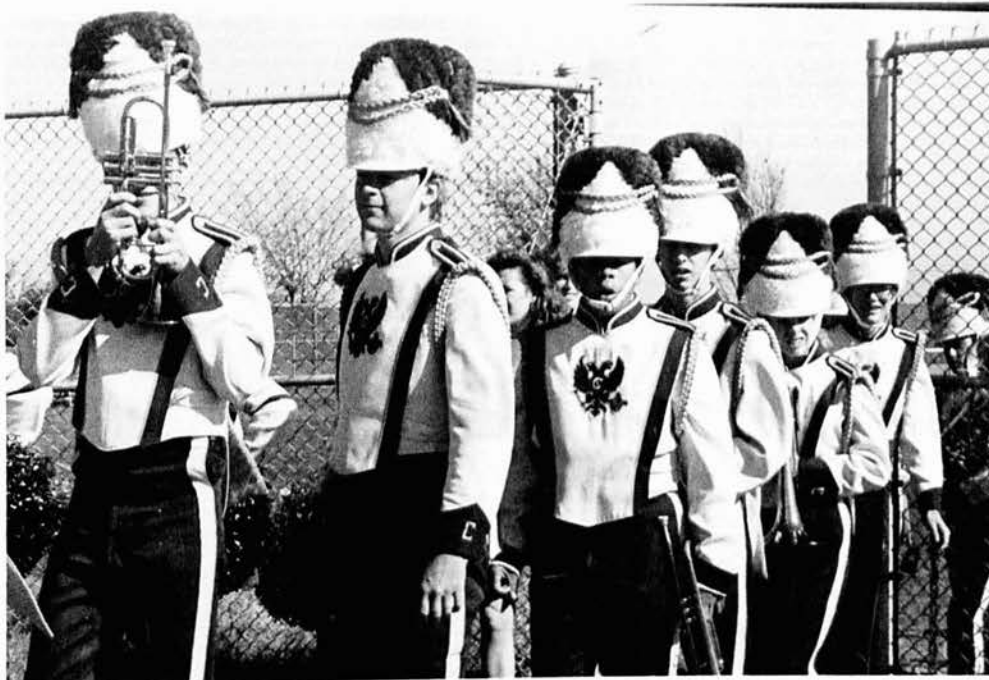
Trumpet players hit the high notes. A dramatic effect is added to the halftime show by simply standing still.





Let's hear it for the tubas! Erica Wenke and Chris Olsen show off their musical, as well as their dancing abilities.

Who are you hiding from, Peter MacNaughton? Band members, Dan Douglas, Miles Lewis, Ed Schroeder, Rebecca Barnes, and Larry Snider leave the field after a tough competition.



FRONT: Debbie Noveski, Valencia Battle, Markeita Edwards, Tory Livers, Joel McCulloh, Ramona Jackson, Jonelle Abbott, Zantel Nichols, Lisa Timm. SECOND: Olen Briggs, Jay Borden, Kyli Atkinson, Erik Clark, Alex Young, Terence Haynes, Don Shennum, Barbara Gutierrez, James Brown, Jennifer Hennig. THIRD: Jarmar Fowler, Luta Everitt, Monika Langner, Kim Fuller, Jenny Cross-Collins, Maia Murray, Donya Craddock, Nicole Marion, Louis Hill, Kim Houston, Dana Ehlers, Heather Nash, Ameer Kulm, Julie Williams, Laura Greenlee, Shari Waterman, Casey Vogel, Susan Weidner. FOURTH: Jason Ly-

tle, Toni Blankman, Megan Kicker, Jill Holt, Amy Malone, Chantel Markus, Alvin Yam, Deron Lewis, Claudia Crossley, Wendy Graham, Ramona Newson, Mindy Hauptman, Kip Lathrum, Amy Edgren. BACK: Melissa Garner, Noah Corr, Amy Noveski, Michelle Miller, Nick Curto, Larry Snider, Julie Anderson, John Roberts, Jason Truman, Doug Warden, Darin Karstetter, Bill Miller, Chris Olson, Erica Wenke, Keith Eschliman, Dan Douglas, Ed Schroeder, Pete MacNaughton, Dennis Allen, Rob Hill, Ruth Sitzman, Larry Rock, Nathan Hunter, Mark Krecek, Ann Sitzman, Kevin McCann, Jonathan Little. Not Pictured: Eric Hines, Wyndle Young, Alex Adams, Allan Day, Leland Mickles, Bryan Taylor, Mark Cartwright, Greg Lundberg, Miles Lewis, Tammy Buckman, Scott Schultz, Rebecca Barnes, Janetta Bentley, Jay Standifer, Jill Weaver.

Debbie Noveski takes time off from being drum major to bite into a snack. She accents her band uniform with her own special touches.





## A devoted orchestra performs the classics

"Dedication and devotion are two of the corner stones that make a fine musician," says Erika Wenke. In order to play the way you want you must first want to play," said senior, Ann Sitzman. "Of course it's a lot of work, but it will pay off later," she continued.

After mastering the music, orchestra members are prepared to perform at various functions at a Central High School and around the Omaha area. The orchestra played during Open House and Road Show, as well as their annual concert in the spring. Orchestra members also played at All-State. Orchestra attended Districts which were held in May.

Orchestra meets 5th and 6th periods everyday in room 045 to study contemporary and traditional composers.

Jessica Perlman takes a break to examine her music. Orchestra played complicated pieces by modern and traditional composers.







FRONT: Keith Eschliman, Pete MacNaughton, David Littrell, Rich Vogel, Bill Miller, Jason Truman. BACK: Wyndle Young, Ann Sitzman, Ruth Sitzman, Jill Holt, Olen Briggs, Alphonso Guillory, John Roberts, Kevin McCann, Larry Snider, David Rovang. NOT PICTURED: Erika Wenke.



## Central jazz band, young but talented

"This year's jazz band is very young and very talented," said senior Ann Sitzman. She feels that this group has great potential.

The band's music is more challenging this year than in previous years, said Mr. Chuck McAdam, Central's director. "The band is playing a wider variety of music" said junior, Olen Briggs. "We are playing a lot of 'Basie,'" said Ann.

The jazz band participated in several performances throughout the year including the Road Show and the Winter Concert. Competitions include O.P.S. Jazz Night and a U.N.O. competition where Jazz bands from around the metro area play together for an evening.

Jazz Band meets every day 10th period in room 048. "Jazz Band helps my sight reading immensely," said Ann Sitzman. The Jazz band also studies jazz charts of mainstream jazz, classical jazz and modern jazz.



Julie Larsen tunes up before class begins. Orchestra students must finely tune instruments before class each day to perfect the sound of each intricate piece they perform.

Richard Masters positions himself behind his standing bass. Richard is the only bass player in Central's orchestra.

FRONT: Jennifer Schaeffer, Hilary Foster, Christmas Reed, Barbara Gutierrez, Kelly Tatanisha, Julie Larsen, Aaron Kerr, Kiri Soares. SECOND: Duane Ludwig, Jenna Brigman, Erika Wenke, Angela Colson, Delecia Karney, Khea Newby, Jessica McCoy, Jessica Perlman, Jade Rogers, Barbara Daw, Joy

Brooks, Sherry Bentz, Lisa Hobson, Jeff Wiegrefe. BACK: Joel McCulloh, Aaron Dennison, Richard Masters. NOT PICTURED: Dana Morley, Niv Palgi, Maurice Cotton, LaDonna Morrow, Alphonso Guillory.



## Behind the scenes

The Central High School Stage Craft members construct all of the scenery for the Fall Musical, Road Show, and the Spring Play. In past years, the stage crew has been responsible for scenery in Central's Prom, the auction, and the fashion show. In addition, the stage craft members help with lighting effects, scenery changes, and some sound engineering for the Omaha Community Playhouse and Joslyn Art Museum.

Mr. Hausman, teacher and instructor, stated that stage craft is a three-year program in which he asks students to come back to the class each year. He wants his students not only to build the scenery, but he also wants them to get something out of it as well. Senior, Shawn Coleman, said, "Learning how to build things will be valuable in many fields of work. Stage craft is a worthwhile program where we have fun, but we also work very hard."

Although Mr. Hausman would love the class to continue, he said that like other elective classes, stage craft will gradually lose students due to the raised number of credits required to graduate.



FRONT: Jason Chandler, Jesse Bruckner, Eric Mstrom, Matt MacCashland, Sandy Lane, Mr. Hausman. SECOND: Mike Gerhard, Tracy Felici, Eric Rodriguez, Mark Perkins, Jason Hiatt, Vikki Duffield.

BACK: Wilbert Mayfield, Jason Weyerman, Matt Morgan, Marty Appel, John Murdock, Ken Capps, Ed Murdock, Shawn Coleman, Ann Lietzen.



Mr. Hausman, Stagecraft instructor, directs students during a "blue print" lesson. Stagecraft mem-





Olen Briggs, junior, plays a warm-up on the drums before rehearsal. Warm-ups are essential in getting the instruments in tune.

Justin Kerr, junior, tunes up during an after-school rehearsal. Much time is involved in rehearsing difficult numbers.



## Pit Orchestra sets a fast pace

The Pit Orchestra performs once during the school year, and that is in the Fall Musical. Mr. McAdams, orchestra and band director, chooses students for Pit Orchestra based on their ability as well as their dedication. Don Shennum said, "Students really have to want to be in it."

Different musicals require different types of pit orchestra. The musical "Grease" was too modern, and thus required a small orchestra part that was able to play rock and roll, as well as slow ballads.

Some orchestra members become frustrated with the long rehearsals, according to Don, but, "the labor is self-rewarding, especially if the final product is as successful as Grease."



FRONT: Lynn Mosel, Michele Favero, David Littrell, Rich Vogel, Justin Kerr, Alfanzo Guillory, John Holtorff. BACK: Olen Briggs, Don Shennum.

bers must spend many hours preparing for school related plays and activities.



# Central's students prove that 'Grease' is the word

The 1987 fall musical, "Grease" combined a modern theme with the universal concept of high school, according to Pegi Stommes, "Grease" director. "I think the kids will really enjoy the musical because it's something that they can relate to," she said. She also added that the "toned down" version of Central's "Grease" should appeal to parents, grandparents, and even younger siblings.

"The musical was not only fun to watch, but also fun to make," according to Holly Stommes, who played Sandy, the lead female role. "It was a modern theme with modern songs, which made the singing and acting a little easier than in previous years. It was easier to relate to the characters," she added. Scott Focht, who played Eugene liked the change from the seriousness of previous musicals to the lightheartedness of "Grease."

The musical combined singing with

complicated dance steps, according to dancer Rob Steele. During the "Greased Lightning" segment, dancers Rob Steele and Gene Eckel performed a sequence of handsprings. "There is little room for error, so we have to hit the handsprings perfectly," said Rob. "If we don't, we'll end up falling off the stage," he said.

"Even though some of the scenes were complicated, the show came together extremely well," said Hilary Fenner. Sophomores Jake Torrens and Keri Babe were impressed with the professionalism of Central's production.

"The success of the musical was evident in the sales of the matinee tickets," said Pegi Stommes. She said, "Almost all of the tickets were sold on the first day."

Besides Mrs. Stommes other directors include Mr. McMeen, Mr. Theis, Mr. McAdam, Candy Porter, and Wendy Larson Cooper.



Brian Brownrigg, Melvin Jones, Randy Porter, Scott Focht, and Scott Easton prepare for the Rydell High senior prom.

Holly Stommes, as Sandy, sings her solo, "Hopelessly Devoted" in her Act One of the "Grease" musical.







Hilary Fenner, as Patty Simcox, Stephanie Brown, Miss Lynch, and Scott Focht, as Eugene Florczyk, sing along with the Rydell High Class of '59 alumni.

Jennifer Gottschalk, who played Cha Cha, makes last minute preparations before going on stage to perform.



Lori Pendleton who played Rizzo, and Melvin Jones, who played Kenickie, embrace in the park. They executed a difficult stage maneuver, in the form of a realistic kiss.



Holly Stommes, who played Sandy and Lori Pendleton as Rizzo, are held back from a potential fight.



# “A Stage Odyssey” Out of this World

The 74th annual Road Show combined the talents of various Central High School students to bring “A Stage Odyssey” to life February 18-20.

The preparation began with tryouts. Faculty and student managers rated each act in four categories: precision, showmanship, adaptability, and uniqueness. The judges graded the acts on a scale of 1-4, with one being the best. Over 100 acts tried out for the show and only 20 were chosen.

The sponsors who organized the show were Bob McMeen, Pegi Stommes, Terry Theis, and Charles McAdam. Larry Hausman was the technical director.

Charles McAdam, instrumental music director, was involved in Road Show for the first time this year. “I would have been lost without my student managers and the stage crew,” he said.

Stage crew insures that the lights, the sound, and the acting area projects the performers properly. Larry Hausman, stage crew manager, said, “I feel they did an excellent job portraying the students in the way they wanted to be portrayed.”

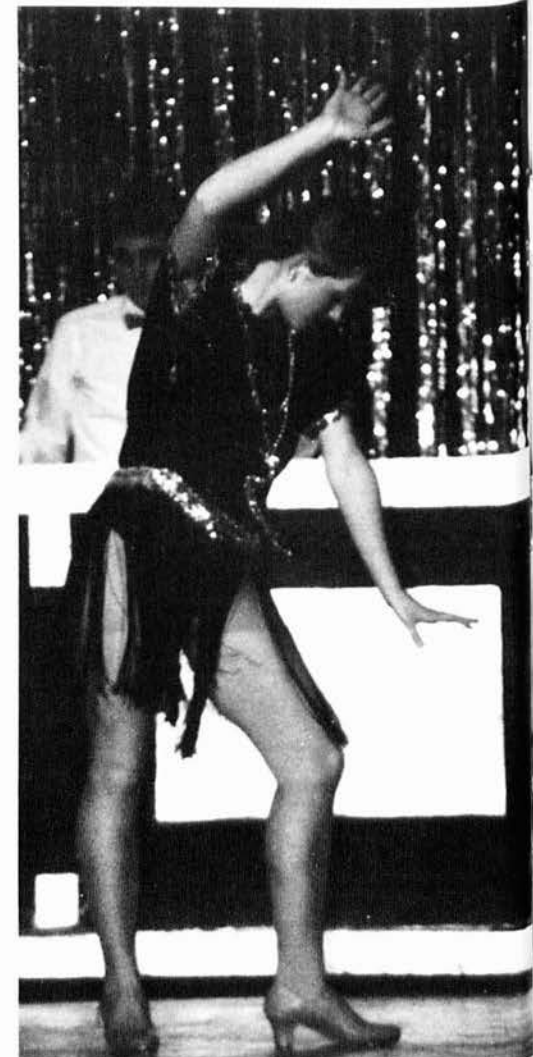
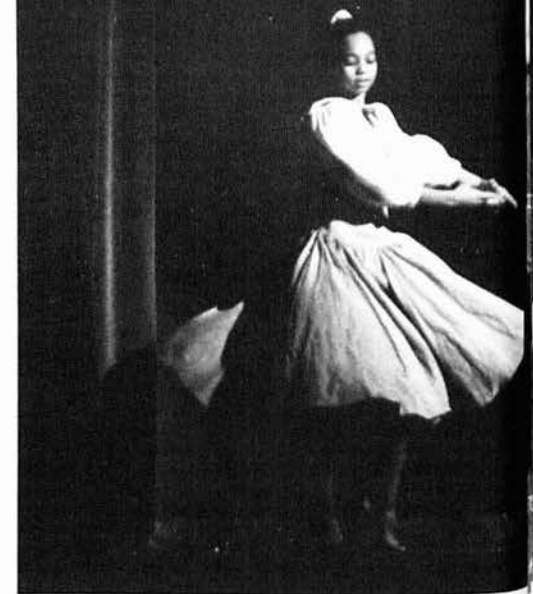
Bob McMeen, choral director, found this year's performance to have unusual crowd appeal. “People who have seen the performance from year to year made sure to comment on how good the performance was.” Ann Kay, senior, saw the show and agreed. “I found more variety in the performances and thought they did a better job of picking different acts,” she explained.

Tanya Hoffman participated in Road Show for the first time. “It was a lot of work, but I also had a really good time,” she said.

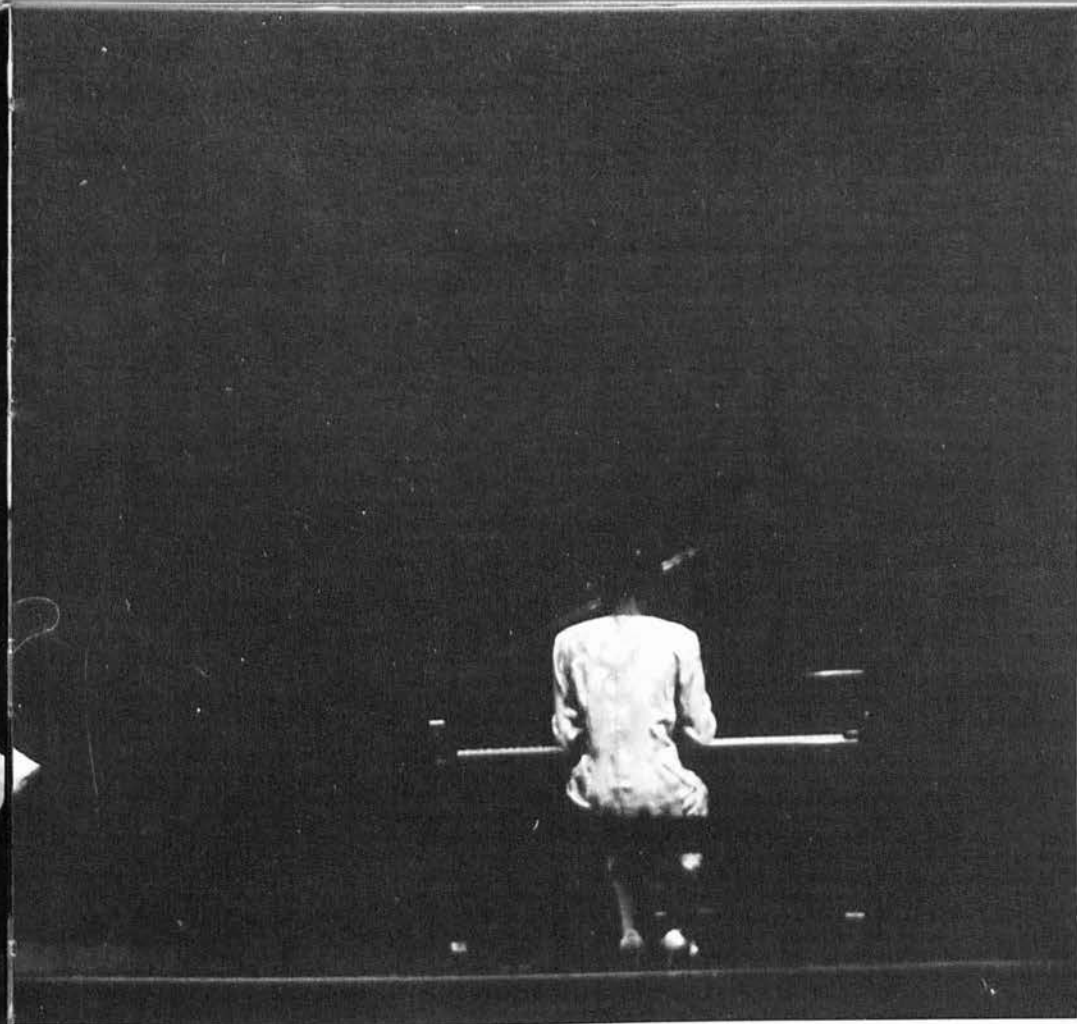


Mike Frey, Kirstin Schroeder, and Melvin Jones performed “Fish Heads” for the song’s humor and creativity.

Stacy Nikodym dances to the beat “Cotton Club,” a tap dance routine.







Monica McSwain and Doris Williams perform to "Clair de Lune" because "strange things happen on the moon."

Alphonso Guillory plays the sax to the tune of "Anthony's Blues."



Scott Easton, Andy Huff, Amy Buckingham, Chandra Banks, and the Central High School A Cappella Choir performed "40's" music during Road Show.



Joan Jorgensen, Jenny Andersen, Jenny Holmes, Sue Herman, Sevrin Huff, Kalen Anderson, and Sarah McWhorter are "Smoochin' in the Back Seat" with Fred. Pete Pirsch and Drew Weiss act as the girls' props.

Rich Vogel, jazz pianist, jams his improvisation for "Anthony's Blues."



# Christmas Prom Is A Big Success

"Christmas Prom is definitely the most unique school function of the year," said senior Ann Sitzman. Christmas Prom is a city wide dance sponsored by Peony Park. According to a Peony Park spokeswoman, the function used to be supported by both Peony and Brandeis, but Brandeis stopped and Peony continued. All Omaha Public Schools and District 66 Schools attend the dance that occurs at Peony Park.

According to senior Kristy Covalciuc, "Variety was the key to Christmas Prom's success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music. A live band is always more fun than a disc jockey." Great Nation, a professional band from Minneapolis, played at the dance. The band played a balance of slow and fast paced dance music, according to those who went.

Susan Weidner, sophomore, thinks that asking a boy is the best part of the dance. "I bought the tickets and paid for dinner," she added.

Christmas Prom took place on Tuesday, December 22. It began at 8:00 P.M. and concluded around 12:00 P.M. After the dance ended, students enjoyed the luxury of sleeping in, due to the two week Winter Recess, which started that Monday, December 21.



Senior Karen Williams enthusiastically shows her appreciation for the band. Great Nation played for this year's dance.

Kerry Holeman and Eric O'Brien enter the Christmas Prom that was held at Peony Park.

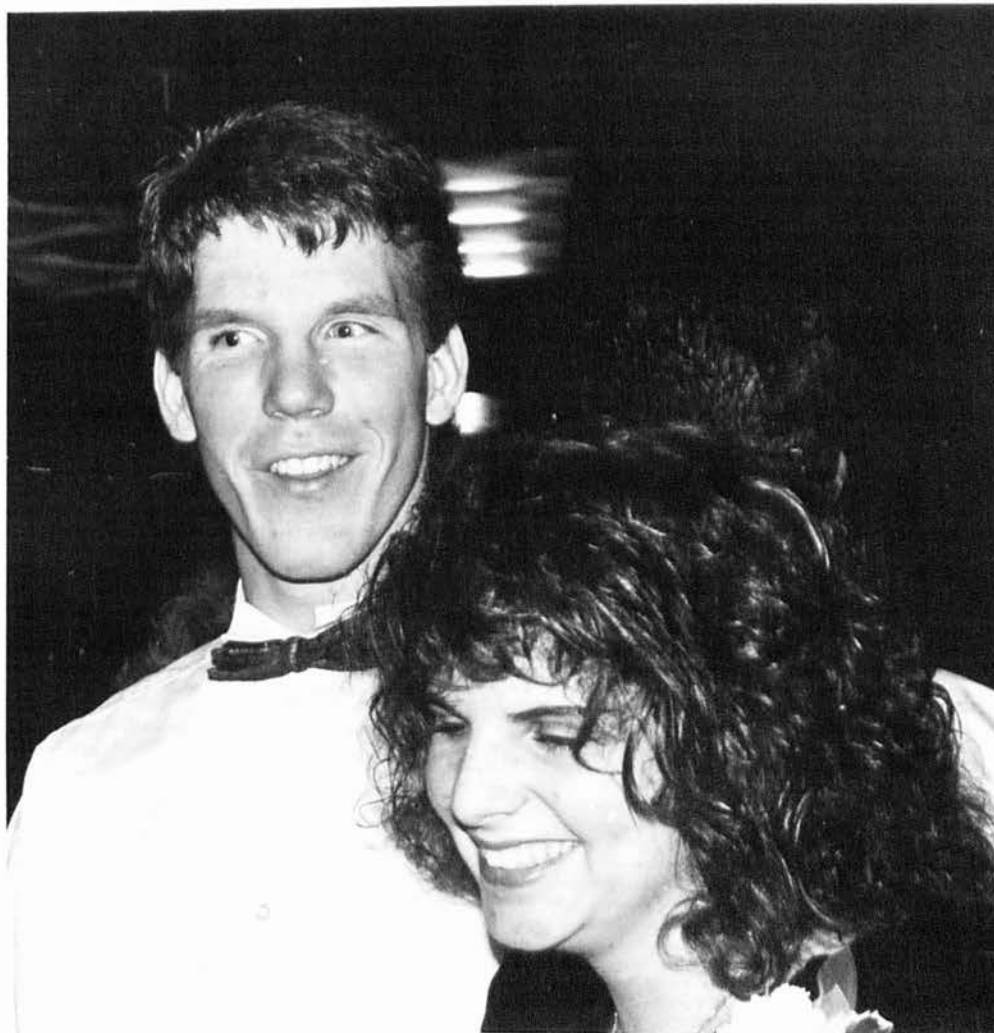




Sarah Fitzsimmons takes a moment to ponder what she'll do after the dance and during her Winter Recess.



Seniors Karen Williams and Inga Soder are all grins. The dance proved to be just as entertaining as these two show it to be.



Senior JoAnne Streib and her friend from Westside High School take a moment to pose for the camera.

Junior Reggi Rennard and her date take time to catch their breath at the dance.





# Homecoming cruises to success

When Central students arrived at school on the 28th of September, they were greeted with purple and white streamers, banners, and balloons. As the week progressed, it became evident that it was Spirit Week. Students throughout the week wore everything from a three-piece suit to formal dresses, pajamas, and Hawaiian wear.

"Cheerleaders and Pom Squad members spent six hours decorating the school for Spirit Week and Homecoming," said senior Eaglette, Tanya Hoffman. All the fall sport team members received special recognition during the week, by having a decorated locker.

"Spirit was intense on Friday," said senior Steve Likes. Friday, October 2nd, marked the game-day. Before the game,

the annual Homecoming parade festivities and float competitions were held. Contest winners included German Club, French Club, and J.C.L. The parade started from Beals Elementary School and concluded at Berquist Stadium, where the Central Eagles played the Benson Bunnies later that evening.

The game ended with Central's defeat. The Homecoming dance was held the following Saturday evening. The theme of this year's dance was a "Caribbean Cruise," and the location was the Milo Bail student center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"The decorations were bright and colorful for Homecoming," said senior Chandra Freeman. "I think they should invoke a sense of spirit. After all isn't that

what Homecoming is for?" she continued. "I think the 'love' themes, like those in previous Homecomings, should be saved for Spring Prom," she said.

Sophomore, Gaylen Anding agreed that "the decorations were great." He also added that he liked the music, which was done by Complete Music. Homecoming royalty was presented to the audience at the football game during half-time, and voting occurred during school on Friday. The announcement came at about 8:30 p.m. that Melvin Jones was the new Homecoming King, and Mallory Ivy was the new Homecoming Queen.

An estimated 600 students attended the dance, according to ticket sales. According to most students, Homecoming 1987 was successful.

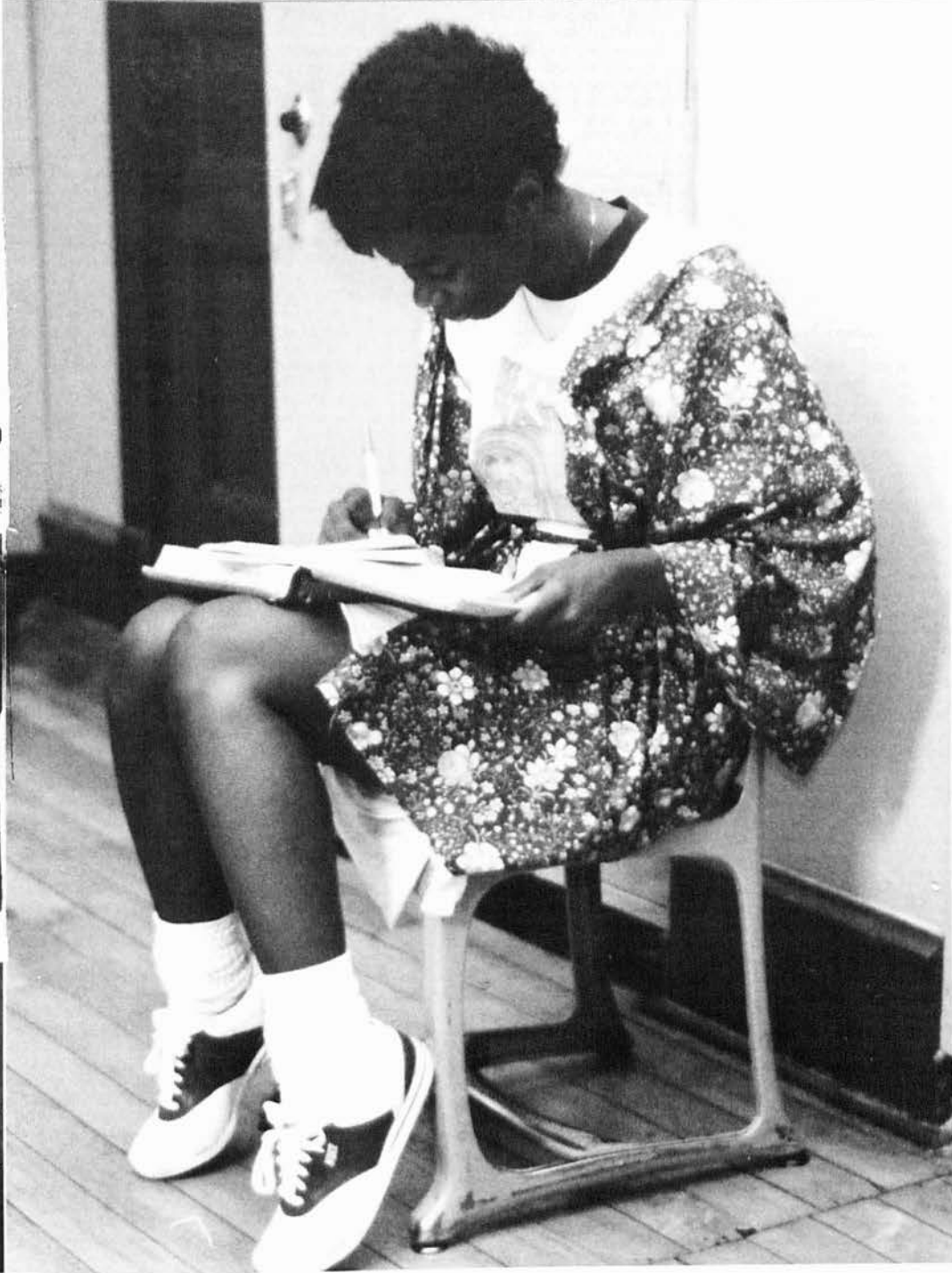


Juniors, Meredith Hammans, Emily Rasmuss and April Morris show their spirit by decorating the Student Council float. Student Council shows their enthusiasm in "Keeping the C Clean."

Drama teacher, Peggi Stommes, shows some leg while Drama Club decorates their float.

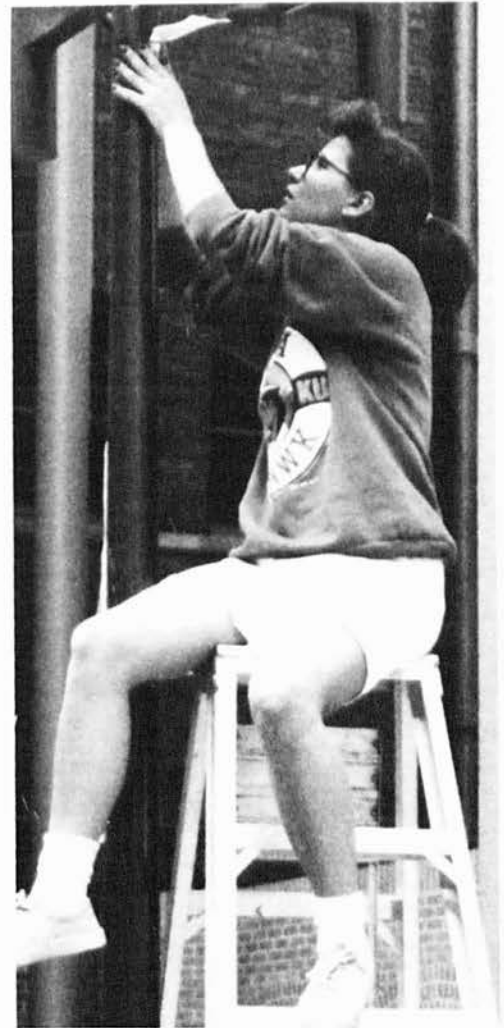






Senior, Jeanna Orduna, studies outside her classroom to catch up on back work. Cheerleaders were required to dress up for Spirit Week.

Senior Tanya Hoffman helps to decorate the courtyard for Spirit Week. Decorations are an important part of the Homecoming preparation.



Sophomores, Sabra Bull and Ed Pease enjoy the homecoming festivities. Students "dance the night away" as the homecoming dance came to an end.

Central's in school pep-rally had a great turnout. Students arrived early to show their spirit.



# 'Memories in perfect focus'

What would the yearbook be without pictures? Unquestionably, the photographers play a role of paramount importance in preserving memories for years to come.

Central High School's 1987-88 photography staff includes eight new photographers and one returning "shutter-bug," chief photographer, Tess Fogarty.

Tanya Hoffman, a member of this year's O-Book staff, said, "I don't think students realize the time involved in trying to capture the events of the school year. The section editors rely heavily on the photographer's cooperation to meet deadlines."

Photographer Dawn Rosenbaum commented on her position, "I enjoy the free-

dom of taking the pictures and using your own creativity. You feel proud to see one of your photos in print."

The photographers help make the yearbook what it is — a book reviewing the events of the year, helping to put memories in perfect focus.



Yearbook photographers Tess Fogarty, Scott Drickey, Karen Smith, Jeff Howard, Dawn Rosenbaum, Chelsea O'Hara, Shawn Coleman, Laura Grillo, and Jill Ogden show they're as photogenic as anyone in front of the camera.



Steve Showalter prepares to fire.



# Rifle team places first in Omaha

Central's High School's 1987-88 Rifle Team placed number one in the Omaha area this year and did it undefeated.

"Central's done a great job this year," said Natasha Kraft, a junior Rifle Team member.

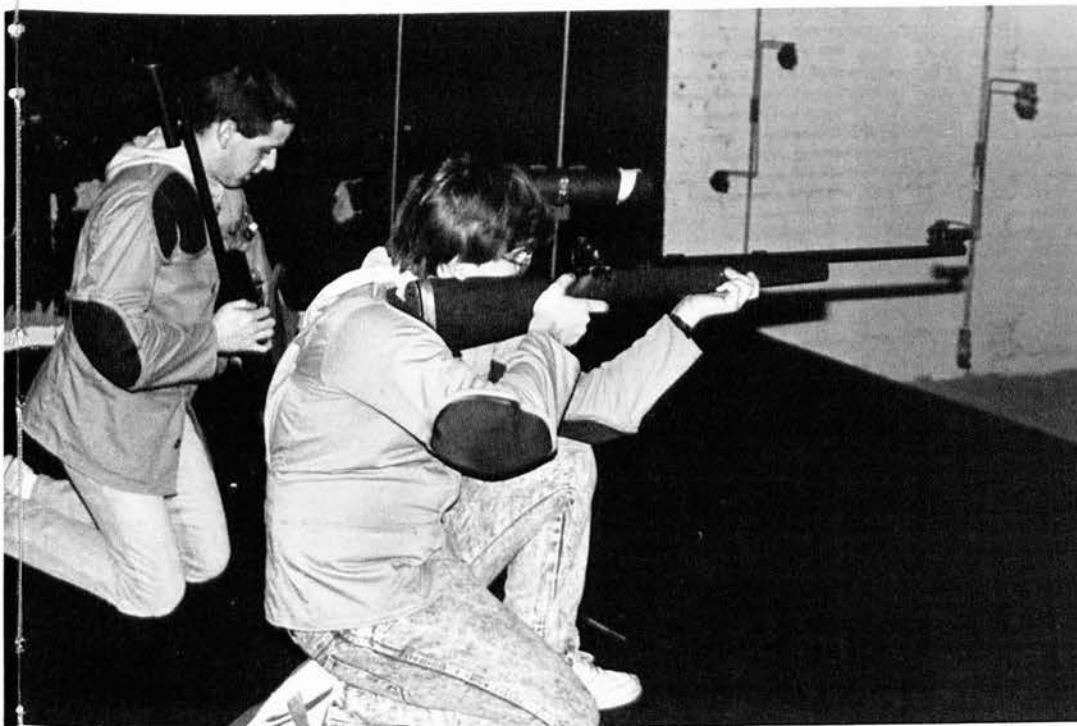
"Most people hear about Rifle Team through ROTC, but anyone can join," said Steve Showalter, junior and the commander of Rifle Team.

The Rifle Team meets everyday tenth hour and after school in room 043. Most of the time, they practice at the rifle range, except on Tuesdays, when they participate in competitions after school.

They shoot in three different positions prone, kneeling, and standing, all within targets of ten bulls eyes.

"It's a lot of work," said Natasha, "but it's worth it, even if some days it doesn't seem like it."

"I like working hard to accomplish something, therefore I enjoy Rifle Team. It teaches discipline," said Natasha. Sergeant William Middleton is the adviser.



Chris Crumbliss, in prone position, takes target practice after school.

Chris Crumbliss and Kevin Wise demonstrate the kneeling position.

FRONT: Natasha Kraft, Jason Petty, Steve Showalter, Kerry Holeman, Keven Wise. BACK: Kyle Bolte, Perry Fox, Erik Riley, Chris Crumbliss, Mark McNeary.





# JROTC shines at inspection

According to senior Becky Christensen, JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp) is not simply another credit; it is an opportunity. Many students decided to join the JROTC program because of some post graduation opportunities. "Scholarships can be earned through JROTC, making college more desirable to those who normally would not be able to attend," said sophomore Jamie Wright. Due to experience in this program, students may join the ROTC program in college or go directly into the Army with valuable experience and at a higher rank.

JROTC members shine their shoes and brass every Wednesday. They are expected to wear their uniforms every Wednesday for inspection. Central JROTC students are also inspected by cadets from the University of Nebraska at Omaha at the Biannual formal Inspection (BFI).

Major Richard Yost and First Sergeant Middleton direct various classes throughout the year. JROTC is a four-year program which instructs students in first aid and military history, as well as map reading and military drills. The class supplies students with the knowledge of leadership and the importance of responsibilities needed to service outside of the classroom said Yost.

"The people make JROTC," said Becky. "The history is really interesting, but if it wasn't for the people, I would have dropped long ago," she said.

FRONT: Angela Ruffin, Tresa Watson, Jeffrey Wiegrete. BACK: Chris Crumbliss, Carl Kastelic, Kary Keller, Anthony Gerhard.

FRONT: Becky Christensen, Jeremy Petty, Eric Riley, Steven Showalter, Roy Dreibelbis, Keith Cox, Markita Edwards. BACK: Carl Kastelic, Kyle Bolte, Christopher Johnson, Kevin Wise, Terry Goehring, Richard Miranda.





# Drill Team strives for perfection



**E**arly in September at 7:00 a.m. sharp, the Central High School Drill Teams busily practice new marching techniques. Every day until May, for four hours a week, the drill teams practice under the guidance of Major Richard Yost.

Throughout the year, Central's four drill teams perform at the Bi-annual Formal Inspection. At this inspection, UNO cadets critique the JROTC's (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) marching skills. According to senior Becky Christensen, "the drill teams participate in the BFI the same way the band does at the football games." Central's drill teams set the precedents at each competition, such as the University of Nebraska at Omaha Drill Meet and the Omaha Public Schools Drill Meet.

In previous years, Central's drill team took first place at the regional competitions. (Regionals include everything West of the Missouri River). Central defeated 160 schools to obtain their first place in the competition.

Drill team is not all serious marching, said Ms. Pegi Stommes, Road Show coordinator. According to Ms. Stommes, the drill team is the founder of Central's annual Road Show.

A unique quality that all of Central's drill teams possess this year is the fact that no seniors participated on any team.

According to Becky, the juniors and sophomores are going to be extremely good next year, "even better than they are this year."



FRONT: Carl Kastelic. BACK: Duane Ludwig, Kary Keller, Eric Hines, Jonelle Abbott, Richard Miranda, Kevin Wise, Roy Dreibelbis.

FRONT: Kim Combs, Markita Edwards. SECOND: Tammy Steinhauer, Tresa Watson, Jade Williams, Angela Ruffin, Scott Dixon, Lynette Tyler. BACK: Tina Minor, Shawn Hui, Jeremy Petty, Mary Franklin, Duane Ludwig, Richard Miranda, Angel Gresham.



# Students study Latin America

Resolve: "The United States should establish a policy to guarantee political stability in Latin America." This was the topic presented to Central High School's twenty-two member debate team.

Ms. Kristina Bertch, a new teacher at Central, coached the team in both debate and speech. Before coming to Central, she coached debate at Horace Mann Junior High School for 15 years. Ms. Bertch worked on increasing both the size and the quality of the team.

The team attends tournaments beginning in early November to late March, often competing weekly. "Almost everyone won something," commented Ms. Bertch.

Most team members competed in the policy debate with an unchanging topic, while others were involved in the Lincoln/Douglas debates with topics that changed every three tournaments. In between debates, the members also competed in speech in such areas as prose and poetry interpretation, and original oratory.

Each debater is also a member of the National Forensic League, a speaker's league. It involves a lifetime membership for those qualifying with the required amount of points.

Kim Fuller, sophomore, began debating in eighth grade. She said that being on the debate team taught her a lot. "The things I learn help me in my other

classes," she said.

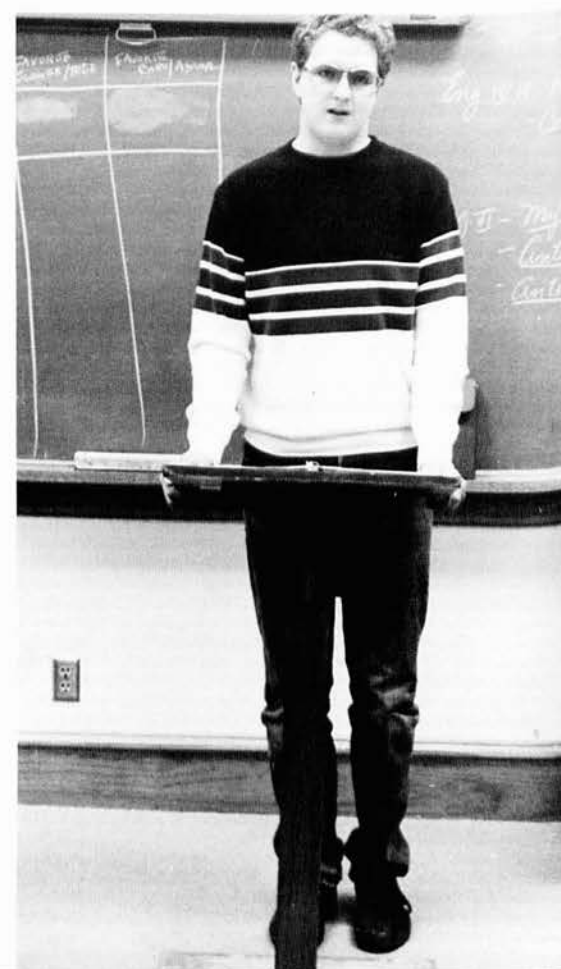
Melissa Garner, sophomore, said that her involvement in debate helps her to get on top of current events. "It gives you a broader view of what's going on in the world," she explained.

Melissa and Kim said that the team improved as the year went on. "Ms. Bertch was really helpful," said Melissa. "She tried to get us to do different things and get involved," she said.

FRONT: Eric Jordan, Nichelle Horton, Pam Haynes, Richard McArthur. SECOND: Nick Curto, Sue Peters, Reggie Rennard, Krystal McGee, Kim Fuller, Steve Dare. BACK: Dennis Allen, Melissa Garner, Mara Taylor, Katy Shaw, Eric Gilmore, Scott Sherman. NOT PICTURED: Kim Benning, Pari Smart, Jeanna Orduna, Amy Pepple, Christine Paladino, Amy Enck.



Scott Sherman and Nichelle Horton study their information cards in preparation for an upcoming debate.



Steve Dare practices his speech against drunk driving after school during a debate team meeting.



Bryant Williams writes a short story for *Dimension*.



## Creative Writing

# Students create new dimension

*Dimension*, a literary publication composed of poetry, short stories, and essays, became a part of Central's journalism department in 1968, according to Mr. T.M. Gaherty, Central High School's *Dimension*, *O-Book*, and *Register* adviser. Originally as a pull out section of the *Register*, *Dimension* expanded into a small magazine.

Creative writing classes produce the magazine. "The students are divided into three categories: Sales and Promotion, Layout, and a five-member Selection Committee," said Mr. Gaherty. "There are also two co-editors," he said.

Kye Anderson, senior, was a member of last year's Selection Committee. "Each

entry is numbered and then every member goes through approximately 100 selections, writing yes, no, or maybe on it," said Kye. "The selections are accepted or rejected by a majority vote. All ties are settled by Mr. Gaherty," added Kye.

Jason Lips, senior, was the Head of Sales and Promotion on the 86-87 *Dimension* Staff. He feels *Dimension* is an excellent opportunity for people who would otherwise not have their work in print. Kye agrees, "It also teaches us what is involved in making a publication of this nature."

According to Mr. Gaherty, *Dimension* usually comes out the first week in May.



Angela Naab, Sarah McWhorter, Jason Lips, Mr. Gaherty, Jeff Howard, Kristi Covalciuc, Don Shennum, Michelle Hickle, Nancy Price, Angela Saville, Angela Ruffin.



Jason Lips, Andrew Carlson, Kye Andersen, and Corie Palmer type their creative writing entries into the computers for *Dimension*.



Thom Davis, Jean Meister, and Victoria Rabiola look at past *Dimensions* to gain ideas for the upcoming issue.



# O-Book remembers the times

After completing a semester-long course in journalism, a junior decides if he or she wants to be a member of the yearbook staff or the newspaper staff. Those wishing to become members of the *O-Book* staff are faced with a more magazine-oriented journalism than the newspaper.

Producing a yearbook is a step-by-step piecing together of different groups, clubs, organizations, teams, and events which occur throughout the year. "It's a lot of work, but in the end it will be worth it," said Academics Editor, Aimee Haley. "It better be worth it," she added.

The book under Editor-in-Chief, Alex Zinga, underwent a "facelift," according to Associate Editor, Allen Klopper. "I'm really excited to be working on the staff this year. We're using the most up-to-

date ideas to develop the book," he added.

"I honestly feel that this year's *O-Book* will be one of the best that I've ever had," said Mr. T.M. Gaherty, staff advisor and journalism teacher. This year's book is Mr. Gaherty's 25th and Central's 82nd edition.

The staff does not restrict itself to strictly working on the development of the *O-Book*. For example, the staff put on a skit to help promote the sales. This was only the second time that an *O-Book* staff performed such a skit for Centralites in over twenty years.

*O-Book* staff members pride themselves on the fact that "yearbooks are with you for years and years," according to Tina Schneider, Activities Assistant.



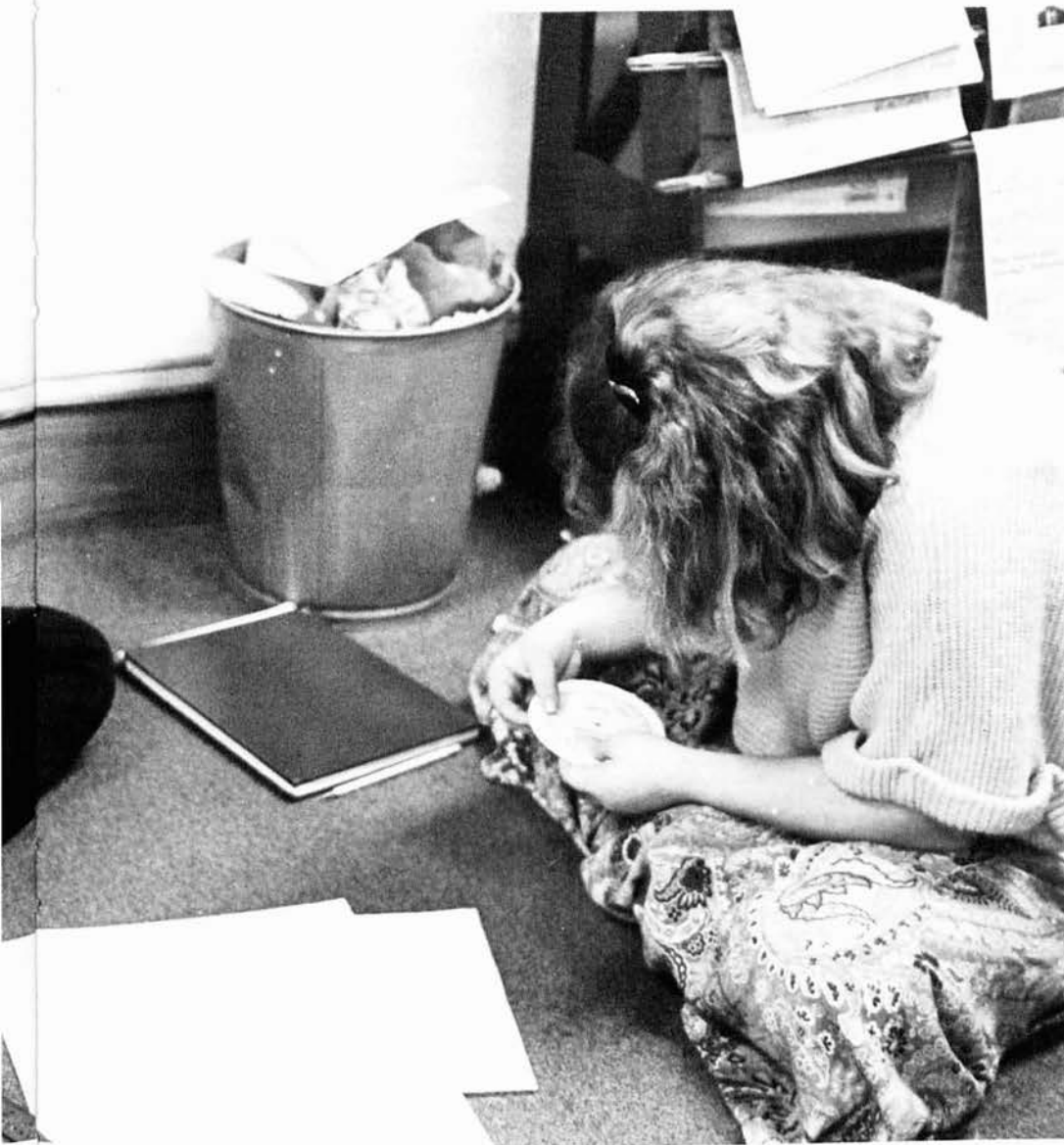
FRONT: Alex Zinga, Editor-in-Chief, Sarah McWhorter, Senior Editor, Jennifer Urias, Girls' Sport Editor, Dawn Rosenbaum, Photographer, Aimee Haley, Academics Editor, Chelsea O'Hara, Photographer. SECOND: Beth Christ, Underclass Editor, Kate Broekemeier, Business Manager, Emily Robards, Underclass Assistant, Laura Grillo, Photographer, Jill Ogden, Photographer, Karen Smith, Photographer, Jeff Howard, Photographer. THIRD:

Todd Weddle, Activities Editor, Allen Klopper, Associate Editor, Cathy Farrell, Business Assistant, Tanya Hoffman, Clubs Editor, Juanita Smith, Boys' Sports Editor, Tracy Frame, Senior Assistant, Shawn Coleman, Photographer. FOURTH: Mr. T.M. Gaherty, Staff Advisor, Dan Douglas, Index Editor, Tina Schneider, Activities Assistant, Nancy Price, Boys' Sports Assistant, Angela Saville, Girls' Sports Assistant, Tess Fogarty, Chief Photographer.



Faculty Editor, Aimee Haley, gives a big smile while Jenny Urias, Girls' Sports Editor, looks over her copy.





Senior Section Editor, Sarah McWhorter, and Assistant Editor, Tracy Frame, check proportions, while making good use of the floor. This year the senior pictures were in black and white instead of the traditional color.

Boys' Sports Editor, Juanita Smith contemplates how she will meet her next deadline. *O-Book* staff members meet approximately fifteen deadlines each throughout the year.



Mr. Gaherty checks Todd Weddle's yearbook layout in eighth hour *O-Book* class. Mr. Gaherty is the *O-Book* and *Register* advisor.

Tina Schneider, Activities Editor, and Allen Klopper, Associate Editor, look over Tina's layout while Dan Douglas, Index Editor, looks on.



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"The purpose of the Central High School *Register* is to aid and to inform the student body," said editorial editor, Steve Likes. "The *Register* is a voice for the students at Central," he said.

The 1987 *Register* is the first central newspaper to be financially self-sufficient, according to Mr. T.M. Gaherty, advisor. "This is due to the fact that we are completely computerized," he continued. The staff possesses four MacIntosh Plus computers with an Apple Laser writer, as well. This enables the staff to set and print columns, ads, and much of the artwork done for the *Register*. "The computers also make the editing process quicker, easier, and more efficient," said Jonas Batt, editor-in-chief. "The MacIntosh possesses a Spell Check program which allows the writer a chance to correct any misspelled words in the article that the computer found. After final editing done by staff editors, the stories are sent to the copier by a network link," Mr.

Gaherty said.

Periods six and seven are reserved so the *Register* staff can work on upcoming issues. This year, the 1987-88 *Register* received a new name plate and a new size, according to Robin Leavitt, sports writer.

Before each issue of the *Register*, a day is spent on "brain storming." "Ideas are simply tossed out and possible stories are noted. If they are good, we'll use them, and if they aren't, they're thrown away," said Ann Kay, reporter and feature writer. After all the ideas have been collected, Jonas assigns stories and "the work is under way," said Ann.

To become a member of the *Register* staff, a student must complete a semester-long journalism class. The student then writes an application explaining why he/she is best qualified for a particular position on the staff. Positions are ultimately given by Mr. T.M. Gaherty, staff advisor.



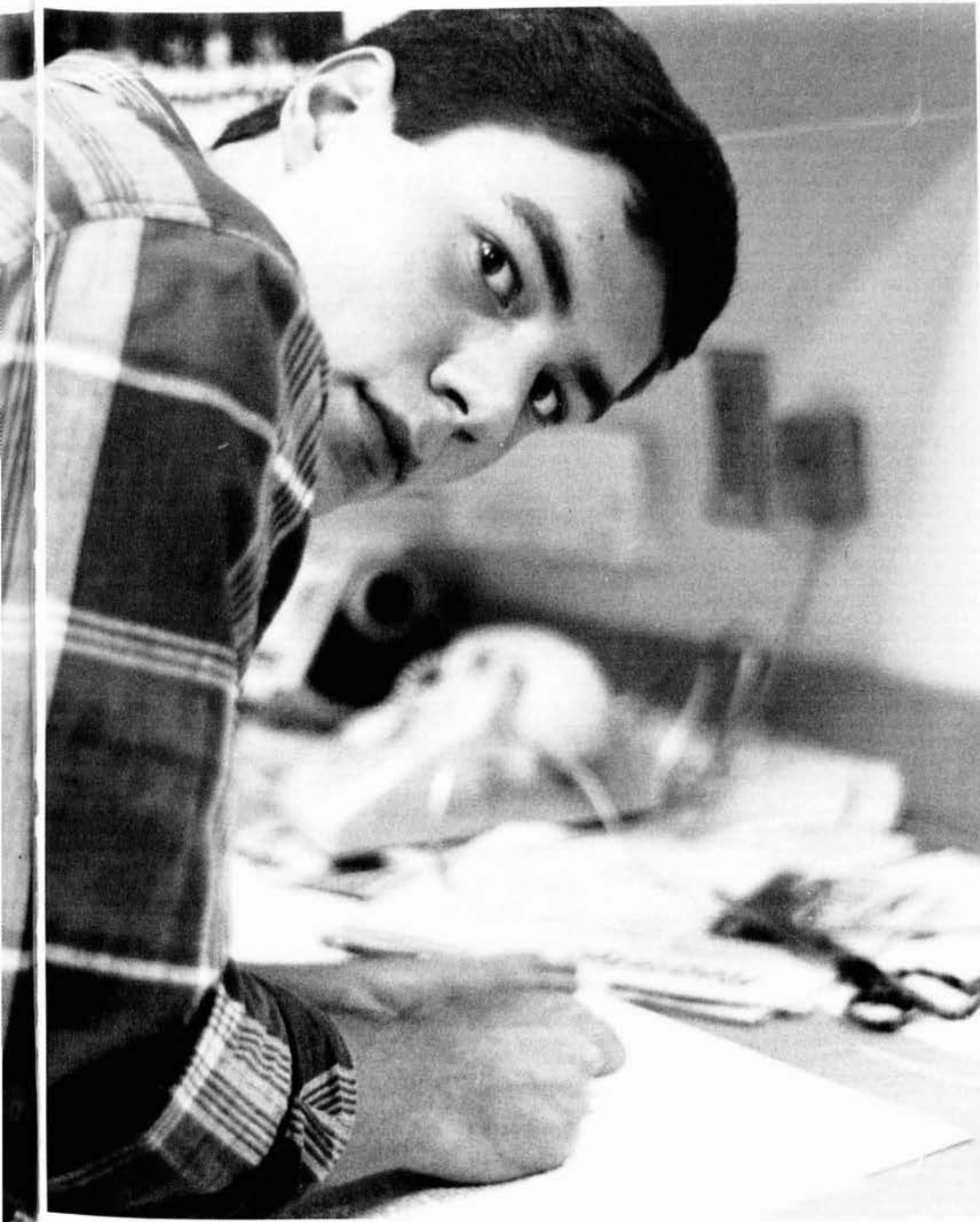
FRONT: Shawn Coleman, photographer; Ann Kay, feature writer; Steve Likes, editorial editor; Rene Besancon, executive editor; Lance Grush, sports editor; Karen Smith, photographer; Jill Ogden, photographer; Jeff Howard, photographer. BACK: Tess Fogarty, chief photographer; Mr. Gaherty, journalism advisor; Rob Glasser, feature writer; Bridget Buckley, assistant sports editor; Jennifer Andersen,

associate editor; Elissa Mood, advertising staff; Joel McCulloh, entertainment editor; Christian Vachaud, feature writer; Robin Leavitt, assistant sports editor; Jonas Batt, editor-in-chief; Amy Buckingham, associate editor; Andy Haggart, advertising staff; Lori Pendleton, advertising staff; Scott Drickey, photographer; Chelsea O'Hara, photographer; Laura Grillo, photographer.



Rob Glasser, feature writer, works diligently on the computer as he prepares new column. The "right mood" is a must when creating such a "work of art."





Lance Grush, sports editor, tries to finish his lay-out. Most of his layouts and stories are due on Tuesdays.

Jonas Batt, editor of the *Register*, gives the staff advice about the next issue. Staff members must work well together due to the many long hours spent putting each paper together.



Lori Pendleton, advertising staff member looks up many phone numbers to make deals with prospective ad buyers. Several area businesses and companies place ads in the *Register*.

Feature writer, Ann Kay, interviews senior, Jennifer Andersen, on an important, newsworthy story. In order to write a story, a lot of time is spent interviewing.





# Student Council represents aspirations of student body

**T**he purpose of Central High School's Student Council is: (1) To work for an improvement in student teacher relationships; (2) to serve as a medium between the students and the faculty; (3) to serve as a collective body of opinion, representing the views, ideas, and aspirations of the student body; and, (4) to prepare recommendations on establishing better ways of communication within the school and in the community, states the Student Council Constitution. Bruce Lovgren, CHS senior and Student Council President, describes Student Council as a democratic body which makes decisions for CHS students.

The Council consists of 9 students from each class. On occasion, a tie makes it necessary to include 10 students, according to Mr. Paul Semrad, Central's Student Council Sponsor of three years and social studies teacher. "This year, we have 28 people on Student Council," said senior and Vice-President Sarah McWhorter. "That small number of representatives allows us to make decisions,

more quickly and more efficiently," she added.

A Blood Mobile drive, scholarships, secret santas, Valentine's day carnations, a school dance, training for grade schoolers about the hazards of smoking with the American Lung Association, and several other fund raisers are all activities sponsored by the 1988 Student Council. In addition the Council meets with the PEP Board, (Parents, Educator, Pupils) visits other schools, and has Student Council members from other schools visit Central.

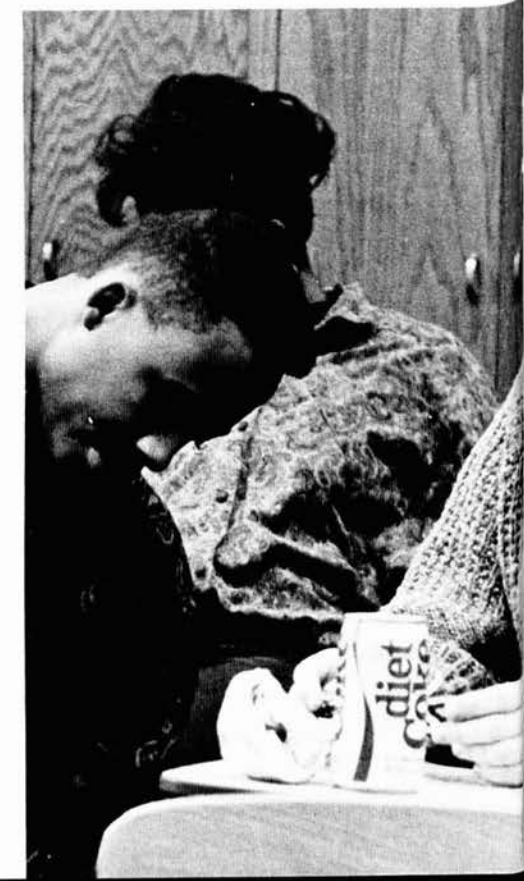
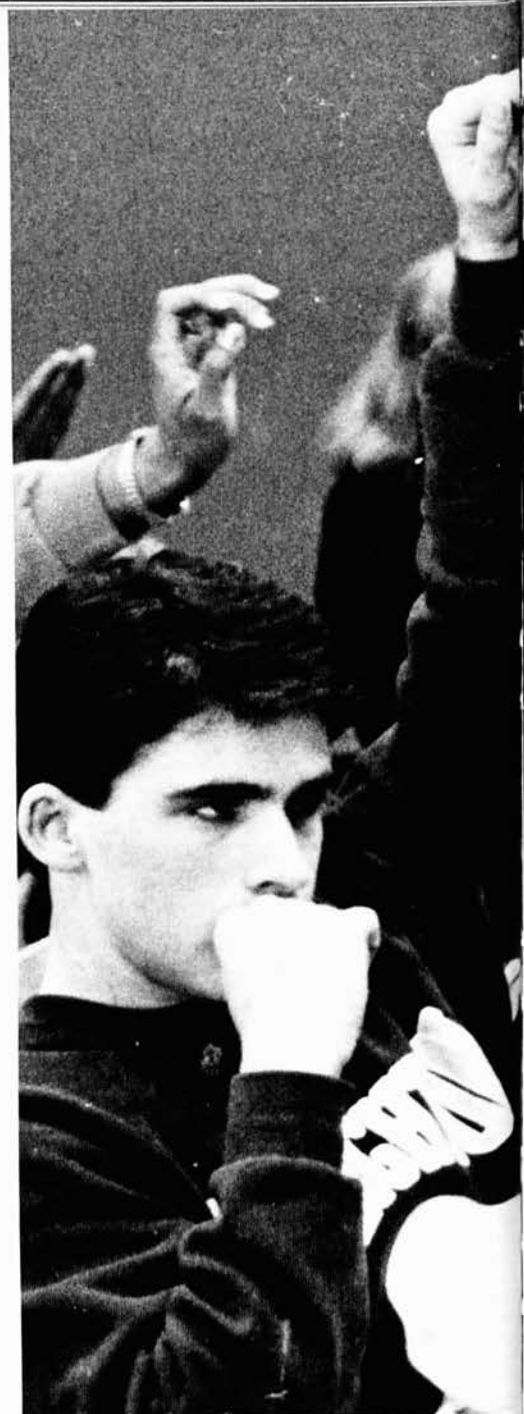
"Student Council's major event of the year is the Spring Prom," said senior and Secretary of Student Council, Sevrin Huff. "Many hours of planning are involved; a theme, decorations, and music all must be chosen," explained Sevrin.

The 1988 Student Council officers are: President, Bruce Lovgren; Vice-President, Sarah McWhorter; Treasurer, Lydia Luong; Secretary, Sevrin Huff; Sergeant at Arms, Peter Festersen and Inga Soder; and Parliamentarian, Nancy Sempeck.

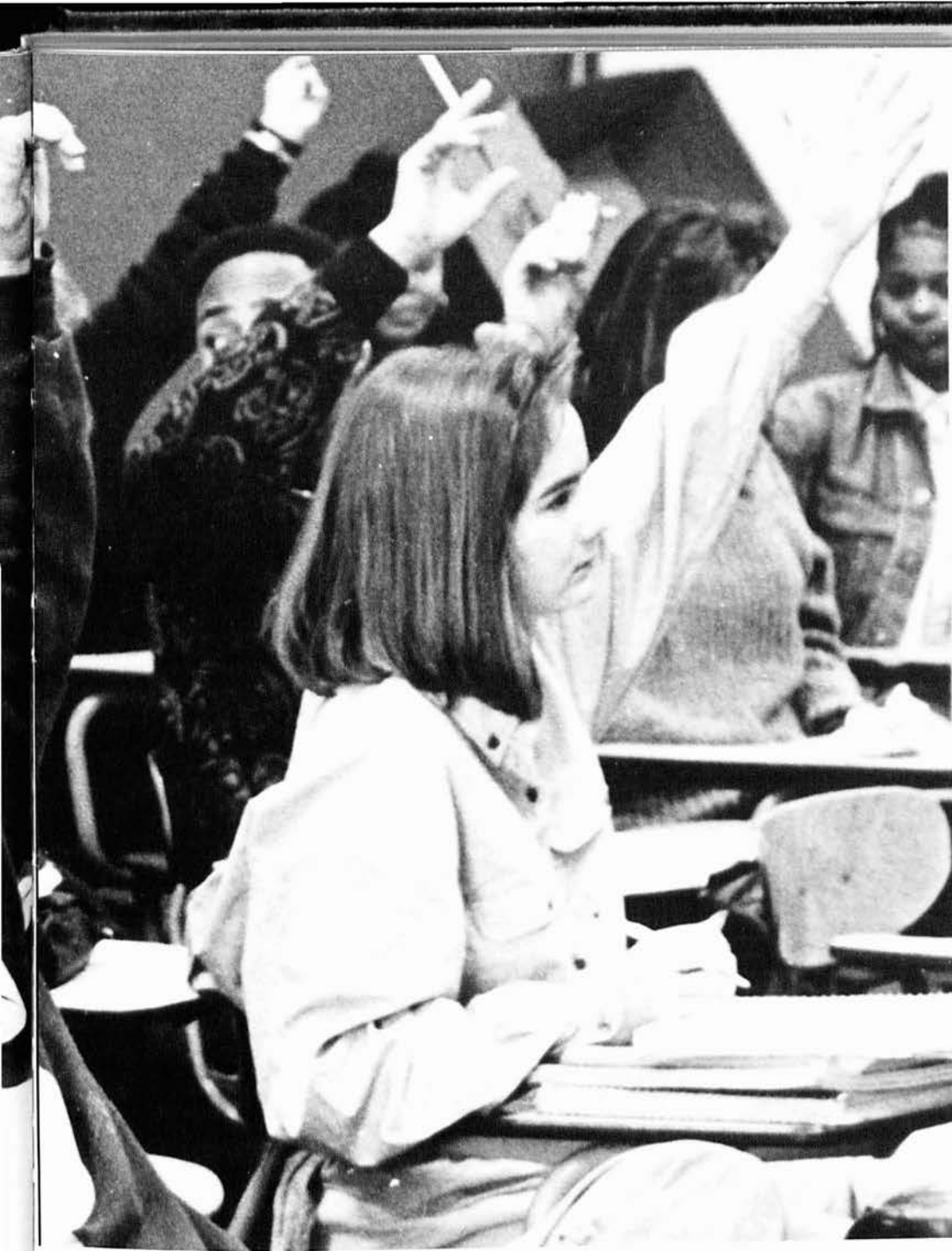


FRONT: Lydia Luong, Peter Festersen, Sarah McWhorter, Inga Soder, Sevrin Huff, Bruce Lovgren, April Morris. SECOND: Jocelyn Humphrey, Kurt Goesser, Meredith Hammans, Nancy Sempeck, Tiffany Doolittle, Monica White, Jennifer Collins, Teresa Galligher, Jen Baum, Barb Ivis. BACK: Heather Jones, Kim Horne, Ralph Falkner, Mallery Ivy, Melvin Jones, Justin McWhorter, Ebony Smith.

Ralph Falkner, Jennifer Collins, and Barb Ives get settled before their daily Student Council meetings. Sometimes Student Council members find themselves with conflicting schedules, which means they must eat lunch during their meeting period.







Kurt Goeser, Sevrin Huff along with other members of the Student Council participate in a vote. Student Council meets everyday 7th hour to discuss important topics that concern the student body such as the privilege of eating in the courtyard which the student council negotiated for earlier this year.

Bruce Lovgren, President of Student Council, presents new ideas for future fundraisers.



Brett Willenborg, Jocelyn Humphrey, and Justin McWhorter debate over this year's prom theme. The Student Council is responsible for the preparation of the spring prom which includes decorating the courtyard.



# NHS volunteers time

Created to acknowledge students who achieve high academic standings, show strong leadership qualities, and actively participate in community service, the Central High School branch of the National Honor Society is a "strong group of people," said Sevrin Huff, NHS president. Mr. Jack Blanke, NHS sponsor and head of Central's Social Studies Department, agreed and added, "All the students in NHS deserve to be there."

Central's branch of NHS meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:15 a.m. For most people, like senior JoAnne Streib, "It's really hard making it to school that early." During the meetings members usually discuss current issues and upcoming events. Meetings often include lectures on advice concerning college or a new volunteer program. "Each NHS member is required to participate in one activity per semester, attend half of the meetings, and be involved in both school and community activities," said Mr. Blanke. Also, Central hosted the an-

nual Potluck dinner in the courtyard.

This year, students participate in the NHS tutoring program, arranged by Mrs. Faye Johnson, CHS counselor and NHS sponsor. The program caters to Centralites who need help in a certain subject, such as English or math.

Other students volunteer their time at the Children's Museum and Dr. J.P. Lord Elementary School. "The best thing about volunteer work is that it's on your own time, and it can be extremely rewarding," said senior Alex Zinga, a volunteer at J.P. Lord. "We are a service organization not a social organization," said Mr. Blanke.

The sponsors for the 1987-88 NHS are Mr. Jack Blanke, Mr. Steve Nelson, head of the counseling department, and Mrs. Faye Johnson, a Central counselor. The officers this year are: president, Sevrin Huff; vice-president, Jody Sharp; secretary, Karen Williams; treasurer, Jennifer Andersen; and the sergeant at arms, Kimberly Reitz.



FRONT: Brian McQuiddy, Stuart Oberman, Angela Naab, Lisa MacAfee, Bridget Buckley, Inga Soder, Kye Andersen, John Williams, Scott Focht, Don Shennum. SECOND: Koren Mann, Cathy Easton, Michele Favero, Kate Broekemeier, Kimm Reitz, JoAnne Streib, Sevrin Huff, Joan Jorgensen, Beth Christ, Alex Zinga, Jennifer Urias, Amy Buckingham. THIRD: Rachel Swanson, Heather Nash, Wendy Allen, Debbie Noveski, Lisa Timm, Jennifer Gottschalk, Jennifer Andersen, Jennifer Holmes, Chandra Freeman, Lori Pendleton, Steve Likes. BACK: Bob Fuglei, Joe Schlesselman, Britt Steenberg, Lance Grush, Renee Besancon, Wes Vogel, Heather Kraaz, Shonda Rohn, Donna Olson, Lisa Wolff, Doris Williams, Eric Skeen, Jody Sharpe, Allen Klopfer, Charles Tomlinson, Rich Vogel, Karen Williams.



National Honor Society tutor, Brian McQuiddy, makes good use of the courtyard while explaining a history assignment to senior Tina Schneider.





Senior Jennifer Urias helps senior Stephanie Bowers complete a tough English assignment. National Honor Society supplies a tutoring program which enables students to learn from their peers.

Stuart Oberman, National Honor Society tutor, proof-reads an assignment for a fellow student.



Senior Shelly Davey takes out her frustrations on National Honor Society tutor, Eric Skeen.







# These Are Clubs



Overwhelmed by hungry friends in the courtyard, Kate Brower sells Reeses' to Reggie Rennard, Job Dennison, Nick Cyronek, and Kate Leuschen. Many of Central's clubs sell candy as one of their fund raisers because it seems to draw the largest amount of money.

Central High School offers a variety of extra-curricular clubs that allow many Central students the opportunity to get involved in a number of activities. Central students combined their effort by participating in over ten different clubs, each with certain goals and expectations in mind.

Most clubs met either before school, at 7:15 a.m., or right after school, at 2:45 p.m. During those meetings, "we usually discussed future plans and activities for members. We also got organized for any upcoming intramural competitions," said Alex Zinga, president of Central's Junior Classical League.

Throughout the year, all four foreign language clubs compete in various activities such as, soccer tournaments and volleyball tournaments. According to German Club secretary, Kate Broekmeier, "I think the tournaments are not only fun, but they also promote school spirit and unity."

Chemistry Club, Chess Club, Drama Club, and DECA, prepare during the year for various local and nation-wide competitions and exhibits.

"DECA stresses marketing, merchandising, and management, said Jason Lips, DECA District IV vice-president. Any student enrolled in a marketing class is eligible to participate in DECA.

Whatever the case, each club at Central plays a valuable role in the overall curriculum.



## German Club gets students involved

This is Central's German Club. The club is jointly sponsored by Mrs. Brenda Stafford and Mrs. Esther Brabec, both CHS German teachers. Mrs. Brabec said, "The purpose of German Club is to provide opportunities for students and former students of all German classes to become acquainted." To do this, she said, the club involves itself with many activities.

Mrs. Brabec said German Club participated in a hayrack ride early in September that was a lot of fun. Their next major project was working on the Homecoming float. "The kids worked hard and received the award for funniest float," she said.

Then the club sponsored a food drive in November. She added, "The goal of our club is to promote interest in the study of the German language and culture."

The members also participated in the foreign language soccer tournament where they took first place. She then said that the club had many activities planned for the future such as caroling, sledding, a pot luck dinner, a ski trip, the foreign lan-

guage banquet, and a picnic in the spring.

Ann Kay, senior and Sergeant at Arms, said, "I like German Club. It is a good organization to be involved with because it allows you to meet people and participate in different activities."

She went on to say that the club helps other organizations too, like the food bank. The German Club officers this year are Todd Weddle, president; Karen Lee, vice president; Kate Broekemeier, secretary; Koren Mann, treasurer; Ann Kay, girl's sergeant at arms; and Kye Andersen, boy's sergeant at arms.

Todd Weddle is also president of the newly formed German National Honor Society. It is sponsored by Mrs. Gretchen Schutte, CHS German teacher. Allen Klopper, senior and vice president of GNHS, said, "The club was specially formed for the German students who earn a 3.5 average in German and a 3.0 overall GPA." He went on to say, "I am happy with the enthusiasm of the new members, and the turn out we had for our Christmas caroling at the Luthern home was a success."



Senior Koren Mann attempts to find the perfect pitch. The German National Honor Society caroled at the Lutheran home for their December activity.



CLUB: FRONT: Stuart Oberman, Justin Kerr, Bob Fuglei, Tanya Hoffman, Kimm Reitz, Koren Mann, Kye Andersen, Jori Berger, Jill Cornman, Shelli Applegate, Krista Schultz. SECOND: Amy Meyer, Corie Palmer, Stacey Chamberlain, Holly Stommes, Beth Christ, John Williams, Kate Broekemeier, Ann Kay, Rebecca Barnes, Karen Lee, Karen Eastlack, Shelly Smith. THIRD: Marcus Stephani, Doug Stansberry, Ann Sitzman, Karen Farkas, Todd Weddle, Allen Klopper, Lance Grush, Michele Hinsley, Wendy Mott, Jason Gill, Jody Worden. FOURTH: Matt Nel-

son, Mike Lawlor, Andrea Dusatko, Jennifer Collins, Eric Rihanek, Valerie Garver, Kelly Schiltz, Stephanie Brown, Lisa Timm, Diana Schneider. FIFTH: Job Dennison, Cindy Carpenter, Pat Williams, Duane Ludwig, Jennifer Maher, Kristin Sorenson, Carla Fritchie, Sarah Siebler, Cindy Wehrspann, David Rovang. BACK: Adam Nelson, Simone Wehbe, Elena Fasan, Amy Rodgers, Christle Benskin, Jennifer Hennig, Monika Langner, John Littell, Jennifer Drickey, Carole Nelsen, Mickey Gomez.





German Club eagerly awaits the start of the Homecoming parade. The club won the award for the funniest float.

Sophomore Lena Gold expresses her enthusiasm for the homecoming game. German club prepared their float for one month before the parade and contest.



Seniors Allen Klopper and Kye Andersen prepare to go caroling. This year the club had an excellent turnout for the caroling.



GNHS: FRONT: Stuart Oberman, Justin Kerr, Bob Fuglei, John Williams, Tanya Hoffman, Koren Mann, Kye Andersen, Jori Berger, Jill Cornman, Shelli Applegate. SECOND: Joe Schlesselman, Amy Meyer, Holly Stommes, Beth Christ, Kimm Reitz, Kate Broekemeier, Ann Kay, Rebecca Barnes, Karen Lee. THIRD: Lisa Wolff, Doug Stansberry, Ann Sitzman, Karen Farkas, Allen Klopper, Todd Weddle, Lance

Grush, Michele Hinsley, Wendy Mott, Cindy Carpenter. FOURTH: Corie Palmer, Matt Nelson, Andrea Dusatko, Mike Lawlor, Eric Rihanek, Lisa Timm, Joel McCulloh, Stephanie Brown, Barbara Gutierrez. BACK: Adam Nelson, Andy Huff, Pat Williams, Jennifer Mayer, Kristin Sorenson, Carla Fritchie, Sarah Siebler, Jennifer Drickey, Carole Nelsen.



# French club raises funds for computer

This is Central's French Club. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Daryl Bayer, a CHS French teacher. She receives assistance from two other Central teachers, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Brabec.

"This year the goal of the club was to buy a computer," Mrs. Bayer said. To purchase the computer, they held three fundraisers, each of which were candy sales, she said. "They were all very successful, also," she added.

Mrs. Bayer said that the club annually participates in the French convention, and each time Central is one of the top finishers. She said, "This year, we will have approximately 102 students at the convention."

The club also participates in many school activities, such as the soccer tournament which they sponsored, skiing, the volleyball tournament, bowling, and the Homecoming parade. This year, French club won the prize for the most creative float, Mrs. Bayer said. "We are also considering a canoeing trip," she added.

Another activity which the club initiated was a progressive dinner and Christmas caroling. They went to four homes and ate foods from a French menu. Then they caroled in French to those homes' neighborhoods, Mrs. Bayer stated. Rebecca Barnes, junior said, "The progressive dinner was really fun."

"At the end of each school year, we give a few scholarships to French students, and we also contribute to the scholarship auction," said Mrs. Bayer.

This year's officers are: Inga Soder, president; Heidi Hankins, vice president; Lydia Luong, secretary; Karen Williams, treasurer; Johnny Musselman, sgt.-at-arms; and Sevrin Huff, sgt.-at-arms.

The officers of French Club helped plan an upcoming pizza party and an ice-skating trip with the French National Honor Society. The honor society officers are: Karen Williams, president; Cathy Easton,

secretary; and Inga Soder, treasurer.

The qualifications for the French National Honor Society include a 90% or above in French for three semesters, a 2+ average in all other subjects, and the accumulation of 20 activity points in French Club, according to Mrs. Bayer. She is also the sponsor of FNHS.

"Through FNHS, we have a tutorial program for all French students," she said. And they also listen to French speakers and French foreign exchange students.

"Overall, I feel that French Club really helped me understand the French culture and language," said Sevrin Huff, a member of the French National Honor Society.

Seniors Pete Pirsch and Inga Soder cruise down the street in the 1987 Homecoming parade. The French Club float won the prize for most creative float.



FRONT: Lydia Luong, Karen Williams, Inga Soder, Heidi Hankins, Sevrin Huff. SECOND: Hilary Fenner, Meredith Hammans, Reggie Rennard, Wendy Mott, Sophia Wehbe, Laurie Anderson, Kalen Anderson, Susan Thompson. THIRD: Kirstine Terry, Karen Lee, Monica White, Steve Likes, Cathy Easton, Emily Bialac, Pam Harp, John Miller. FOURTH: Hilary Foster, Kerry Holeman, Cathy Clawson, Bert Cronican, Rebecca Barnes, Ruth Sitzman, Jackie Fox, Mary

Budny, Stephan Dietrich. FIFTH: Jenny Tinsley, Michelle Mejak, Pia Mugggerud, Duane Ludwig, Monika Langner, Lisa Ferrin, Madeleine Mundt, Nicole Hallsted. SIXTH: John Williams, Brian McQuiddy, Matt Jespersen, Barb Ivis, Mary Freeman, Jenny Baum, Marcus Stephani, Ginger Hempel. BACK: Angela Martin, Galen Anding, Alyson Adams, Jessica McCoy, Peter Pirsch, Dee Dee Rasmussen.





Karen Williams and Inga Soder pose for a picture before the parade. Both Centralites dressed up as mermaids to accommodate the theme of French Club's float.



FRONT: Karen Williams, Inga Soder, Cathy Easton. SECOND: Karen Lee, Steve Likes, John Miller. THIRD: Cathy Clawson, Stephan Dietrich, Lydia Luong, Jackie Fox, Mary Budny. BACK: Heidi Hankins, Sevrin Huff, Kalen Anderson.



# Triumverate led Latin

This is Central High School's Latin Club. Latin club, sponsored by Miss Rita Ryan, the only Latin teacher at Central, is running things a "little bit different than usual," according to senior Alex Zinga.

This year, JCL (Junior Classical League) has a triumverate presidency. That means three different people acting as president, Alex said.

The members of the triumverate or senior consuls are Alex Zinga, Robin Leavitt, and Andy Carlson.

Senior Robin Leavitt said, "The reason we have a triumverate is because the three of us all wanted to be president, and we didn't want to compete with each other. Alex and I have been great friends for a long time, and there has been a history of Carlson's acting as president."

She also said that they got the idea because ancient Rome was ruled by a first and second triumverate. "It was a great campaign," she said. Robin also mentioned that having three people in charge really helps. "There is not as much pressure, and there is always

someone there to back you up or pick up the pieces," she said.

Alex revealed that JCL members were working hard to prepare for the city certamen (contests) in February. She said the city-wide competition includes almost every school with a Latin program. The certamen includes questions like a college bowl over Latin history and mechanics.

"We recently had a Roman Banquet for all Latin students in the Omaha area. We hired two bands, and everyone wore togas. It was fun, and the food was great," Alex said. The banquet was catered by the Greek Isles.

Jenny Urias, senior, said she liked the Roman Banquet a lot because the food was good, and the band they hired from Creighton was really fun. She also said she liked JCL because they participated in fun activities such as the soccer tournament and the Homecoming parade.

This year's JCL float took a lot of time and effort to prepare. Their float won the award for the closest to theme: a Carribean Cruise.



Miss Rita Ryan, CHS Latin club sponsor, prepares for the parade. She is one of the few sponsors who actually participated in the Homecoming parade.

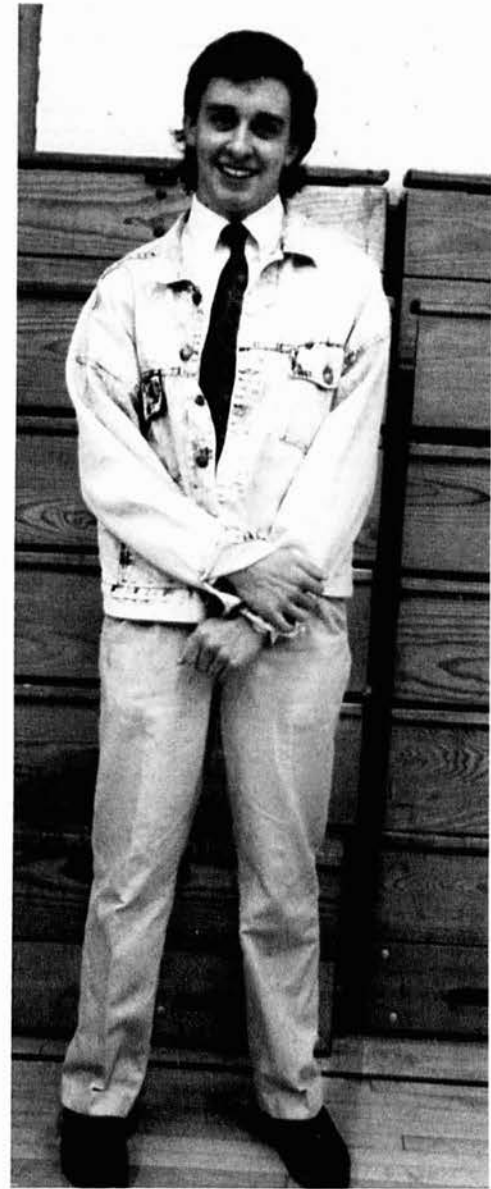


FRONT: Scott Bosswell, John Williams, Peter Festeren, Randy Gilbert, Eric Gerlings. SECOND: Den-

ise Smith, Ann Dickson, Renee Besancon, Brian Miller, John Holtorff. BACK: Pam Anderson, Rob Hobart.



Mark Klipsch is vice president of the state JCL Chapter this year. He votes on issues that concern all JCL organizations in Nebraska.



FRONT: Jennifer Urias, Cathy Farrell, Alex Zinga, Kim Stinn, Andy Carlson, Cindy Hall, Alex Haecker, Charlie Tomlinson. SECOND: Alicia Petersen, Bridget Buckley, Dave Heese, Reggie Renard, Mark Klipsch, Robin Leavitt. THIRD: Lisa Wolff, Natasha Kraft, Kevin McCann, Carl Yeck, Michelle Lukowski,

Marsha Lukowski, Kris Burns, Chris Palladeno. FOURTH: Michelle Miller, Heather Nash, Kelly Brown, Beth Lucas, John Davis, Brian Miller, Kevin Cleaver. BACK: Leslie McKown, Trish Foster, JoAnne Streib.



The six foot palm tree JCL built was their pride and joy, and it also won them their prize.



# Spanish Club more popular

This is Central High School's Spanish Club. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Ceasarea Plata a CHS Spanish teacher. Mrs. Plata said that the Spanish Club participated in the Homecoming parade and planned to be active in all the other foreign language activities this year. She also said that the club was helping students prepare for Omaha Ole'.

Senior Charles Kay, who is this year's Spanish club president, said, "Omaha Ole' is during the first week in March. It is a convention where all area Omaha schools get together and participate in activities such as a college bowl, singing and dancing, acting, and a volleyball tournament." Charles said he is excited because Central students are the defending champions in the volleyball competition and he is hoping to retain the title.

Charles said, "I think Spanish Club has come a long way compared to last year. We have better participation, and we are growing bigger and better." He also said that the club started out on a better note, and because of that, next year they will improve even more.

Junior Pallavi Kumar said she agrees with Charles because Spanish Club is a

lot better than it was last year. She also said, Senora Plata really contributed much of her time to make Spanish Club what it is today."

Charles revealed that there will be many students lettering in Spanish this year because of the great turnout the club has had.

This year's Spanish club officers are Charles Kay, president; Kimm Reitz, vice president; Pallavi Kumar, secretary; Susie Donelson, treasurer; Jenn Emanuel, historian.

Central's foreign language department also includes Spanish National Honor Society. This year's sponsor is Mrs. Vicki Anderson, CHS Spanish teacher. Mrs. Anderson said, to be inducted into the society, a student must have a one grade in Spanish for three semesters, including ninth grade. They also need two teacher recommendations, one from their Spanish teacher and one from another academic teacher. SNHS is sponsoring a scavenger hunt for all foreign language honor societies this spring, Mrs. Anderson said. "We also sell candy to raise money for a scholarship," she said.

President Charles Kay is ready and waiting for the Homecoming parade to start. All foreign language clubs participated in the parade.



Senior Emily Robards looks at the other floats to see what kind of competition Spanish Club will have. Many Spanish students helped in putting the float together.



Spanish club. FRONT: Donna Lloyd, Jenn Emanuel, Susie Donelson, Pallavi Kumar, Charles Kay, Kimm Reitz, Jennifer Andersen, Jennifer Murphy, Anne Martens, Heather Heimuli. SECOND: Lynn Mousel, Cherice Willis, Tamara Mitchem, Jennifer Urias, Emily Robards, Stephanie Brown, Jennifer Gottschalk, Pari Smart, Richard McArthur. THIRD: Darin

Karstetter, Tiffany Whitney, Kristi Covalciuc, Eric Skeen, Neshonda Belton, Sonenia Nettles, Tina Brown, Carrie White. FOURTH: Louis Hill, Mary Pallas, Sarah Straub, Jennifer Bell, Mary Welty, Michele Favero, Sonya Nickson, Shantell Perkins. BACK: Brit Steenberg, Jill Ogden, Kate Leuschen, Bert Cronican, Karin McCoy.

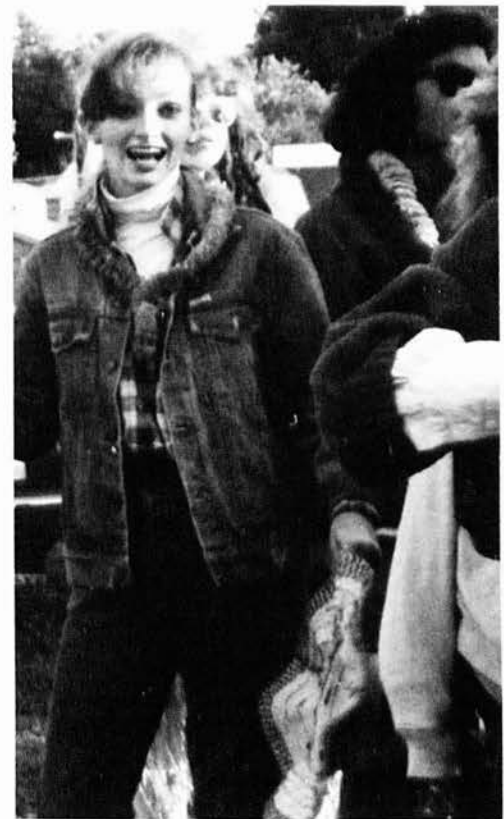


Spanish club members, Pam Brown, Emily Robards, Donleson, and Mary Welty sing a Spanish song in order to win the votes of passing judges.



SNHS FRONT: Jenn Emanuel, Susie Donelson, Pallavi Kumar, Charles Kay, Stephanie Brown, Jennifer Andersen. SECOND: Lynn Mosel, Tamara Mitchem, Kimm Reitz, Jennifer Gottschalk. THIRD: Louis Hill,

Tiffany Whitney, Jennifer Urias, Eric Skeen, Sonenia Nettles, Tina Brown. BACK: Britt Steenberg, Mary Welty, Michele Favero, Sonya Nixon.



Junior Donna Lloyd waves to the camera. She, along with the other students, wore leis to help accent their float.



# Thespians, newly chartered club

These are Thespians. The Central High School Thespians are sponsored by Ms. Pegi Stommes, CHS drama teacher. The president of Thespians is senior, Thom Davis. He said, "This is the first year we have been an officially chartered club. That means we officially are affiliated with the International Thespian Society." He said to be a Thespian, one must earn 10 points on the Thespian International point scale. A person can earn points for anything related to theater.

Thom's goal for this year is to really get the club started, so that in upcoming years it can achieve an excellence that is deserving of the theater department at Central. Thom added, "We try to see one play or concert a month. And then in February we will go to a convention where we perform one-act plays. Everyone is eligible to go. "Because we are now chartered, we compete for points and not just for fun, as before," Thom said.

FRONT: Lori Pendleton, vice president; Holly Stommes, scribe. SECOND: Thom Davis, president. BACK: Nancy Price, secretary.

FRONT: Nancy Price, Kate Brower. SECOND: Thom Davis, Stephanie Brown, Michelle Favarro, Scott Focht, Jennifer Shepard, JoAnna Kosawsky. THIRD: Jay Standifer, Gina Weberg, Jeanna Orduna, Pari Smart, Christmas Reed. BACK: Melvin Jones, Stephanie Kurtzuba, Scott Easton, Willie Voss, Lori Pendleton, Holly Stommes, Ms. Stommes, Susie Donelson, Jennifer Gottschalk, Chip King.



# Drama club works a lot together as a group

This is Drama. The Central High School Drama Club is sponsored by Ms. Pegi Stommes, CHS Drama teacher. This year's president is Stephanie Brown. Stephanie said, "Our goal for the year is to have a dinner theater in the courtyard. It would consist of one-act plays put on by the students and a dinner served in the courtyard during the plays." But she went on to say that "it will take a lot of hard work to get it together."

She also said that as a group the club tries to go see a show once a month. Most of the people who join drama club their sophomore year usually stay all three years, she said. "The club gets most of its money doing fundraisers. We sell a lot of candy," Stephanie said. This year's club officers are: Stephanie Brown, president; Jeanna Orduna, vice president; Susie Donelson, secretary; Stephen Dietrich, treasurer; and Wendy Lietzen, historian.



FRONT: Christina Merrill, Ms. Stommes, Jeanna Orduna, Lori Pendleton, Yvette McAuley, Jeni Tinsley, Sarah Townley. SECOND: Dorceia McCullough, Meredith Hammans, Holly Stommes, Tina Richardson, Karen Eastlack, Jennifer Murphy, Kristin Long, Kirstine Terry, Hilary Foster. THIRD: Krista Schulz, Stephanie Brown, Kristi Covalciuc, Jennifer Shepard, Nancy Sempeck, Gina Weberg, Mary Welty,

Thom Davis, Mimi McVane, DeeDee Koehler, Jenny Walker, Heather Heimuli. BACK: Jennifer Gottschalk, Chip King, Scott Focht, Missa Ceviloyle, Kate Brower, Victor Hayes, Nancy Price, Jay Standifer, Pari Smart, Cort Bryan, Gina Talty, Susan Thompson, Susie Donelson, Gwendolyn Lietzen, Jason Flott, Pam Jewell, Angela Martin, Mark Krecek.





Jennifer Cross-Collins, sophomore, poses for the camera before the chess club begins practicing. This year, two girls joined the extra-curricular club.



## Chess wants to do it again

This is Chess. Central's Chess Club is sponsored by Central math teacher, Mr. Montgomery. He said that this year's club is ranked first in the Omaha Metro Class League with a 4-0-0 record. He also said their closest competitors were Prep and Westside who rank second and third. Mr. Montgomery said that the chess team consists of 5 varsity players and 3 reserve, and the five players are ranked by board; first, second, and third, etc. Mr. Montgomery revealed that Don Shennum is the returning state champion from last year, so he was automatically given first board.

He said to determine the rest of the boards they hold tournaments among themselves. Don said that these tournaments are usually tougher than the ones they compete against at Metro. Mr. Montgomery said, "Prep doesn't really scare me, but Westside does. They will be the ones to beat." He also said, "Our team has the potential of going undefeated." But, Don added, "We will be undefeated!"

Don Shennum, senior, challenges Niv Palgi, sophomore to a chess match. Don is Central's first board player and Niv is the second board player.



Joe Schlesselman, senior, is anxiously awaiting the start of the chess club meeting. Chess club meets about once a week to practice their skills.

FRONT: Rob Hill, Eric Troy, Niv Palgi, Mike Lawlor.  
BACK: Joe Schlesselman, Don Shennum, Jennifer Cross-Collins, Nikki Bach, Phil Hall, Steve O'Hara, Dwane Ludwig, John Holdorf.





# DECA gets involved with community

This is DECA. DECA is the club for marketing students. It stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America. The club has four sponsors: Alice Bunz, Harry Gaylor, Rozanne Knight, and Darrell Lahmann. According to Mr. Gaylor, marketing education teacher at Central, Central's marketing club is the largest marketing program between Chicago and Denver.

Mr. Gaylor said, "Marketing has two major functions: 1. To develop leadership, and 2. To be an avenue for competition and opportunity." He went on to say that DECA is a co-curricular club, which means that everything that takes place in the club is related to the marketing class. "DECA is only one-third of the marketing program at Central. The other two thirds are the classroom activity and the work internship," Mr. Gaylor said.

He also said that participating in DECA helps develop an awareness of our community. Each year, DECA gives a per cent

of its profits to a charitable organization that they believe in.

Jason Lips, Deca District IV vice-president, says, "DECA has helped me improve my business knowledge and has further developed my leadership skills." He said, "Our major project this year was the 'Bag Lady' Project. Bag Lady and WOWT came to Central and several other schools. They sub-contracted us to supply the man power to deliver bags which included coupons and flyers from 10 businesses across the Omaha area. Central DECA had the largest number of students involved."

Kelly Mitilier junior, says, "DECA helps people find jobs and helps them with future business plans." Cathy Farrell, senior, says, "DECA has been a lot of fun, and the trips we take are very rewarding. I have really learned a lot about business through DECA."



FRONT: Stephanie Fox, Kate Leuschen, Nancy McCluskey, Wendy Allen, Nancy Price, Pia Mugggerud, Heidi Sharp, Stephanie Hustak, Lydia Watkins, Kelly Mitilier. SECOND: Nicholle Newton, Mary Roundtree, Molana Parks, Johnetta Huff, Julie Squire, Jenni Housmann, Millessa Abboud, Tony Flott, Michelle Lyons, Melanie Schultz. THIRD: Kim

Perkins, Jill Schmeichel, Christine Paladino, Mary Bundy, Jackie Fox, John Kozak, Tira Harris, Kelly Yancy, Jim Scanlan, Melissa Engh, Shannon Pinkerton, Phil Hall, Sandy Bundy. BACK: Jeff Howard, Erik Gerlings, Brian Fritz, Jocelyn Humphrey, Mike Frey, Sean Wilson, Dan Rischling, Andy Ripp.



Senior Cathy Farrell takes a break from stuffing the bags to satisfy her hunger. Many students helped with the Bag Lady Project at UNO early Saturday morning.





Seniors Eric Gerlings, Pete Pirsch, Michelle Kay, Brandon Choice, and Mallery Ivy go through the assembly line for the Bag Lady Project at UNO. Central has the largest number of students helping with this project.

Junior Jill Weaver and CHS teacher, Mrs. Pruss, fill the bags during the last stages of the Bag Lady Project. After the bags were filled, they were delivered all around the Omaha area.



FRONT: Dondi Caviness, Aimee Haley, Natalie Leonhardt, Shann Cushing, Sarah McWhorter, Kim Lauvetz, Michelle Kay, Cathy Farrell, Trish Foster, Liz Wessling, Chad Lang, Dennis Gunia. SECOND: Tina Ludwig, Shawnda Bryhe, Robin Norquay, Tata Kelly, Colleen Mell, Tara Moore, Micki Gomez, Patrick Hairston, Michelle Crossley, Amy Havelka, Karen Smith. THIRD: Dena Pecha, Michelle Mejak, Barbara Johnson, Carole Nelson. FOURTH: Jennifer Kraemer, Jennifer Harkness, Kelly Skillen, LesVegas Townsend, Tisha Caston, Todd Beam, Kate Hughes, Drew Weiss, Chris Johnson, Melvin Jones, Delois Nance, Lisa Vogel. FIFTH: Todd Williams, Chad McClellan, Erik Rodriguez, Mark Klipsch, Tammy Lewis, Leslie McKown, Pete Pirsch, Lee Norman, Doug Kerns. BACK: Tracy Felici, Jason Lips, Scott Spurgeon, Jason Wells, Jennifer Halstead, LeAnn Ryan, Debbie Dumler.



# Chemistry club explodes with excitement

This is Central High School's chemistry club. The chemistry club sponsor is Ms. Hug, who teaches first year chemistry. "The chemistry club set a new goal of putting together a student operated chemical show," said Ms. Hug.

She also said they would use the show to encourage area grade school students in becoming interested in science at an early age.

Ms. Hug added that the chemistry club members would be leading experiments in front of the students. "All of their meetings are preparatory work for their teaching.

"They are learning how to perform and teach the experiments," she said. The experiments they plan on demonstrating are: making slime, preparing rubber

snow, making polluted snow that burns, creating volcanoes, and forming giant bubbles.

Sevrin Huff said, "Our entire AP chemistry class decided to join the chemistry club, and it has been quite interesting so far. The chemical show is a great way for young children to become interested in science."

Ms. Hug said the majority of the club members are AP chemistry students, but there are also a few first year students from her classes.

Allen Klopper said, "All in all, chemistry club is much different this year because we have a set goal, and this goal is such a good one that it makes learning the experiments much more fun."

John Williams listens intently to Ms. Hug during a chemistry club meeting. The chemistry club held a special meeting in honor of Mole Day.



Ms. Hug shows her special mole day experiment, "The mole's out of the hole." Ms. Hug is the sponsor of the chemistry club.



FRONT ROW: Jennifer Murphy, Jennifer Cross-Collins, Maxi mole, Heidi Clark, Allen Klopper, Robin Leavitt. SECOND ROW: Rich Vogel, Sevrin Huff, Ms. Hug, Mini mole, Milli mole, Lisa Wolff, Erik Gerlings. THIRD ROW: Corie Palmer, Angela Naab, Ann Sitzman, Margo mole, Steve Likes, Eric Clark. BACK ROW: John Williams, Pete Pirsh, Jessica Jalass, Jim Swanson, JoAnne Streib, Marcus Micheli, Jennilyn Williams, Pat Williams.

Ann Sitzman clings on to Maxi mole. The stuffed mole is special and is used only on special occasions, such as mole day.





Brian McQuiddy and Stuart Oberman solve a difficult math problem. Math club members are always willing to help one another.



# Math club adds up just like the others

This is Central High School's Math club. This year, the math club received a new sponsor, Mr. Daugherty. Jenny Hendricks, a member of math club, says, "Our club helps promote math and also helps people relax their fears about math. We elected officers this year," Jenny said. They are John Miller; president, Jenny Hendricks; vice president, Lisa Wolf; treasurer, and Pat Williams; secretary. Jenny also said, "The math club sponsors two scholarship competitions, hosts a junior high math competition at Central,

and is planning on taking a trip to Chicago." Joe Schlesselman added, "Our club is a nationally sponsored organization titled, National High School and Junior College Math Club." When asked her feelings about the math club, Karen Lee said, "You don't need to be a math nerd to be in math club." Steve O'Hara says, "We are just a group of people getting together to have fun. Everything the math club does is in a relaxed atmosphere, and there is never any pressure put on any individual."



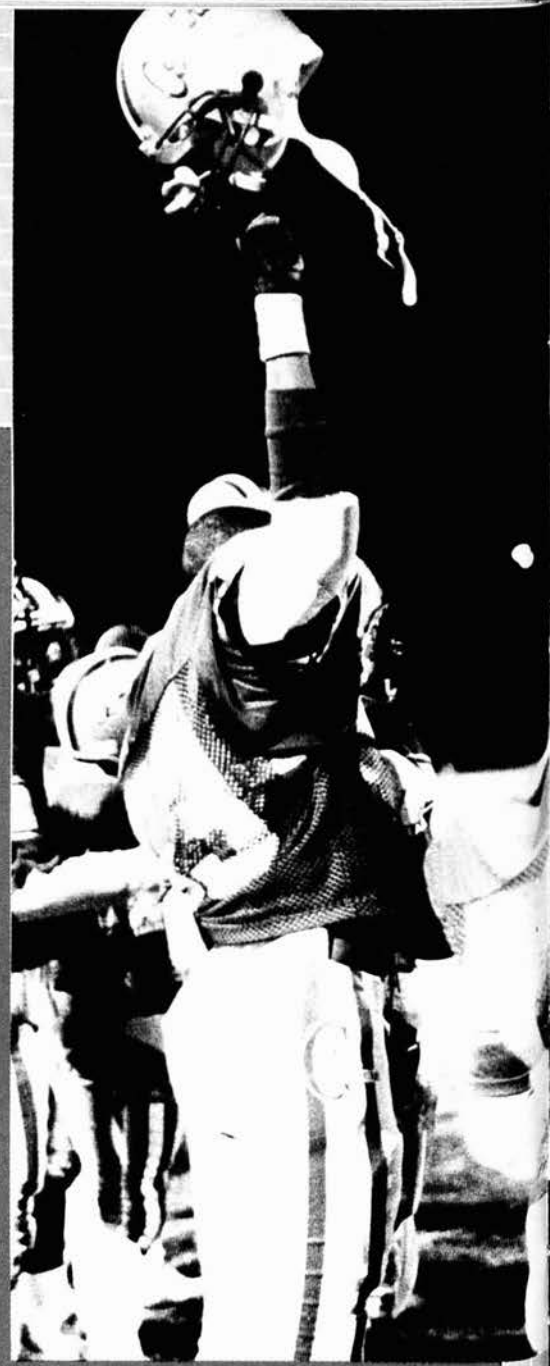
Steve O'Hara works on his math homework in anticipation of getting the correct answer. Math club gives students a chance to compare homework notes.

FRONT ROW: Dan Dorneanu, Ziqiang Wu, Alvin Yam. SECOND ROW: Lisa Wolff, Jenny Hendricks, Karen Lee, Steve O'Hara, Jennifer Hurley. BACK ROW: Brian McQuiddy, Joe Schlesselman, Stuart Oberman, Mike Lawler, John Miller, David Kay, Pat Williams, Duane Ludwig.

Karen Lee works with friends while doing some math problems. Math club gives her the opportunity to excel in her academic ability.









# These Are Sports

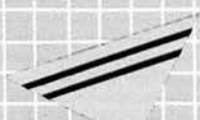


Central High School football players raise their helmets in excitement. Such behavior becomes common on the sidelines after a score.

## 1987-88

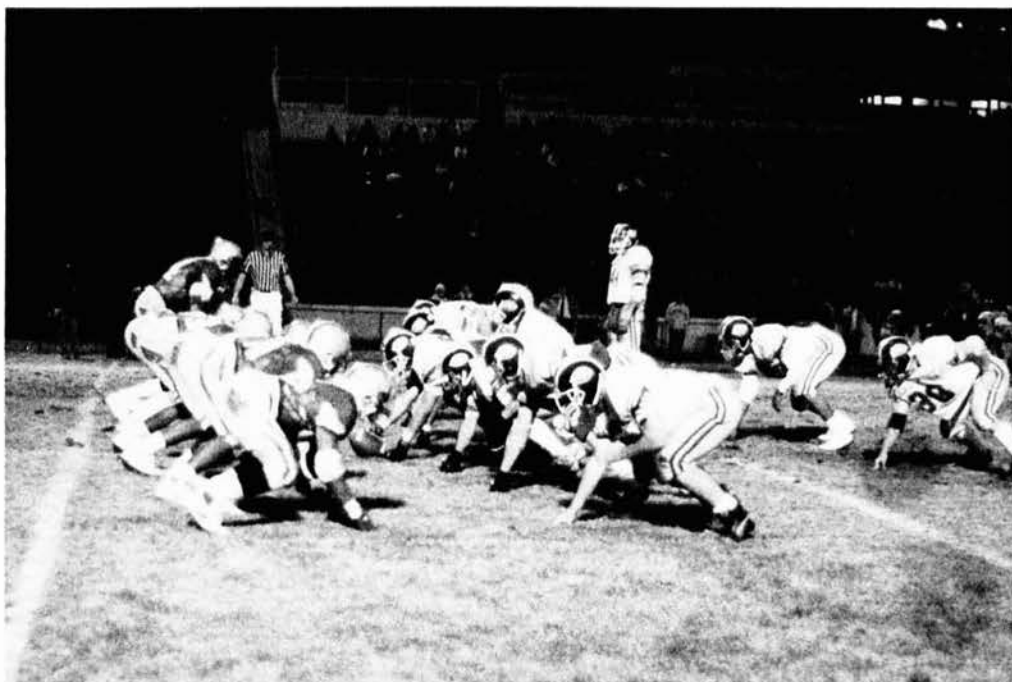
1987-1988 was an exciting year for sports. On the national level, there was a prolonged N.F.L. players' strike, and for the first time ever, a portion of the World Series was played inside, under the Minnesota Metro-Dome.

A little closer to home, the Central Eagles started out the year with an all school pep rally in the new gym. The pep rally honored our cheerleaders and pom-pom squad. It became the first of its kind in ten years. It set Eagle spirit flying high, as we soar through another exciting year of sports.



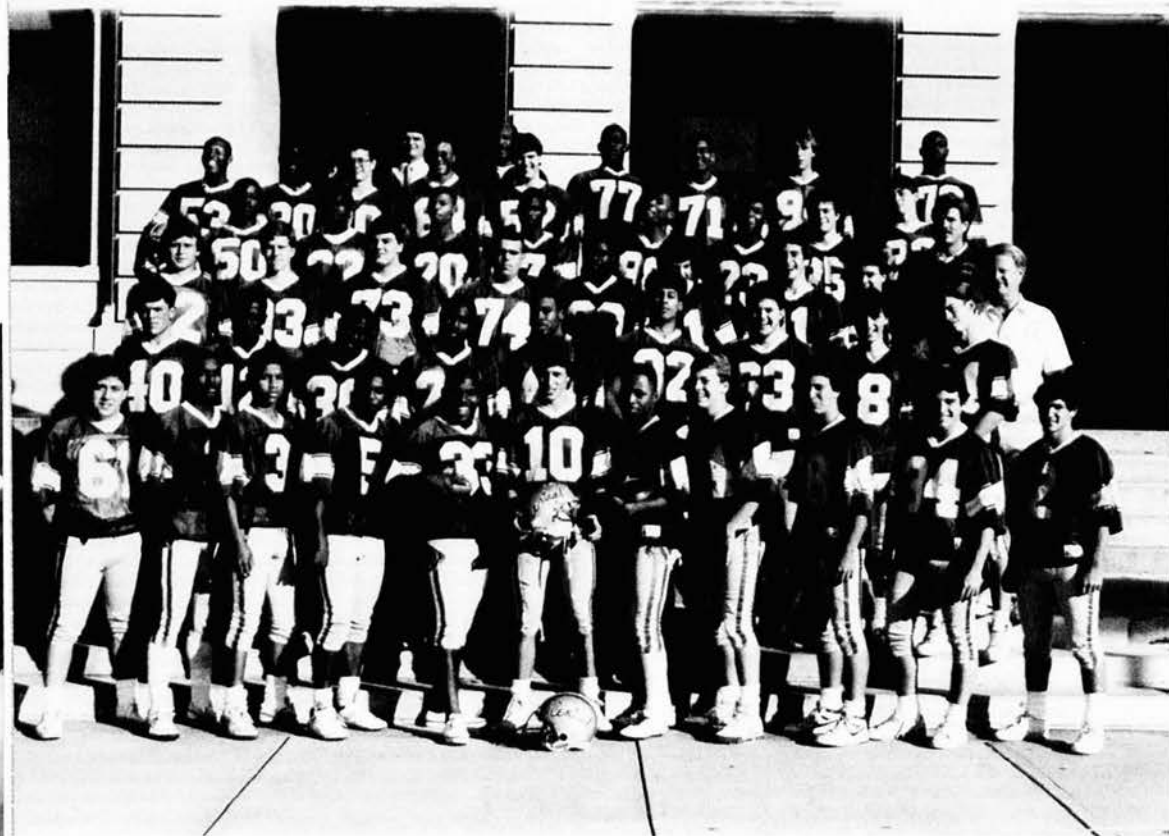
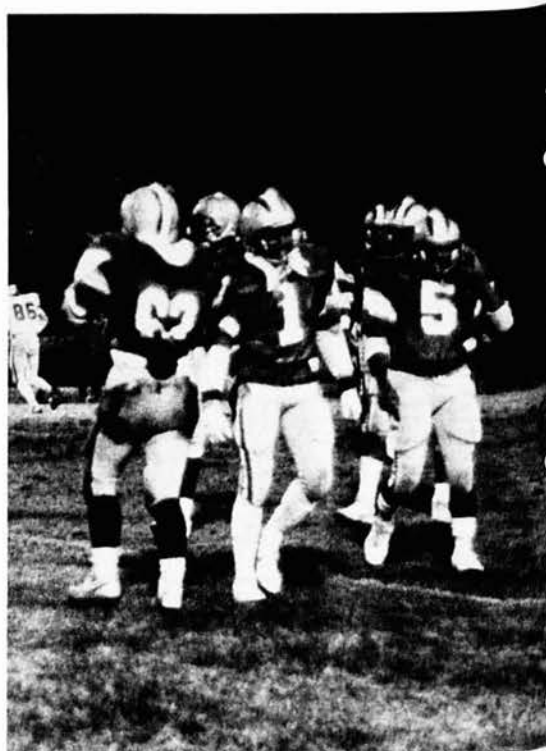


The game of football is won or lost in the trenches. The Central Eagles and their opponent, Prep, prepare for the snap.



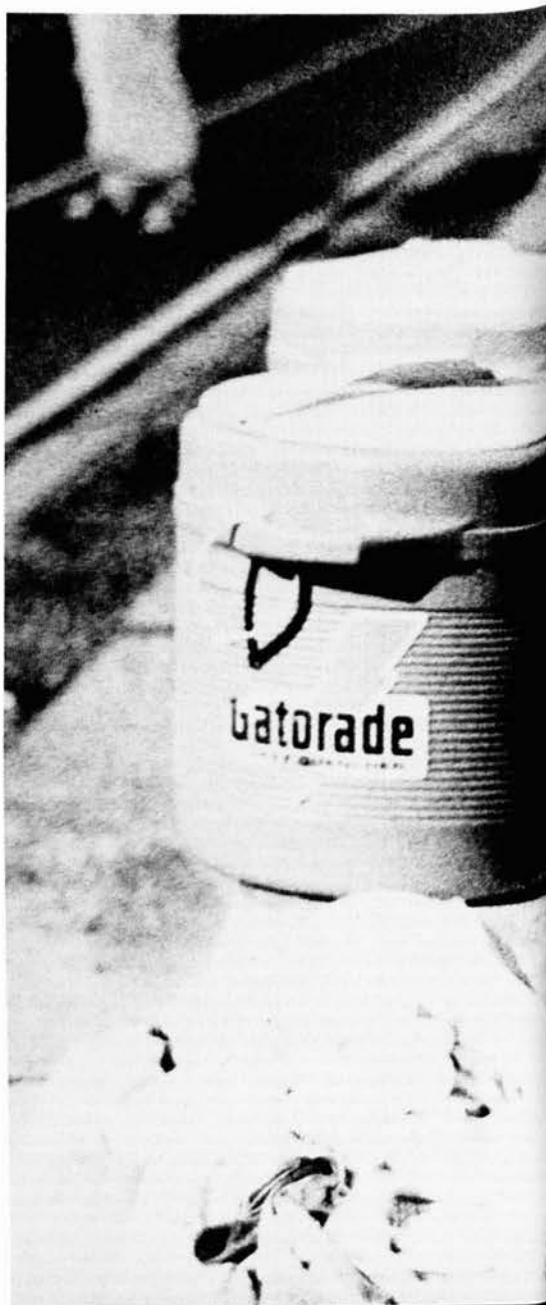
Defensive players, David Chambers and Sherman Williams leave the field as the offensive unit enters during the Central-Prep game.

Abe Hoskins, returns the ball after a Creighton Prep punt. Besides returning kickoffs, he also played as a safety and a wingback.

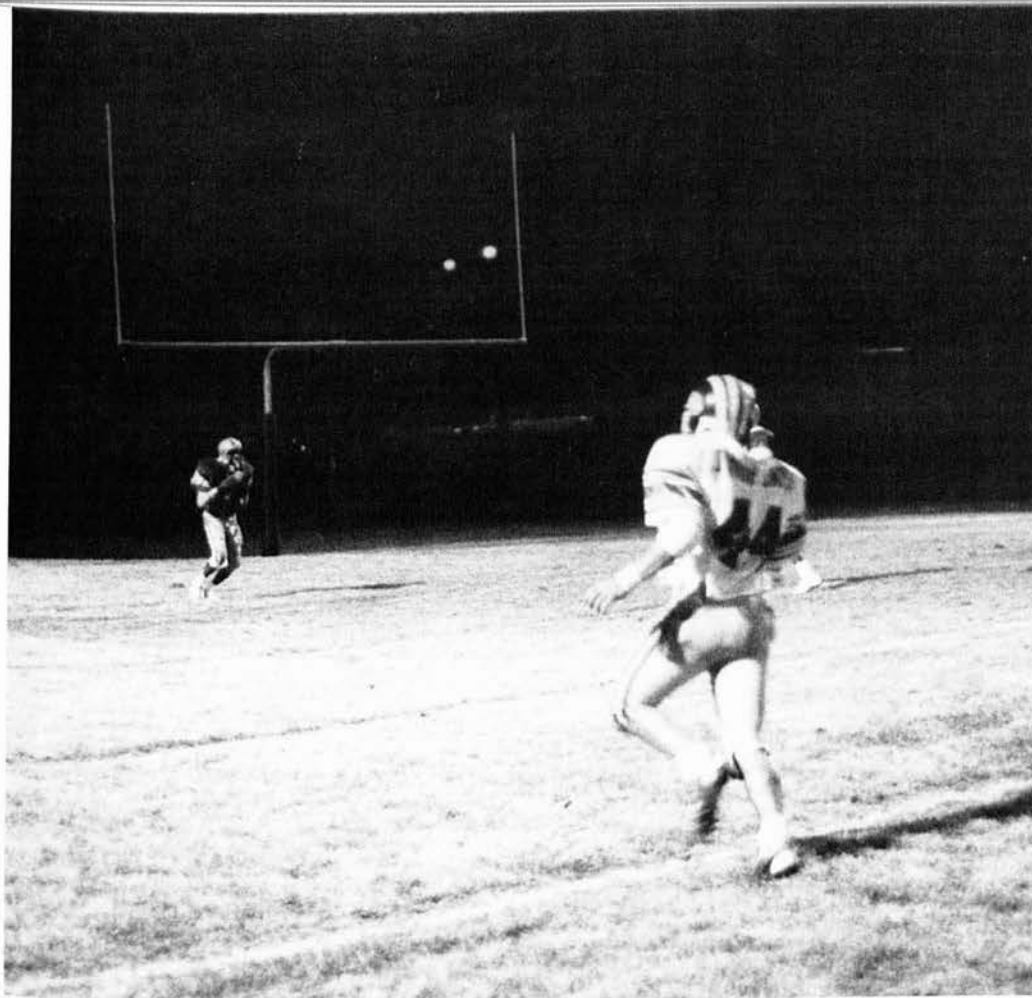


FRONT: Marc Montanye, David Chambers, Lamar O'Neal, Sherman Williams, Jonathan Winfrey, Dennis Gunia, Ralph Falkner, Andy Timm, Vince Costanzo, Don Losole, Steve Barajas. SECOND: Eddie Greeno, Billy Sherrod, Tony Finch, Thomas Smith, William Sage, Jody Bryant, Doug Howland, Ted Fogarty, T.J. Smith, Coach Georgeson. THIRD: Derek Suurvarik, Jim Scanlan, Todd Griffith, Andy Armstrong, Calvin Jones, Wes Vogel, Todd Reger, Brian

Fritz, Coach McMenamin. FOURTH: Doug Roper, Ronnie Barfield, Kelly Yancy, Abe Hoskins, Brandon Choice, Lester Ridley, Joe Padon, Garrett Wilwerding. BACK: Corey Bass, Jonathan Culiver, Coach Reed, Mark Conner, Coach Galus, Jay Standifer, Coach Standifer, Rick Heller, Derek Hart, Jody Sharpe, Dan Stillmock, Keith Tooley. NOT PICTURED: Joe Blazeovich, Eldon Magget, Donnell Griffith, Jamie Mitchell.







# Varsity begins a positive year

The performance of last year's varsity football team led some to wonder if this year's team could compare according to Coach William Reed.

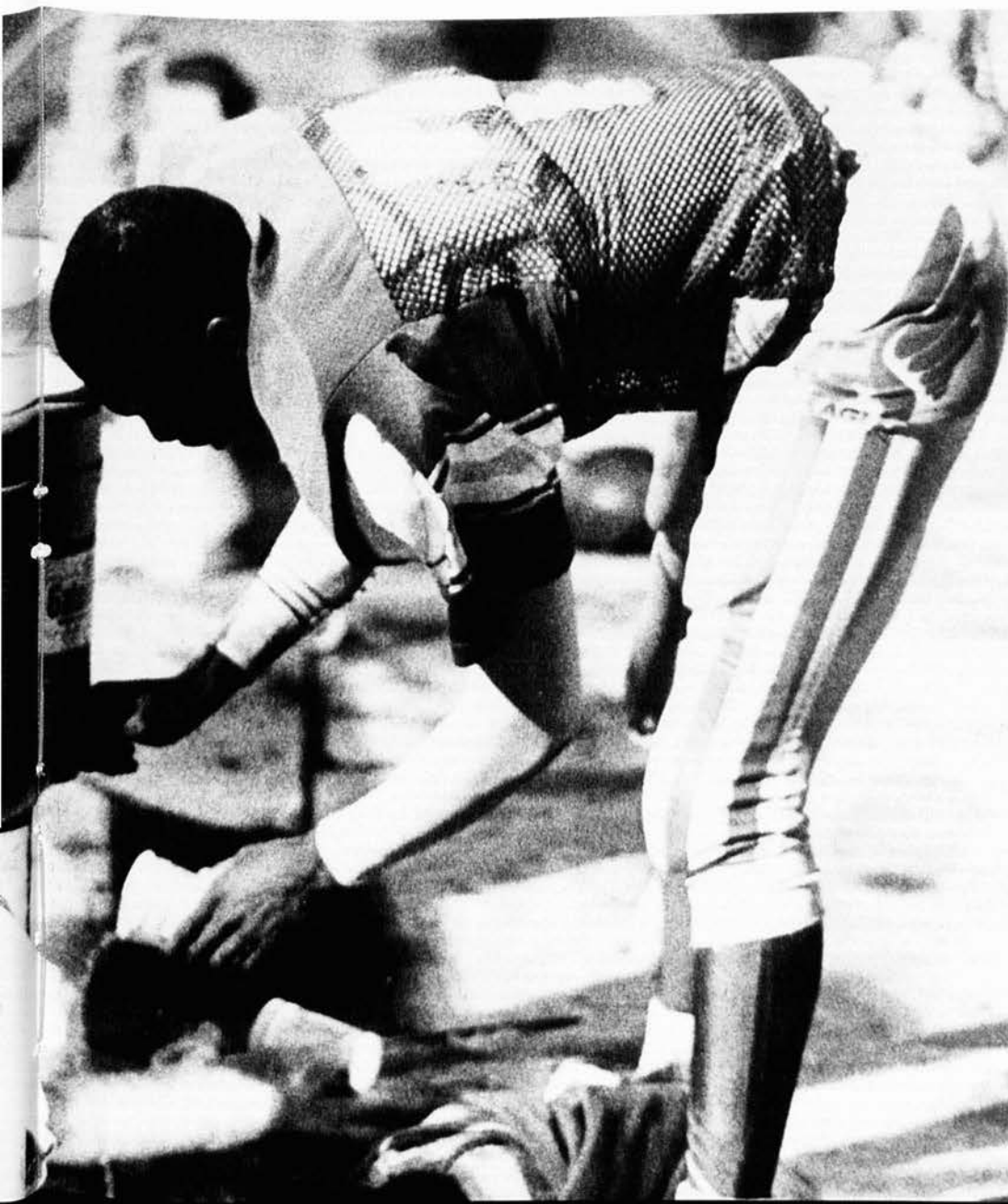
The team's only returning starters consisted of Dennis Gunia, Brandon Choice, and Jody Sharpe. Many juniors and sophomores played important roles in the team's starting line-up, he said. Coach Reed also said "the young starters were very valuable to the team."

The season began with wins over Lincoln Southeast, Millard North, Millard South, and Thomas Jefferson High Schools. "The beginning of the year seemed positive," said Coach Reed. Despite some major losses in many of the positions, he added that the running backs were the best they have ever been. The running backs this year included senior Ronnie Barfield, juniors Kelly Yancy and Lester Ridley, and sophomore, Calvin Jones.

"The highlight of our year was our victory over Westside," said Coach Reed. "The team played the best that they played all year." Team member Brandon Choice said, "If every game would have been played like the Westside game, no one in the state would have touched us." The win over Westside came after two losses, one to Benson at Central's homecoming game, and the other to Northwest the following week.

However, the Eagles were the only team in the state to beat Lincoln Southeast and Millard South before the playoffs. Central was also one of two teams who beat Westside before the playoffs. The Eagles defeated Gross High School but missed the playoffs by suffering a 25-21 loss to Prep. Although the team failed to make it to the playoffs, Coach Reed said, "They played tough against some of the best teams in the state."

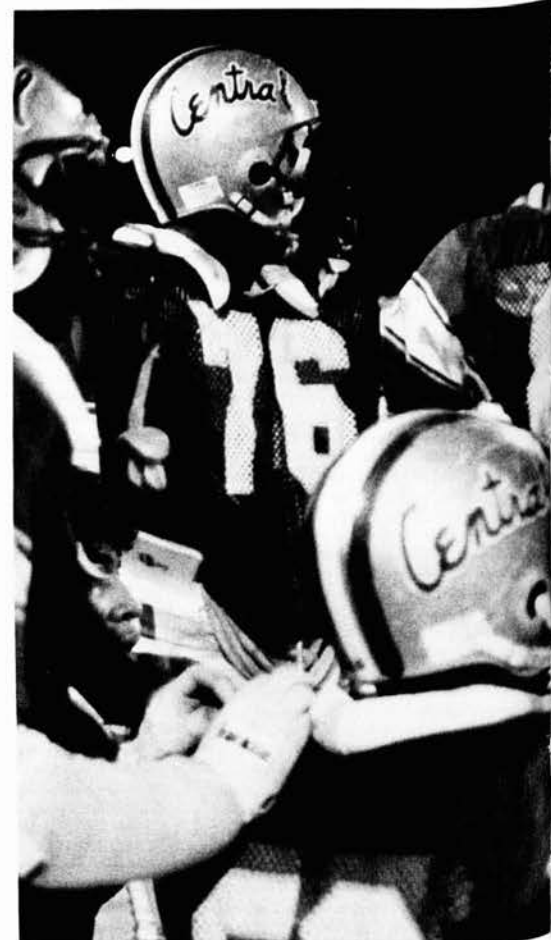
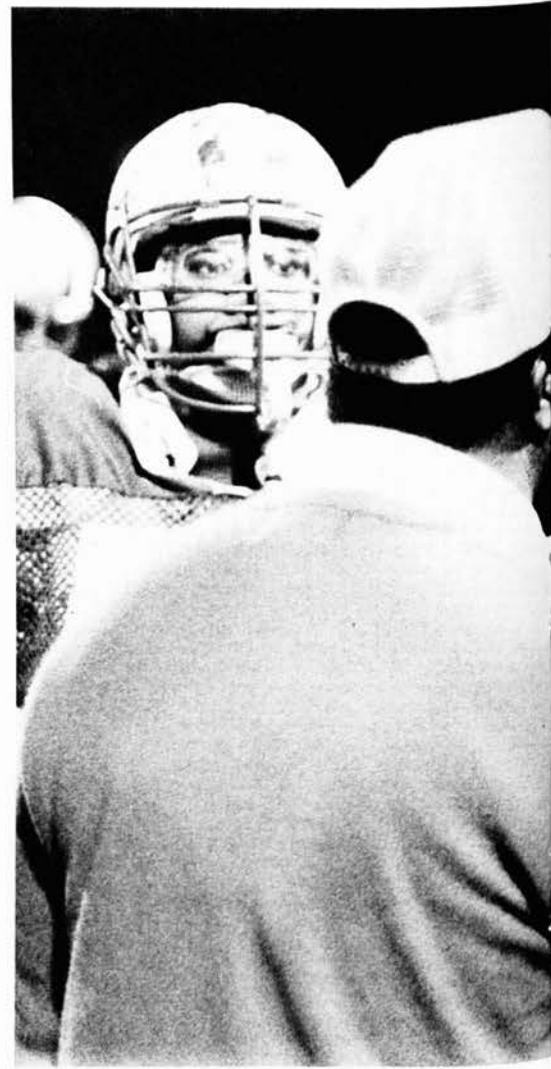
Abe Hoskins, Central's defensive back, takes a break from the football game to quench his thirst. Hoskins moved from the North High School District to participate in various sports for the Eagles.





# Some great moments in varsity football '87

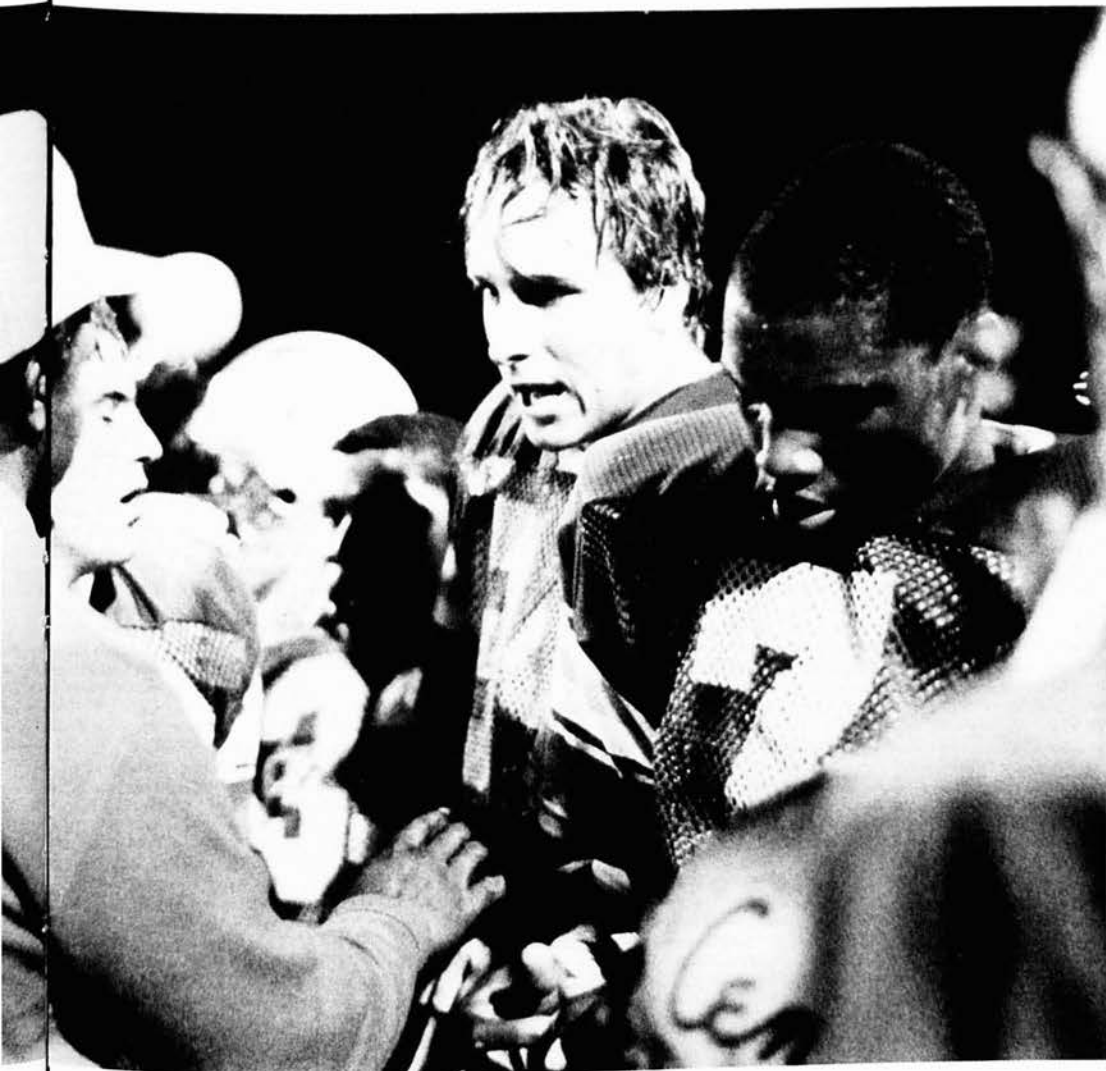
Lincoln South east	CHS	Win
Millard North		Win
Millard South		Win
Thomas Jefferson		Win
Benson		Loss
Northwest		Loss
Westside		Win
Gross		Win
Creighton Prep		Loss



Central faces show mixed emotions at the Prep-Central game. They show their spirit by displaying a banner denouncing Prep.

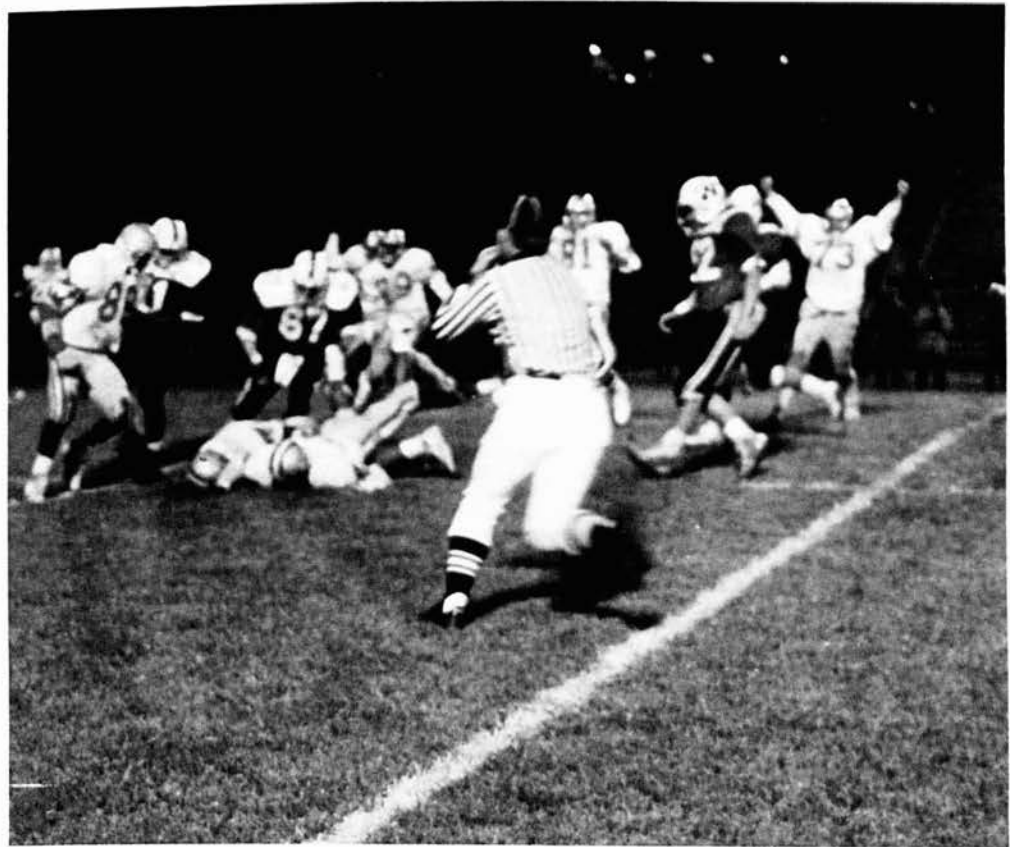
Catch me if you can! A Prep player tries to tackle Calvin Jones as the referee runs close behind.





Coach Reed gives instructions to the defense. Jody Sharpe, Doug Howland, Jonathan Winfrey, Dan Stillmock, and Abe Hoskins listen closely.

It's a touchdown! Dennis Gunia scores the first touchdown against Weatside to tie the score 7-7.



The team cools off on the sidelines. Brandon Choice, Keith Tooley, and Doug Roper wait to play.

Todd Griffith cheers as Central recovers a fumble from Weatside. Everyone rushes to the assist.



# Junior Varsity team experiences success

The Junior Varsity football team finished the season with a 5-3 winning record. "We had a pretty good season," said Central High School's Coach James Galus. With wins over such teams as Millard North High School, Westside High School, and Creighton Prep, Galus thought that the team will perform well on next year's varsity.

The opening of the season initiated with a shut-out over Millard North. Several J.V. team members played their posi-

tions for Central's Varsity Team as well. Some of those flexible J.V./Varsity players include Kelly Yancy, Lester Ridley, and Abe Hoskins. For those team members, the experience of playing on both squads can make quite a difference next year.

The season ended with a victory over Creighton Prep, 20-12. "The Prep game was the highlight of the year," said Coach Galus.

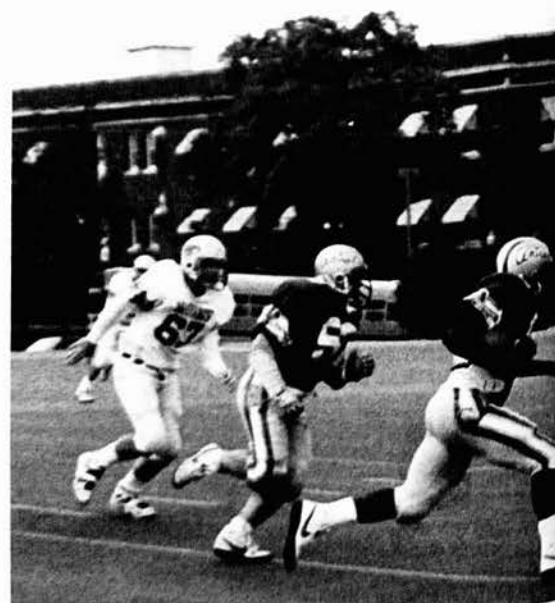
Millard North	CHS
Millard South	Win
Thomas Jefferson	Loss
Bellevue East	Win
Northwest	Win
Westside	Loss
Gross	Win
Prep	Loss
	Win



FRONT: Rob Lessley, Sherman Williams, Ralph Falkner, Steve Barajas, Wyndle Young. SECOND: Ed Wilson, Lamar O'Neal, Andy Timm, Chris Gatzemeyer, Ed Greeno, Ted Fogarty. THIRD: Coach Reed, Todd Reger, Chris Castelari, Calvin Jones, Billy Sherrod, Coach Galus. FOURTH: Brian Miller,

Doug Roper, Kip Dailey, Jody Bryant, Willy Blake. FIFTH: Kelly Yancy, Abe Hoskins, Lester Ridley. BACK: Corey Bass, Garret Wilwerding, Jonathan Culliver, Marc Connor, Rick Heller, Keith Tooley, Derek Hart, Coach Standifer.

Junior Sherman Williams runs the ball down the field at Central. Millard North Mustangs' defense attempts to stop him.



Juniors Billy Sherrod, number 12, and Rob Lessley, number 41, watch from the sidelines during the Westside-Central game. Football becomes a pretty dirty game especially in the rain.



# Reserve improves their game

The Central High School Reserve Football team started with a few problems during the beginning of the season, but made up for it in the end, according to Coach Mark Allner. "They were a little unsure of themselves in the first few games," he said. He felt that it just took the team a couple of games to prepare.

"The sophomores really improved later in the season," said Allner. Wins over North High School, Gross High School, and Creighton Prep in the latter half of the football season proved that good things come to those who wait. "I was the proudest I have ever been of any team that I have coached," Coach Allner said. He added that Central beat some of the best teams in the Metro area.

FRONT: Mike Davis, Sherman Gould, Brian Page, Ron Douglas, Richard Culliver, Rick Pallat, Steve Bryant, Steve Manhart, Rick Frank. SECOND: Brad Costanzo, Pat Callahan, Brian Armstrong, Dave Coleman, Jarvis Duncan, Diamond Alexander, Andy Wheeler, Lavelle Wells, Chris Gray, Brian Taylor. THIRD: Marc Micheli, Brett Willenborg, Rob Roberts, Donell Griffin, Scott Thompson, Larry Littlejohn, Chris Dunlap, Tim Thompson, John Keith, Aaron Moss. BACK: Rick McCallan, Brian Owens, Leroy Hervey, Coach Allen, Coach Allner, Coach Grillo.

	CHS
Millard North	Loss
Millard South	Loss
Benson	Win
Northwest	Loss
North	Win
Westside	Loss
Gross	Win
Prep	Win

Scott Thompson, Steve Manhart, and other reserve team members head for the sidelines after a pre-game warm-up.





# Golfers qualify for state

Four returning lettermen helped make the 1987-88 girls' golf season a success.

The team members, consisting of four seniors and one junior, all agreed that, "This was our best year ever." Beth Christ, senior, commented, "After three years of playing together, we grew as a team and worked together. We also had a lot of fun."

Two matches a week kept the team busy, and scores were consistently better than past years. The team was invited to one invitational, hosted by Abraham Lincoln High School, and did very well. Jennifer Urias, senior, placed second in the tournament, and Beth Christ, third. Alex Zinga and Sarah McWhorter, both seniors, also placed individually. Jennifer placed ninth at Metro, and the entire team qualified for State at the District tournament. This was the third consecutive year that the team qualified for State. Both Beth and Jennifer qualified as individuals.

Coach Dusatko was very impressed with the season's success. She felt the team was an "outstanding group to work with." She praised the team by saying, "I always felt that I was represented by a group of young ladies who were not only good golfers, but who were assets in sportsmanship and citizenship."

"Now what do I do?" remarks Jennifer Urias when she finds her golf ball lodged in a tree at Elmwood Park Golf Course.



Coach Dusatko, Beth Christ, Jennifer Urias, Sarah McWhorter, Alex Zinga, Carrie Spellman.

Sarah McWhorter and Jennifer Urias take time out from practice to have a little fun.





Beth Christ putts for a par at Elmwood Golf Course during a match against Millard North.

"How did I get in here?", asks Sarah McWhorter. Sarah contemplates her strategy for hitting out of the trees at Elmwood.



Sarah McWhorter looks on with approval as Alex Zinga practices her golf swing.

Sarah McWhorter concentrates on sinking her putt while Jennifer Urias tends the pin.



Score box		
CHS		OPP
227	Ralston	247
175	North	195
205	Abraham Lincoln	225
205	Bryan	235
202	Millard North	198
200	Northwest	215
212	South	232



## Varsity volleyball improves skills; team members look ahead to next year's season

**W**ith the loss of several key players from last year, the Central High School girl's varsity volleyball team combined skill with a lot of hard practicing to make for an exciting season, according to Coach Susan Paar.

The team worked hard at practices everyday after school from 3:00-5:30 P.M. in the new gym. This year, the team consisted of mostly juniors and sophomores with the exception of only three seniors playing varsity. Coach Paar felt that their skills improved over last year, and that team unity and spirit was very high. Coach Paar also said that team captains, Carla Dailey and Kirsten Glesne "provided excellent leadership throughout the year."

The team went 4-15 for the season and took third in the Bryan High School Invitational, which included all Omaha Public Schools. Debbie VanAckeren led the team with the most ace serves and the most sets for kill. Amy Albertson had the most kill spikes and the most blocks. Of the starters, Cindy Carpenter was the most impressive with serve receives, added Coach Paar. "The crowning point of the season came at the District Tournament." The team had a solid first round win but eventually lost to Papillion High School, she said.

Coach Paar has very high expectations for next year's team. She mentioned that some promising sophomores include Mara Taylor, Lisa Littlejohn, Susan MacDissi, Maria Bang, and Elizabeth Thonen. Coach Paar says that many of the players are planning to play during off season.

Team captain, Kirsten Glesne, said the team played very well but not always at the right times. She assured that, "I am really looking forward to playing on next year's team."



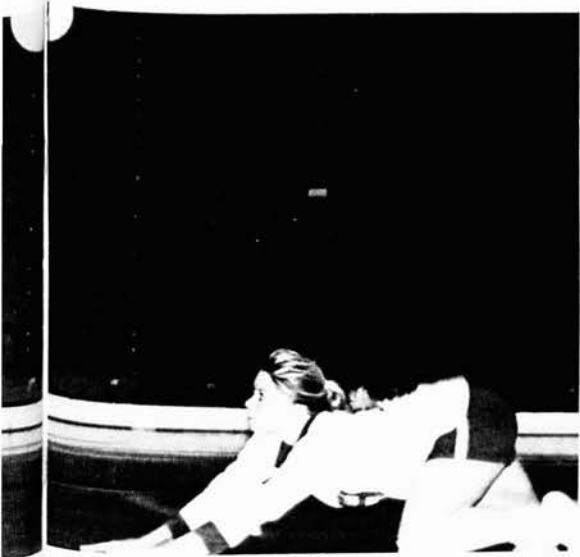
Cindy Carpenter jumps up to spike the volleyball. Teresa Alvarez looks on and is ready to back her up if necessary.

Amy Albertson, Kirsten Glesne, Cindy Carpenter, Debbie VanAckeren, Carla Dailey, Shonda Rohn, Susan MacDissi, Lisa Littlejohn, Teresa Alvarez, Ruth Sitzman, Maria Bang, Elizabeth Thonen, Sonya Nixon, Mara Taylor, Shelley Davey, Coach Paar.



OPP	CHS
Thomas Jefferson	loss
Ralston	loss
Northwest	loss
Bryan	won
Abraham Lincoln	loss
Benson	won
South	won
Marian	loss
Bellevue East	loss
North	loss
Benson	loss
Millard North	loss
Burke	loss
Bellevue West	loss
Benson	won
Papillion	loss

Varsity Volleyball players Sonya Nixon, Cindy Carpenter, Amy Albertson, and Kirsten Glesne express the excitement of their victory. "Are we awesome or what!" says Amy Albertson.



Kim Horne watches as Mara Taylor dives to save the volleyball during a game. Players spend a lot of time on their knees since these types of moves are not at all uncommon in a volleyball game.

Susan MacDissi is well-prepared to set up the next volley. Cathy Clawson is ready to assist.



Susan MacDissi warms up before a game. Maria Bang looks on wondering when she is going to get a turn.

## Junior varsity has 5-5 season

Many talented sophomores contributed to the Central High School junior varsity volleyball team's 5-5 record, according to Coach Debbie Hettwer.

Coach Hettwer said the team members were easy to work with and practiced very hard. Practices were two hours a day, five days a week. Coach Hettwer felt it was not right to compare her team with last year's team. "We had a wide diversity of personalities," she said. Coach Hettwer also said that everyone got along well and worked as a team.

Lisa Littlejohn, sophomore, who played on both varsity and junior varsity, said that the team captains, Ruth Sitzman and Claudette Godinette really did a good job of keeping up team unity.

Kim Horne, sophomore, summed up her experience on the team by saying, "It was an exciting year, and I had a lot of fun."

Claudette Godinette, Kim Horne, Lisa Littlejohn, Coach Hettwer, Dawn Bobkovas, Alyssa McIntyre, Liz Thonen, Lisa Rix, Jenny Pedersen, Cathy Clawson, Leslie Robinson, Jamie Olmstead, April Morris, Avis Williamson, Barbie Nolan, Maria Bang, Susan MacDissi, Mara Taylor, Ruth Sitzman, Angie Plendl.

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Millard North	loss
Burke	loss



# Boys' cross country Hits peaks and valleys

Mr. Geringer, coach of the boys' Cross Country team said, "There were a lot of peaks and a lot of valleys this year." At Districts, Jim Martin placed second after falling down earlier in the race. He lost only by three seconds. Jim was also given special recognition for his second place finish at state. Jim's time clocked the same as the first place runner, but he was beaten by a stride. Jim also broke the

state record by twenty-seven seconds, which was the fastest time recorded in the nation so far this year for a high school Cross Country runner.

However, this year became the first time in eight years that the Cross Country team did not qualify for state. "The runners worked hard, but we fell a little short of our goals," said Mr. Geringer.

Jim Martin set a new record as the Nebraska High School State Champion. He became one of the fastest Cross Country runners in the nation.



A.L. Invitational	4th place
Lewis Central Invitational	4th place
Bellevue West Invitational	4th place
Millard North Invitational	4th place
Metro	7th place
Districts	4th place

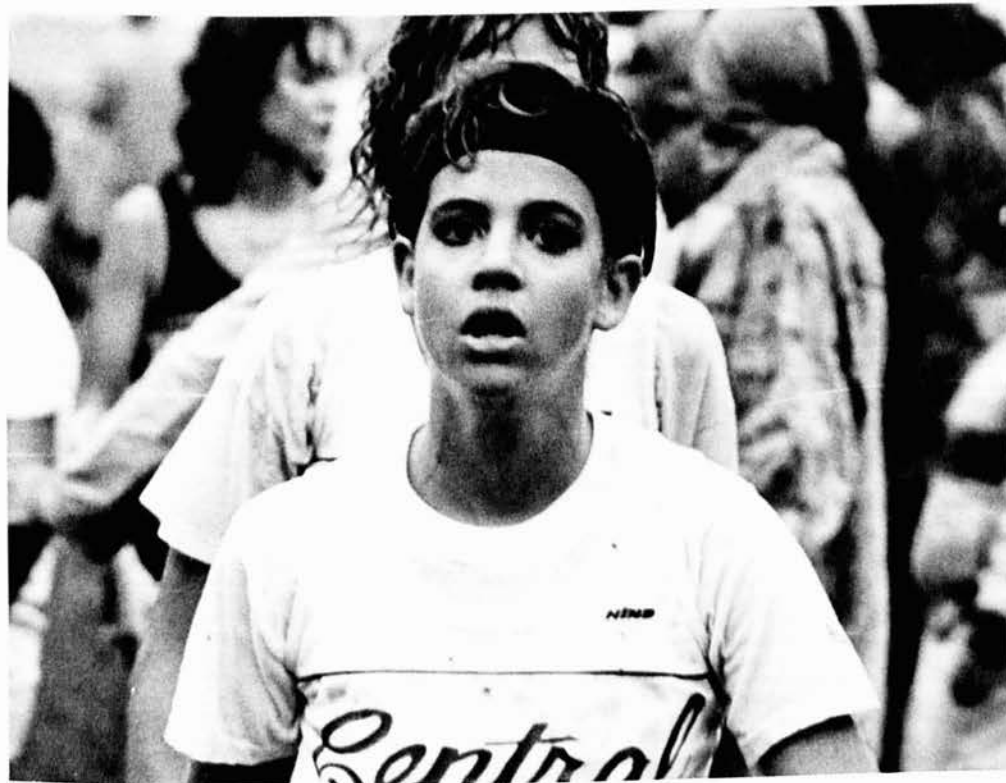


Melker Sandberg, Cory Fuxa, Robert McCarter, Phil Warner, Jim Martin, Joe Schlesselman, Mike

Warner, Dave Zeisler, Kevin Boyd, Keith Lucas, Dan Bayer.

These runners anxiously wait for the starter's gun at the Millard North Invitational. Get ready boys!

# Cross Country works toward goal



<b>CHS</b>		<b>OPP</b>
28	Papillion	29
25	Westside	32
<b>DISTRICTS</b>		2nd place
<b>STATE</b>		10th place



**T**hroughout Elmwood Park, Memorial Park, and the streets of Omaha, the girls' Cross Country team practiced with a goal in mind.

Coach James felt that every coach must help his or her team establish realistic goals. The team goal was to qualify for State. The team's second place win at the District Tournament guaranteed central a spot at State. Marci Reed led the team by receiving a medal.

According to Coach James, the team practiced hard every night. They won both their meets against Papillion and Westside. He felt the team ran consistently, and that the members ran to their potential. Despite the fact that only three of the top seven runners had previous experience with running, Coach James did not believe this was any sort of handicap. He felt that the team "ran with maturity." He also said that, "the varsity runners provided good leadership for the team."

Amy Meyer, senior, summed up the season by saying, "I really enjoyed being on the team. We all worked together and became good friends."

"Wow! It's finally over!" says Amy Meyer. Amy is recuperating from the 2.5-mile run at the District meet at Bellevue West High School.

Amy Meyer runs to catch up with fellow teammate Sabra Bull at Districts. Due to rain, the day proved quite strenuous for running.



Marci Reed concentrates on running up hill in the 2.5-mile run at the District meet.

Shelly Smith, Sarah Straub, Beth Lucas, Jade Williams, Sheila Cooperrider, Sabra Bull, Sarah Townley, Amy Meyer, Renae Ryan, Michelle Lyons, Ann Sitzman, Erin Coughlin, Karen Deffenbacher, Elaine Tucker, Marci Reed, Coach James.



Shani Sellman, Horace Mann freshman, demonstrates her talent on the balance beam. Shani is a good example of a junior high school athlete playing at the high school level.



Jamie Strauss, junior, completes an impressive vault at the Millard North Invitational. Jamie has been competing in gymnastics for many years.



Brecke Houston, senior, shows off her new gymnastics sweats while striking an impressive pose.



Miki Tomes, a Norris freshman, shows her technique on the floor exercise. Gymnastics takes a lot of

concentration, shown by her facial expression.



These two gymnasts, Brecke Houston and Lisa MacAfee, relax while waiting for their turn on the floor.

# Girls gymnastics has successful year



**F**our returning lettermen and two freshman helped the girls' gymnastics team to a winning season.

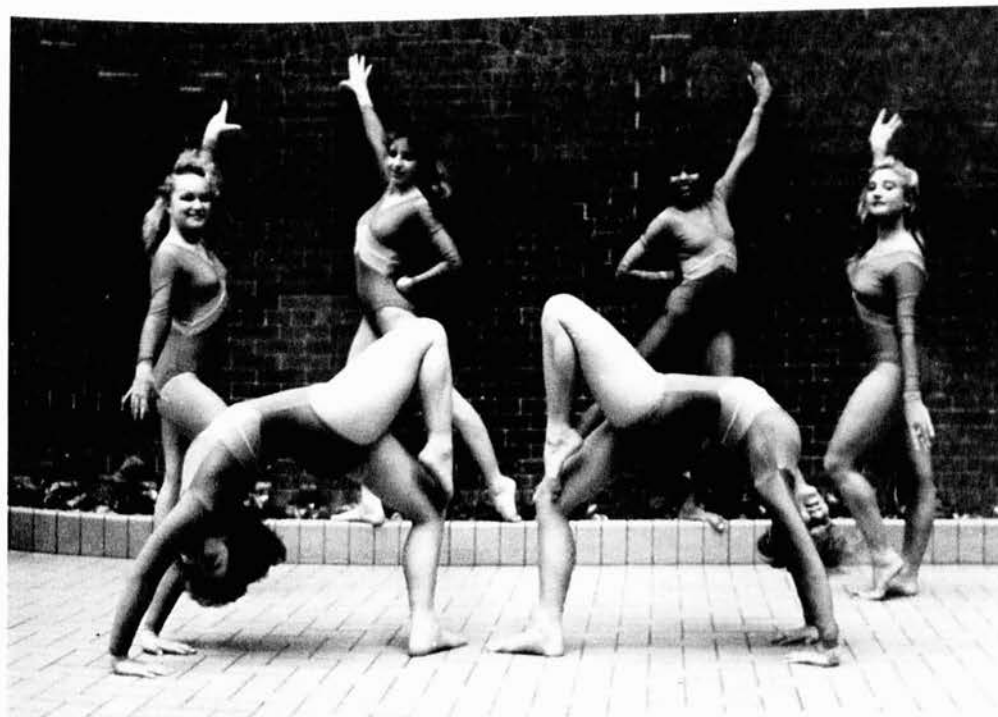
Coach Kent Friesen said that the 1987-88 girls' gymnastics team could not have done any better. "They did as much as they could, and they really hit," he said.

Coach Friesen also said he was very impressed with the way the team pulled together. He remarked, "Amy Hoffman and Brecke Houston had outstanding team spirit. They pulled the entire team together."

The team came on strong under pressure assured Coach Friesen. He was very happy with the two freshmen, Shani Sellman and Miki Tomes. He described the two gymnasts as being "dynamic" and "talented." Coach Friesen also praised senior, Brecke Houston by saying, "She was the shaker and the mover. She really made things happen."

Competitively the team did well with a first place win at Metro. Brecke Houston, placed first all around, while Shani Sellman placed fourth. Due to a point error, the gymnastics team placed second at State, which was held in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brecke Houston commented, "We knew we did not have a chance to beat Lincoln High. Some of their gymnasts were ready for the Olympics. Our goal was to place second at State, and we are very pleased with our win."



Opponent	CHS	Opp
Thomas Jefferson	136.2	102
Ralston	140.35	98.6
South	142.2	85.6
Northwest	141.1	108.55
Millard North	132.3	140.1
North	136	109.3
Northwest Invitational	First place	
Millard South Invitational	Fourth place	
Tom Hallstrom Invitational	First place	
Metro	First place	
Districts	Second place	
State	Second place	

Amy Hoffman, Brecke Houston, Shani Sellman, Jamie Strauss, Miki Tomes, Lisa MacAfee.



Members of the girls' gymnastic team talk with the guys before a meet. The two teams gave each other a lot of support during competitions.



Junior Rob Steele demonstrates his strength and concentration by suspending himself horizontally on the still rings.



Junior Gene Eckel shows extreme balance on the parallel bars. Although Gene is a junior, this is his third year with the Eagle gymnastics team.



FRONT: Allen McFall. SECOND: Coach Freisen, Kamin Beavers, Bill Verzani, Coach Kozak. BACK: El-



## Young gymnasts balance pressure

The 1987-88 Central High School boys' gymnastics team consisted entirely of young members. "The team had no seniors, and that was somewhat of a setback," said junior Gene Eckel.

Junior Rob Steele said, "Although we had a lot to overcome, we had a great year. It was fun, and that's what really counts." Rob also feels that next year's team will be much more experienced. "I improved a lot, as well as quite a few other people," he said.

Although the boy's team as a whole, did not have a winning season, both Rob Steele and Gene Eckel received medals at the Tom Halstrom Invitational. One team member went to state, and that was Elder Broadnax. He qualified with a score of 8.3 on the vault.

Both Rob and Gene felt that one of the things which helped the boys team through the season was the support they received from the members of the girls gymnastics team. Rob said, "They really made it fun, and they were a big help to us during the season. They helped take some of the pressure off."

Mr. Kent Freisen, a science teacher at Lewis and Clark Junior High School, coached the boys' and girls' gymnastic's teams this year.



Tom Halstrom Invit.	Lost
Art Harris Invit.	Lost
Lincoln Invit.	Lost
Thomas Jefferson Invit.	Lost
Millard South Invit.	Lost
Districts	9th place

der Broadnax, Rick Matsunami. NOT PICTURED: Rob Steele, Gene Eckel.

Sophomore Kamin Beavers holds a steady position as he awaits further instruction from Coach Freisen.



# Salerno does it again

The Chinese have the year of the monkey and the year of the dragon, but Central High School tennis has the year of Salerno. For the fourth year in a row, Joe Salerno became the state singles tennis champion. This is only the second time in the country that one person has won four consecutive state championship titles. According to players from other high schools, Joe had a slight advantage because he lives above Dewey Tennis Courts. According to Joe, he felt this was only an advantage in the sense that it got him started playing tennis.

Joe hopes to be an influence for incoming sophomores. "Hopefully some of the future tennis players will see what I have done and decide to come to Central."

Joe credits the team's good season to the seriousness and concentration of dedicated players. The team as a whole finished fourth in metro and fifth in the state. Coach John Waterman said the team had a "relatively good year." Steve Likes, senior, said he felt that "though the team lacked the talent of previous years, we were more unified as a whole; we really had to pull for each other."

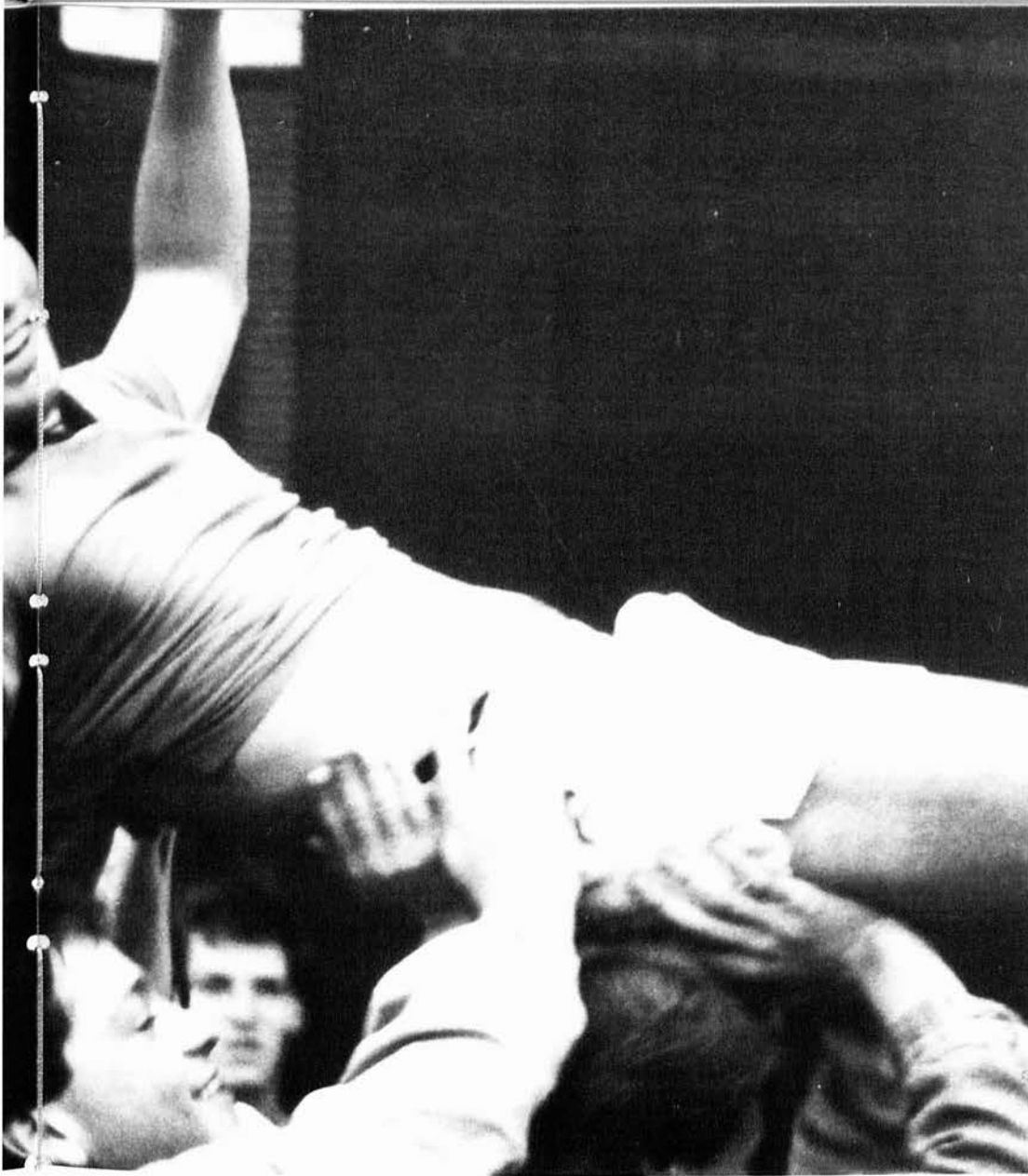
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5	4	1	8
4	5	6	3
7	2	5	4
7	2	5	4
1	8	2	7
6	3	Metro	fourth
1	8	State	fifth



BACK: Dan Pansing, Pete Festersen, Jake Torrens, Brian McQuiddy, Jason Hiatt, Matt Nelson. FRONT: Rick Harris, Ryan Gaughan, Joe Salerno, Steve Likes, Jason Teel, Rick Bascome.

Ryan Gaughan returns his opponent's serve. He takes on an interesting form as he smashes the ball into the receiving court during a singles match.





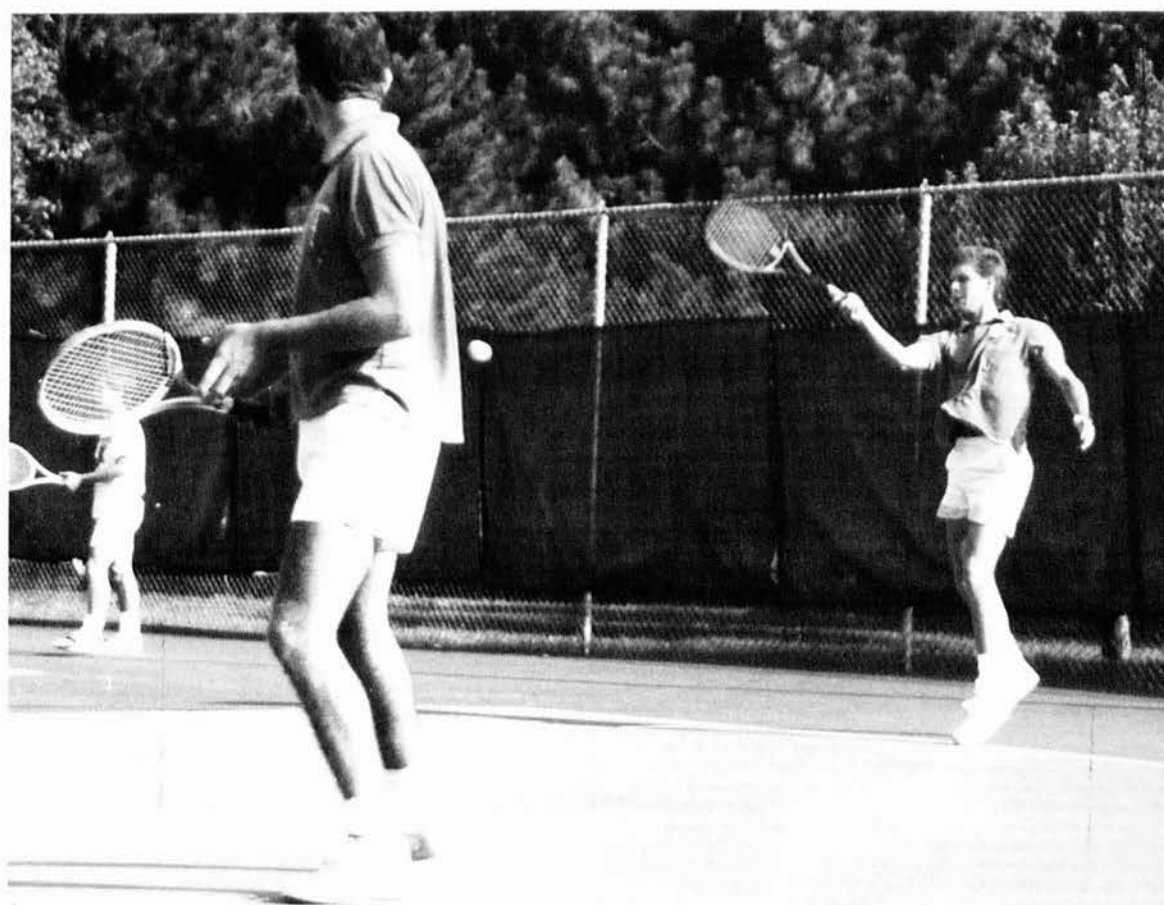
Carried off by his friends, Joe Salerno celebrates his fourth consecutive state singles tennis championship.

Dan Pansing returns the ball into his opponent's court. In addition to Central's team, Dan practices at Happy Hollow Country Club during the summer months.



Rick Harris leaps up to return a serve during a practice at Dewey Courts.

Jason Hiatt takes a short break from the pressure while Rick Harris focuses on hitting the ball during a doubles match.





# Eagle varsity improves despite disappointing start

According to the Lady Eagles, their 1987-88 basketball season had a disappointing start.

This year, the team consisted of only two returning varsity players, who were seniors Johnetta Haynes and Mallery Ivy. According to Johnetta, the fact that they played varsity last year made the other team members this year more dependent on her and Mallery in the beginning. "We were under a lot of pressure," said Johnetta. She also added, "because of the many young team members, we also had to teach along with the coach. Many goals and skills needed to be developed."

"We were a young team, and we weren't really united at the beginning, but in the end everyone came together as a team, and we improved," said Mallery Ivy.

Mr. Donald Knauss, the Girls' Varsity coach said, "the season was disappointing, but we did get better." According to Coach Knauss, a pivot point in the season came during the Millard North game. "Even though we lost, Central outplayed themselves. We then turned around and beat Abraham Lincoln," he said. Coach Knauss feels that each team has its own

personality. He felt that a big accomplishment of this year's team was, "learning to accept each other as friends and teammates that will be lasting."

The varsity Lady Eagles practice shooting baskets in the new gym. The Eagles practice every day after school.



Tamara Anderson rebounds the basketball during a game with Bellevue East.



FRONT: Ronneta Hughes, Maria Bang, Mickey White, Coach Bryson, Coach Knauss, Coach Standifer. BACK: Larissa Moore, Mallery Ivy, Kim Outlaw, Lanetta Shields, Johnetta Haynes, Rocky Smith, Leatha Pugh, Tamara Anderson, Tracy Oliver.

Senior Mallery Ivy is shown here driving the ball down the court for a lay-up.



CHS		OPP
62	Benson	64
60	Lincoln East	62
54	Ralston	42
61	Marian	64
38	Gross	58
59	South	48
43	Papillion	51
47	Benson	49
40	Millard South	60
53	Bellevue East	38
38	Millard North	40
62	Abraham Lincoln	40
39	Westside	36
75	Bryan	32



Johnetta Haynes shoots for a basket while other players wait anxiously for the results. Johnneta was a member of the varsity team last year as well.



Tamara Anderson and Mallery Ivy attempt to block a pass from a Bellevue East player.



# J.V. shows consistency

The 1987-88 girls' junior varsity basketball team did not start out with much experience.

"This year's team started out really slow," said Coach Stan Standifer. The junior varsity team, made up of only two juniors and ten sophomores, won their first game against Benson then went on to lose the next five games before Christmas. However, according to Coach Standifer, they improved after Christmas with a record of 7-3.

The team practiced hard Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 after school. The junior varsity games were scheduled on Thursdays at 5:45 and Saturday mornings at 9:30.

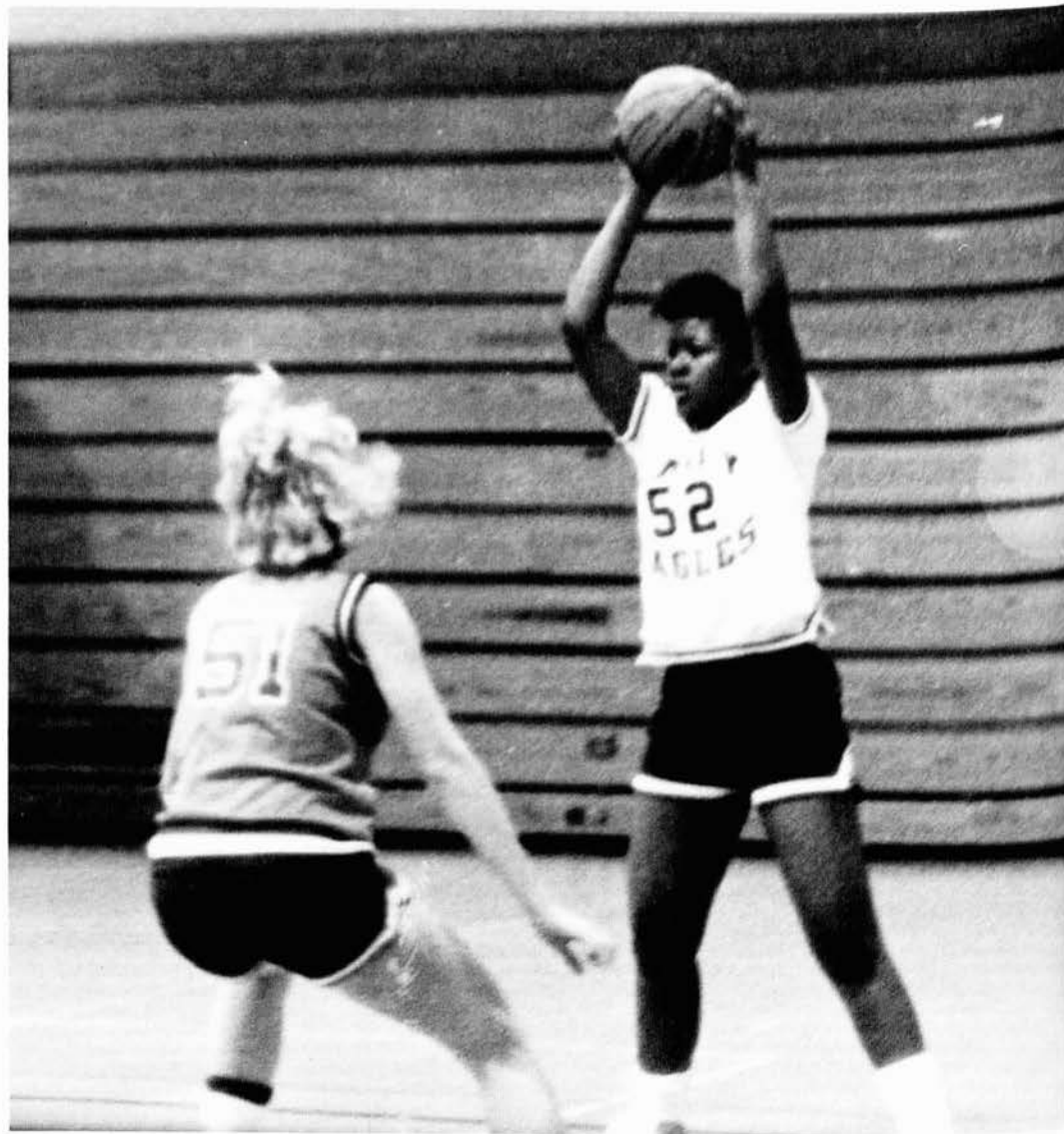
"One of our best games this year was when the team defeated Millard North 38-30," said Coach Standifer. The team then went on to defeat Westside 34-28 the following week. All in all, Coach Standifer said the team played "consistently all season."

CHS		OPP
28	Benson	25
24	Lincoln East	42
28	Marian	46
40	Ralston	32
47	Gross	60
19	Millard South	32
57	Bellevue East	29
42	Abraham Lincoln	25
38	Millard North	30
39	Bryan	15
31	Westside	26
32	Papillion	61
49	South	21
53	Northwest	26
45	North	30

Jenny Pederson attempts to pass a ball while being blocked by a tough opponent.



Ebony Smith waits for an open team member to pass to.



FRONT: T.t. Greene, Maria Bang, Grace Mason, Claudette Godinet. SECOND: Larissa Moore, Laurie Hammer, Teresa Alvarez, Avis Williamson. THIRD: Ebony Smith, Lisa Littlejohn, Letha Pugh, Jenny Pederson. BACK: Harry Bryson, Coach Standifer.

# Powerlifters reach goals

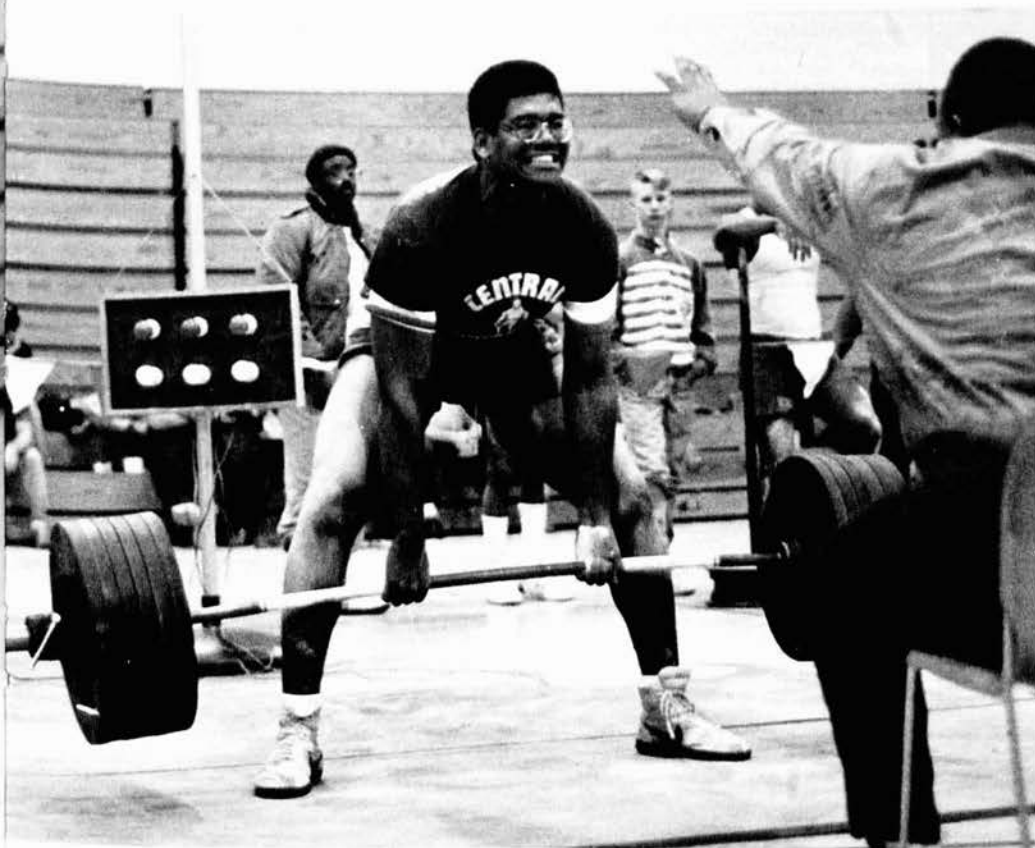
"Over the past years Central's powerlifting team has had sustaining success. Unfortunately this year the team had heavy competition from Northwest High School. The team cooperated and worked together though, and we ended up having a great year," said Senior power lifter Brandon Choice.

Under the coaching of Joe McMena-min, the 1987-1988 Powerlifting team was able to reach their team and individ-

ual goals.

Senior Jody Sharpe set a new state record in the 242-pound weight class. His dead lift of 615 pounds beat the old record by 10 pounds.

Other wrestlers that added to the success of the season were Kelly Yancy, Brandon Choice, Tony Flatt, Tony Romero, and April Morris, the team's only female competitor.



Senior Jody Sharpe shows the tension in his face as he attempts a dead lift of 615 lbs. This lift is a new state record for Jody's weight class.

April Morris, the power lifting team's only female, prepares herself for her first lift of the meet.

Kelly Yancy shows great determination and concentration as he gets into position for his dead lift.



Jody Sharpe assists Tony Flatt as he prepares for a lift known as the squat. Team members frequently spotted for their teammates.



# Boys' varsity faces difficulties

The 1987-88 Central High School Boys' Varsity Basketball season has been one of "challenge and adversity" according to Coach James Martin. Central returned only one starter from last year, Jim Martin, and only two others with varsity experience, Gary Wilson and Scott English. With no one experienced at point guard, the Eagles were looking for an effective ball handler and floor leader, said Coach Martin.

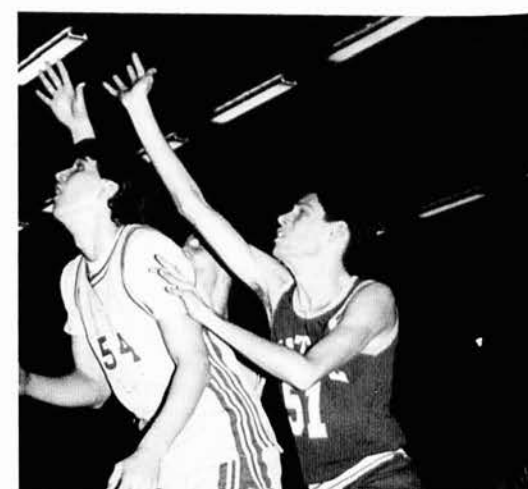
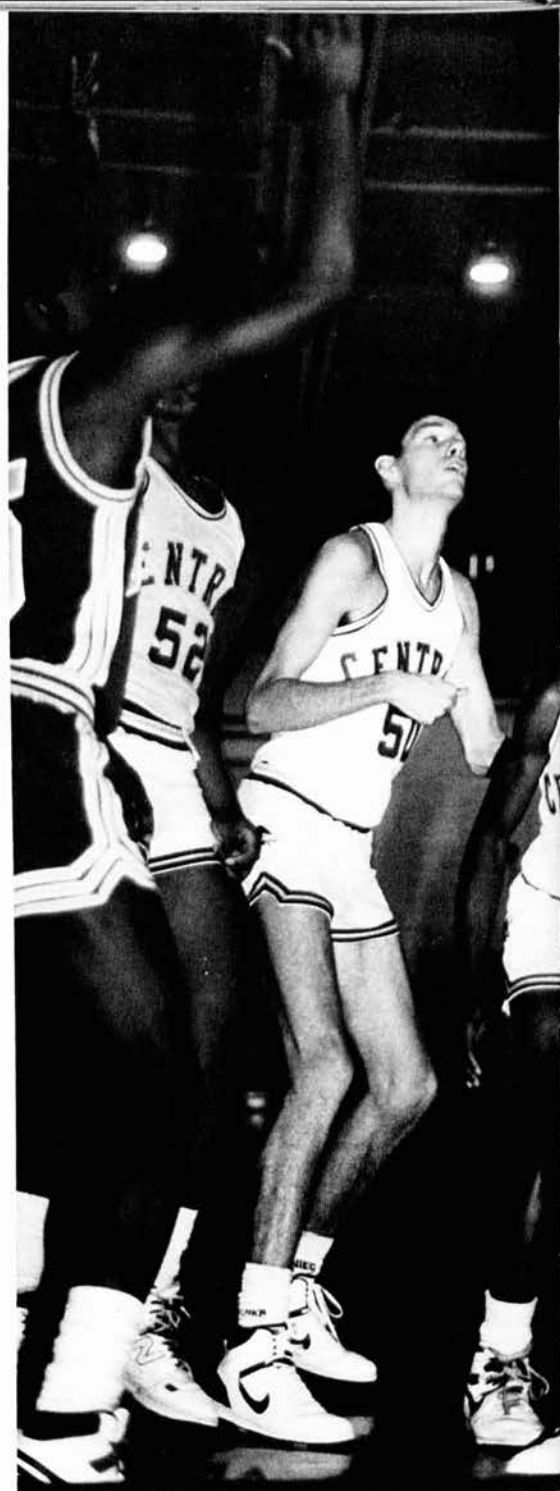
After four games, the Eagles tried sophomore Scott Thompson at point guard, and leading scorer, Jim Marrin, went to the bench due to an illness. Adversity continued, as the team lost six games straight before winning their first game.

Good defensive play keynoted the improved Eagles' play in January, as they won four straight games, according to Coach Martin. This was followed by a three-game losing streak, and the team faced the challenge of coming back strong in their last three games by gaining momentum as they entered the district tournament.

Stellar performers for the Eagles were seniors, Jim Martin and Gary Wilson; Juniors, Scott English, Dennis Barfield, and James Maloney; and Sophomore, Scott Thompson. Others making contributions to the varsity team included Billy Sherrod, Eli Collins, Louis Prince, Joe Salerno, Rick Harris, and Jim Kemp.

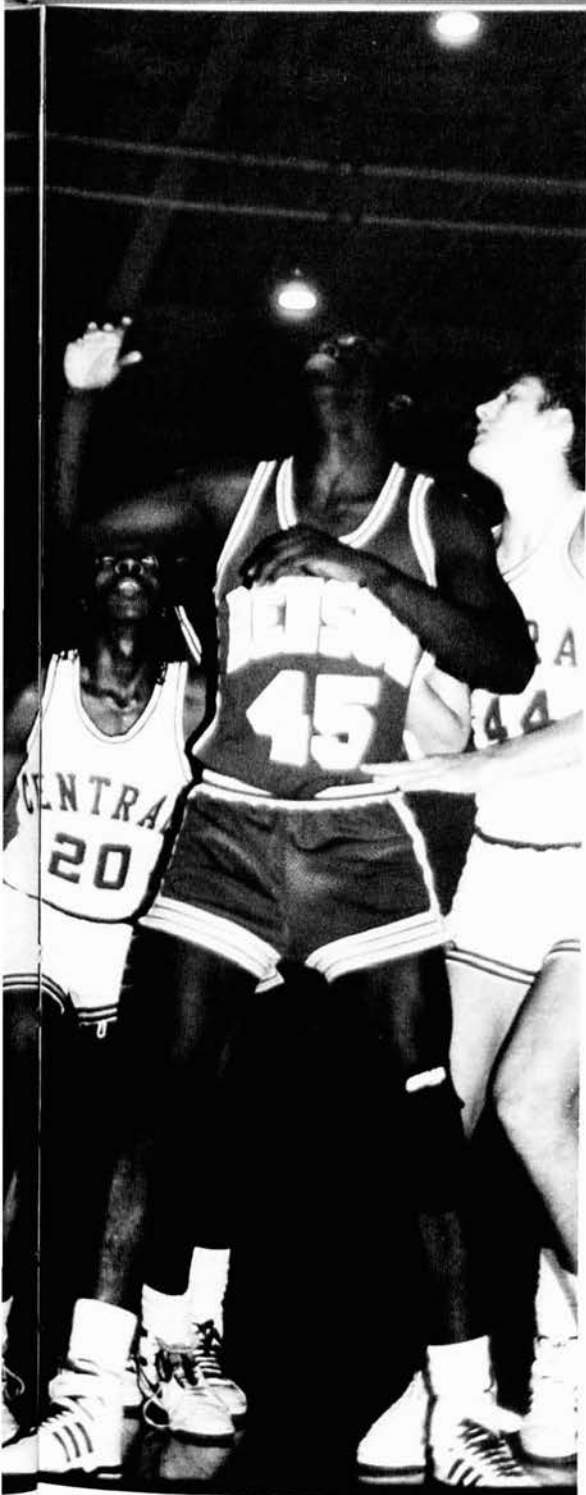
Coach Martin said, "I think we have a lot of character among the players on our team." He went on to say that "they're not just good athletes, they're good students as well." According to Coach Martin, the varsity team was hard-working and cooperative throughout the year.

A difficult schedule with few home games gave the Eagles a slow start, according to Coach Martin. "After such a slow start, confidence was difficult to build into the team," he said. According to Coach Martin, the team improved in man to man defense and scoring balance. This contributed to the 53-52 victory over Westside, one of the better teams in the Metro. Coach Martin added that overall he was proud of the team.



Jim Martin positions for a rebound against Bellevue East. Jim plays center and forward for the varsity squad.

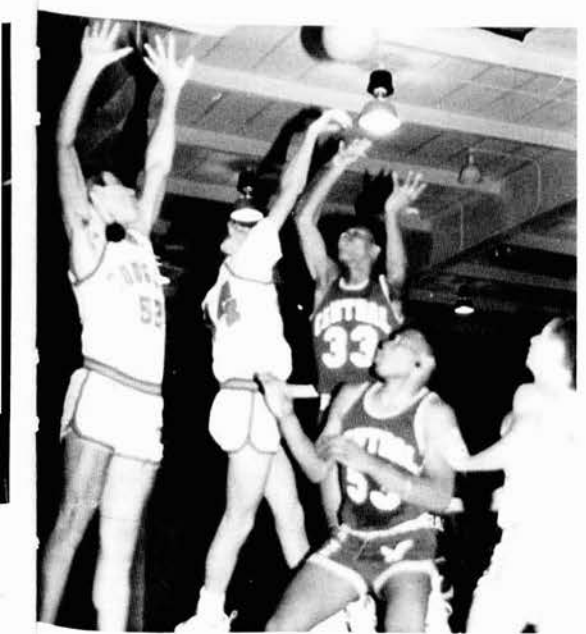
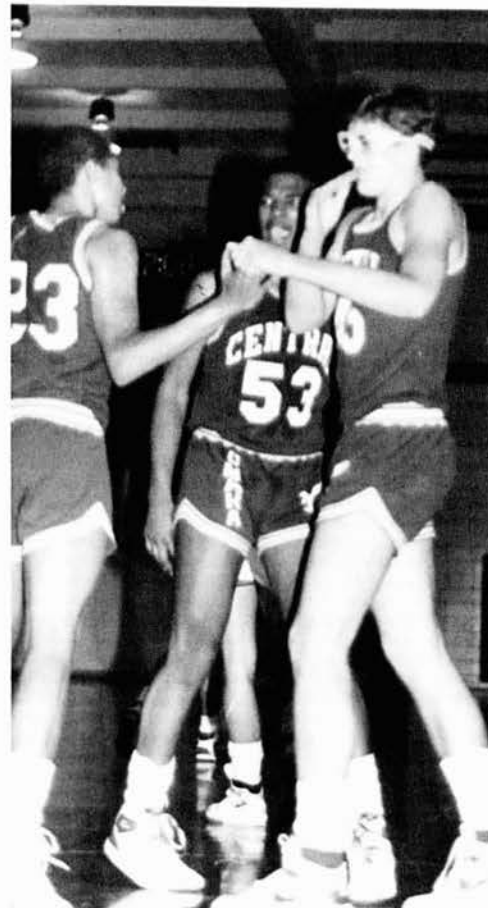
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Ralston	Loss
Creighton Prep	Loss
Gross	Loss
Burke	Loss
Ralston	Win
Millard South	Loss
Bellevue East	Win
Millard North	Win
Abraham Lincoln	Win
Westside	Win
Bryan	Loss
South	Loss
Papillion	Loss



Scott English, Jim Martin, Gary Wilson, and James Maloney prepare to get the rebound from their Benson opponents.

Sophomore Scott Thompson and Juniors Scott English and James Maloney congratulate each other on a job well done.

Scott English fights for the ball with a Gross competitor. Scott was one of three juniors to start for the team.



Dennis Barfield shoots as Scott English moves into rebound position in a game against Gross.

FRONT: Coach Rick Behrens, Assistant Coach Elvis Dominguez, team mascot, Coach James Martin, Assistant Coach Ron Martin. BACK: Joe Salerno, Bill Sherrod, Scott Thompson, Rick Harris, Walter Outlaw, Jim Martin, James Maloney, Jim Kemp, Scott English, Gary Wilson, Eli Collins, Brian Page.



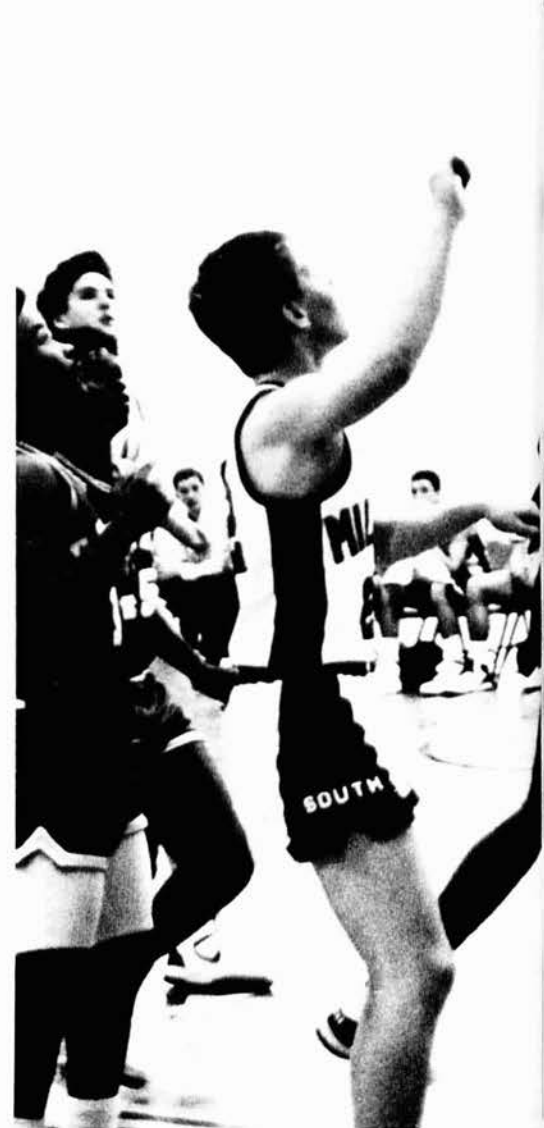
# Sophomores aid J.V.

"This is the second year in a row that we've had good sophomore players," said Coach Rick Behrens, a Central High School social studies teacher. This year the team had a slight advantage over most Junior Varsity teams, he said. The reason for this is sophomore Walter Outlaw's 6'6" which gave the team an extra "lift." "He made it really hard for anyone else to get a rebound," said Coach Behrens. Other team members were Brian Page, Calvin Jones, and Karibu Crudup. Coach Behrens felt that the team held their own against the Millard schools which had more experienced players.

In the four years that Coach Behrens coached the J.V. team, he felt that this year's team ranks at the top. "We have some weaknesses like passing and blocking, but the team has really worked hard," added Behrens. He said that several of this year's J.V. team members would be playing Varsity basketball next season.

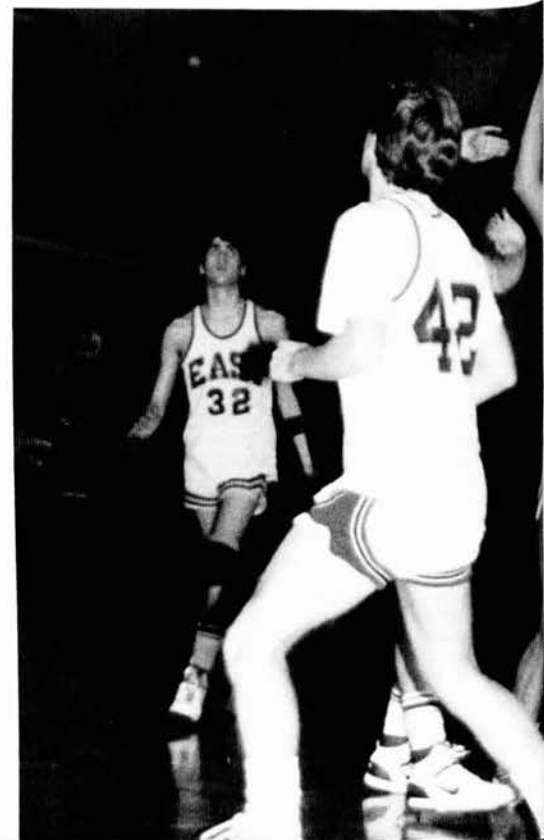


Karibu Crudup makes a jump shot against a Creighton Prep player. Prep went on to win the game 66-48.



FRONT: Calvin Jones, Trevor Flynn, Karibu Crudup, Brian Page, Edward Darwin, Jordan Stevens, Edwin Wilson. BACK: Malcolm Weston, Steve Rohn, Derek Hart, Walter Outlaw, Brian Owens, Andy Huff.

Rick Heller shoots the ball from the free-throw line. Justin Mickles waits in anticipation for the ball to go through the net.



At the Millard South game, Brian Page, Calvin Jones, and Steve Rohn watch the ball. Steve Rohn waits in anticipation for the rebound.



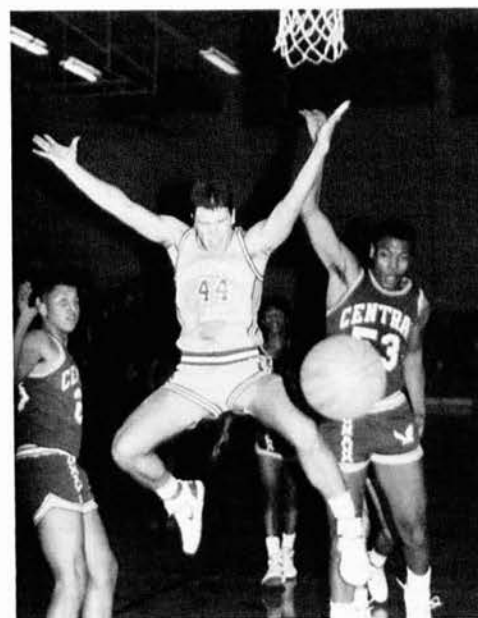
# Sophomores build confidence with work

"This year's sophomore basketball team is improving each week," according to Central High School's Coach James Galus. "The team also performs very well against other competitive teams," he said.

The sophomore team's strength is their offense, according to Coach Galus. "The team average of 60 points a game was upheld throughout the season, and that is very good for a team at the sophomore level," he said.

Coach Galus felt that the team's biggest weakness was their defense. "The team worked hard to overcome this weakness by practicing at Westbrook school every day for two hours. The willingness to practice every day has helped the defense to improve greatly."

Coach Galus also said that the sophomore team has "a lot of skill and confidence, they just need to work. Mental strength is a large factor in their improvement."



Ed Wilson and Maurice Cotton look surprised at the reaction of a Bellevue East player after the ball has gone out of bounds.



FRONT: Kimera Bartee, Daryl Paulk, Richard Culliver, Mike Walker, Loren Kirk. BACK: Coach Galus, Justin Mickles, Laroy Harvey, Rick Heller, Jeff Money, Steve Manhart. NOT PICTURED: Steve Rohn, Ed Wilson, Maurice Cotton.



# Swimmers create unity

"This year's swim team improved greatly over last year's team," said Coach Mark Allner, a Central High School teacher. "The teams both had a good year, and they gave each other a lot of support," he said.

The two teams practiced together at Norris Junior High after school for approximately two hours. Senior Kristi Covalcuic said, "The fact that the two teams practiced together created a sense of unity, and therefore we all pushed each other to be the best."

The teams were undefeated in all duals except one. "We lost to Millard North, but they are the third best team in the state," said Coach Allner. Even with the loss to Millard North, Coach Allner felt the teams had a good season.

"Senior Debbie Van Ackeren, Junior Amy Albertson, and Sophomore Nicole Gerhard really added a lot to the team," said Kristi. "They were three of our best swimmers, and they helped us win many of our duals," said Coach Allner.



Junior Andy Timm takes a minute to think about his goal for the next meet. Swimmers need to concentrate before and during their meets.

Junior Ted Fogarty paddles through the water with the help of a kickboard. The kickboard is designed to strengthen the muscles in the legs.



FRONT: Sabra Bull, Cathy Clawson, Kristi Covalcuic, John Roberts, Debbie VanAckeren, Andy Timm, Lisa Frey. SECOND: Luta Everitt, Amy Albert-

son, Nicole Gerhard, Ted Fogarty, Kirstin Glesne, Clint Cooper, Keith Klanderud. BACK: Pat Dumas, Jessica Julas, Jessica Perlman, Coach Allner.

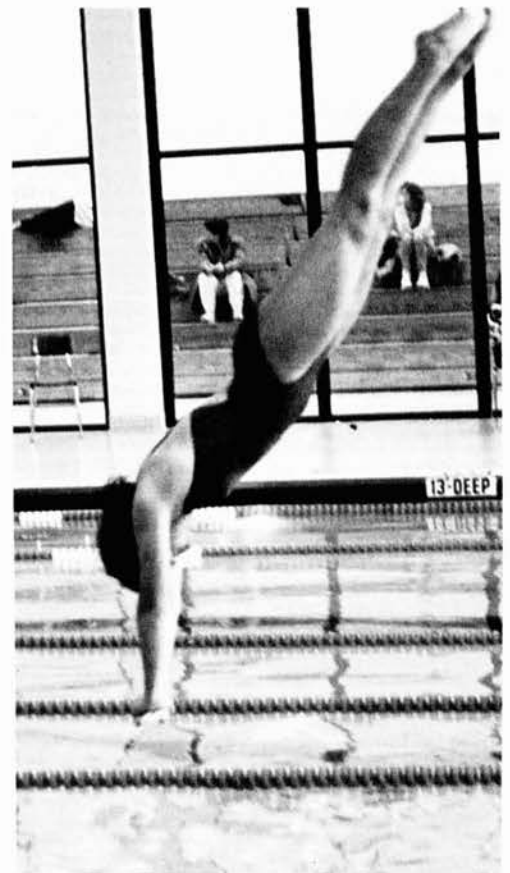


Junior Kirsten Glesne models the latest in swimming hairstyles. Most swimmers opt to wear a lycra swim cap which provides resistance against the water.

Junior Cathy Clawson takes a breath during the breaststroke. During this meet, she swam the 100 individual medley.



Sophomore Luta Everett does a fast flip turn and heads down her lane for a finishing time in the 100 M freestyle.



Lisa Frey completes a forward dive. Lisa is a freshman at Norris Junior High School.





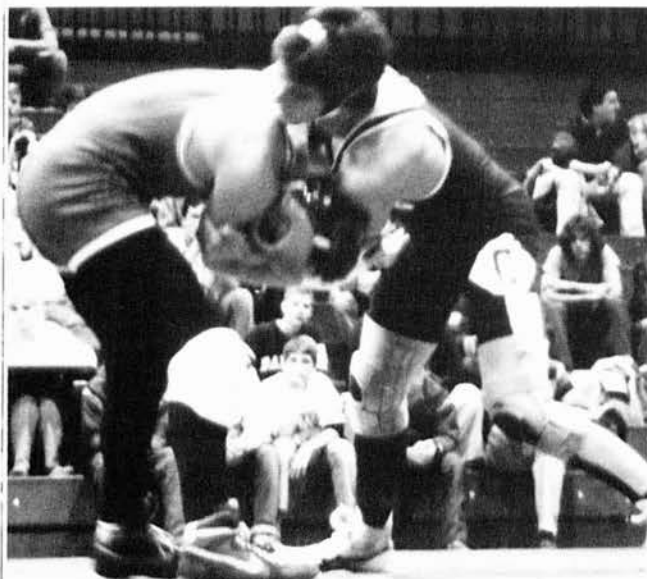
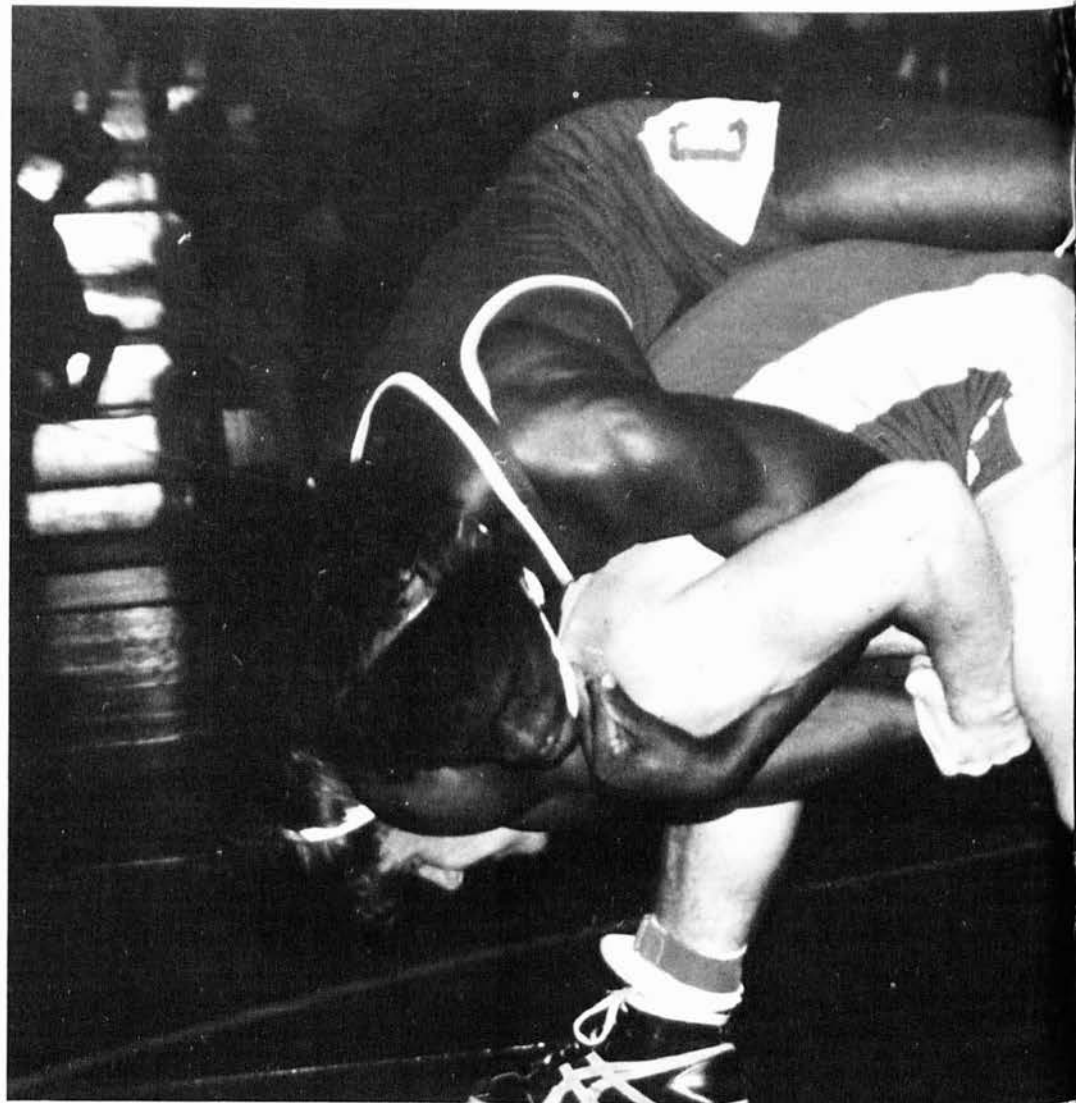
# Wrestling team 'pins' success

"We had a lot of good wrestlers this year," said Coach Gary Kubik about Central High School's wrestling team. Travis Sallis, Mike Warner, and Phil Warner returned from last year's team. Many new members included seniors, Demetrios Meares and Tony Finch; junior, Jason Blankenship; and sophomores, Keith Tooley, Gordon Taylor, Tyrone Turner, and Larry Littlejohn.

Despite injuries of two key wrestlers, Travis Sallis and Mike Warner, the team had a good season, said Coach Kubik. According to Coach Kubik, the team's great attitude, hard work, and cooperation helped in making the year successful.

Coach Kubik also said, "I was fortunate to have Travis Sallis on the team because he is the third best wrestler in the state for his weight class."

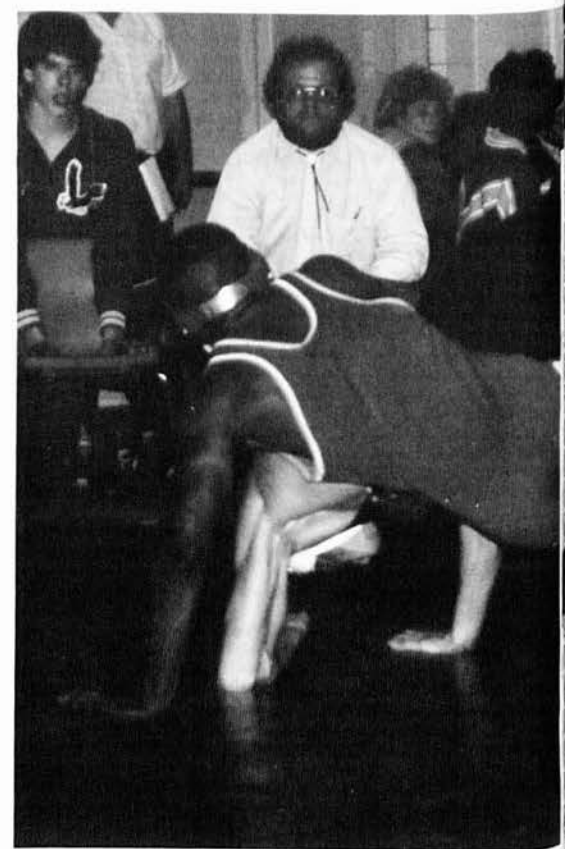
With many good sophomore wrestlers, Coach Kubik is optimistic about next year's season.



Co-captain Mike Warner uses a headlock to take down an Abraham Lincoln opponent.



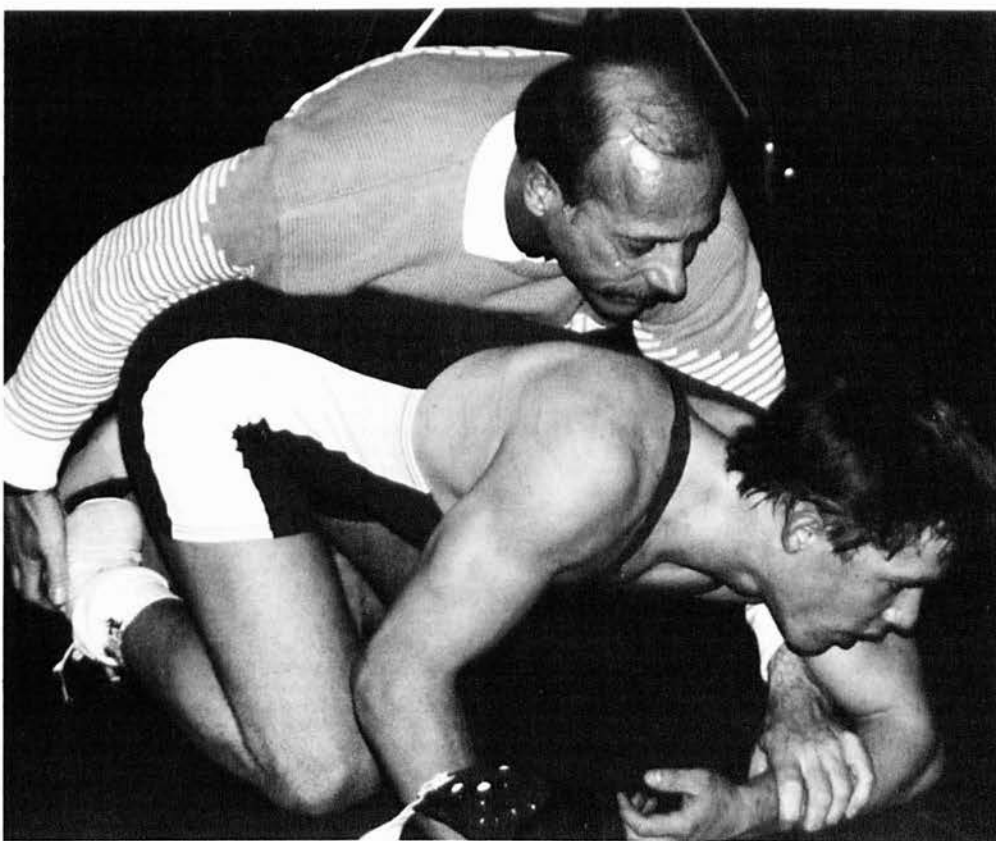
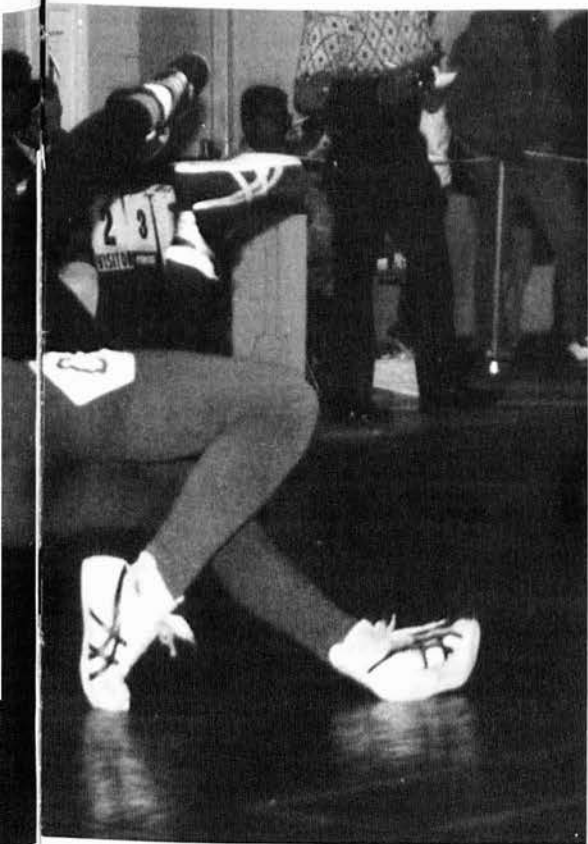
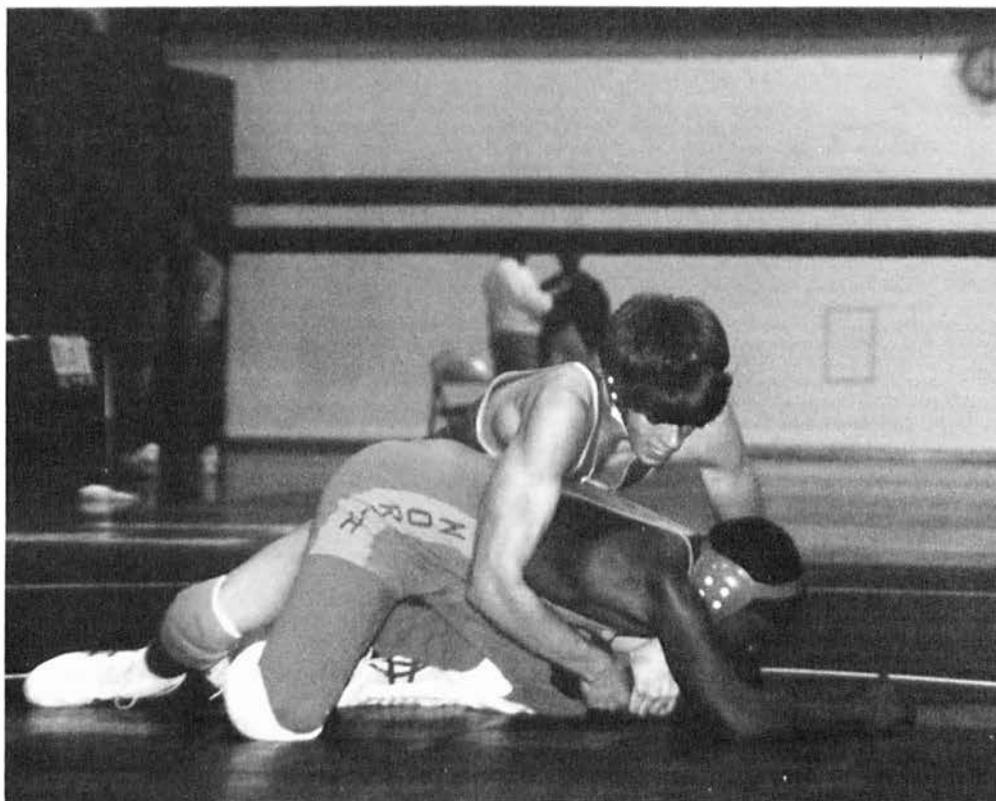
What a way to start the year. Coach Gary Kubik and assistant Coach Greg Wilcox await the start of the Vern Ekfelt Invitational.





Co-captain Travis Sallis uses a fanny move to control his opponent from Bryan High School.

Junior Phil Warner uses a "two on one" to break down his man from North High School.



Sophomore Larry Littlejohn shows excellent balance while dominating his opponent from Lincoln Northeast.

Coach Kubik demonstrates a breakdown move to Jason Blankenship. Jason won his first medal of 1987 during the Ekfelt Invitational.



# Varsity cheerleaders strive for spirit

Jenny Holmes, Shawnda Brye, Chandra Freeman, and Susan Lager illustrate the personality it takes to be a cheerleader. The squad agrees that cheering is a lot of hard work but is also a lot of fun.

**W**ith the help of the new cheerleading sponsor, Mrs. Zerse, a Central High School counselor, the varsity cheerleaders strove for more school spirit and crowd participation.

The 1987-88 varsity cheerleaders were backed with experience, said Mrs. Zerse. According to Mrs. Zerse, almost all of the members cheered in past years on a squad. She also added that they received a lot of support from both the J.V. and sophomore squads.

The cheerleaders practiced several hours to improve their cheerleading. According to Joan Jorgensen, practices began in the summer from 6-8 a.m., three days a week. "It takes a lot of will power to come to practice early but we have fun with it anyway," said Joan.

Mrs. Zerse says that she strictly follows the cheerleading handbook. This year the varsity cheerleaders are required to attend not only fall and winter sports but also spring sports, such as baseball, soccer and track.



Susan Lager, a varsity cheerleader displays the fun of cheerleading at a varsity football game.

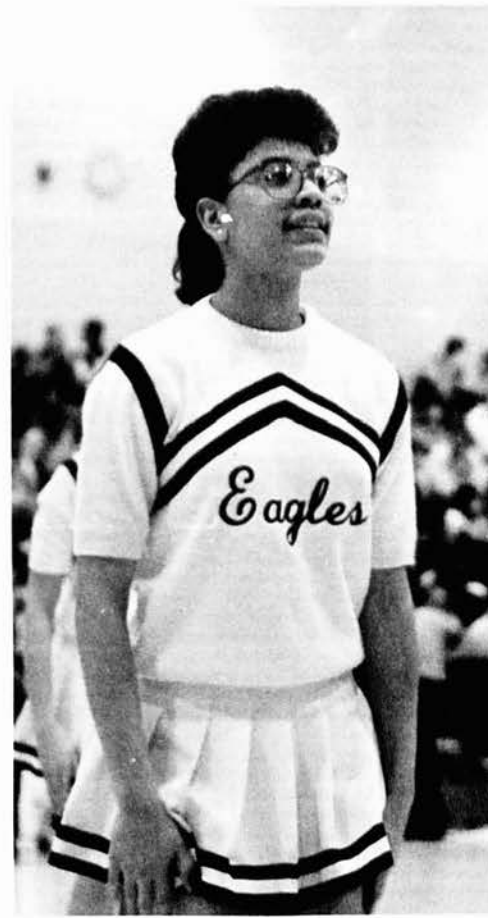
FRONT: Chandra Freeman, Joan Jorgensen. SECOND: Jennifer Andersen, Kelly Skillen, Jenny Holmes. BACK: Lori Pendleton, Shawnda Brye, Shawn Cooper.



Jenny Holmes, and co-captain Kelly Skillen attempt to stay warm at a varsity football game.



The Varsity cheerleaders are caught up in the action during a basketball game. It is sometimes harder to cheer at basketball games due to the lack of space.



"It's hot in here, there must be CHS in the atmosphere," says Shawn Cooper, as she assumes a pre-cheer stance.



## Junior squad evokes spirit

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders worked hard this year to keep up school spirit, said Mrs. Geri Zerse, cheerleading sponsor.

According to Heidi Sharp, a J.V. cheerleader, the squad is much more organized and looks a lot better this year. Heidi said that there are many more games this year, and so the squad sometimes splits up with one half going to one game and one half going to another game somewhere else. She also added that they got along very well with the other two squads.

Led by captain, Nancy Sempeck and co-captain Debbie Tyler, the J.V. squad cheers at games on Saturday mornings and Thursday nights. "We are not required to attend Varsity games," commented Heidi Sharp. The squad practices

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday morning first hour.

According to cheerleading sponsor, Mrs. Geri Zerse, the squad's only new members this year are Michelle Mejak and Tiffany Doolittle. Mrs. Zerse said that the squads kept up to-date by keeping calendars of all sporting events. She said that if a cheerleader does not show up at a required game or is not in uniform, she will be given a demerit.

Mrs. Zerse said, "There is a lot more to cheerleading than just learning the cheers." The cheerleaders are responsible for the homecoming theme and decorations along with spirit week. Mrs. Zerse also added, "The J.V. squad is enthusiastic and willing to do whatever they can to help school spirit."

The excitement of an out-of-the-ordinary basketball play sends junior Tiffany Whitney jumping.



FRONT: Debbie Dubes, Lydia Luong, Debbie Tyler, Michelle Mejak, Jamie Strauss. SECOND: Linda Stennis, Tiffany Doolittle. THIRD: Heidi Sharp, Tiffany Whitney. BACK: Nancy Sempeck.

Lydia Luong, a Junior Varsity cheerleader, successfully completes a hair-raising split leap.



Junior cheerleader Heidi Sharp, persuades the Central Eagle to get involved in the football game.

# Sophomore cheerleaders unify

Michelle Mejak and Tiffany Whitney, spotted by a Central photographer, sport their rain gear. Central cheerleaders often brave all kinds of weather.



“Hardworking” is how sophomore cheerleading captain, Kelly Brown, describes this year’s squad.

The sophomores this year worked very hard, practicing three times a week in the auditorium, she said. According to Kelly, the squad received a lot of help from both the Varsity and the Junior Varsity squads. Kelly also mentioned that they had to learn a lot of new cheers and routines, plus improve on the routines they already knew.

According to cheerleading sponsor, Mrs. Geri Zerse, the sophomores are only required to attend sophomore events. However, many sophomores showed up at varsity events anyway to cheer on the teams.

Despite coming from different junior high schools, the squad was able to unify and become friends, said Kelly. “It was more than cheerleading,” she said.



FRONT: Melissa Roberts, Rachel Kopfle, Yahnea Green, Heather Larimer, Jenna Brigman. SECOND: Bernadette Calimfin, Simone Wehbe. BACK: Kelly Brown, Jennifer Collins.

The Central Junior Varsity cheerleaders perform their cheers and routines on the sidelines as they support the Central volleyball team.



The Eagle often helps incite spirit among the fans and spectators.



Members of the Pom-pon squad cheer as the Central High School varsity football players take their positions on the football field.

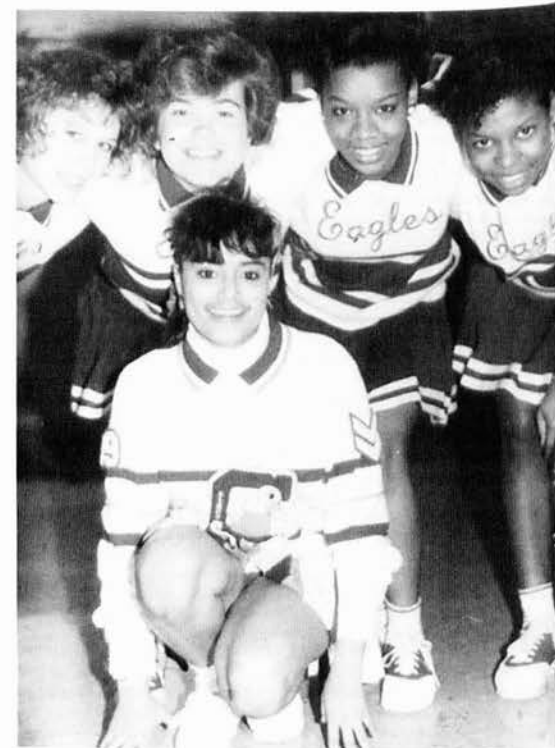


The camera catches Pom-pon captain, Tanya Hoffman, as she arrives at a football game at Berquist Stadium.

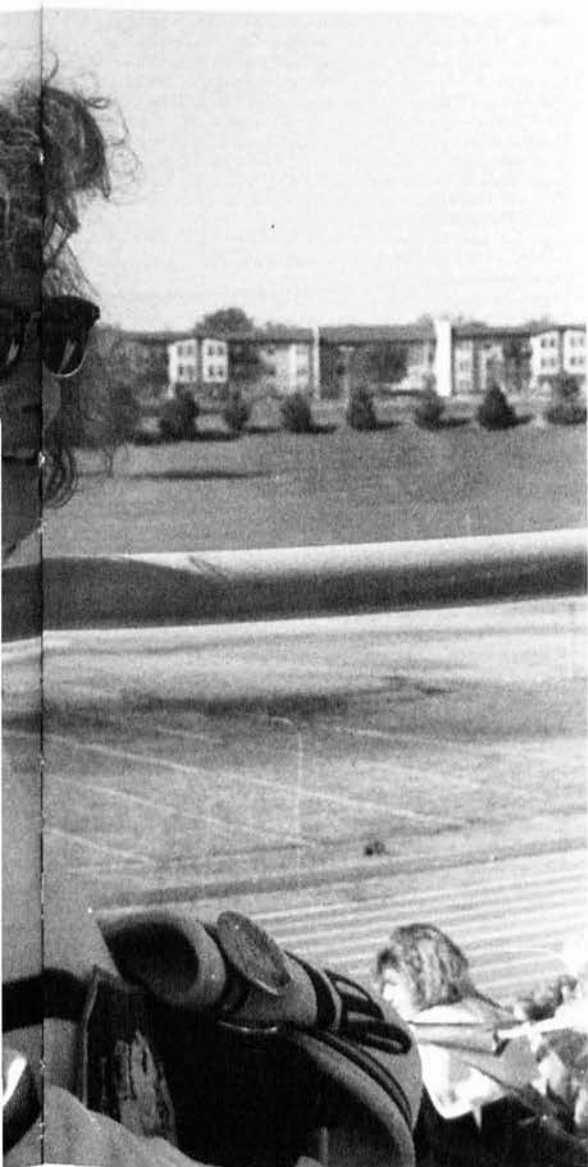


Laurie Anderson and Chris Turley prepare for the starting of their routine on the football field.

Junior Stacy Henry shows off the personality it takes to be on Pom squad. The Pom squad often helps Central's cheerleaders in various activities such as posing for a picture.



# Pom-pon squad includes dances



Being on the Pom-Pon squad requires the ability to work hard, cooperate, and go that extra mile," said Ms. Therese Bender, Central High School's Pom-Pon squad sponsor.

Tryouts for the squad take place in the spring. Along with learning new routines, the students must also receive several teacher recommendations. According to Ms. Bender, participation on the squad one year does not necessarily mean acceptance on the next year's squad.

Headed by two team captains, Seniors Tanya Hoffman and Sevrin Huff, who were both members last year, the squad choreographs all of their own routines. Not only did the squad practice three days a week in June and everyday in August, but they held first hour practices everyday first semester. Ms. Bender commented, "It takes a lot more time than people real-

ize."

The Pom-Pon squad takes part in several school activities. Those activities include helping cheerleaders with the Homecoming theme, decorating the courtyard for spirit week, and helping out at the state track meet.

Ms. Bender also said that the main difference between cheerleading and Pom-Pon squad is the involvement of dance in Pom squad. The squad performed routines at all home football games and basketball games.

Ms. Bender said that the students who want to be on Pom squad most often have good leadership abilities and a desire to promote school spirit.

The Pom-pon squad performs a synchronized routine during half-time at a home football game. The squad performed at all of the home games.



FRONT: Stacy Henry, Stacey Chamberlain, Tracey Glesne, Laurie Anderson, Kalen Anderson, Chris Turley. SECOND: Sharon Stoolman, Stacy Nikodym,

Kristel Wemhoff, Marcie Rosenbaum, Stephanie Kurtzuba, Gina Weberg. BACK: Alyssa McIntyre, Rachel Swanson, Lanette Shields, Tanya Hoffman,

Wendy Allen, Michelle Roth, Kim Outlaw, Sevrin Huff.





# These Are Academics



Sgt. William Middleton, Dr. G.E. Moller, and Mrs. Marlene Bernstein observe the Central-Westside football game. The Central Eagles defeated the Westside Warriors 21-7 at Westside's Homecoming game.

Central High School's academic curriculum is a multi-faceted program which includes outstanding teachers and accredited programs such as National Honor Society and Support Groups. Students involved in National Honor Society volunteer their time to tutor students during their study halls. Support Groups are headed by counselors, and consist of students who have personal problems. They work together to solve their difficulties.

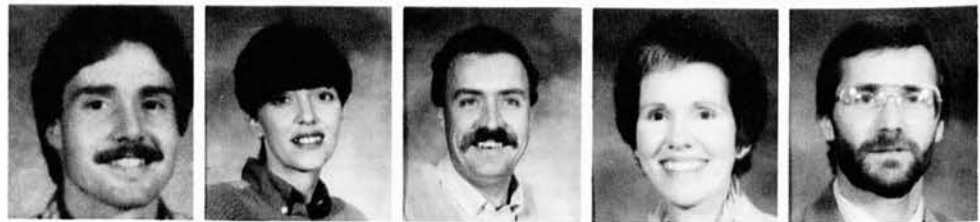
Assistant principals and two security aides are involved in the discipline part of the program. Trying to "skip" a class could result in a day of "ISS" (In School Suspension).

Counselors help students choose classes that will prepare them for their future. There are many others that are involved in the overall makeup of Central High's academics. Many people working together to strive for excellence make a successful school.





Allner, Mark; Mathematics  
 Anderson, Vickie; Language  
 Andrews, Larry; Art  
 Bayer, Daryl; Language  
 Behrens, Richard; Social Studies



Bender, Therese; Special Education  
 Bernstein, Marlene; English  
 Bertch, Kristina; Social Studies  
 Blanke, Jack; Social Studies  
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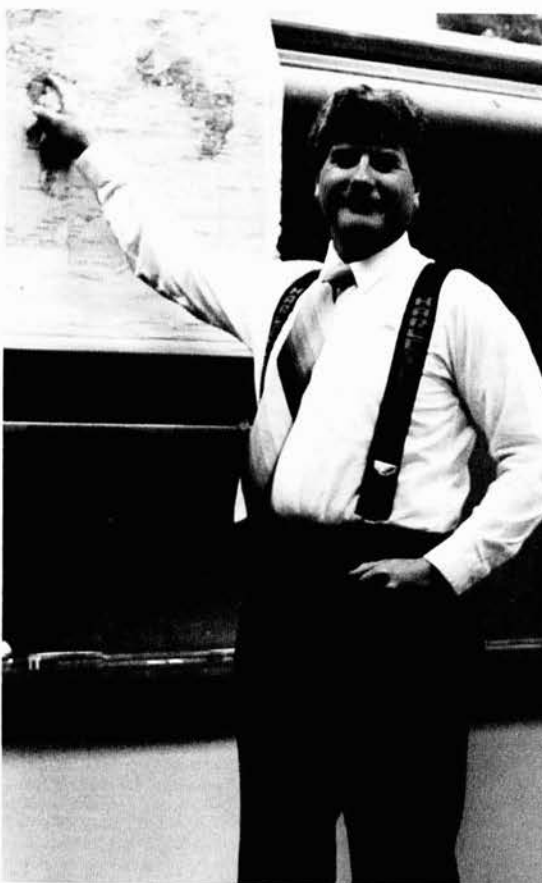
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 Bunz, Alice; Business Education  
 Chamberlain, Levetta; Business Education  
 Conway, Eileen; Business Education



Cottingham, Mary; English  
 Custard, Norman; Mathematics  
 Daly, Daniel; English  
 Daugherty, Mike; Mathematics  
 Doctor, Jerry; Science



Dominguez, Elvis; Language  
 Dusatko, Jo; Physical Education



Eck, David; English  
 Farr, Jodi; English



Fitch, Lloyd; Mathematics  
 Gaherty, Michael; English



Galus, James; Social Studies  
 Gaylor, Harry; Business Education



Mr. Watson displays his Harley Davidson suspenders to his classes.



Mrs. Valdrighi supervises as Wes Vogel takes a test.



Georgeson, John; Physical Education

Geringer, John; Science

Gillogly, Jerome; Social Studies



Grillo, George; Social Studies  
Hansen, Glaucia; Language  
Harrington, James; Mathematics  
Hausman, Larry; Art  
Hettwer, Debbie; Physical Education



Hug, Elizabeth; Science  
James, David; Science  
Johnson, Faye; Counselor  
Johnson, Lynette; English  
Kaipust, Mary; Business Education



Keenan, John; English  
Knauss, Don; Social Studies  
Knight, Rozanne; Business Education  
Kovarik, Dolores; Mathematics  
Kozak, Connie; Homemaking



Krejci, Carol; Social Studies  
Kubik, Gary; Science  
Lahmann, Darrell; Business Education  
Larson, Timothy; English  
Lincoln, Clyde; Social Studies



Littlejohn, Bernice; Administrator  
Lowndes, Tom; Special Education  
Mahaffey, Judy; Counselor  
Majeski, Betty; Librarian  
Martin, David; English





Martin, James; Mathematics  
 McAdam, Chuck; Music  
 McMeen, Bob; Music  
 McMenamin, Joe; Physical Education  
 Merrigan-Potthoff, Nita; English



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 Montgomery, Dale; Mathematics  
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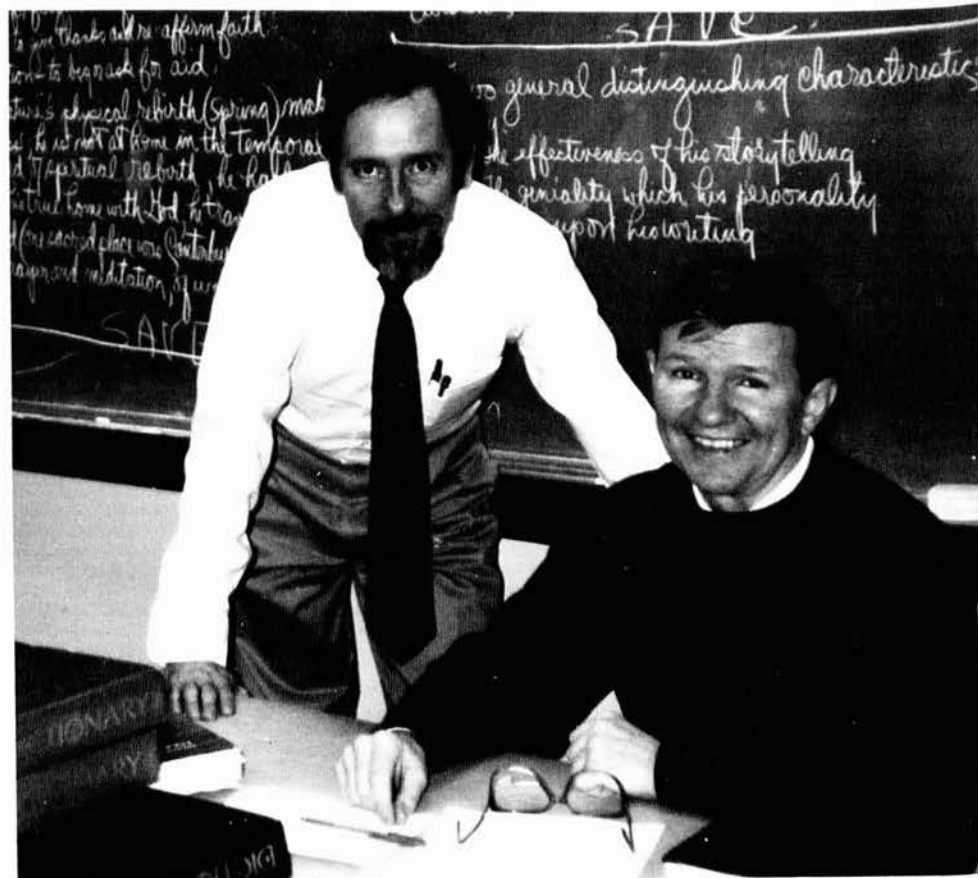
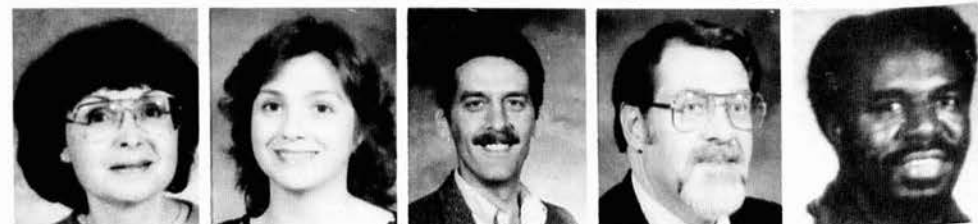
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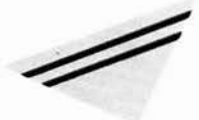
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 Quinn, Margaret; Art  
 Rauchut, Ed; English  
 Rawlings, James; Social Studies  
 Reed, William; Mathematics



Mr. Gaherty and Mr. Keenan relax after a hard day's work.





Mr. Dominguez, a new Spanish teacher this year, lectures his students.



Richards, Susan; Counselor  
 Roberts, Susan; Social Studies  
 Roeder, Al; Science  
 Roehl, Joann; Homemaking  
 Rohlff, Virgil; Security

Ryan, Rita; Language  
 Saunders, Terrie; English  
 Schellpeper, Kim; Reading  
 Schutte, Gretchen; Language  
 Sedlacek, Dianne; Special Education

Semrad, Paul; Social Studies  
 Smith, Michele; Special Education  
 Stafford, Brenda; Language  
 Standifer, Stan; Physical Education  
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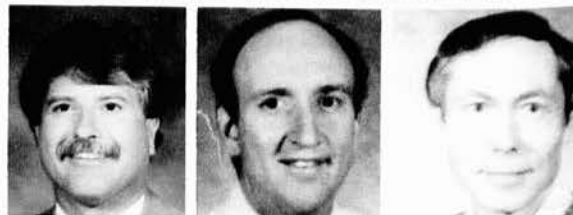
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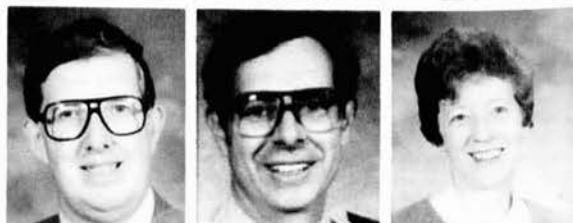
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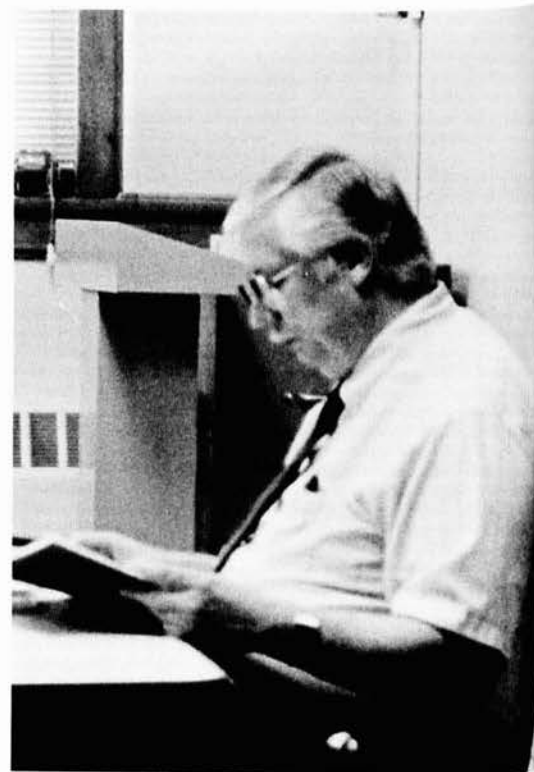
Not Pictured:

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 Lustgarten, Chris; Language  
 Nelson, Steve; Counselor  
 Wilson, Jim; Administrator

Wolff, Robert; Science  
 Yost, Richard; R.O.T.C.  
 Zerse, Gerry; Counselor



Mr. Don Knauss imitates an East German swimmer. He often uses this example in his psychology classes when discussing steroids.



Mr. Clyde Lincoln reviews the latest legislative revisions to pass on to his government classes.



## Staff social parties hit

According to Mrs. Gerry Zerse, a Central High School Counselor, the faculty social committee has "a variety of activities throughout the year which offers something for everyone." The activities are a "good chance to meet the spouses and families of the staff," she said.

"Basically all we try to do is arrange different functions for any or all of the faculty," said Mr. John Georgeson, chairman of Central's social committee. The functions are designed primarily to bring faculty together in a social atmosphere, he said. Some of the traditional functions include a picnic at Platte River State Park, a Halloween party, a Christmas party, and a party at the end of the school year. The staff members "need to see each other in a different light," he said. "Most functions are pretty well attended," he added.

John Georgeson, Betty Moller, Dr. Moller, Vickie Anderson, Pegi Stommes, Ginny Bauer, Jo Derry, and Jo Dusatko goof off outside of a tent at Platte River State Park. The faculty social committee has a picnic there every fall.



Bernice Littlejohn, Therese Bender, and Jo Derry visit at the annual Halloween Party.



Carol Valdrighi, Gerry Zerse, and John Valdrighi observe the Central-Westside game.



# Staff busy at semester end

Wanda Zerzan, head of the main office staff, shows Brian "Barney" Watson the art of using the copy machine. Often you may see the helpfulness of the main office staff.

According to Martha Rasp, Dr. Moller's secretary, the busiest times of the year are "the beginning and ending of a semester because we reschedule everybody for second semester. It's sort of like starting a new year. Also, closing at the end of second semester is pretty busy too."

When asked if during the day it was usually pretty calm, Wanda Zerzan, head of the main office staff said, "Oh, no, it's ordinarily noisy because of the traffic of teachers and students with problems."

Messages for students are among the many interruptions of the regular office work, said Mrs. Rasp. "Lots of interruptions," Mrs. Zerzan added.

Among the duties of the main office staff are distribution of both school and federal mail, the annual order — ordering all the supplies for the year and evaluating transcripts of new Central students to determine their needs in academics.

Main Office workers start their day between 6:45 and 7:30 a.m. They stay to between 3:15 and 4:00 p.m.



Martha Rasp types one of the many student census cards turned in at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Rasp is a main office worker and Dr. Moller's personal secretary.



The main office staff takes a moment to smile for the camera. Sharlene Rosenthal, Jo Derry, Linda Olsen,

Wanda Zerzan, Martha Rasp, and Ginny Bauer.

Esther Wageman and Frances Welch watch as Bruce Lovgren signs in. They keep track of all students absences during the day.

## Attendance office meets

### "Officer Alan"

The Central High Attendance Office has implemented a new computer calling system, according to Frances Welch, an attendance office staff member. The new system "consists of a program hooked to the computer with a telephone hooked to the computer also," Ms. Welch added. The system is called "Officer Alan."

They started using the new system around the beginning of October, she said. Esther Wageman, also an attendance office worker, commented that the new system doesn't necessarily save time but it gets in contact with more parents than is possible to during the day."



Esther Wageman programs "Officer Alan" for another day of calling ill students' homes. "The program doesn't make mistakes, only the people who put in the programs make mistakes," said Frances Welch.

Frances Welch searches for another "blue card" to give to another truant student. "They don't let you get away with anything," commented Michaela Wolf, senior.



# Administration welcomes new addition

Central High school's administration team: Mr. Jim Wilson, Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn, Mr. Richard Jones, and Dr. G.E. Moller, principal.

With the retirement of Ms. Udoxie Barbee, former administrator, the administration of Central High school added a new member to its staff, Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn, formerly of Bryan Junior High School.

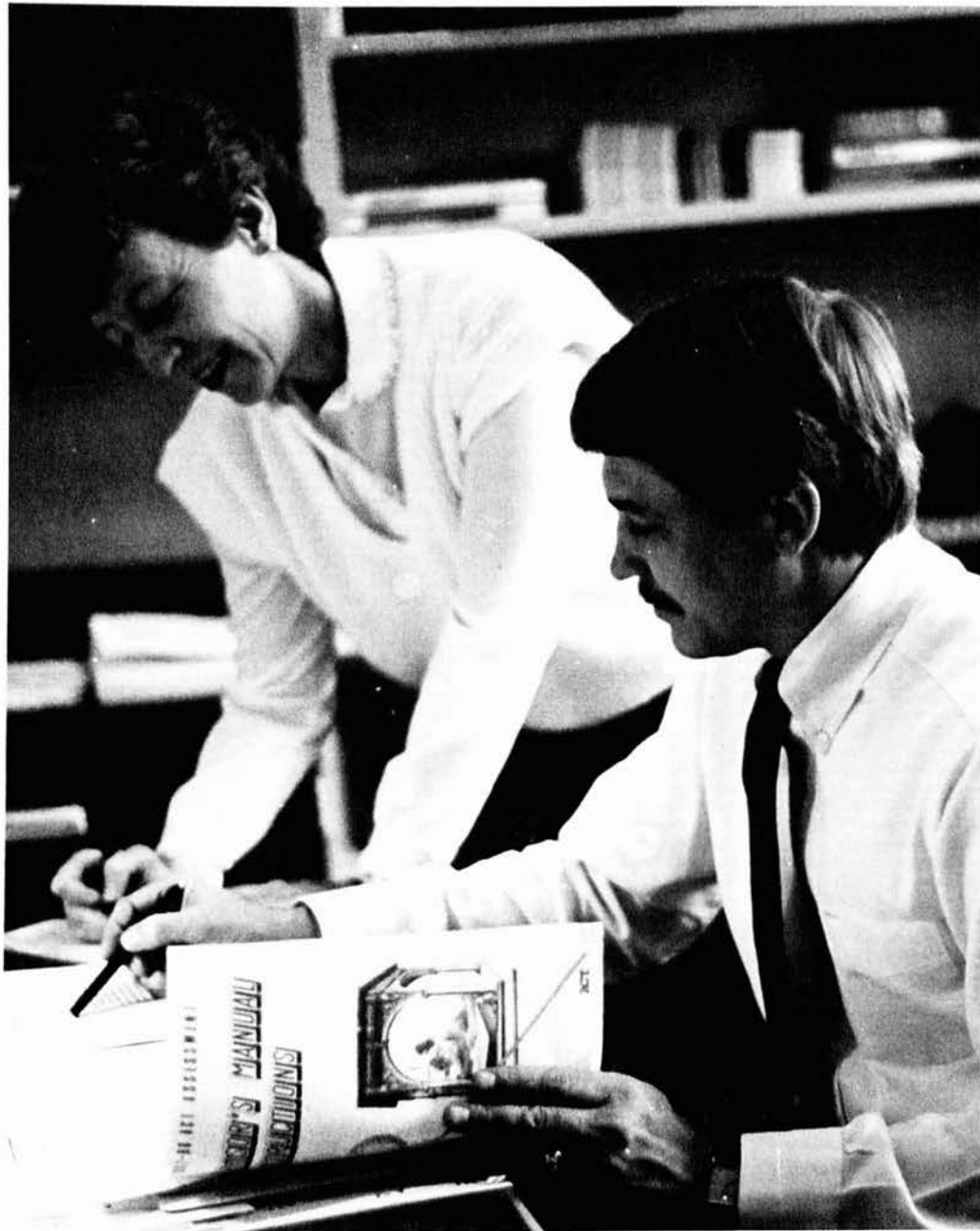
"It's certainly a change with the addition of Mrs. Littlejohn," said Mr. Jim Wilson, administrator. Mr. Wilson is mainly in charge of data processing, which includes scheduling of teachers and students and report cards.

According to Mrs. Littlejohn, the largest adjustment was finding her way around Central High School. Learning names and learning the "ropes" (rules and regulations) of Central were also adjustments, she said. "It's hard to remember names and recognize students. I like being here, and I like being with kids, except most of the students I work with are students I see frequently because of discipline," she said.



Dr. Moller shows a humorous side that he usually conceals. Could he be getting ready for a pep rally? This year was the year for an in-school pep rally, held in the gym, and hosted by the football team.

Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn hard at work. This is her first year at Central.



## Night Eagles find colleges on Tuesdays

The Counseling Center is now open until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for students and parents of Central High School to use the center's resources. "Students have found that they can use study hall time for studying and don't have much time for the counseling center," said Mrs. Faye Johnson, counselor.

"Because there are so many parents that work, and students that don't have study halls, the counseling center is being kept open later on Tuesday evenings," Mr. Steve Nelson, guidance director, said.

Paul Inserra, senior, has used the center on Tuesday evenings to help find colleges, he said. "It's good that it's open because some people don't have time because they don't have a study hall," he said.

"We haven't met with a lot of success yet; anytime you start something new you may not meet with immediate success. We hope the response we get will enable us to continue," Mr. Nelson said.

"We're trying to expand the counseling services," Mr. Nelson said in regards to the new programs that have been started since the beginning of the year. "We've been bringing in a lot of college and career programs. Right now we're trying to get a Junior Times started to bring college and career choices to them," he said.

"We're expanded on the career speaker program. Mid-America Council trains speakers through a program, and the counseling department coordinates with the academic departments to get speakers," he said.



Ms. Gerry Zerse, Mr. Steve Nelson, Mrs. Susan Richards, Ms. Judy Mahaffey, Mrs. Linda Hazuka, Mrs. Faye Johnson, Mr. Kevin Moran, and Ms. Josephine Valasek.

Ms. Gerry Zerse and Mr. Steve Nelson prepare for the upcoming A.C.T. testing date. The Counseling Center is responsible for all college testing, said Mr. Nelson.



# Ill students a small part of nursing

Central High School's nurse, Mrs. Geri Thomas, is in her sixteenth year of school nursing. "Before that, I worked for a private physician and surgeon," she said. When asked why she came to Central, she replied, "I just didn't want to go back to hospital nursing."

Her duties include the dispensing of medications, caring for ill students, and keeping track of doctor excused absences. "It's easy to detect whether or not a student is sick," Mrs. Thomas said.

"Sometimes though, parents tell me not to let them come home," she said. She said that there are a lot of students that come down complaining of illnesses, but sometimes one can talk them into going back to class.

Mrs. Thomas fills out a pass for a student to go home sick. She said the parents must be contacted before she will allow the student to go home.

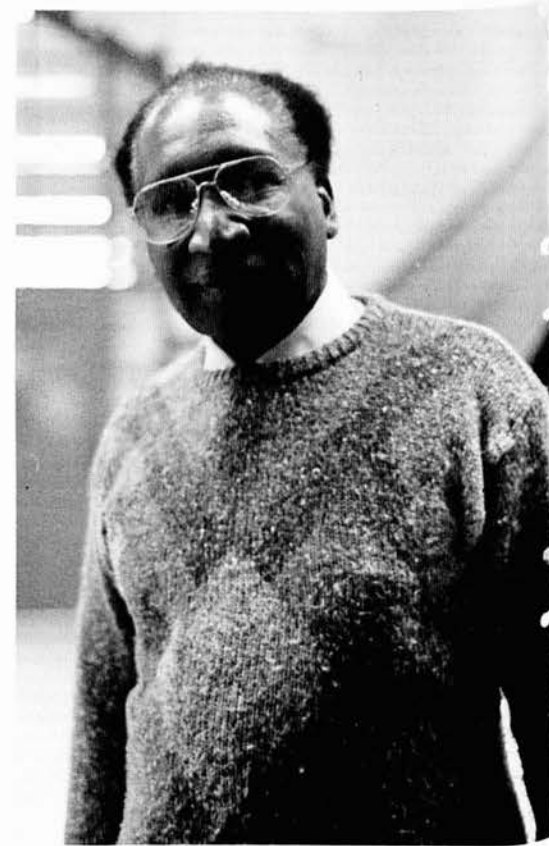
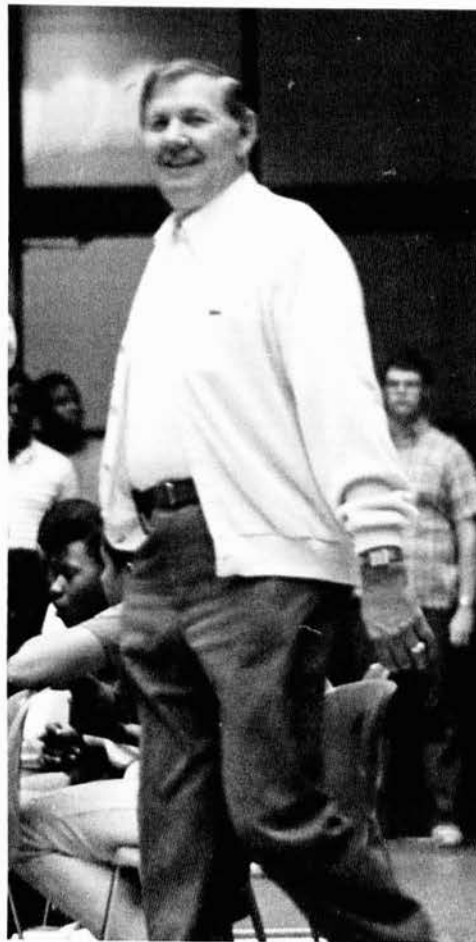


# Security

Two men involved in maintaining order at Central High School are George Taylor and Virgil Rohlf, Central's security aides. "If a problem takes place where two or more students are involved, it is our duty to aid them," George Taylor said. Mr. Taylor along with Mr. Rohlf, (familiarily known as "George and Virgil" by students) work as a team, according to Mr. Taylor.

Besides protecting Central students from bodily injury, they are also responsible for lost or stolen property. "If a student loses property, something of value, it is our duty to try to find it and return it to its rightful owner," Mr. Taylor said. Mr. Taylor also commented on the truancy situation. "I have busted the parents of people I am busting now," he said.

Before coming to Central, Mr. Taylor was in the military, and Mr. Rohlf was an Omaha policeman. "When people are fighting hard, you have to go in between them," Mr. Taylor said. "They know us well enough not to try to harm us. We always try to be fair and impartial."



George Taylor smiles for the camera. He can often be found helping a student in trouble, whether it's a jammed locker or a stolen purse.

Virgil Rohlf saunters through the courtyard after school. Mr. Rohlf and Mr. Taylor are responsible for the well-being of the students, as well as lost or stolen property.

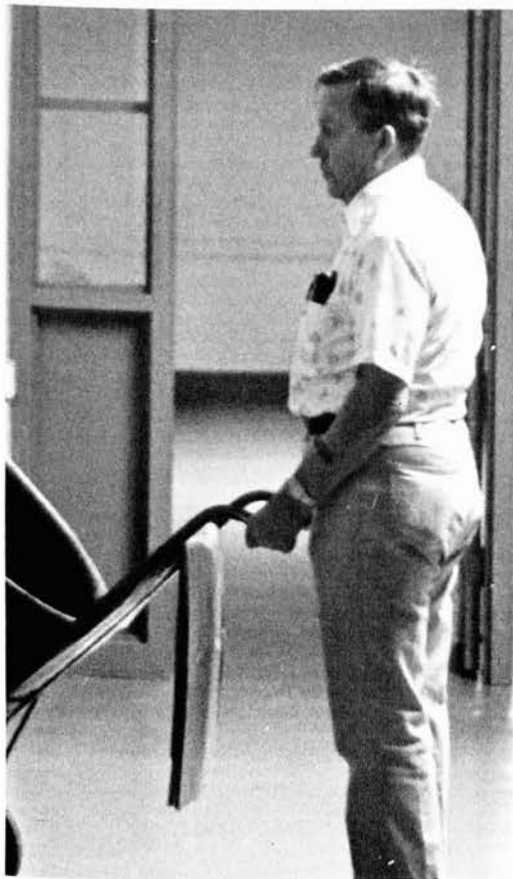
# Maintenance staff busy Keeping central clean

Leland Kling empties one of the many trash cans at school. Central's courtyard is one that seems to acquire a lot of trash.

Steve Johnstone and Jim Merrifield rebuild a snow shovel. Snow removal at Central becomes a top priority during the winter months according to Mr. Johnstone.

According to Jim Merrifield, chief engineer, there are certain things that must be done every year to keep the school in good condition. "Right now, we're pretty well caught up with major things," he said. "Except there are always little things that turn out to be major projects."

The maintenance staff includes: Mike Barone, Linda Chandler, Pat Clyde, Al Gunter, Rufus Haynes, Jesse Heller, Roy Holmes, Roy Huey, Steve Johnstone, Bob Jones, Kendall Knott, Lee Kling, Rick McCoy, Earnton Meeks, Jim Merrifield, Chief Engineer; Gertrude Shelton, Ken Underwood, and Duane Williams.



## Cafeteria

Central High cafeteria workers are in competition with other schools this year, in terms of food merchandising and decorating a bulletin board for special holidays, said Ms. Marcella Hendricks. "We're working on a lot of things this year, we're really excited. This year we are doing a scrapbook with pictures of the bulletin boards we decorate. They will be judged and we are in competition with the other schools," she said. "We're displaying things we're doing and we hope our scrapbook wins."



FRONT: Verna Voycheske, Laura Landess, Margaret Canaiglia, Marcella Hendricks, and Frances

Page. BACK: Pat Wojtkiewicz, Pat Siedlik, Evelyn Johnson, Judy Earnest, Fannie Russ, Liz Kubat,

Malva Taylor, Mable Brye, and Peggy White.



# Decathlon competition splits

According to Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, a Central High School teacher and Decathlon sponsor, this year's Decathlon competition is different as compared with past year's. This year Decathlon consists of two competitions in Nebraska one is regionals and one is state, she said. "Last year there was only one competition," she said. Regionals includes two competitions on the same day with fifteen teams competing. One competition has eight teams and the other has seven teams. The top three teams compete with each other at State on February 20. "State decides the team that goes to the Nationals in San Antonio, Texas," Mrs. Bernstein said.

The qualifying test for those interested in participating on the Decathlon occurred in October. The competition involves three levels, two people at each level. The first level is an honors level, which consists of students with a 3.75 grade point average or above; a varsity level, which consists of students with a grade point average of 3.0-3.75; and a scholastic level, which consists of students with a grade point average of 2.99 and below. Students can compete at a higher level, but they cannot compete at a lower level. Each team also includes two alternates at each level.

To prepare for the competitions, the team members "take tests, but mostly they listen to teachers from different subject areas lecture or give tests. They are guided study sessions," said Mrs. Bernstein. This year some of the rules are different, she said. Last year no practices were allowed during school time. Basically, they were after school, and home study sessions. Now that has changed, she said.

Mrs. Bernstein co-sponsors the Decathlon team with Mr. Clyde Lincoln, a CHS social studies teacher.

Team members and alternates. FRONT: Jenny Hendricks, Marcie Rosenbaum. SECOND: Kate Leuschen, Anne Gentle, Reggie Renard, Karen Lee, Lisa Wolff, Erik Gerlings. BACK: Mike Lawler, Rob Hill, John Miller, Jody Sharpe, and Pete Pirsch.



Lisa Wolff, senior, listens intently to the principles of physics. Physics is just one of the subjects that the

Decathlon members study for the competitions.

Mrs. Zerse talks a problem over with a student during group.

# Support group students tell their stories to kids



Central High School's 12-Step Program Support Group has been in operation for almost twelve years now said Mrs. Gerry Zerse, C.H.S. counselor and co-sponsor of the group. She and Mr. Kevin Moran, also a counselor at Central, lead the group together because "it's better not to do any of this alone," Mrs. Zerse said.

"This is the fourth year we've had the group meetings during school time," Mrs. Zerse said. "Before we started the support group in school, not as many people would stay in school if they had a drug problem," she said.

Students get involved in the group because "word of mouth is usually pretty strong," she said. The group "goes to elementary schools and talks to students and tells them their story," she said. "A lot interspersed among their stories are the facts," she said.

Support Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Drama room during second hour.



FRONT: Ruth Zdan, Jennifer Rost, Sarah Hamilton, Bridgette Baker. SECOND: John Williams, Colleen Mell, Bryant Williams. BACK: Eric Thompson, Kevin Moran, and Gerry Zerse.



Ruth Zdan listens to input from others in the group. The students help each other by sharing their thoughts and feelings.



# NHS Tutors help students

Tutors wait for students to help. Karen Williams, Lisa Wolff, Koren Mann, Steve Likes, and Jody Sharpe all volunteered for this National Honor Society program.

NHS Tutors is a program started because "we decided that in order to become a member of NHS (National Honor Society), a student must show leadership and service. This program would be a good way for them to show it," said Mrs. Faye Johnson, counselor and sponsor of the tutoring program. "We're in our third year," she said.

"There are many students in need of help, and many parents can't afford to hire a private tutor," she said. So many students need assistance that "every day I have to turn down six to ten students."

"The largest number of students coming for help is during fourth period. Eighth period is also busy," she added. However, no tutors are available during fifth and sixth periods.

"Every student that has been down for help has had nothing but positive things to say about the program," she said. "There are some students that try to come down every day, but I try to let others have a chance."

Eric Skeen, an NHS tutor, said, "Some subjects I don't know as well as others. It's a good review for me in subjects that I haven't seen in awhile."



Stuart Oberman helps Wes Vogel understand the finer points of trigonometry.

NHS tutor, Jennifer Urias, helps a student translate a Spanish assignment. She tutors during her second and third hour study halls.



# Writing lab helps students

Mrs. Terrie Saunders assists a student with his theme. "We try to focus on writing," Mr. Gaherty said.



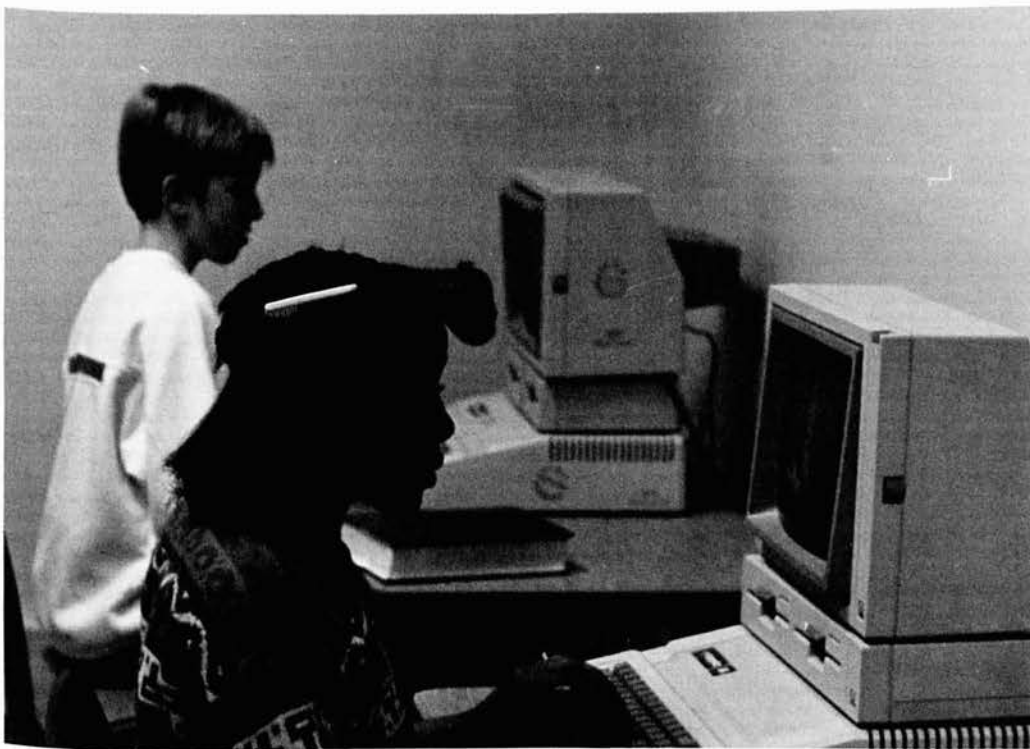
The writing lab at Central High School has a very "interesting past" according to Mr. T.M. Gaherty, writing lab coordinator. In the beginning, we contacted everyone in the school, so everyone had to participate in the writing lab," said Mr. Gaherty.

"When the students first came in, they had to take a test and from the results we developed a remediation program," he said. "We developed sheets for particular skills" which the student would work on and then be graded on. "They had to get better than a 70 percent and then they would go on to the next skill."

"Teachers used this program as extra credit," he said. The last several years there has been a change in the writing lab, Mr. Gaherty also pointed out. "Now we try to focus on writing," he said.

"This year the lab has added three computers which are used in a variety of ways including grammar and vocabulary drills for the kids who want to write a theme and practice editing," he said. The writing lab is not as narrow as it once was, he said; it's used in a broader sense, enrichment wise.

Some students that utilize the lab are teacher recommended yet there are some that come in on their own, he said. "An English teacher with a big class wouldn't have time to help each individual student. We can sit down with them and help," he said.



Students use the new computers in the writing lab. "They are used for practicing theme writing," said Mr. Gaherty.



Mr. Tim Larson points out one of the advantages of being able to type a theme on the computer. It enables the students to see it in front of them and to make any necessary changes.





# This Is The Sophomore Class



Nikki Lee, Sarah Bruns, Christine Nieto, Andrea Owen, and Dana Morley converse during seventh hour lunch. The courtyard is a popular place to eat and to talk over the day's events.

For sophomores, this is just the beginning of their high school years. They have only just begun to experience both the stress and the pressure of academic life and the good times that they will remember forever. High school becomes a big step for freshmen who have just gotten used to being looked up to in junior high and must become a rookie once again. A sophomore soon realizes that he or she is no longer in a position of power and, the minute they take their first step into the halls of Central High School, they assume a new responsibility.

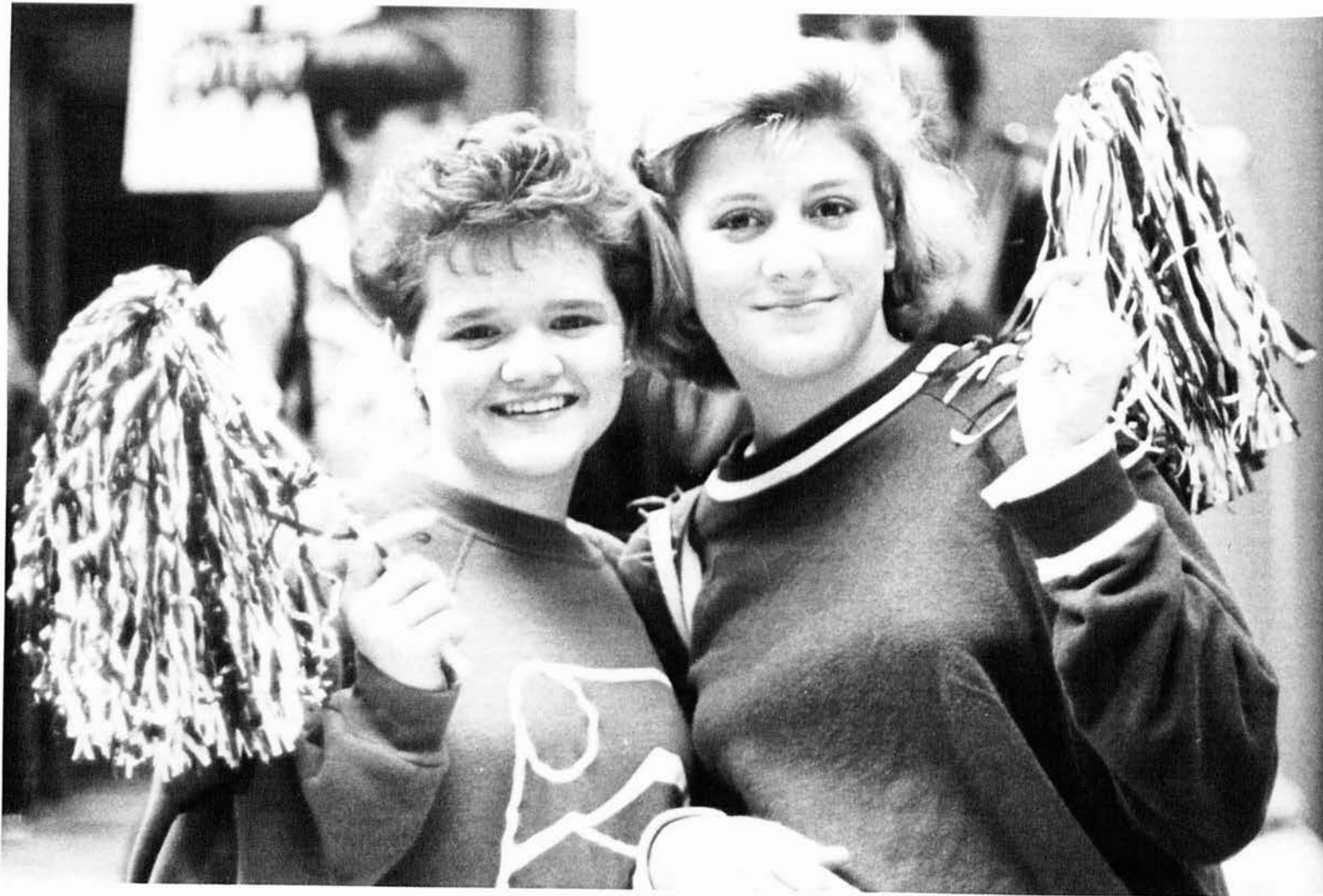
Upon first stepping into Central, sophomores may be overwhelmed with not only the size of the school, but also with the number of people. When looking at Central, frightening thoughts fill some sophomores' heads. "I thought Central looked huge, and I was afraid of getting lost or something," said Heather Larimer. Justin Mickles commented, "I looked at Central as a maze. It was so confusing." These dreadful thoughts soon begin to fade as the year progresses, and sophomores become more oriented with the school and with the people.

Many sophomores look at high school as the beginning of preparing themselves for the future. "I'm that much closer to being out of school and being more independent," said Gunnar Sharp. Others look at high school as the beginning of more freedom and the sign that they have finally grown up.

The sophomore class consists of approximately 676 students, making it the largest class at Central this year.



Heidi Rosenbaum and Maureen Broyles prepare to cheer for the Central Eagles at their game against Creighton Prep that night.



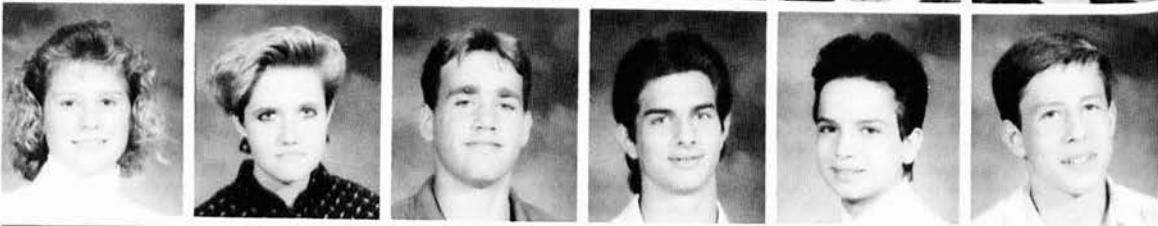
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Anding, Galen  
Andrews, Brandon



Anglim, Bianca  
Archer, Christina  
Armstrong, Brian  
Astorino, Gabriel  
Astorino, Mario  
Auch, Randall



Babe, Keri  
Bachman, Kristin  
Bang, Maria  
Banks, Jacqueline  
Barbee, Tiffany  
Barber, Laronda





Barta, Robert  
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 Beavers, Kamin

Bekish, Stephen  
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 Benning, Kimberly  
 Benskin, Chrystal  
 Benson, Nicole

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 Berney, Tina  
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 Black, Dawn  
 Blakeley, Susan

Blan, Tommie  
 Bobkovas, Dawn  
 Bonam, Dewayne  
 Borden, Jason  
 Borromeo, Vener  
 Boswell, Scott

Bowlby, Aryn  
 Boyd, Kevin  
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 Bremer, Jennifer  
 Brennan, Joseph  
 Briggs, Amy

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Calimlim, Bernadette  
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 Carroll, Ronnetta  
 Carter, Toure  
 Chandler, Maggie  
 Charles, Christopher



Charter, Kimberly  
 Christensen, Mark  
 Chruma, Jodi  
 Church, Michael  
 Cistrunk, Aaron  
 Clark, Jacqueline



Cleaver, Kevin  
 Clemons, Larry  
 Cobbin, Lillian  
 Coleman, David  
 Collins, Jennifer  
 Colson, Angela



Shawn Johnson, Tracy Wansley, and Tina Davis walk downtown after school. There are many attractions in Omaha's downtown area for Central students to enjoy after school.

Conn, Jenny  
 Conway, Chrishawn  
 Cook, Davina  
 Cooper, Clinton  
 Coppock, Jay  
 Cormaci, Shannan



Corr, Noah  
 Costanzo, Bradley  
 Cotton, Maurice  
 Crisman, Robert  
 Crosscollins, Jennifer  
 Crossley, Claudia



Crudup, Karibu  
 Culliver, Jonathan  
 Culliver, Richard  
 Dahlke, Tanina  
 Daigger, Brian  
 Daly, Daniel



# First Impressions . . .

Upon first stepping into Central High School, a sophomore's mind becomes filled with the anticipations of the first year in high school. These anticipations are usually filled with preconceived ideas of high school life and thoughts of what the first year will be like.

"I thought Central was a wonderful school, but I was upset that the gym classes were not longer."  
— Anthony Elem

"I thought it was neat how the students at Central came from all parts of Omaha."  
— Jessica Jalass

"To my surprise, juniors and seniors helped me find my classes and showed me around."  
— Pam Harp

"Central was larger than I thought and very confusing."  
— Todd Kraaz

"The horror stories that I had heard about sophomore year didn't come true. I thought everyone was really nice, and I especially liked the courtyard."  
— Stacie Travis

"I felt like the building was all twisted around, and I never knew what side I was on."  
— Shonna Schramm

"I thought I would get picked on by the seniors, but they were actually very nice."  
— Dave Zeisler

"I thought there would be better looking girls."  
— Brett Willenborg



Davis, Derek  
Davis, Jacqueline  
Davis, James  
Davis, Michael  
Davis, Tina  
Deiber, Matthew

Delaney, Louanne  
Deroy, Jenefer  
Derry, Thomas  
Dickson, Ann  
Dijibuti, Larry  
Dixon, Patricia

Dorneanu, Daniel  
Douglas, Ronald  
Drickey, Melissa  
Dumas, Patrick  
Duncan, Jarvis  
Dunlap, Christopher

Dyas, James  
Earnest, Toni  
Eastlack, Karen  
Edgren, Amy  
Egbert, Thomas  
Elem, Anthony

Enck, Amy  
Ernce, Kristin  
Ervin, Stephen  
Evans, Micah  
Evans, Pamela  
Everding, Daniel



Everitt, Luta  
Fant, Marcus



Fasan, Elena  
Finch, Russell



Firoz, Abhilasha  
Fisher, Gayla



Fisher, Todd  
Flynn, Trevor



Foster, Hilary  
Franck, Christopher



Freeman, Mary  
Frum, Michelle  
Fuglei, Timothy  
Fuller, Kimberly  
Fuxa, Nikki  
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Gaskin, Christina



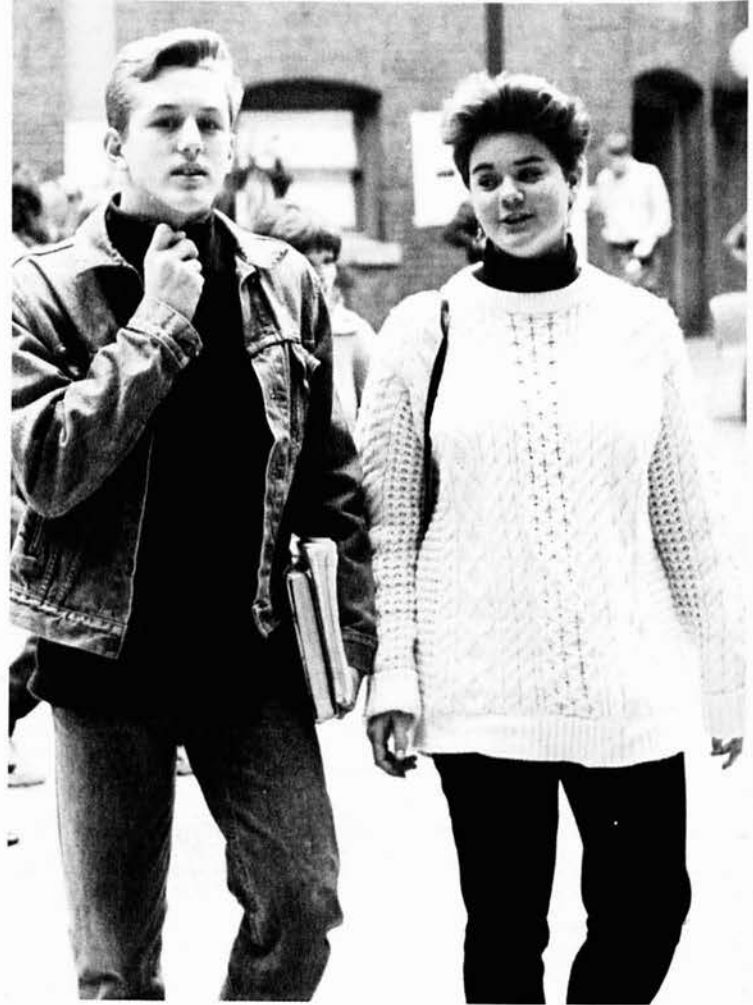
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Gilmore, Andre



Glup, Paul  
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Gold, Lena  
Gomez, Yvette



After finishing lunch, Keith Klanderud and Teresa Galligher stroll through the courtyard.





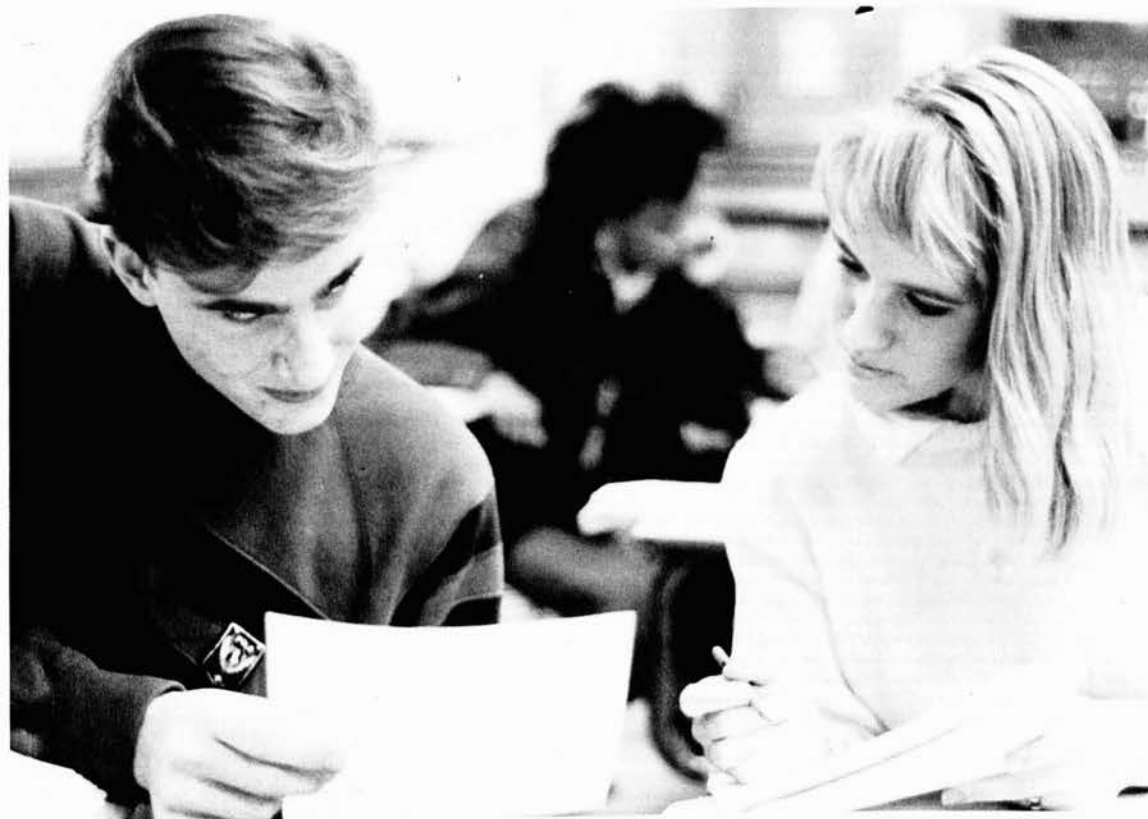
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Greenlee, Laura  
 Gresham, Angel  
 Grossman, Sharon  
 Grush, Renee  
 Guardiola, Anna  
 Guild, Brian

Guyer, Cory  
 Gwinn, Michael  
 Haley, James  
 Hall, Cynthia  
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 Hallsted, Nicole

Hansen, Joel  
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Robert Roxas, junior, and Nicole Gerhard compare answers as they work on an assignment in Chemistry.



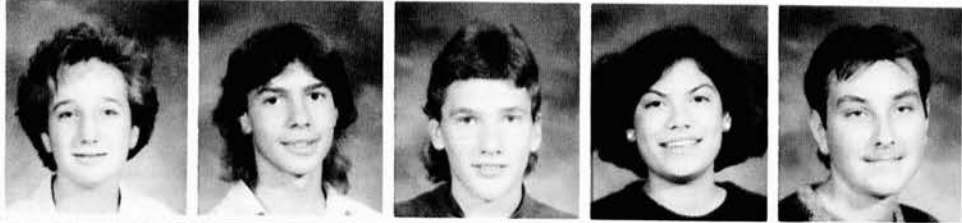
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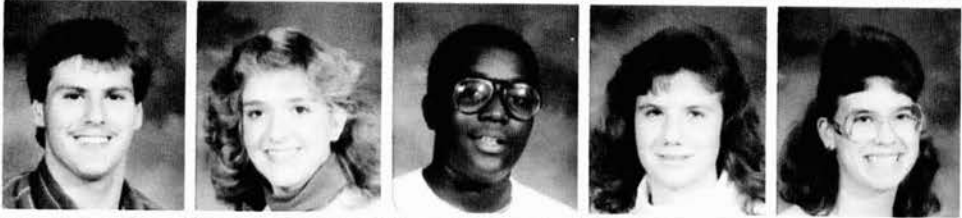
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Heller, Richard  
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 Hiatt, Jodee  
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Holman, Felicia



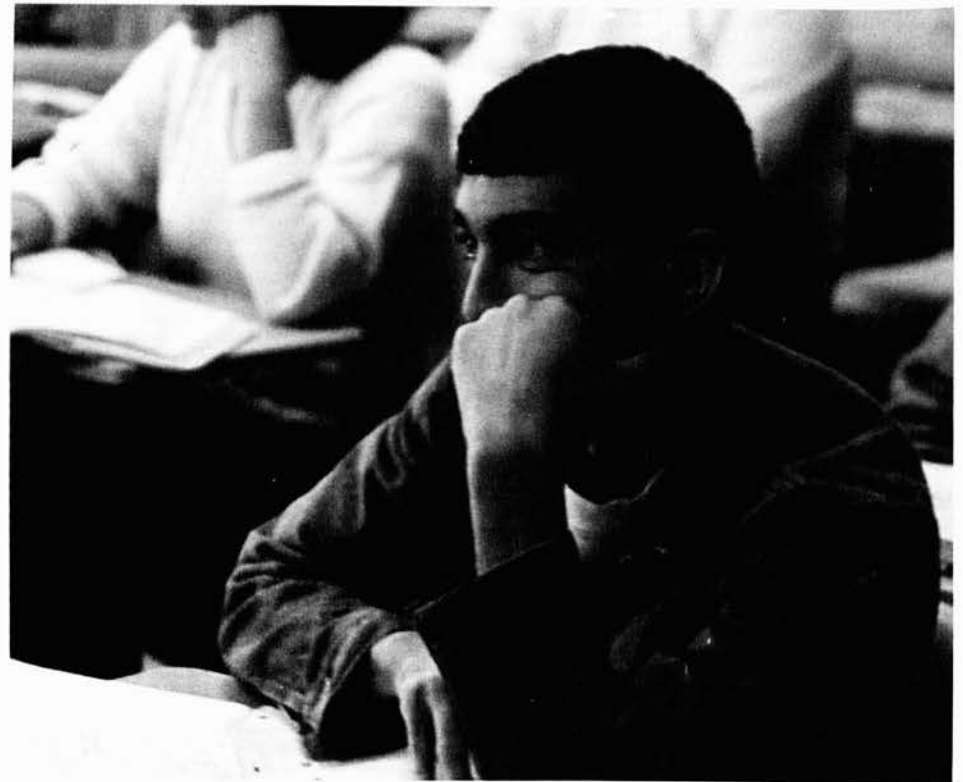
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Holum, Cassandra



Horne, Kimberly



Patrick Callahan attentively sits and listens to Miss Ryan's Latin Class.



Holly McDermott and Jennifer Weiss pause at their locker during passing period, to ready themselves for their next class.



Horton, Molly  
Horton, Nichelle  
Howard, Gregory  
Hrabik, Laurie  
Hudson, Robbie  
Huffaker, Heather

Hughes, John  
Hui, Shawn  
Hui, Stanley  
Hunter, Nathan  
Hurley, Jennifer  
Huston, Michele

Ivis, Barbara  
Jahn, Jodi  
Jalass, Jessica  
James, Mioshi  
Jaroch, Todd  
Jensen, Heith

Johnson, Jeremy  
Johnson, Sonya  
Johnson, Teresa  
Jones, Calvin  
Jones, Carla  
Jones, Christian

Jones, Walter  
Jordan, Eric  
Judevine, Marie  
Julian, Juli  
Justsen, Chadwick  
Kaisershot, Wesley



Keefe, Gregory  
 Keith, John  
 Kelly, Michelle  
 Kerr, Aaron  
 Kershaw, Jeremy  
 King, Catherine



King, Melissa  
 Kirk, Loren  
 Kittell, Nyssa  
 Klanderud, Keith  
 Klein, Lisa  
 Knight, Casey



Koehler, Deidre  
 Kopfle, Rachel  
 Koski, Kendra  
 Kraaz, Todd  
 Kraemer, Sean  
 Kratky, Kendall



Krause, Matt  
 Krauss, Katherine  
 Krussel, Mollie  
 Kurtzuba, Stephanie  
 LaFayette, Mary  
 Lage, Julie



Lamb, Gordon  
 Lang, Eric  
 Langner, Monika  
 Larimer, Heather  
 Larmon, Dawn  
 Larsen, Julie



Larsen, Sara  
 Lathan, Latasha  
 Laushman, Timothy  
 LaVoie, Allison  
 Lee, Nicholle  
 Leeder, Shellie



Sherman Gould and Christina Gaskin sit among friends in the courtyard before school. The courtyard is a popular place for students to congregate during school.



# Freshmen

## An addition to Central

The Omaha Public Schools internal task force presented a proposal concerning the option of four-year senior high schools to the Omaha Board of Education on Wednesday, November 25, 1987. This proposal included the decision as to whether Central High School, along with other Omaha Public Schools, should house ninth graders beginning with the 1988-1989 school year.

Three high schools, Benson, Bryan, and South, in an attempt to increase their enrollment, added a ninth grade class this fall. The plan for all high schools to establish a ninth grade class next year would not include all freshmen, though. Lewis and Clark Junior High, Nathan Hale Junior High, and Norris Junior High will all keep a ninth grade class. All other freshmen will have the same choice of a high school that they would have as a sophomore.

The expected freshmen class at Central numbers from 200 to 300 students. With this addition people see many advantages and disadvantages. Freshmen who attend Central High School would

benefit from its high academic level. Kym Benning commented, "They would be stronger in academics." This benefit would allow freshmen to get a head start in Central's various programs.

Freshmen would also be given an extra year to adjust to high school. "They will be more experienced and they will have a better feel for high school life," stated Kelly Fairchild. Kym Benning also commented on the fact that Central will benefit from their addition. "Ninth graders will have more school loyalty," she said.

Arguments against the addition of freshmen point out many disadvantages such as, an overcrowding problem. Brian Lynn stated, "The school would be too crowded, and it would be hard for them to adjust." Kelly Fairchild added, "Freshmen are too immature, and they would be picked on by the other grades."

Regardless of any negative feelings toward the addition of freshman at Central next year, they will be added at the beginning of the 1988 school year.



Lin, Mingshin  
Linguist, Craig  
Little, John  
Littlejohn, Larry  
Littlejohn, Lisa  
Loehr, Peggy

Long, Kristin  
Longstreth, Robert  
Loper, Michael  
Lubash, Rashelle  
Lucas, Keith  
Ludwick, Christina

Ludwick, Tess  
Ludwig, Duane  
Lundin, Craig  
Lynn, Brian  
MacDissi, Susan  
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Malone, Amy  
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Manhart, Stephen  
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Markus, Chantel



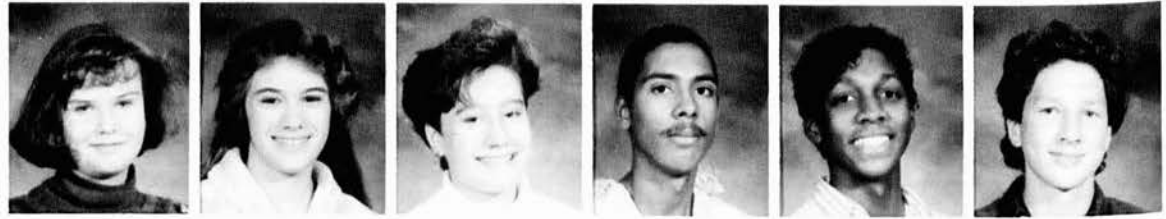
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 Mason, Grace



Matthews, Tara  
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 McCallan, Richard  
 McCoy, Jessica  
 McCullough, Dorceia



McDermott, Holly  
 McIntosh, Sherry  
 McIntyre, Alyssa  
 McPhaul, Allen  
 McPhaul, Scott  
 McWhorter, Justin



McWilliams, Robin  
 Mentzer, Travis  
 Mercer, Shawn  
 Michael, Tawnya  
 Micheli, Marcus  
 Mickles, Justin



Miller, Elana  
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 Moeller, Mary



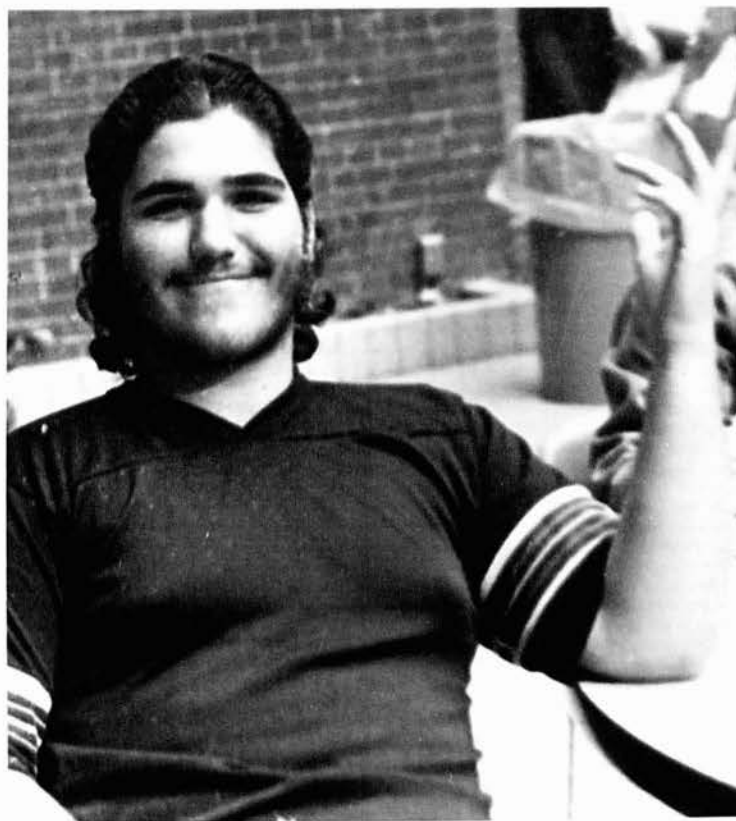
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 Money, Jeffrey  
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 Moore, Anita  
 Moore, Larissa  
 Moreno, Arturo



Kiri Soares takes time out from her badminton game to relax during her eighth hour individual sports class.



Tony Allen poses in the courtyard.



Morgan, Kevin  
Morley, Dana

Morrow, Ladanna  
Morton, Jamal

Moss, Aaron  
Mundt, Madeleine

Murdock, Johnny  
Murphy, Jennifer



Murray, Maia  
Myers, Carletta  
Nation, Demeatria  
Nance, James  
Neal, Eric  
Nieto, Christine



Nisi, Ross  
Nixon, Lisa  
Nolan, Barbara  
Norlin, Nicole  
Noveski, Amy  
Offenburger, Katherine



Olivo, Laura  
Olmstead, Jami  
Olson, Christian  
Olson, Heidi  
Ortega, Victoria  
Osler, Kimberley



Outlaw, Walter  
Owen, Andrea  
Owens, Angela  
Owens, Brian  
Page, Brian  
Palgi, Niv



Pallas, Mary  
Pallat, Richard  
Paulk, Daryl  
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Pearce, Renee  
Pearson, Jovita



Nicole Norlin talks with a friend after school.



Pease, Edward  
Pedersen, Jennifer



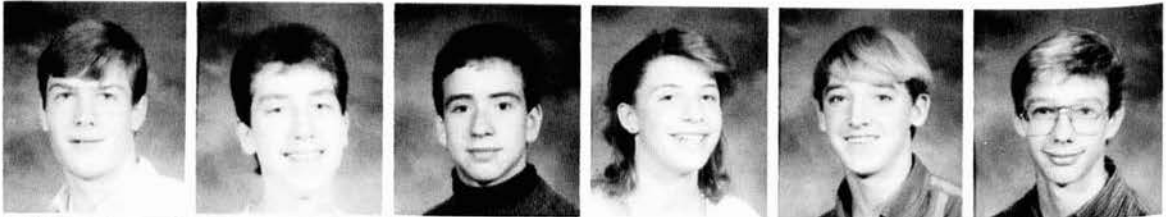
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Petty, Jeremy  
Philamalee, William



Pierce, Timothy  
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Poole, Jason  
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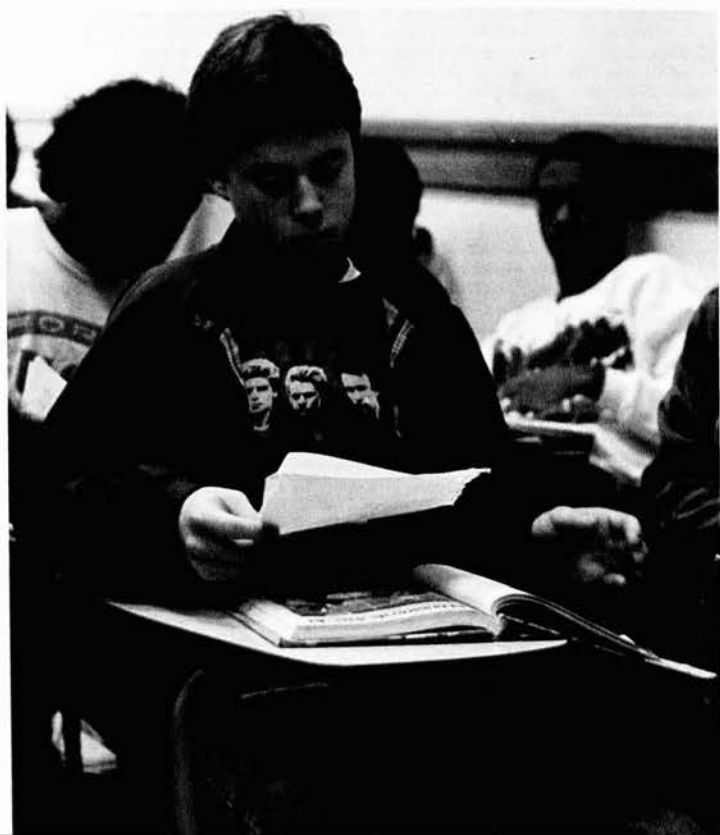
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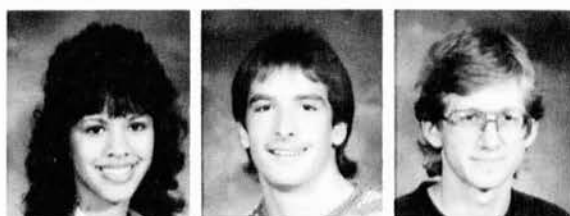


Ratute, Ronna  
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Billy Verzani looks over his notes in study hall for an up-coming test.





Regaldo, Zoraya  
Reger, Todd  
Reinarz, Christopher



Reuting, Mary  
Richardson, Tina  
Riggers, Esther



Rimmerman, Russell  
Rix, Lisa  
Robbins, Donovan



Roberts, David  
Roberts, Melissa  
Roberts, Ralph



Robinson, Leslie  
Robinson, Talian  
Rock, Larry  
Rogers, Amy  
Roper, Douglas  
Rosenbaum, Heidi



Amy Briggs, Mark Krecek, and Kristin Long watch a skit being performed in Drama class.



Rosenquist, Jill



Rouch, Benjamin



Runyan, Christopher



Rusie, Timothy



Rys, Steven  
Scaletta, Christine  
Schaeffer, Matt  
Scharn, Kristine  
Schiltz, Kelly  
Schneider, Diana



Schramm, Shonna  
Schroeder, Edward  
Schulz, Krista  
Selner, Jay  
Sender, Sean  
Shaw, Katherine



Sherlock, Shandra  
Shevchenko, Shawna  
Shields, Lanette  
Shomaker, Rachel  
Shramek, Daniel  
Siders, Kristina



## Students protest

# Skateboarding banned

In the fall of 1987, the Omaha City Council passed an ordinance which banned skateboarding, bicycling, and rollerskating in the downtown Old Market area. Councilman Walt Calinger proposed the ordinance because he felt congestion on the sidewalks was the main problem.

Dave Propp, a sophomore at Central High School, disagrees with the ban. "It's ridiculous and wrong to take a piece of public property away from the skateboarders," he said.

Bradley Williams, also a sophomore at Central, agrees. "We are not harming

anyone, and many people enjoy watching us."

Before the ordinance passed, the Omaha City Council formed a youth committee. Four members were chosen from a list of names of concerned students. Three of these students, Dave Propp, Chris Runyan, and Jennifer Leu, attend Central. Dave felt the committee meetings gave him and other students the opportunity to tell Councilmen their feelings about the ban.

Dave Propp and Stephen Bekish, a sophomore at Central, felt directly affect-

ed by the ban. "I sometimes still skate around the Old Market area but mainly around Park Fair Mall," said Stephen. Bradley does not skateboard in the Old Market anymore because of fines. "I skate in ditches around 96th & Fort, empty swimming pools, on ramps at my house, and at my friends' houses," he said.

According to Dave Propp, the youth committee plans to propose to the City Council setting up a specific time when people may skateboard in the Old Market.

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Smith, Chantelle  
Smith, Denise  
Smith, Ebony  
Smith, Jeffrey  
Smith, Michelle

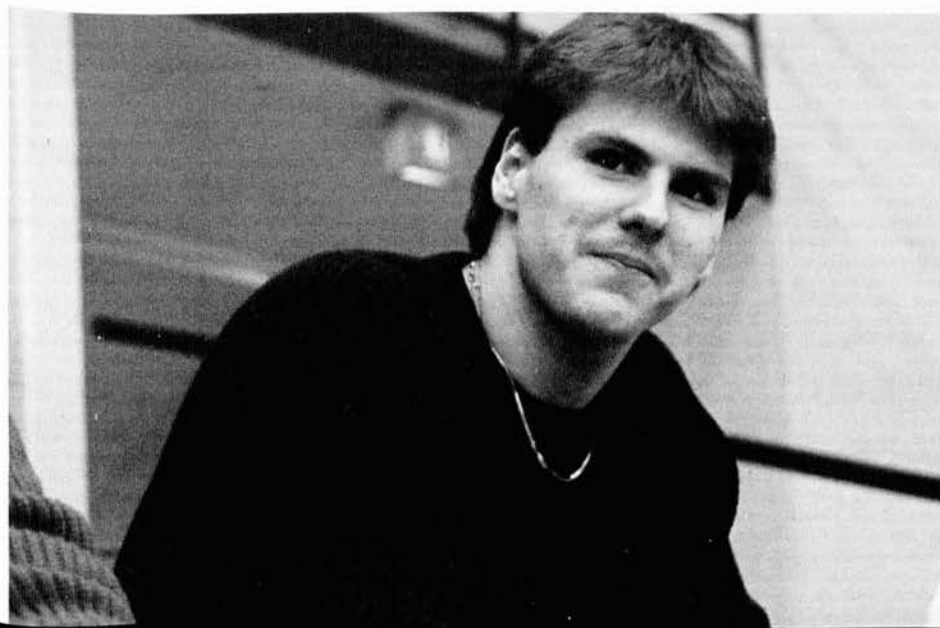
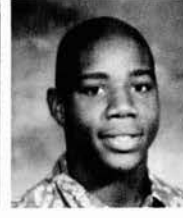


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Soares, Kiri  
Somers, Kay  
Springer, Elizabeth  
Stark, Arin  
Stessman, Jennifer





Heather Heimuli works on her homework while she waits for the city bus.



Rick Heller sees something that catches his attention across the room.

Stillmock, Melissa  
Stock, Denise

Stoolman, Sharon  
Straub, Sarah

Stuedemann, Cass  
Suurvarik, Dieter

Sykes, Anne  
Talich, Lesa

Talty, Gina  
Taylor, Julie

Taylor, Mara  
Teater, Christopher  
Teel, Jason  
Temple, Tamara  
Terry, Kirstine  
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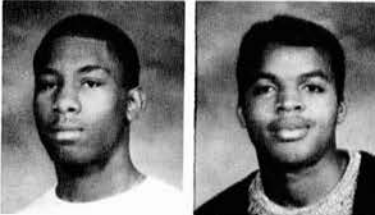
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Venditte, Christina  
Vickrey, Rachel



Victorica, Laura  
Victor, Terry  
Vogel, Casey  
Voss, William  
Vu, Quan  
Waite, Jason



Walker, Hope  
Walker, Michael  
Walker, Thomas  
Walker, Veronica



Walley, Samantha  
Wansley, Tracy  
Waterman, Shari  
Watson, Tresa



Wehbe, Simone  
Weidner, Susan  
Weight, Tricia  
Weiss, Jennifer





Welch, Renee  
Wells, Levell  
Wells, Richard  
Wheeler, Andrew  
Wheeler, Mick  
White, Bridgett



White, Jamison  
White, Monica  
White, Robert  
Wiese, Chris  
Willenborg, Brett  
Williams, Anthony



Williams, Jade  
Williams, Jennilyn



Williams, Julie  
Williams, Travis



Williamson, Margaret  
Willis, Idell

Jennifer Baum looks up from her studies as the bell rings.



Willms, Lisa  
Wilson, Brian  
Wilson, Yolanda  
Wilwerding, Garret  
Wolf, Michael  
Wommock, Jody



Yam, Alvin  
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Young, Shelly  
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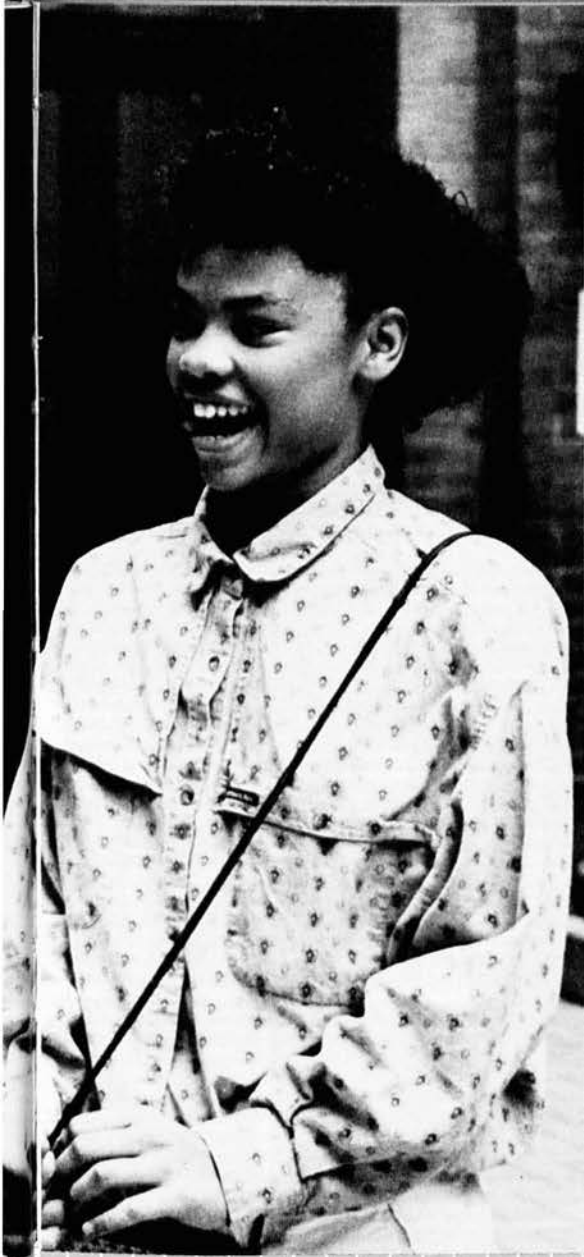
Zeisler, David

Jenny Collins, Tim Pierce, and Melissa Roberts have a laugh outside after school.





# This Is The Junior Class



Monica McSwain and Jaynena Franklin share a laugh in the courtyard between classes.

Juniors are the class in the middle of the road. After experiencing one year at Central, they have one year remaining before graduation. DeAnna Espejo said she liked being in the middle because it is easier to fit in. Tzari Christon said, "Juniors know the school and the teachers better." "Knowing more people makes your year more fun," added DeAnna. This year's junior class consists of 582 people.

Knowing the school, students, and teachers makes the year more enjoyable, but there are drawbacks. "There is more of a challenge in school work," said Beth Cimino. DeAnna feels the same and said much more is expected of juniors in academic work. Beth feels the junior year is boring since high school and Central is no longer a new experience, and you don't have graduation to look forward to.

What is the best part of being a junior?

—"You aren't treated like sophomores anymore," said Beth Cimino.

—"Knowing I only have one more year of high school," said Stephan Dietrich.

—"Not being a sophomore," said Rob Roxas.

—"Watching the sophomores trip up," said Sue Peters.



Abraham, Khourey  
 Adams, Billie  
 Albert, Lisa  
 Albertson, Amy  
 Allen, Dennis  
 Alvarez, Teresa



Andersen, Terri  
 Anderson, Cherie  
 Anderson, Christopher  
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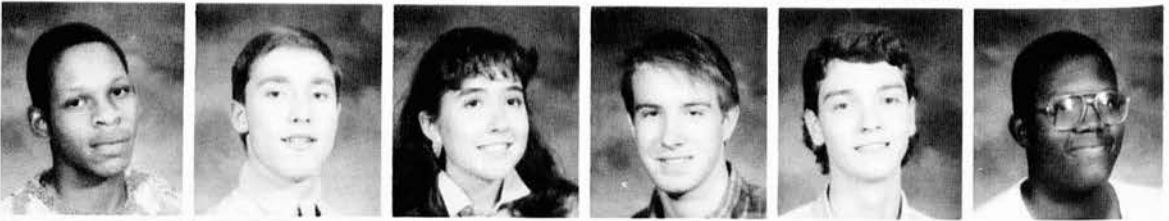
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 Bentz, Sherry  
 Berney, Shawn  
 Berry, Michelle



Blake, William  
 Blankenship, Jason  
 Blankman, Antoinette  
 Bolte, Kyle  
 Bresette, Aaron  
 Briggs, Olen



Broadnax, Elder  
 Brooks, Echelle  
 Brower, Katherine  
 Brown, James  
 Brown, Joseph  
 Brown, Robin



Brown, Roland  
 Brown, Stacie  
 Brown, Tiwana  
 Brownrigg, Brian  
 Bryant, Jody  
 Budny, Mary



Burns, Kristina  
 Bush, Gregory  
 Caban, Ellen  
 Cabbell, Tracy  
 Caillier, Robert  
 Cain, Delila





Canfield, Lloyd  
 Caroperez, Michelle  
 Carpenter, Cynthia  
 Caston, Tisha  
 Caviness, Dawn  
 Centineo, Joseph

Chamberlain, Stacey  
 Charles, Victoria  
 Chessareck, Sherrie  
 Christensen, Ken  
 Christon, Tzaras  
 Cimino, Beth

Clark, Erik  
 Clawson, Catherine  
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 Collins, Elijah

Combs, Kimberly  
 Combs, Penny  
 Conley, Deborah  
 Conner, Mark  
 Conradson, Angela  
 Craddock, Donya

Cress, Sharrie  
 Cronican, Bernadette  
 Crosby, Cynthia  
 Crumbliss, Christopher  
 Cuevas, Laura  
 Cullum, James



David Kowalski looks surprised to find his friend Kurt Goeser is the man behind the eagle mask.

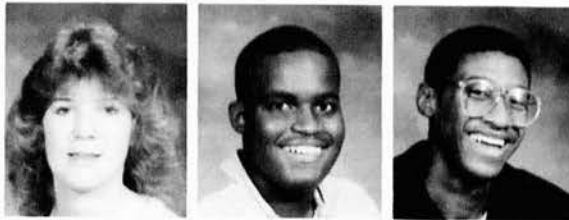




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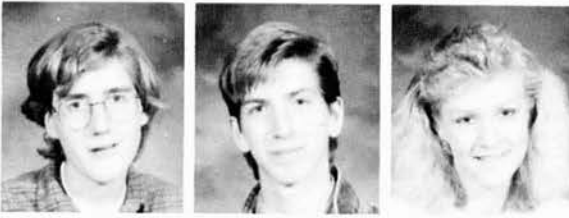
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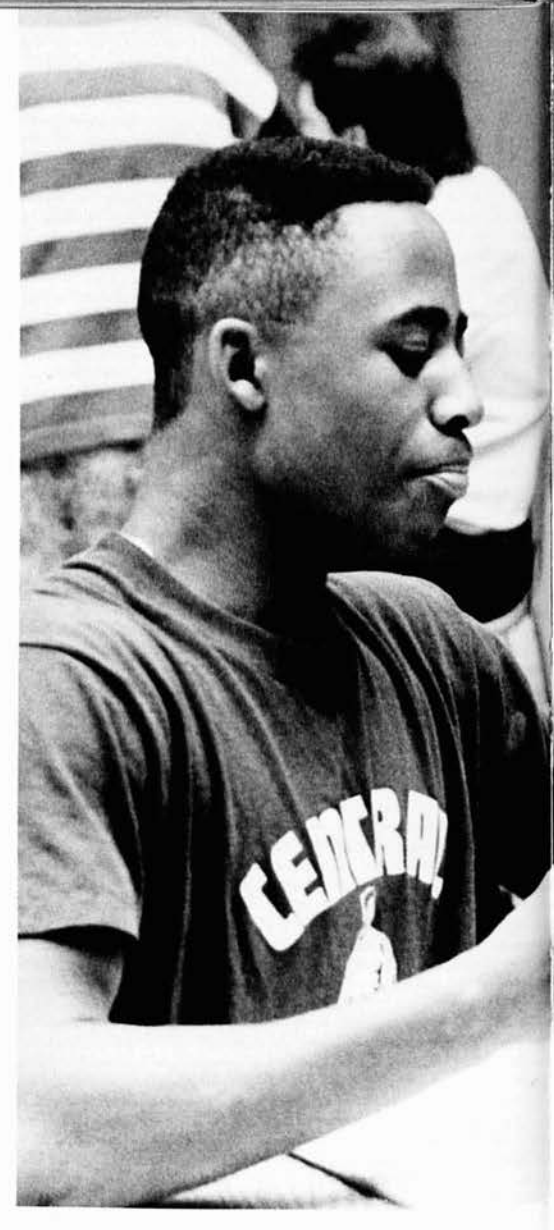
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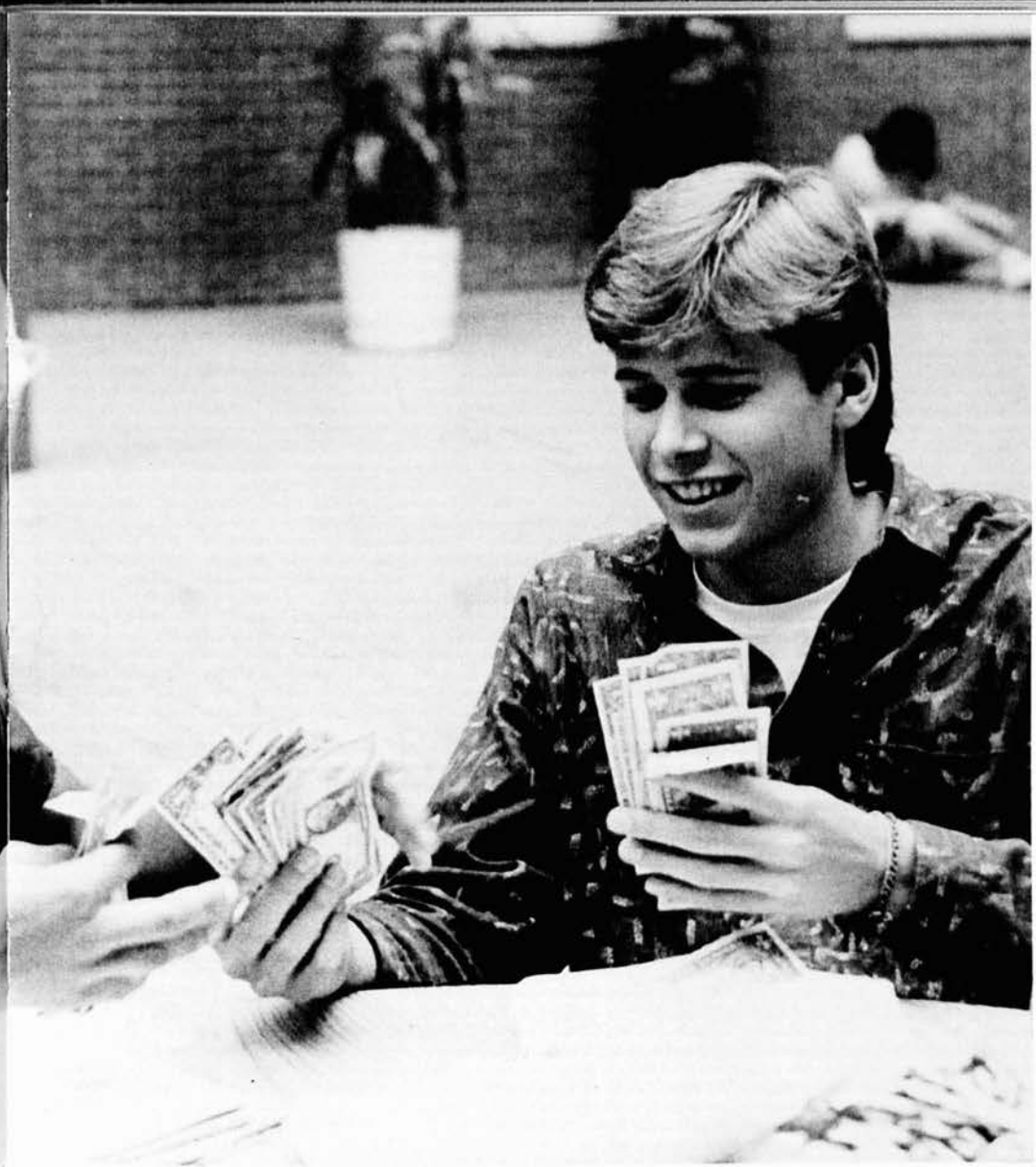


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 Edwards, Markeita  
 Ehlers, Dana  
 Emanuel, Jennifer  
 Engh, Melissa



Espejo, DeAnna  
 Falkner, Ralph  
 Fargher, James  
 Farkas, Karen  
 Fausett, Kelly  
 Felton, Angela





Student Council members, Ralph Falkner and Peter Festersen, more than willingly count money made from one of their many fund raisers. This year the student council sold items such as key chains, Central cups, pennants, and secret santa messages.



Fenner, Hilary  
 Ferguson, Adrian  
 Ferrante, Kristine  
 Ferro, Matthew  
 Festersen, Peter  
 Fierro, Ernesto

Finney, Rachel  
 Flatt, Anthony  
 Fogarty, Edward  
 Fohner, Michelle  
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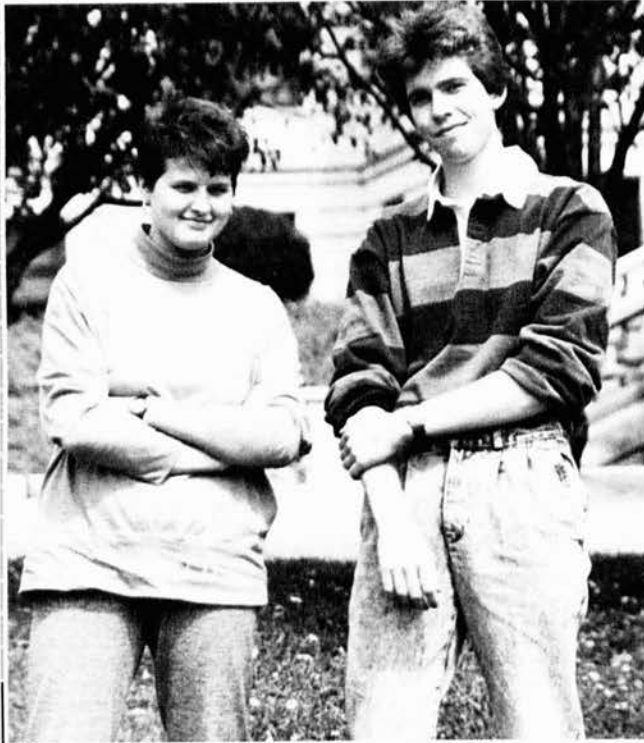
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 Gemar, Gretchen  
 Gerber, Steven





# Students go abroad

## Justin and Mary travel junior year



Justin Kerr and Mary Welty spent their junior year abroad.

Justin Kerr and Mary Welty returned to Central High School this year after spending their junior year abroad. Even though both studied at the eleventh grade level in their host countries, they became part of this year's junior class upon return. They each commented that they did not mind not graduating with their friends. Justin said the hardest part at first was not knowing anyone in his classes, but it is turning out better than he thought.

Justin spent his year in Niedersachsen, West Germany. This trip was sponsored through the American and West German governments. After becoming a semi-finalist, Justin was interviewed frequently. "I wanted to see Germany, experience a new culture, and use a different language," he told the interviewers.

Justin commented that the atmosphere in Germany is a lot more relaxed. While in Germany, he studied at the Gymnasium, the biggest level of high school in Germany's educational system. He said unlike American schools, German schools

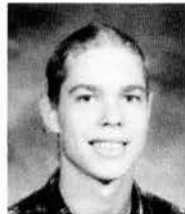
give more free periods and the freedom to go out of the school. Justin had no difficulties learning the German language, except when it came to Physics class.

Mary Welty spent her year aboard in Milano, Italy. Her trip was sponsored by the International Cultural Youth Exchange. Mary said she knew nothing about the Italian language before she arrived in Italy. She learned Italian mainly in her host home. "It was impossible for me to even do my homework for the first three months," she said.

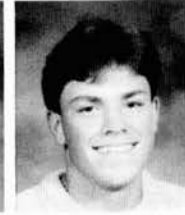
Mary said she found Italian life much stricter and demanding. She commented that when a teacher comes into the classroom, everyone must stand up. Study requires at least five hours at night she said, and if you flunk one class, you flunk the whole grade.

Although both students experienced their share of homesickness, neither one had any regrets. Justin said, "I had one bout with homesickness in Germany, but right now I'm homesick for Germany."

Gigliotti, Bill  
Gilmore, Eric  
Gladwell, William  
Glass, Jared  
Glesne, Kirsten  
Goehring, Terry



Goeser, Kurt  
Gomez, Michael  
Gordon, Amy  
Gossin, Kimberly  
Graf, Lorrie  
Greeno, Edward



Grim, Michael  
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Guilfoyle, Mary  
Guzman, Michelle  
Hall, Phillip  
Halsey, David



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Hammer, Laura  
Hanes, Angela  
Hankins, Heidi  
Harkness, Jennifer





Harris, Tira  
Hart, Derek  
Harty, Anna  
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Hausman, Jennifer  
Hawley, Michelle

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Hendricks, Jennifer  
Henry, Stacy  
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Hoskins, Abraham  
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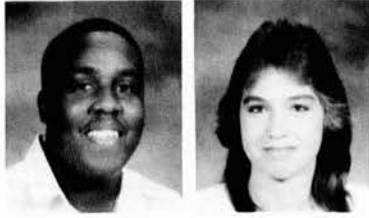
Heidi Sharp smiles as she finishes her picture of a boat in typing class.



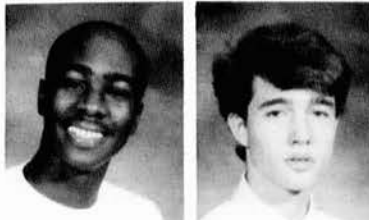
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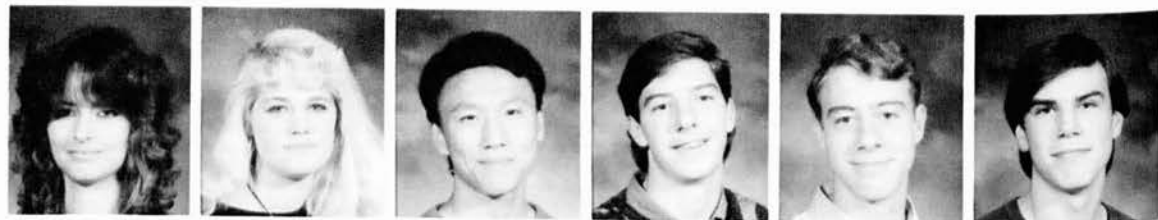
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 Kay, David



Kerr, Justin  
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 Kinnach, Michael  
 King, Demetra  
 Klement, Shaun  
 Klipsch, Mark



Knight, Orrin  
 Knox, Tylene  
 Konvalin, Lisa  
 Kosowsky, Joanna  
 Kotock, Seth  
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 Lager, Sara



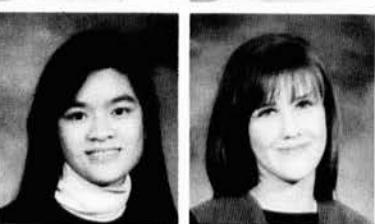
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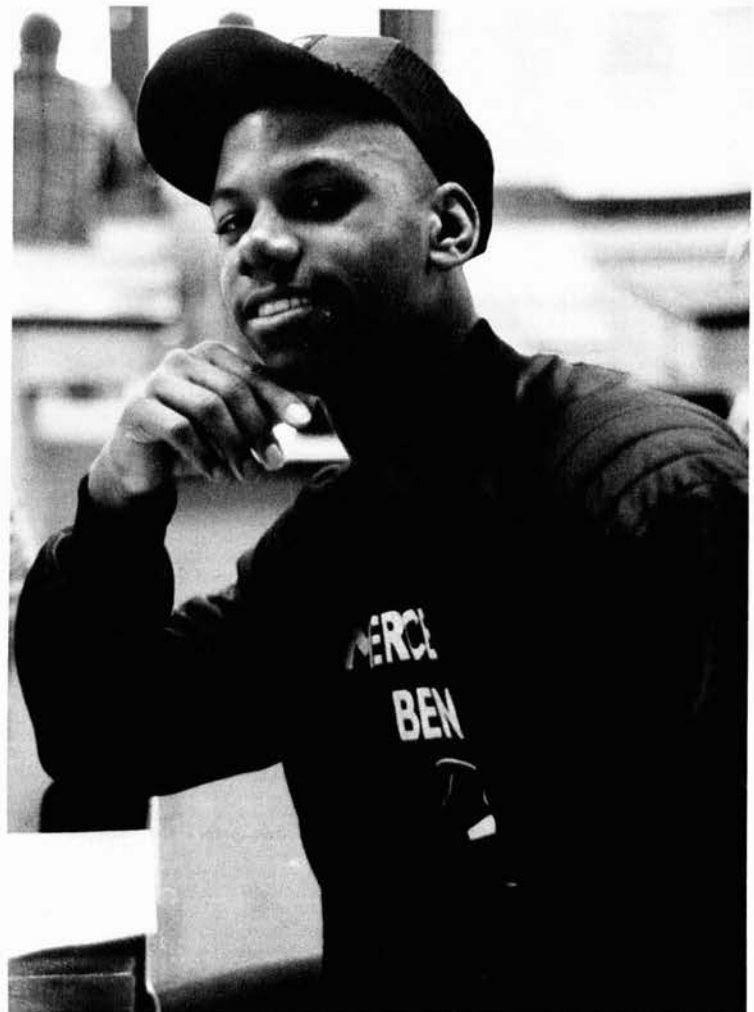
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Kelly Yancy ponders over his assignment in Chemistry.





Eric Risch and Angel Coleman take a break to rest on a wall outside of Central and discuss the happenings of their days.



Lee, Karen  
 Lehmann, Thomas  
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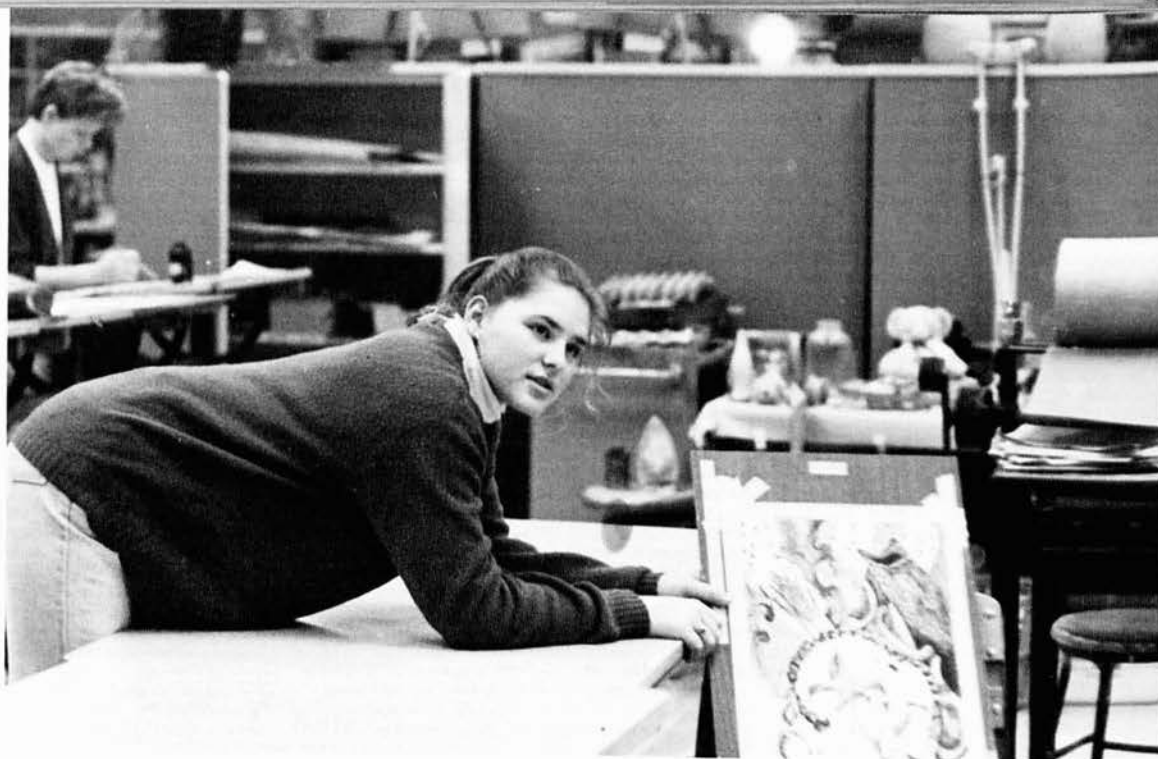
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 Luong, Lydia  
 Lynum, Che

Lyons, Michelle  
 MacAfee, Tammy  
 Macdissi, Michelle  
 Majied, Nirobi  
 Mancuso, John  
 Markise, Jeffrey



Amy Albertson asks her art teacher for a critique of her work. Mr. Hausman, Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Quinn are Central's art instructors who are always willing to give their advice.



Marling, Timothy  
 Martin, Angela  
 Masters, Richard  
 Mayer, Jennifer  
 McArthur, Richard  
 McCann, Kevin



McCarthy, Brian  
 McClellan, Chad  
 McCormack, Michelle  
 McCoy, Karin  
 McDonald, Jennifer  
 McIntosh, James



McKeone, Andrea  
 McKown, Leslie



McLeod, Tyler  
 McSwain, Monica



McVaney, Maureen  
 Mecseji, Christopher



Medley, Felicia  
 Meister, Jean



Eric Riley takes a shortcut through the courtyard on his way to class.

# City Council's proposed curfew . . .

## A student view

Omaha City Council members, Walt Calinger and Allen Dinzole, requested a draft ordinance to discuss the possibility of an 11:30 p.m. curfew for teenagers under seventeen. According to the council members, the idea for the curfew arose from a number of problems on West Dodge, in Central Park Mall, and in the Old Market.

Calinger and Dinzole visited Central High School on November 12, for an open discussion on the newly drafted proposal.

Central was one of many high schools visited by the councilmen. The members said they wanted to hear the ideas and opinions of the Omaha students since some high school teens will be the ones affected by the curfew.

Various opinions of Central students:

"I think the curfew is necessary. It's like time is repeating itself because of similar discipline issues of the 60's."

— Ken Rice

"I don't think the problem is as bad as they think it is. The curfew wouldn't work because it would be hard to hold people to it."

— Jill Schmeichel

"I think the curfew should affect people

younger than 17. Most seventeen-year-olds have jobs and work past 11:30."

— Carl Yeck

"The curfew wouldn't be effective because if teenagers want to go out, they go out. It's up to the parents to decide how late their kids should stay out."

— Tracy Oliver

"I don't think that the curfew would be abided. They shouldn't punish everyone for the mistakes of the people who make a curfew necessary. Do you close a bank just because one person robbed it?"

— Stephan Dietrich

"I think the curfew is necessary. It would make teenagers realize that being out late isn't a good idea."

— Marie Robinson

"The curfew is set too early. I think there is a problem, but I don't think a curfew is the solution."

— Damon Todd

"I think that the curfew is stupid. People would still be out late and would probably rebel even more to prove the City Council wrong."

— Michelle Weeda



Emily Rasmuss, a Student Council member, voices her opinion on the curfew issue. She was one of many Centralites who stood up and asked the councilmen a question.



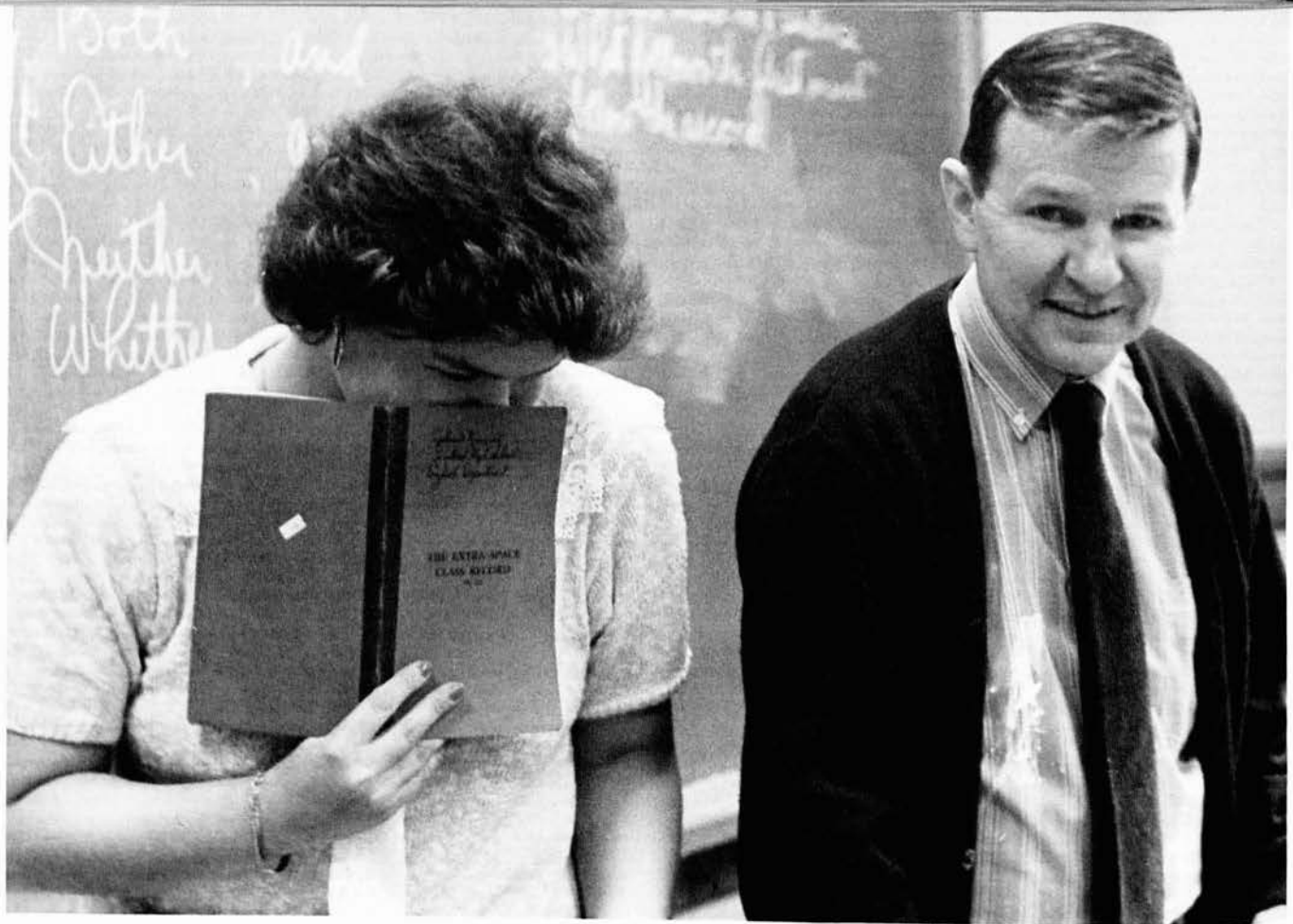
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Mitchell, William  
Mitilier, Kelly  
Mobley, Marty

Montgomery, Antione  
Moore, Tara  
Morinelli, Matthew  
Morris, April  
Mostrom, Eric  
Mott, Wendy



Diane Krueger sneaks a peak at Mr. Keenan's gradebook.



Mousel, Lynn  
Muehling, Jennifer  
Murphy, Edwin  
Musselman, John  
Nelsen, Carole  
Nelson, Adam



Nelson, Matthew  
Newby, Khea  
Newell, Antionette  
Newsome, Myrtial  
Newton, Carl  
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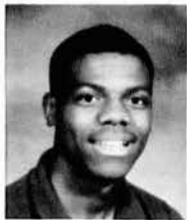
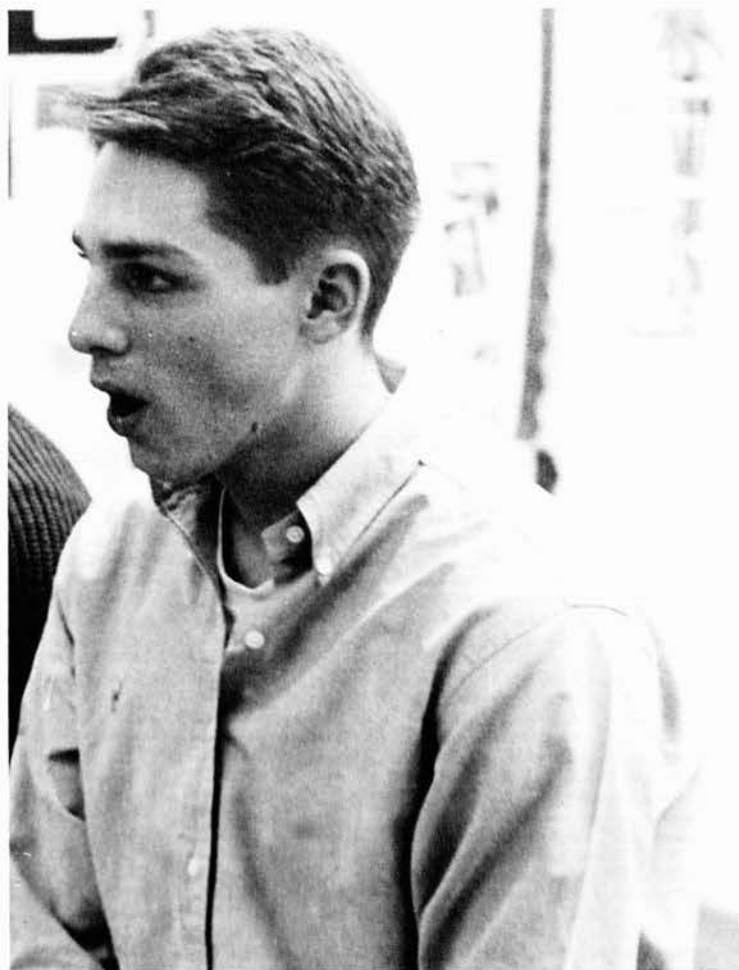
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Palmer, Melissa  
Pansing, Daniel  
Pennington, Daniel  
Pepple, Amy



Why does Andy Huff look so surprised?



Perkins, Kimberly  
Perry, Darice

Peters, Susan  
Petrihos, Vasilias

Phillips, Dominic  
Pick, Amy

Pietramale, Rebecca  
Pike Kimberly

Pinkerton, Shannon  
Pittman, Tracy

Plott, Tami  
Porter, Randy  
Prince, Louis  
Rahn, Lyree  
Rasmuss, Emily  
Reed, Marcie

Palavi Kumar and Andrea Dusatko  
warm up their voices in A Cappella  
Choir.





Ellen Caban braves the wind on her way out of Central.



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Reed, Willie



Rennard, Rachael  
Reyes, Edward



Rhine, Judith  
Rice, Kenneth



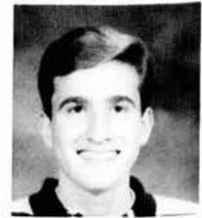
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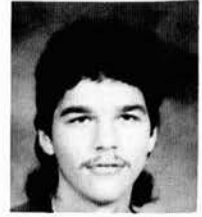
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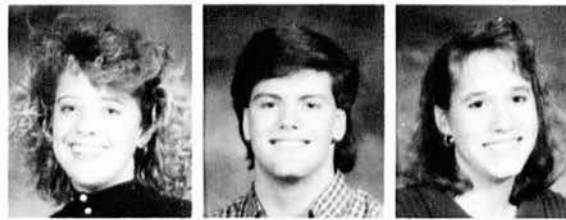
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Mimi McVaney calculates the results of her chemistry lab.



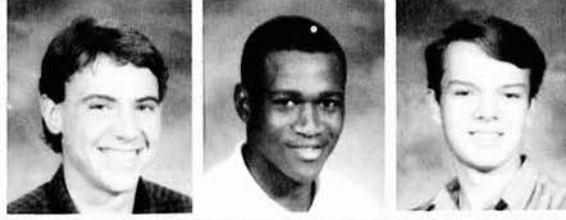
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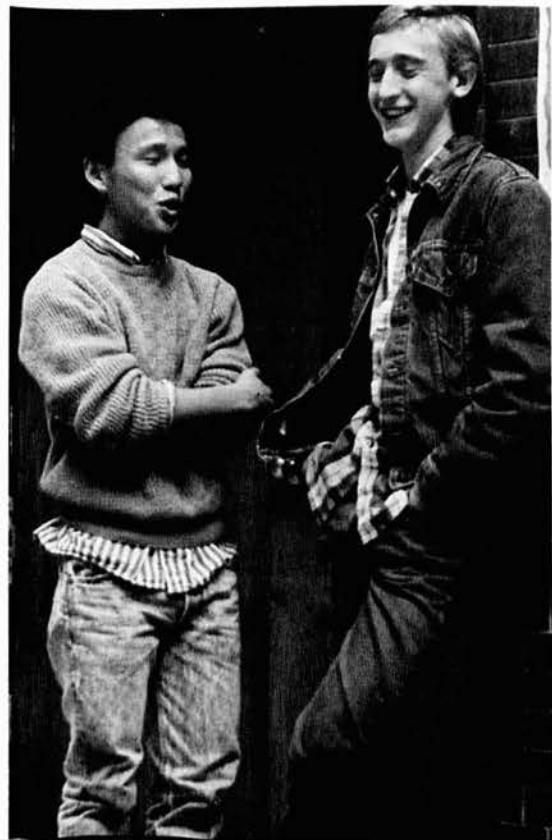
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Steele, Robert



Steinhauer, Tammy  
Stennis, Linda  
Stevens, Jordan



Chad Jungman and Rick Masters enjoy each other's company before school.



# Skiing: A popular sport

With winter comes snow, and to many people this means it is time to hit the slopes. The colder months of the year signal a feeling of anticipation and excitement in a skier who can hardly wait to pack up all his gear and head to his favorite skiing resort.

Skiing is a popular winter sport among Centralites. Many students go on regular family ski trips every year while others go with their friends or a church youth club. Winter and Spring Breaks seem to be the most common times for these trips.

Growing up in a family of skiers means being put on skis at an early age for some people. Kirsten Glesne said that she began skiing when she was four. "It's easier to learn when you're young because you don't realize the risk you're taking, and you're not as scared," she said.

Meredith Hammans also began skiing at an early age. "I started when I was five," said Meredith, "and I broke my leg while I was taking lessons. I tried cross country skiing for a while after that until I got up the nerve to begin downhill skiing again in the fifth grade."

In addition to skiing with their families, both Meredith and Amy Schreiner go on a ski trip with their church youth club each year. Amy commented that she looks forward to the trip because, "skiing is my favorite sport, and it's twice as fun when your friends are with you."

Skiing holds many attractions for different people. Jason Shearer said that he skis mostly on blue and black level slopes (intermediate and advanced) because he likes the moguls. "It's the challenge of the slopes that attracts me to skiing," he

said.

Meredith and Amy agreed that they like to challenge themselves by skiing on the harder slopes. They commented that together they conquered a run called "Rolex" in Steamboat, Colorado. "It's a double black diamond slope!" said Meredith.

Everyone seems to have a favorite place to ski. Jason said that he goes to a different place every year with his family, but he likes to ski in Vail the best. Amy said that her family owns a condo in Dillon, Colorado, and she skis at all the resorts in the area. Both Amy and Kirsten agree that Copper Mountain is their favorite place to go.

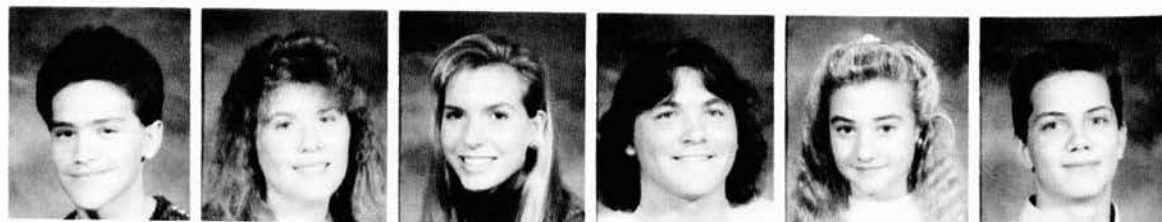
Kirsten Glesne said that one reason she likes skiing is because, "it's something you can do for the rest of your life."



Amy Schreiner and Meredith Hammans pose for a picture as they ride in a gondola up a mountain in Steamboat, Colorado.

Kirsten Glesne rests outside her condo in Vail after a long day of skiing.

Stevens, Sean  
Stewart, Jolinda  
Stommes, Holly  
Storer, Mitchell  
Strauss, Jamie  
Swanson, Jay



Szynskie, Mary  
Thompson, Eric  
Thompson, Susan  
Tibke, Alison  
Timm, Paul  
Todd, Damon





Janetta Bentley prepares various inks for a project in art class. Her class meets in Room 425 every eighth hour.



Townsend, Lesvegas  
Tucker, Elaine



Tyler, Debra  
Vazzano, Joe



Veach, Joel  
Ventura, Raquel



Vinski, Toni  
Voss, John



Wagner, Kennetta  
Walker, Jenny



Wansley, Julia  
Warner, Phillip  
Washington, Cherrese  
Watkins, Lydia  
Weaver, Jillian  
Weberg, Gina



Samuel Davison and Vicki Reed display their friendship in the hallway before school.



Seth Kotok raises his hand to express his opinion on the new curfew proposed by the Omaha City Council. The Councilmen visited Central High School on November 12 and answered questions in front of students and reporters.



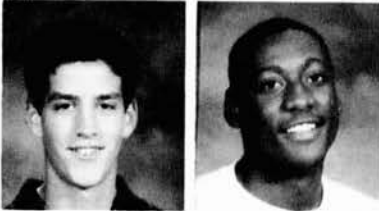
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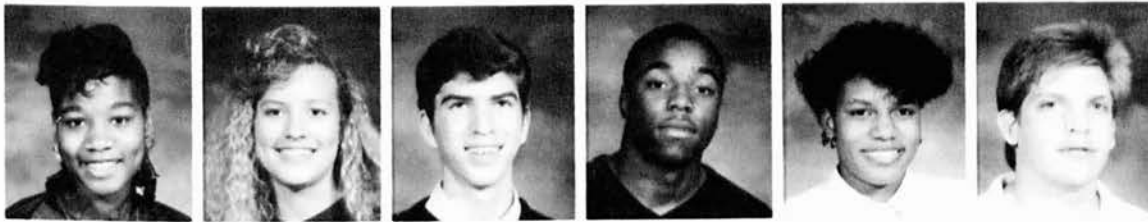


Williams, Bryant



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 Wise, Kevin



Who is that with Bill Blake hiding behind Michelle White?



Worden, Joan  
 Yancy, Kelly  
 Yeck, Carl

Young, Wyndle  
 Zimmer, Lance  
 Zimmer, Raphael

Zoucha, BobbiJo  
 Zukas, Christina

A group of juniors enjoy the privilege of eating lunch in the courtyard.





# This Is The Senior Class!!!



Spirited seniors show their eagle spirit and display their banner to the opponents, the Westside Warriors.

This is the senior class — together for the last time as a group of 1988 graduates. Senior year is the culmination of thirteen years of education. What does this mean? — To many students, it means the crucial year for making decisions about college or after-graduation employment and their futures. It also represents the final “good times” with friends.

What comes next? That becomes a serious and frightening question for most apprehensive students. “Everything becomes more important your senior year,” said Beth Christ; “you realize that it’s your last high school football game, your last prom, and your last chance to spend time with your close friends.”

More than ever before, the people in your class become a visible and important part of your life and your activities. The senior class is looked up to for support and school spirit. This year’s seniors showed that spirit at Central High was not a thing of the past and helped blaze the trail for a renewed feeling of school pride.

Like every year at Central, the senior class thrived academically and athletically. They proved that diversity among students and a large class only stimulates success and encourages individuality. Although it is hard to generalize characteristics about such a large senior class, the class of 1988 exhibited a new feeling of spirit and Central High pride that will be remembered for years to come.



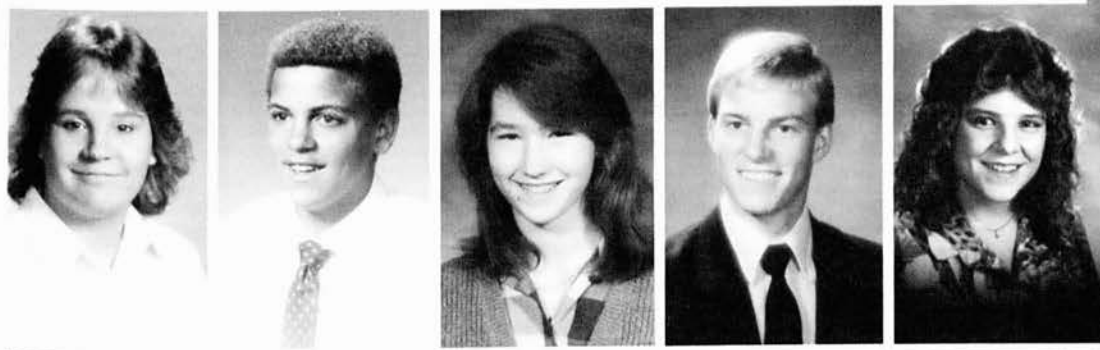
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Drew Weiss does his morning exercises in the marketing home-room. Maybe he should start eating breakfast?

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Anderson, Michelle  
Applegate, Shelli  
Arellano, Heather  
Armstrong, Andy





Atkinson, Kyli  
Austin, Mark  
Bach, Nichola  
Backens, Dan  
Baker, Brenda



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Balosang, Siphwiwe  
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Batt, Jonas  
Battle, Valencia  
Belton, Neshonda  
Benolken, Leasha  
Berger, Jori



Besancon, Renee  
Blazevich, Joe  
Blocker, Sarah  
Bonham, Jacki  
Booker, Richard



Bostick, Pam  
Bowers, Stephanie  
Bradley, Percy  
Brennan, Susan  
Broekemeier, Kate



Shawn Cooper and Heather Jones graciously pose for a bosom-buddy snap shot in the courtyard.



Brooks, Joy  
Brooks, Lia



Brown, Brenda  
Brown, David



Brown, Paula  
Brown, Stephanie A.  
Brown, Stephanie L.  
Brown, Tina  
Bruns, Alyson



Brye, Shawnda  
Buckingham, Amy  
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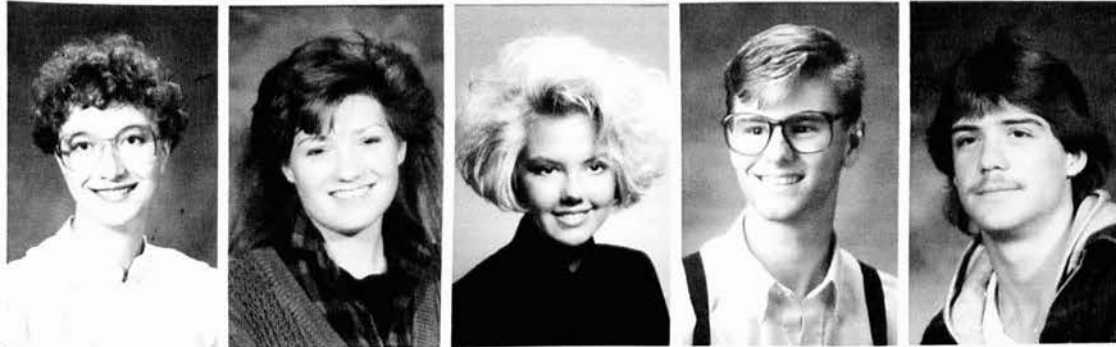




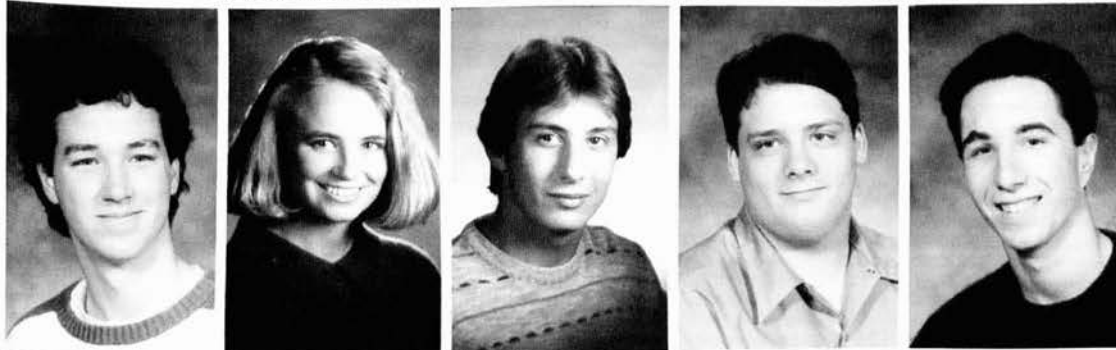
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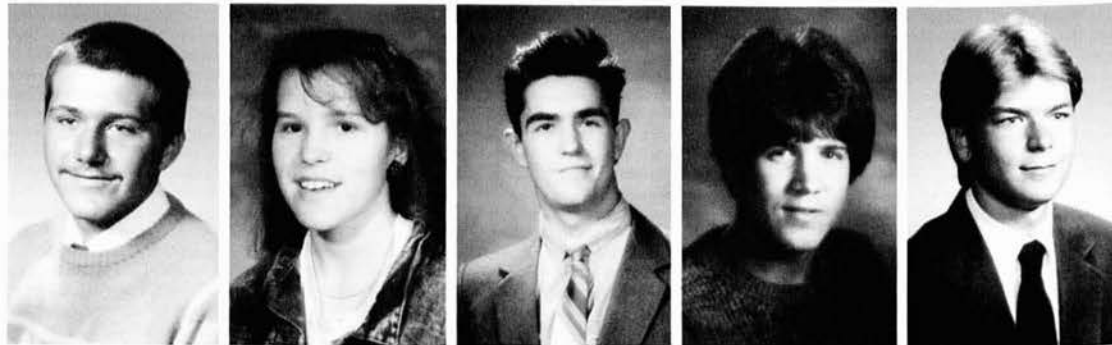
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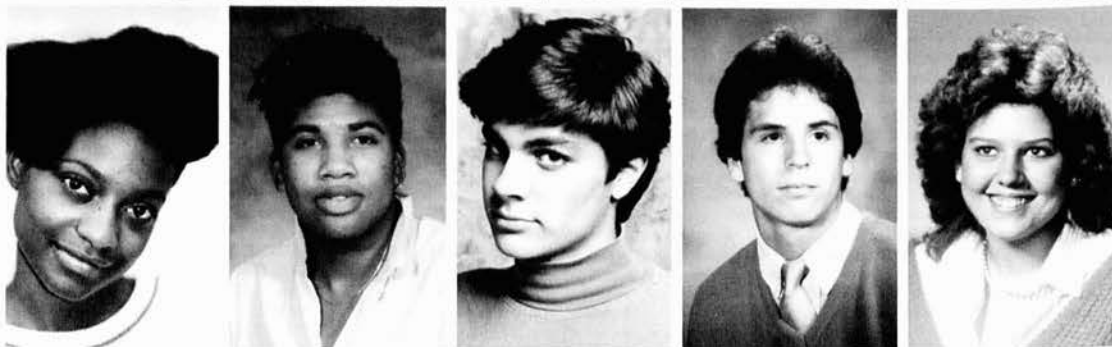
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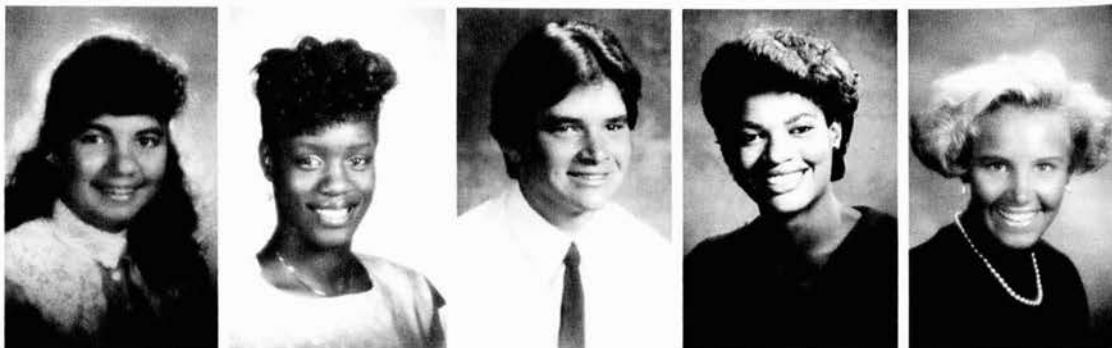
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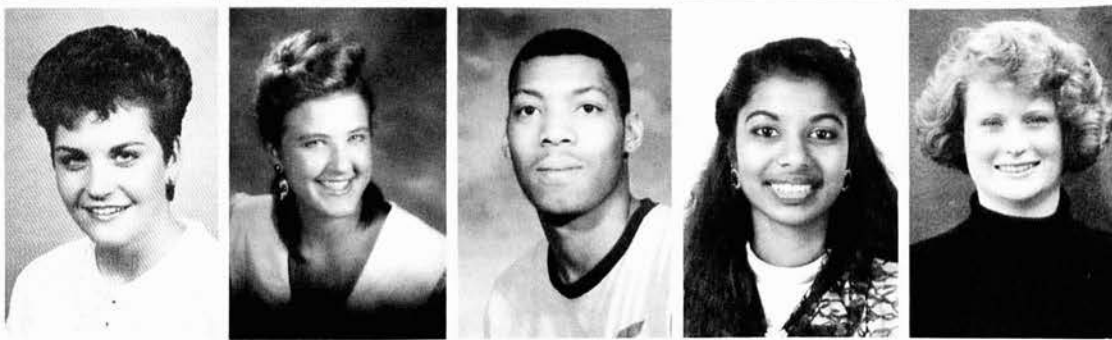
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 Felici, Tracy  
 Fellows, Tony  
 Firoz, Dolly  
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Lisa Luong turns and is captured on film by Dawn Rosenbaum.



Flott, Jason  
 Floyd, William  
 Focht, Scott  
 Fogarty, Tess  
 Foster, Trish

Frazier, Rhoda  
 Freeman, Chandra  
 Freeman, Misty  
 Frey, Mike  
 Fritchman, April

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 Fuller, Douglas  
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 Gardner, Eric



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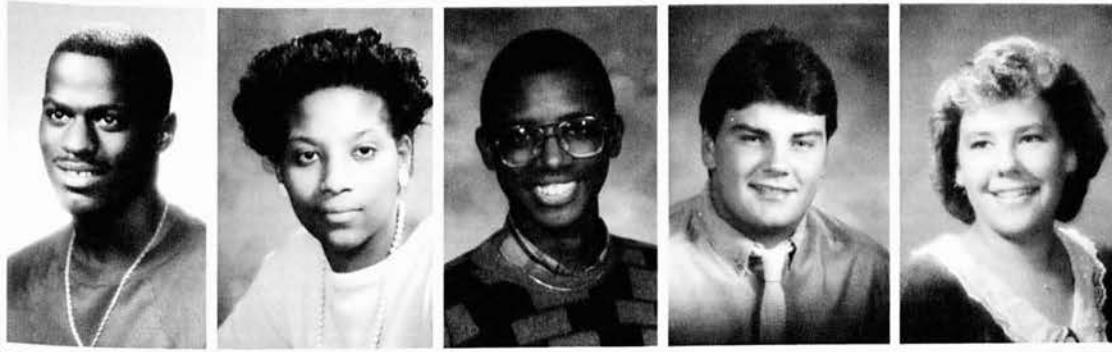
## Royalty selection

Homecoming weekend occurred October 2nd and 3rd. The Homecoming game against Benson was on Friday night, and Homecoming festivities concluded Saturday night with the dance and the crowning of Homecoming royalty at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Milo Bail Student Center.

Homecoming royalty, selected from a list of senior girls and boys, are chosen because of their participation in school sponsored activities. Seniors with a student activity ticket vote for 9 boy and girl candidates. Candidates are narrowed for the final vote, and all students with an S.A. ticket are eligible to vote again. The top five boy and girl vote getters become Homecoming royalty, with the top two students crowned king and queen.

This year's king and queen were Mallery Ivy and Melvin Jones. Homecoming royalty was Kalen Anderson, Brecke Houston, Sevrin Huff, Sarah McWhorter, Ronnie Barfield, Dave Chambers, Rob Glasser, and Joe Salerno.





Green, Leslie  
Green, Tammy  
Greene, Lamar  
Griffith, Todd  
Grillo, Laura



Grush, Lance  
Gunia, Dennis  
Gutierrez, Barbara  
Hadley, Lisa  
Haecker, Alex



Haggart, Andrew  
Haley, Aimee  
Hall, Dee Dee  
Halstead, Jennifer  
Hansen, Ron



Hanson, Tammy  
Harris, Rick  
Hatfield, Heidi  
Hausman, Jeff  
Havelka, Amy



Haynes, Terence  
Heck, Donald  
Heese, David  
Heisser, Jodi  
Hempel, Ginger

Homecoming King and Queen Mallery Ivy and Melvin Jones pose after the coronation.



Herman, Sue  
 Herman, Trista  
 Herrera, Phyllis  
 Hiatt, Jason  
 Hill, Jonathan



Hill, Tammie  
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 Hoffman, Amy  
 Hoffman, Tanya



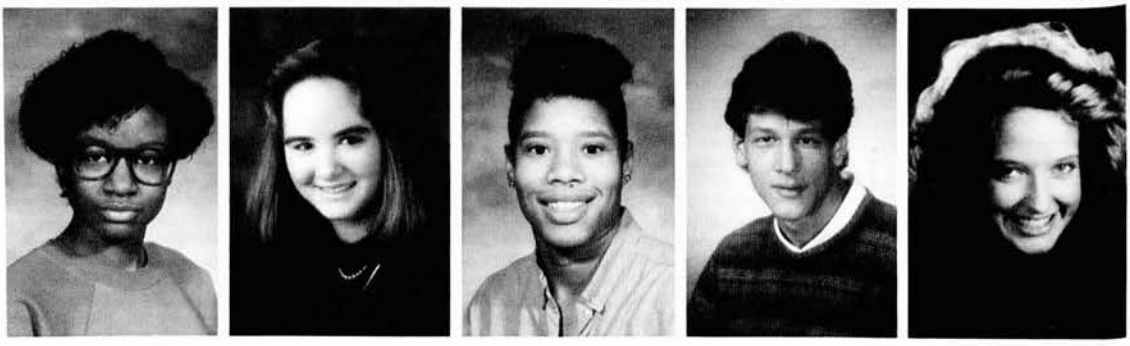
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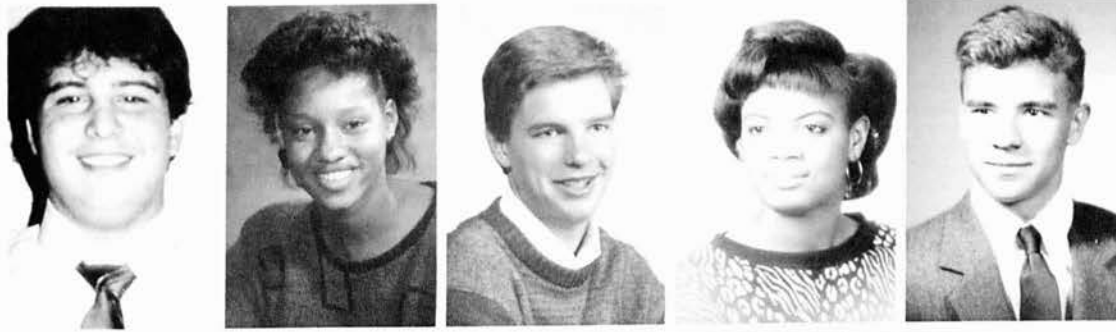


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 Howland, Doug  
 Hui, Ken



Huff, Johnetta  
 Huff, Sevrin  
 Hughes, Ronnetta  
 Hull, Matt  
 Humphrey, Jocelyn





Inserra, Paul  
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Joel McCulloh and Rob Glasser  
 mug for a close-up shot.

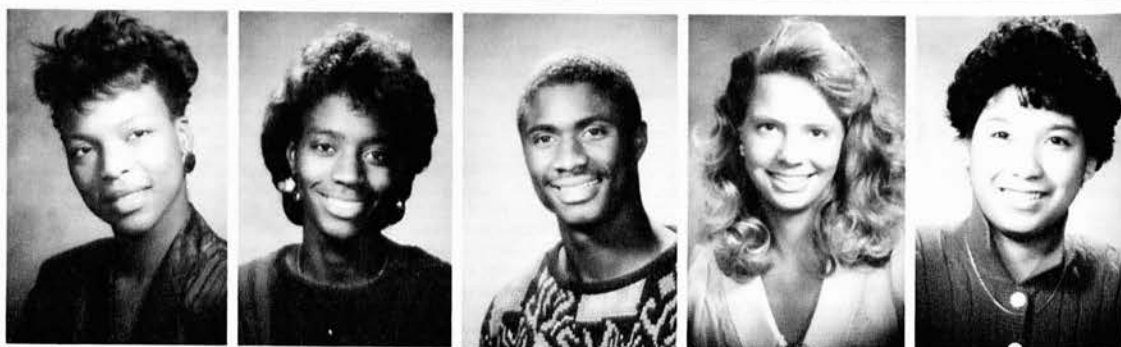


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 Johnson, Phyllis





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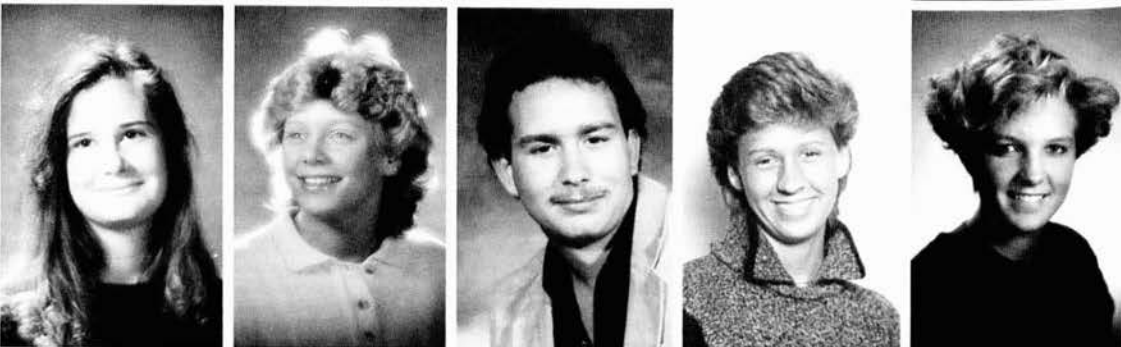
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 Klopper, Allen  
 Kohl, Erik  
 Kraaz, Heather



Kraemer, Jennifer  
 Kraft, Jean  
 Krueger, William  
 Kubik, Julie  
 Lager, Susan



Lane, Sandra  
 Lang, Chad  
 Langholtz, Shannon  
 Larson, Jeannie  
 Lauvetz, Kimberly



Tracy Felici, Tommy Smith, and Joe Padon show that team work really helps on Spanish homework!



Leavitt, Robin S.  
Leonhardt, Natalie



Lesley, Jenny  
Lewis, Tami



Lietzen, Gwendolyn  
Likes, Steve



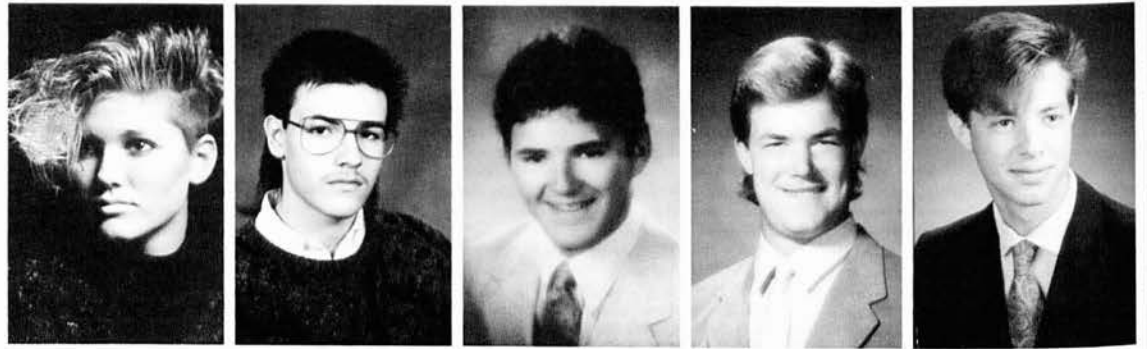
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Lytle, Jason



Macafee, Lisa  
 Mace, Dennis  
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 Madison, Scott  
 Mahan, Jason



Man, Batt  
 Mander, Kathrin  
 Mann, Koren  
 Manna, Tony  
 Manriquez, Brigitte



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Tammie Hill and Alexander Young play  
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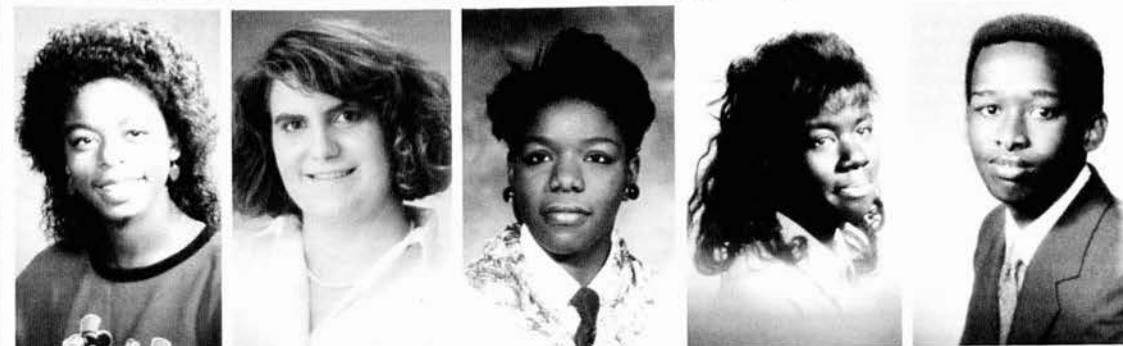
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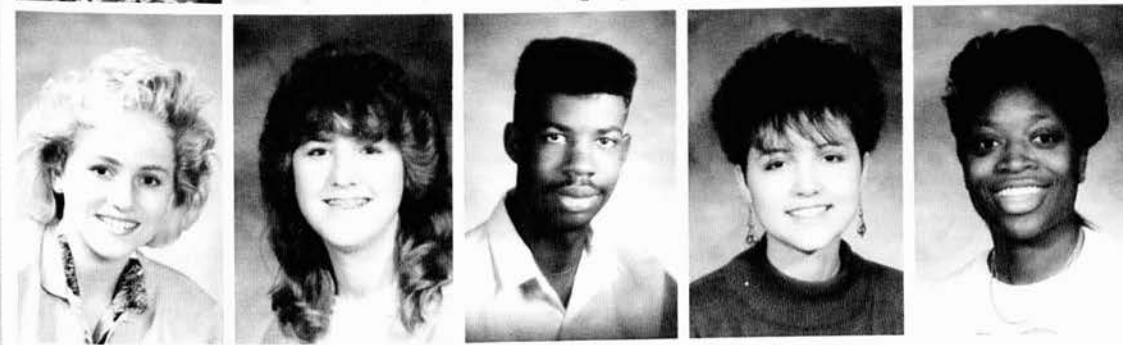
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 Minardi, David



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 Mood, Elissa  
 Moore, Lorene  
 Moore, Mary  
 Morris, Shawn



Muggerud, Pia  
 Mulhair, Tammy  
 Murdock, Edward  
 Naab, Angela  
 Nance, Delois





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 Nash, Heather  
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 Neal, Cheryl  
 Nelson, Jeff



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 Nettles, Sonenia  
 Newhouse, John  
 Newson, Ramona



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 Niemeier, Kristal Rose  
 Nichols, Zantel  
 Niksick, Amy  
 Norman, Lee



Norquay, Robin  
 Noveski, Deborah  
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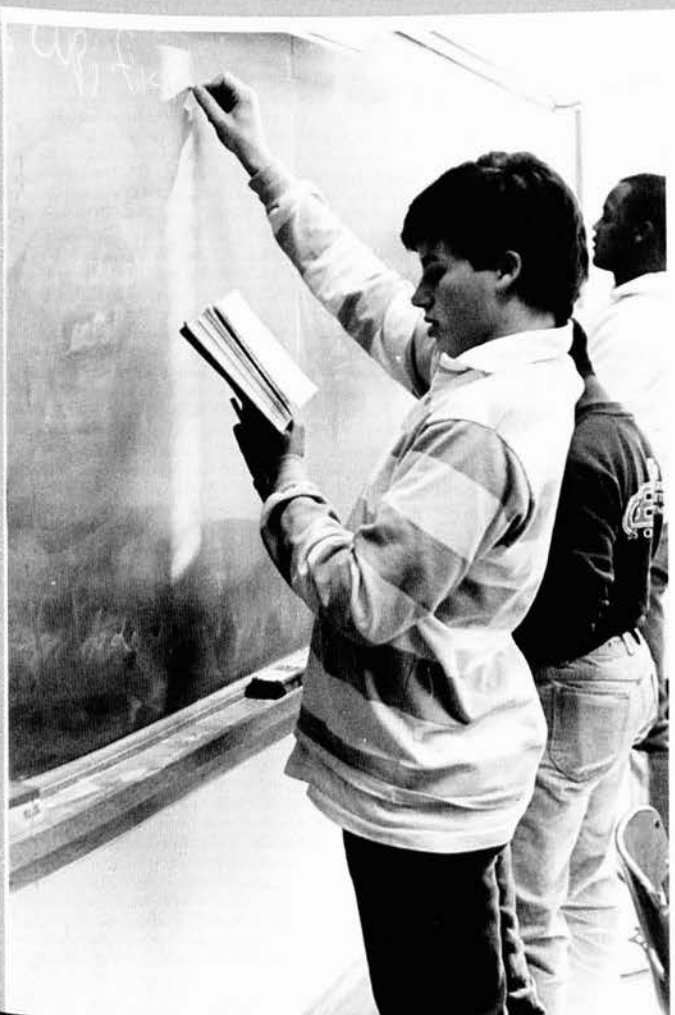
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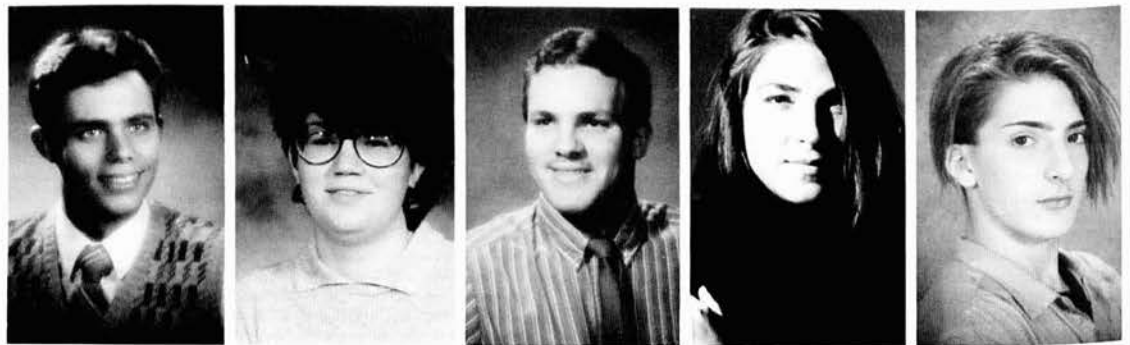
Sean Wilson practices English exercises on the board in Mrs. Johnson's class.





Class Officers demonstrate team work. Girls' Sgt. At Arms, Robin Leavitt; Vice President, Bruce Lovgren; Secretary, Sarah McWhorter; President, Jonas Batt; Treasurer, Pete Pirsch; and Doug Howland, Boys' Sgt. At Arms.

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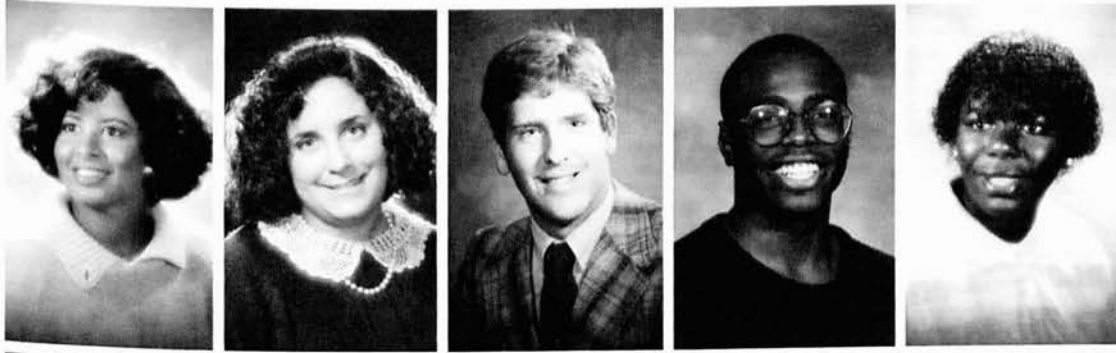


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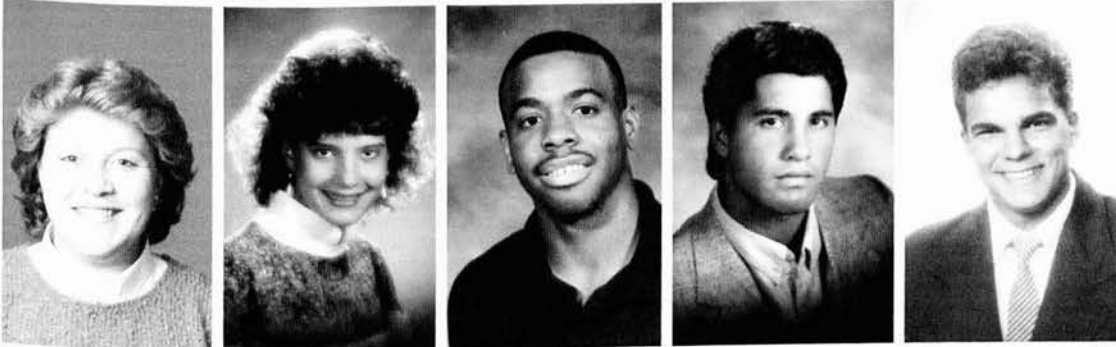
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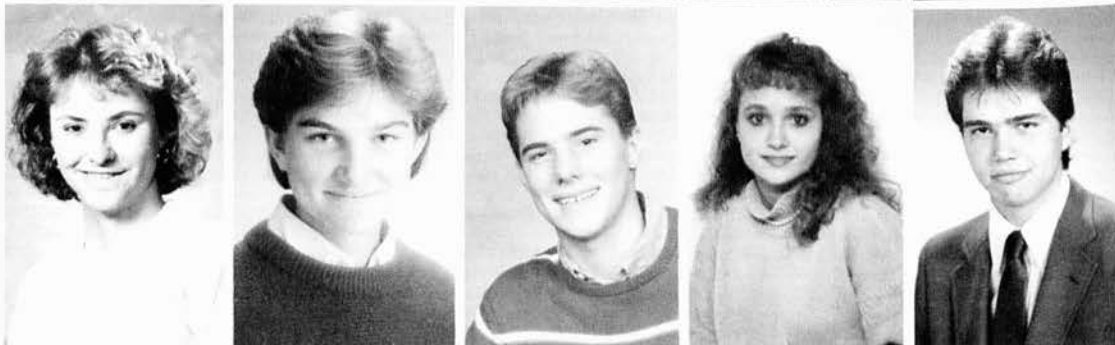
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 Sitzman, Ann  
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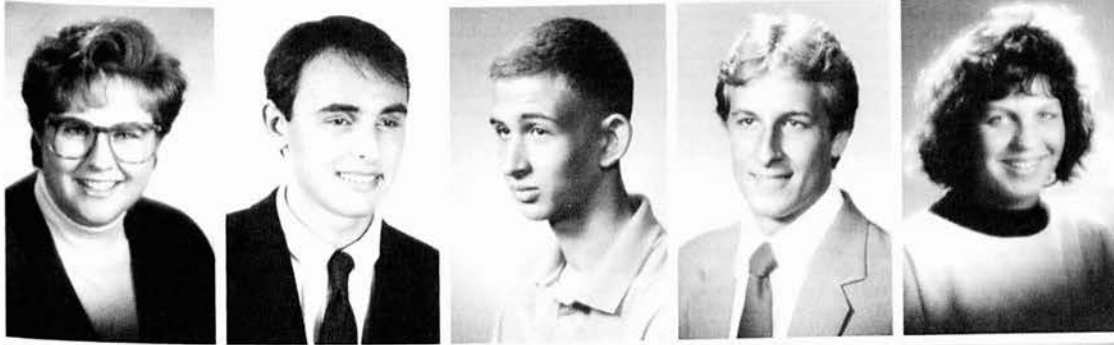


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 Stansberry, Doug





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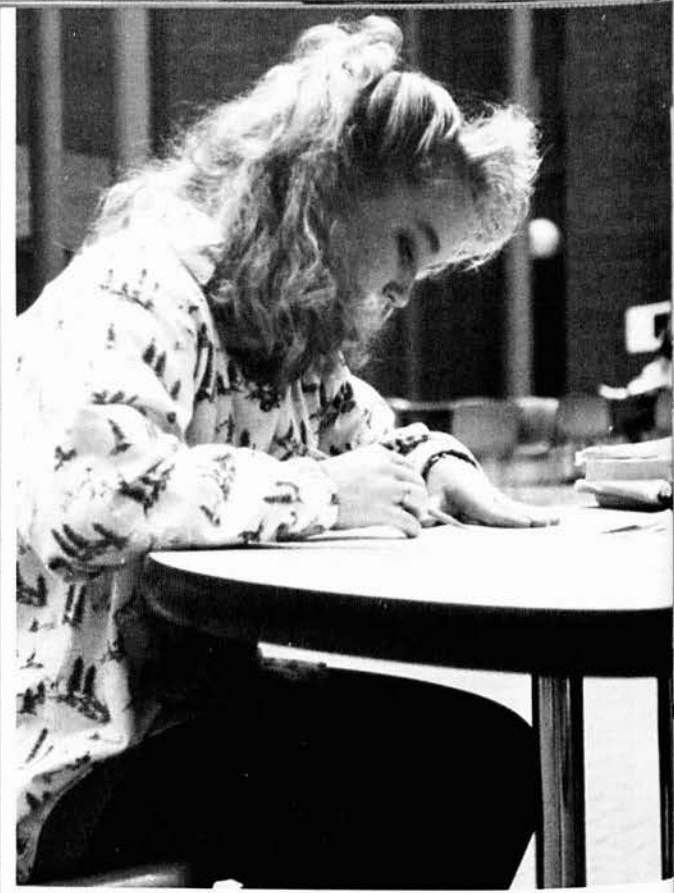
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He has taken his bright candle and is gone  
 Into another room I cannot find,  
 But anyone can tell where he has been  
 By all the little lights he leaves behind.



Amy Hoffman diligently works on an English theme. Time flies when you're having fun!



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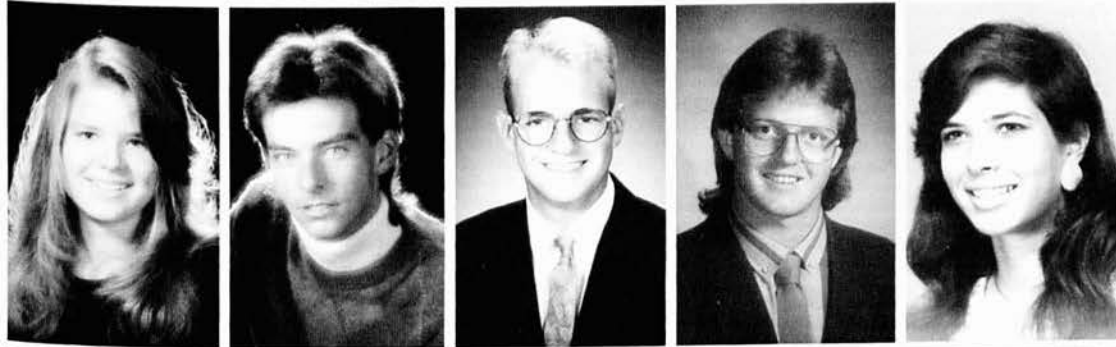


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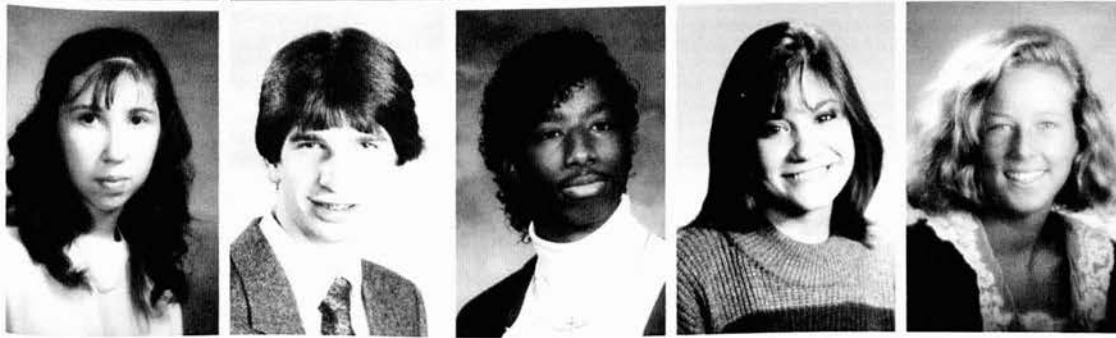
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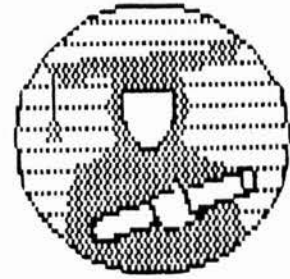
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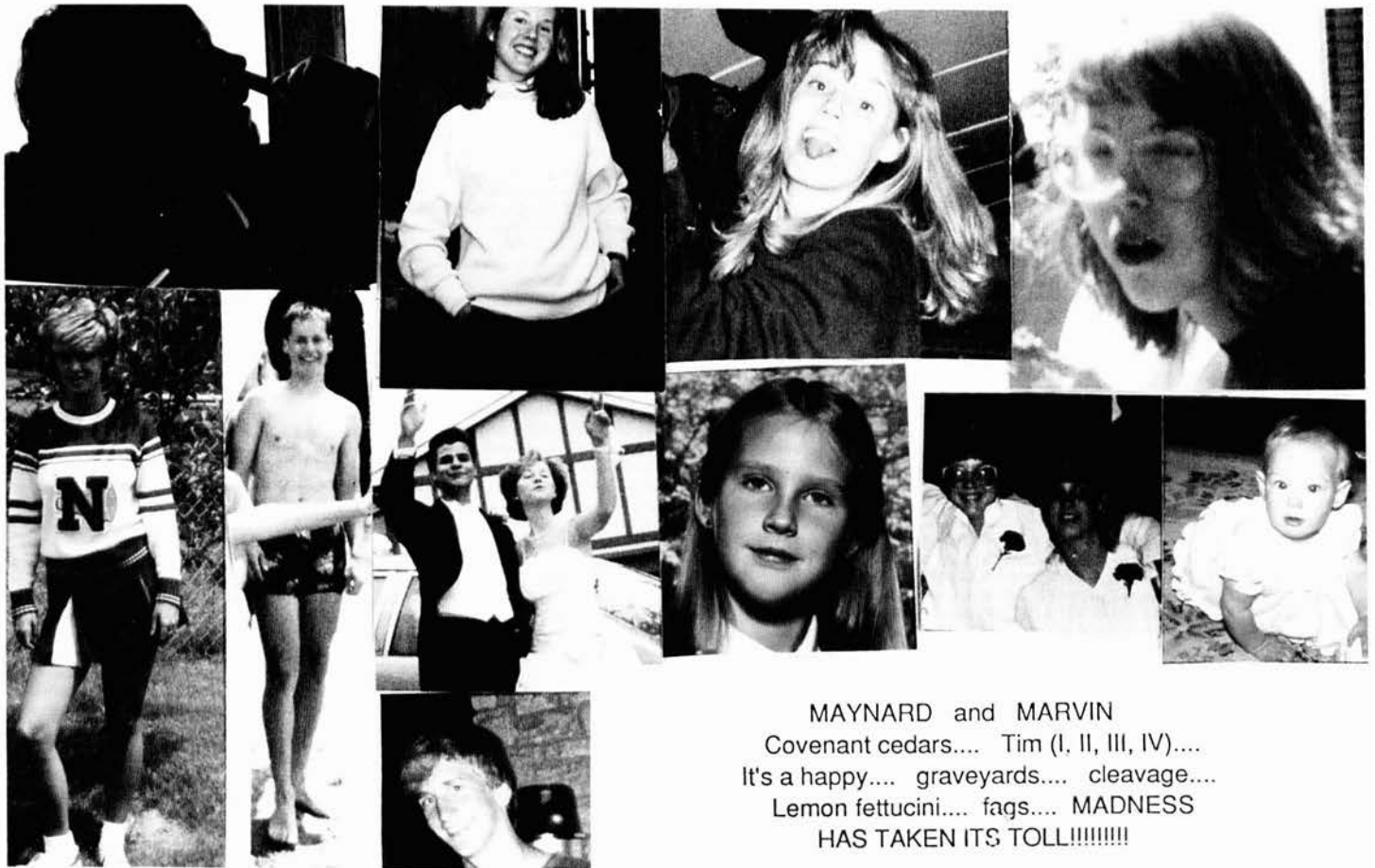
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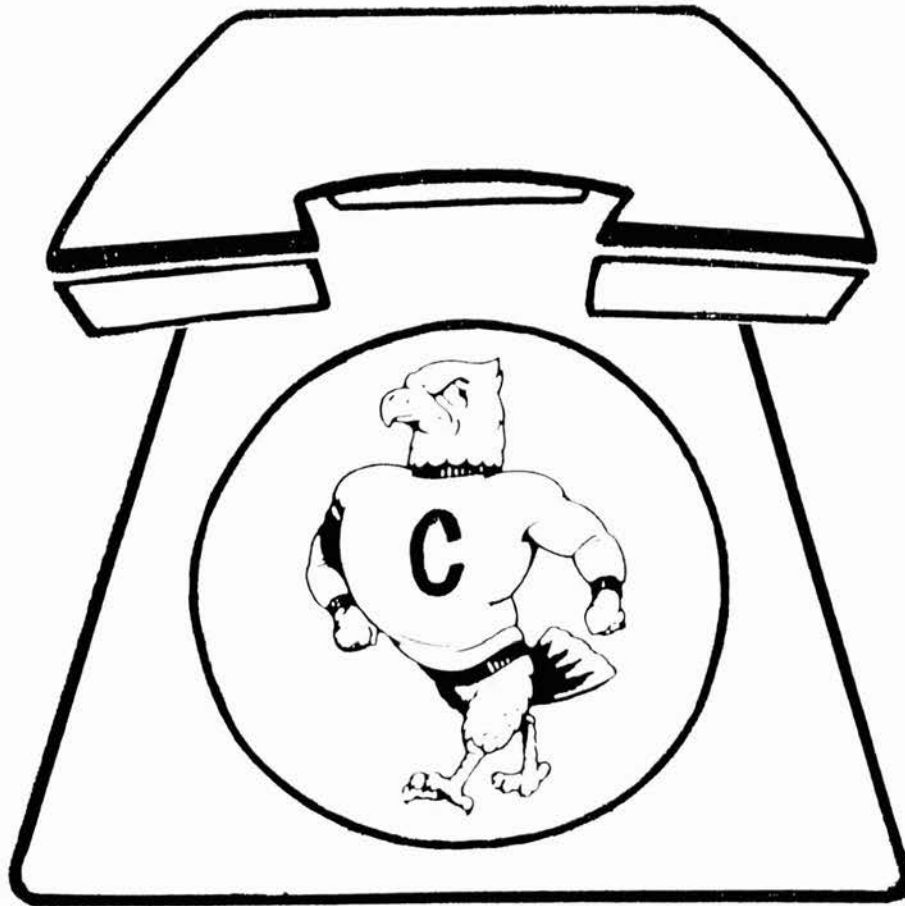
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-Elisa Costanza

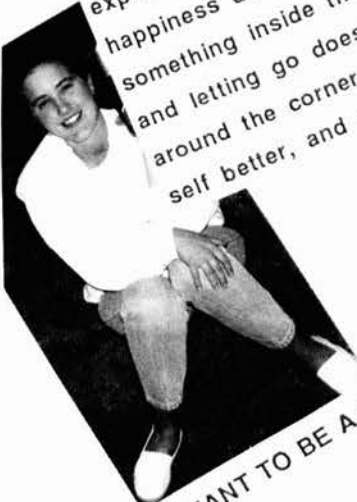


Tracy, Do not take anything as being forever, because forever is only as long as today. Know that the people who are the richest are not those who have the most, but those who need the least. That we are at our strongest when life is at its worst, and at our weakest when life no longer offers a challenge. That it is wiser not to expect, but to hope, for in expecting you ask for disappointment, whereas in hoping you invite surprise. That unhappiness doesn't come from not having something you want, but from the lack of something inside that you need. That there are things to hold onto and things to let go, and letting go doesn't mean you lose, but that you acquire that which has been waiting around the corner. Most of all, remember to use your dreams as a way of knowing yourself better, and as inspiration to reach for your star.

-Nancye Sims



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A TIME IT WAS, AND WHAT A TIME IT WAS.  
 IT WAS A TIME OF INNOCENCE, A TIME OF  
 CONFIDENCES. LONG AGO, IT MUST BE, I  
 HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH. PRESERVE YOUR  
 MEMORIES, THEY'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT YOU.

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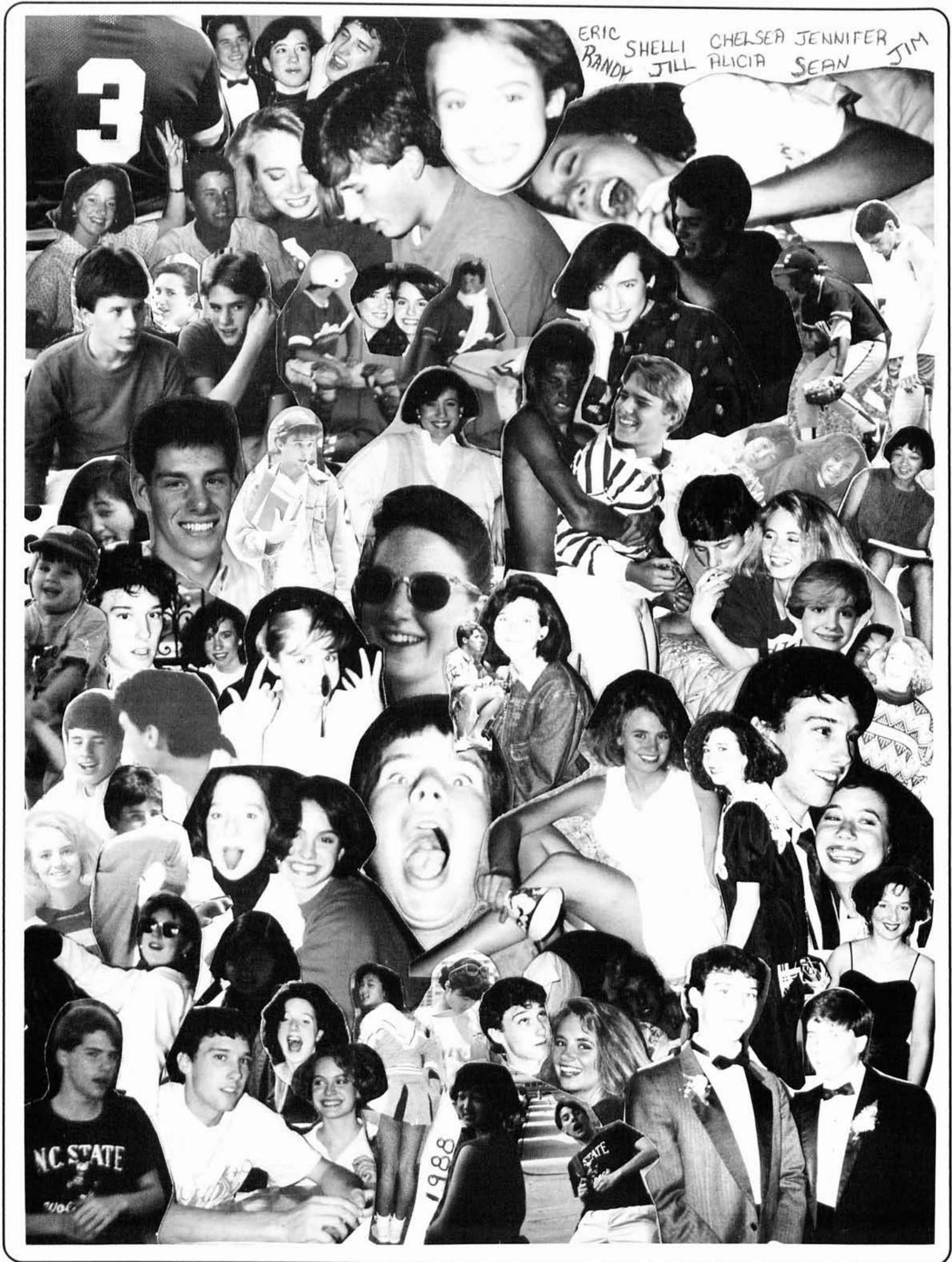
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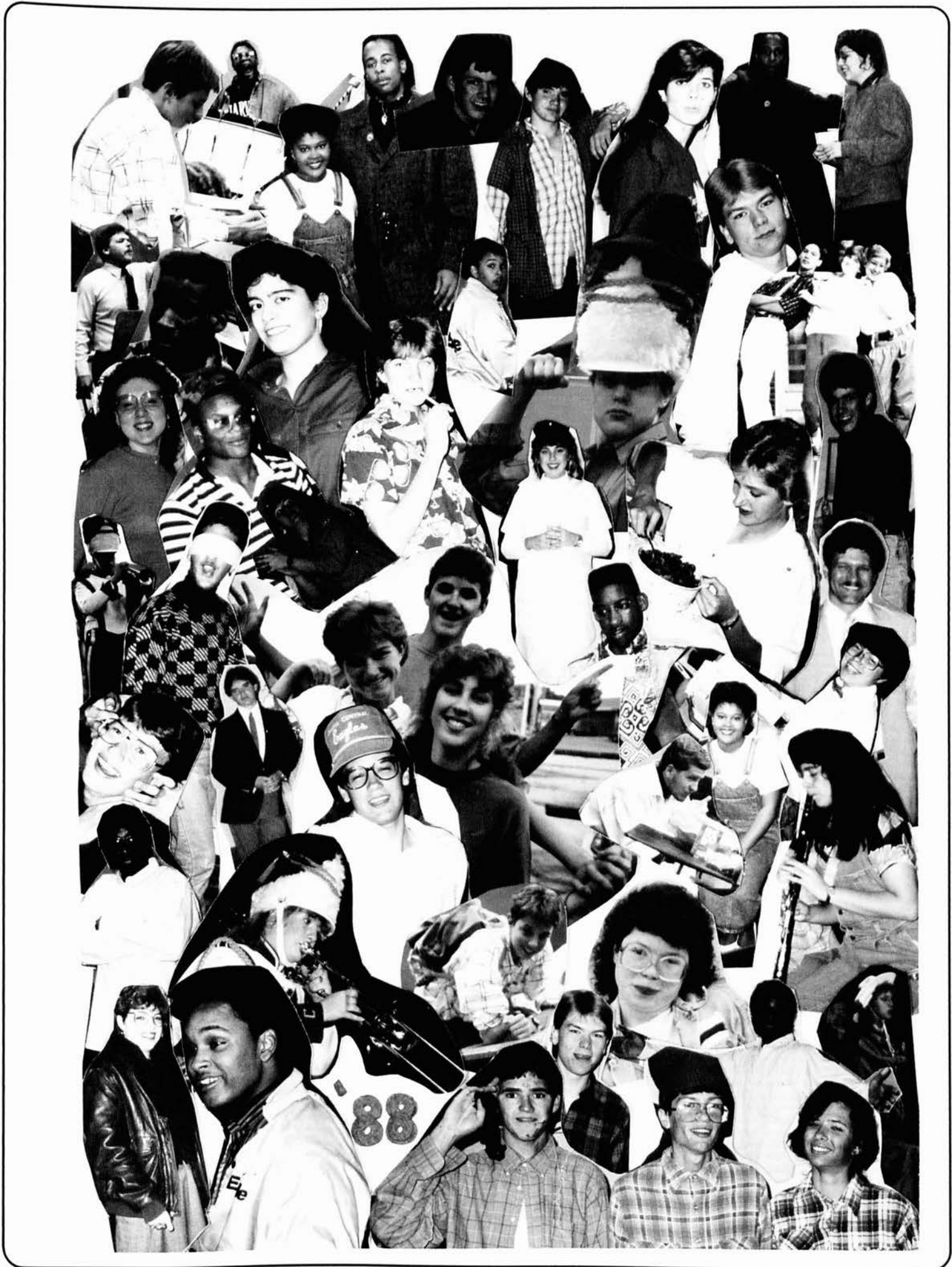


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**KELLY**

**KEEP LOOKING UP!**



**i love you!**

**dad**

She's my bud, we bowl!

GET OFF!

NOT!

Too bad, so sad!

sheep herders

BOOP! BOOP!

FREE DUCKS!

My name is Kate, but you can call me 'K'

OTIS!  
My Man!

CIDER QUEEN

HEAVY METAL!

No use being vertical when you can be horizontal!

My pal Archie, what a big palooka!

Excuse me, do you have a Jiiinglle Bellss... phonebook we could borrow?

want to see a plaster of Paris bagel-n-cream cheese paperweight--NOW!











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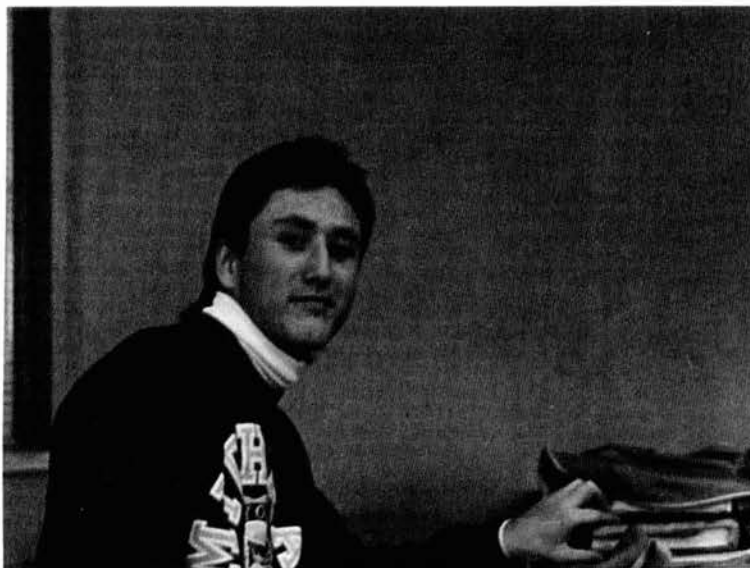
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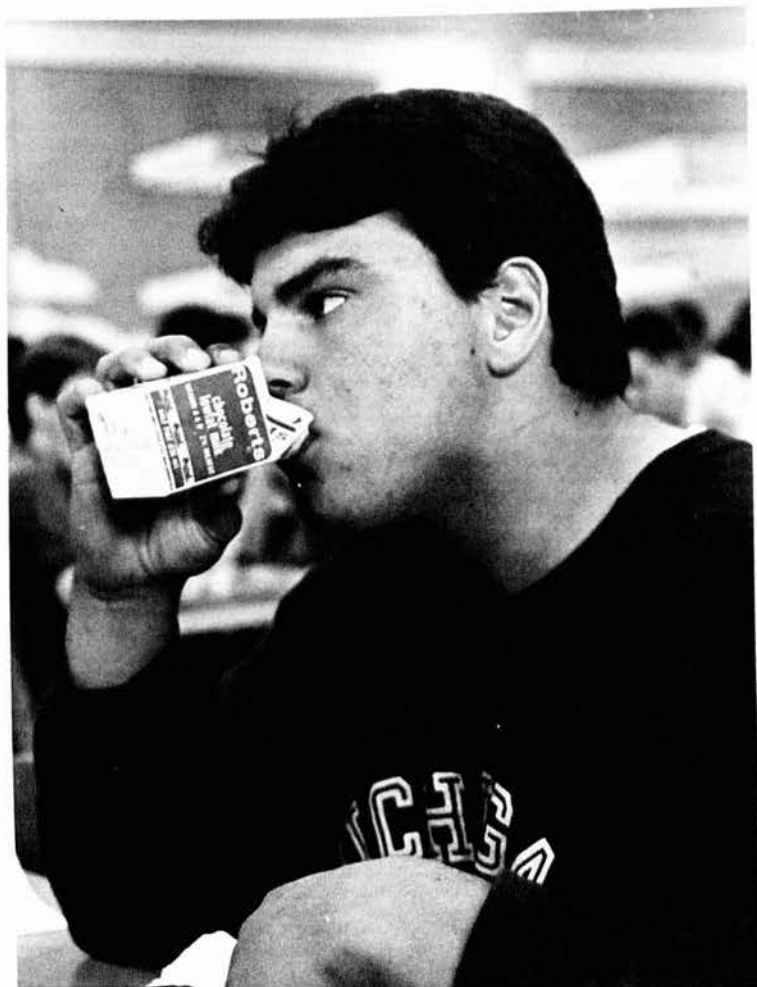
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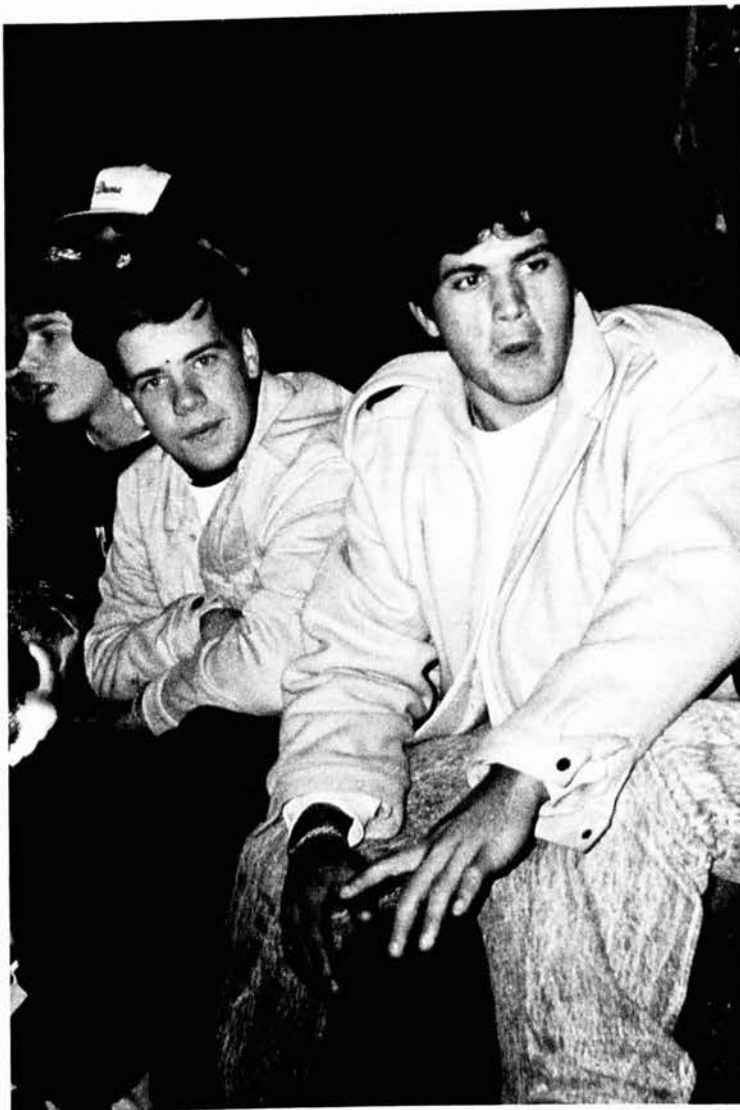
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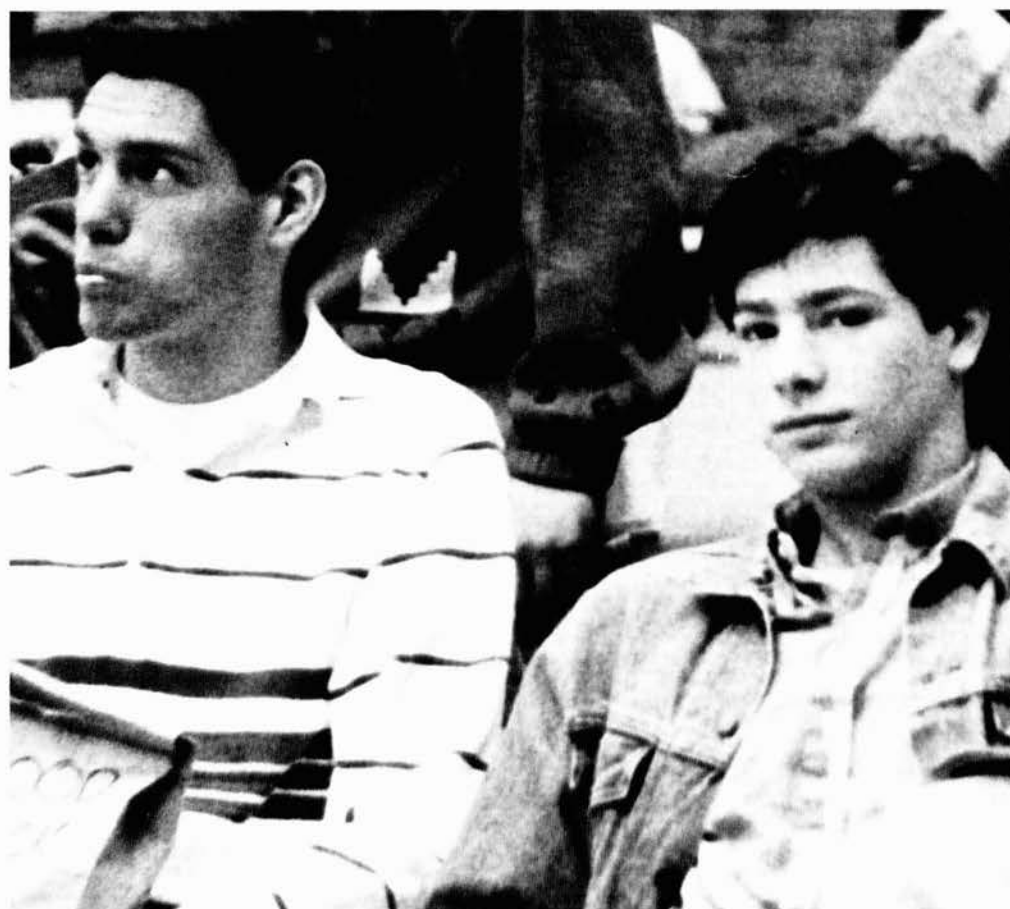
*school year comes to an end*

After nine months of late night studying, loads of homework, and innumerable hours spent at the U.N.O. library, the end of the school year creeps up when least expected. Pens, papers, and backpacks are discarded and replaced with suntan lotion, tennis racquets, and swimming pools. For seniors, this is the end of high school, for the juniors and sophomores, this is the end of a beginning, and for the teachers, this is just another closing of another year. But, even as the year's events pass by, the students at Central High School know where they're going. Attending college, entering the work force, or returning to Central in the following fall are options open to students.

Sophomores were introduced to the English program, classes until 2:40 p.m., the wonders of the library, and the other rigors of high school.

Juniors found parking a dilemma, a more intense work load, and envy for the imminent graduation of the seniors. Seniors found "the best year of their lives," all-night studying, renewed school spirit, AP tests, and the realization that it was worth it.

The high school years combine the best and the worst components of life and foster the growth and maturity that prepares students for the real world. As another year ends, the promise of next year reminds us that this really isn't it.



Jim Martin and Joe Blazeovich relax in the courtyard before school. Jim looks around to see if anyone has as neat of a lunch bag as he does.

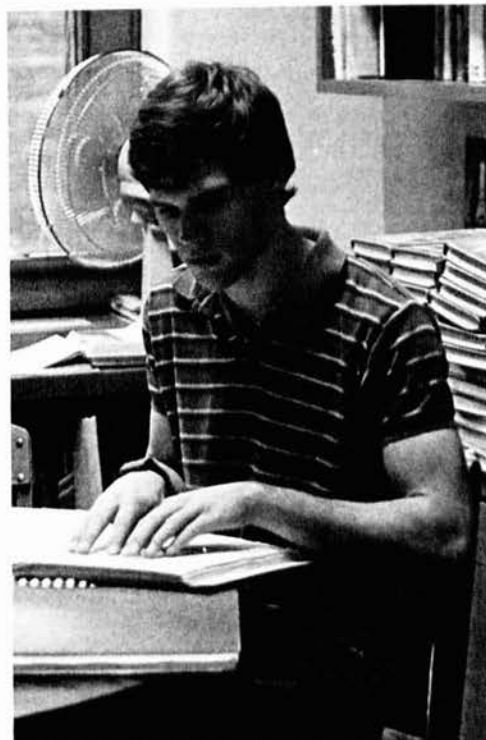


Amateur Ann Kay takes her first swing at a softball. Prepared for the strike, Kym Lauvetz catches the ball during the Senior Winter Softball Tournament held in January.



Is this it? Ted Fogarty and Andy Timm take time out from a strenuous swim practice to catch their breath.

John Miller concentrates on his calculus assignment.



Junior Karen Lee demonstrates her skills in the Korean Martial Arts. She earned a "black belt" in Tae Kwon Do this year.

Jeremy Kershaw diligently works on his art project. For many students, art class is a relaxing time of the day.



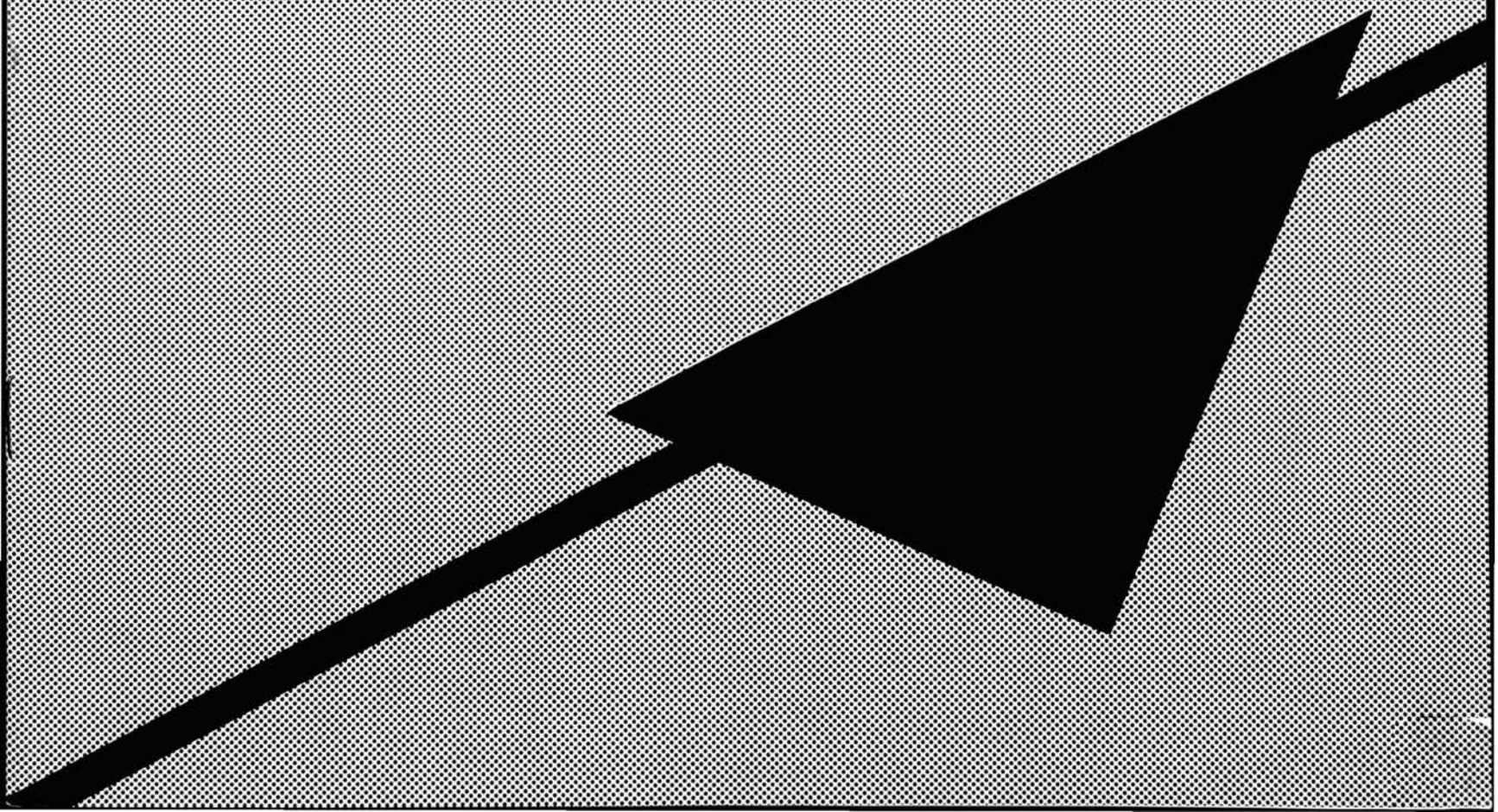




**I**s *THIS* the end???

Let's hope not. After taking tenth hour final exams, paying off those outstanding fines, and cleaning out mundane lockers, most students already envision the routineless, carefree days of summer. For some Centralites, this is the last time they'll ever trek across the courtyard; this is it. For others, this is just another resting place, until next time.

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# Play has mysterious twist

## Suspense, fun abound...

Central High School dramatists presented REHEARSAL FOR MURDER on April 29, 30, and May 1st in the school auditorium. The classic murder mystery, written by D.D. Brooke is the story of playwright Alex Dennison and his scheme to trap the killer of his fiancée, Monica Welles. The plot revolves around five suspects and the reenactments of the events leading to Monica's death as imagined by Dennison. The final scene is staged and the killer is revealed in the climactic twist of this interesting play.

Ms. Pegi Stommes, Drama Teacher and director of the play chose the play because, "it is a completely different type of play from what I've done before. It's an intriguing murder mystery and very well written. The audience is really going to have to pay attention to what's happening."

According to Ms. Stommes the cast was able to adapt to the dialogue very easily because the play is beautifully written and the cast worked well together. "I was lucky to have a dependable and responsible cast of super actors!" Ms. Stommes said.

Mr. Larry Hausman, Central stagecraft instructor, and the Stage Crew are also instrumental in preparing the stage and set for a realistic atmosphere. Their responsibilities include making the sets, working the lighting and sound systems, moving props and sets around during the play and making sure the production runs smoothly. They encountered problems this year and had to rearrange a curtain to accommodate the staging.

There were also difficulties with acoustics in Central's auditorium. Ms. Stommes said, "Central's auditorium is large for the system which is set up as a P.A. system, not a performance system."

Unique this year was double-casting, meaning two actors or actresses shared one part between them. Ms. Stommes stated that double-casting was an advantage with REHEARSAL FOR MURDER because "there was a smaller cast, and more people got a chance to act. This enabled me to have at least five more people involved." Scott Focht, cast member said, "I thought the double-casting worked out well because you got to see different interpretations of each character."

"I think the overall preparation for the play this year went better than in previous years because of the smaller cast," senior Nancy Price commented. "Everyone got along better and everyone was closer."

The thespians performed a student matinee Thursday April 28th and received positive response from fellow classmates. Tanya Hoffman said, "I think this was the best play I've seen at Central. The acting and the staging were very professional." Emily Robards agreed saying, "I loved the scenery, it was very realistic!" The play displayed the talent of the drama department and proved to be a successful venture for the Central thespians.

### REHEARSAL FOR MURDER

by D.D. Brooke

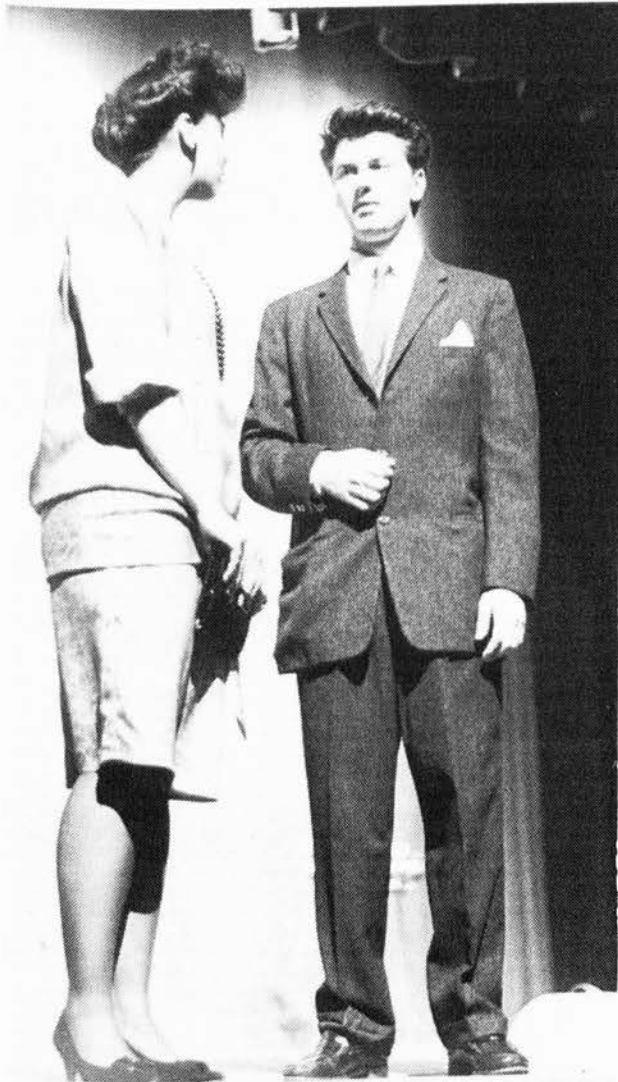
#### CAST LIST

Alex Dennison.....	Wesley Loon
Leo Gibbs.....	Chip King
Lloyd Andrews.....	Scott Focht
David Mathews.....	Mike Frey
Frank Heller.....	Randy Porter
	Jay Standifer
Monica Welles.....	Lori Pendleton
	Rachel Shomaker
Karen Daniels.....	Echelle Brooks
	Lori Pendleton
Bella Lamb.....	Catherine King
	Amy Schreiner
Sally Bean.....	Amy Buckingham
Loretta.....	Nancy Price
Emie.....	Scott Anderson
Lt. McElroy.....	Randy Porter
	Jay Standifer
Mr. Santoro.....	Roy Dreibelbis
Policeman.....	Matt Chapman
Policewoman.....	Tawnya Michael
	Renee Ryan
Student Directors.....	Thom Davis
	Stacey Henry
	Tonya Lesch

Echelle Brooks (Karen), Wes Loon (Alex), Lori Pendleton (Monica), Scott Focht (Lloyd), and Chip King (Leo), meet in Monica's bedroom after the news of their opening night flop.



Echelle (Karen), Amy Schreiner (Bella), Scott (Lloyd), Chip (Leo), and Mike Frey (David) are introduced to Wes (Alex's) scheme to trap Monica's murderer. They all listen intently to his strange plans.



Amy Buckingham (Sally) and Wes (Alex) arrive at the empty theater. Scott Anderson (Ernie) greets them on the darkened stage.

Echelle (Karen) and Wes (Alex) talk privately about the circumstances surrounding Monica's confusing death. Alex believes Karen could have a motive for killing Monica— or does he?!



Senior Jim Martin finishes first in the two mile race. He also holds the current fastest time in class A in this event.



FRONT: Michelle Sledge, Teresa Watson, Sarah Straub, Levalle Moore, Lisa Littlejohn, Delicia Edwards, Yahnea Green, Zeneta Green. SECOND: Sarah Townley, Tish Burton, Claudette Godinet, Amy Edgren, LaRonda Barber, Melissa King, Heather Jones, Doris Williams, Tiffany Phillips, Jade Williams, Carla Dailey, Kimberley Osler, Coach Lustgarten. BACK: Laura Hammer, Jen Bell, Tracey Oliver, Letha Pugh, April Morris, Debbie VanAckeren, Angie Green, Amy Albertson, Coach James. NOT PICTURED: Mallery Ivy and Marcie Reed.

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# Central strives for another state title

This is Central track. Both the boys' and girls' track teams are coached by Mr. Joe McMEnamin.

Coach McMEnamin said that the girls' team strength lies in the sprints and the weights. "In the sprints, our leadership comes from Mallery Ivy and Angie Green. In the weights, our leadership comes from April Morris and Amy Albertson." He also said that the girls are favored to win state if they are injury free. McMEnamin went on to say that the girls only lost three of last year's state team members. The girls' relays are currently all ranked first in class A.

McMEnamin said that on the boys' side the competition for the state title will be tough. "Seniors Jim Martin and Dan Stillmock are the team leaders," he said. "Dan is undefeated in the discus and shot and has the best record in Class A. Jim has the fastest times in the mile and two mile this year." McMEnamin said.

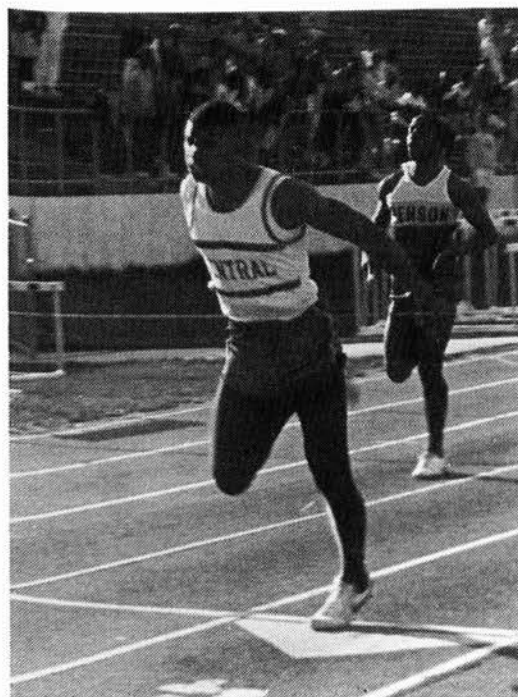
Senior Jody Sharpe throws the

discus and the shot put. He said, he has set a few goals for himself this year. "I want to throw 190 feet in the discus and 55 feet in the shot." He also said he hopes to qualify for state in the discus and be able to beat the returning champion from Bellevue West.

The girls team is expected to do well, centering itself around the performance of Mallery Ivy. Mallery said she has run track at Central for four years. During that time she has competed at the state meet all three years and is expected to be back again this year. She said her goal is to win another four gold medals this year at state.

To obtain this goal she said that she has to make sure that she eats right and gets plenty of rest before the state meet. "I am working hard at practice to improve my performances and make sure I do my best," she said. She also that Mr. Reed is helping her a lot. "If we work hard and perform to our potential, no one should come close to us in any of our track meets," Mallery said.





Senior Mallery Ivy leads the pack in the 100 meter dash at the Central Invitational. She holds the fastest time in this event in class A.

Junior Kelly Yancy sprints across the finish line to win the 100 meter dash at the Central Invitational.



Senior Carla Dailey hands the baton to senior Delicia Edwards in the 4x100 relay. Their relay currently ranks first in the state.



*Hey batta, batta, batta, swwiing!!*

# Varsity Baseball: the season's hit

The 1988 Varsity baseball team is "suffering a tough season" according to senior, Andy Armstrong. Andy said that the three biggest complications the team has suffered this year are a lack of experience, limited practice space and time, and minimal support from the students.

"Next year's team should be more experienced than this year's," says senior Sean Wilson. "The team next year will have many of this year's players who will return, such as John Mancuso and Ross Nisi," said Sean.

The team practices at Lynch field, and the team's home games are also played at Lynch. Andy said that the team had a problem finding adequate practice time and space. "Even though we could

practice at Lynch, there were times when other people needed the field and our practice was cut short."

Andy also mentioned that the team received very little support from the students. "Not very many people ever went to see a baseball game," he said.

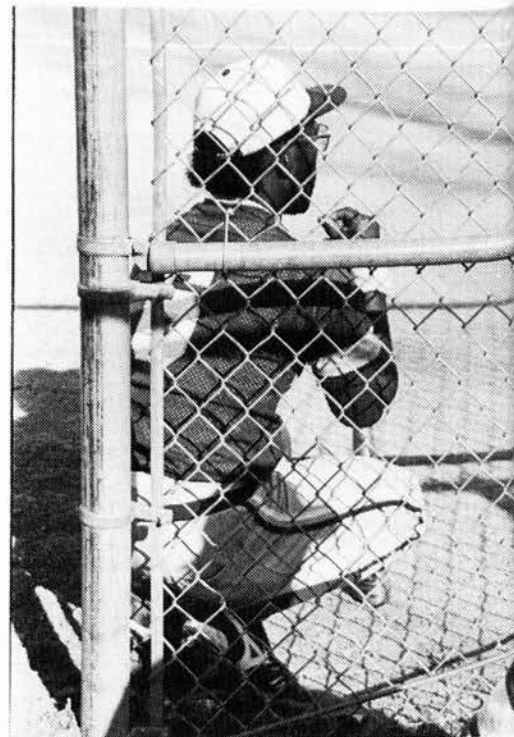
The baseball team coach is Ken Dirks from Lewis and Clark high school.

"Due to the lack of experience, the baseball team had a rough start, but we are pulling together," said Andy. He also said that, "despite our slow season, we had a lot of fun, and the season has been really enjoyable. I hope next year's team has as much fun as we have had, and I also hope they have a better season than we did this year."

Sean Wilson takes a break from the heat. Sean plays shortstop for the Eagles.

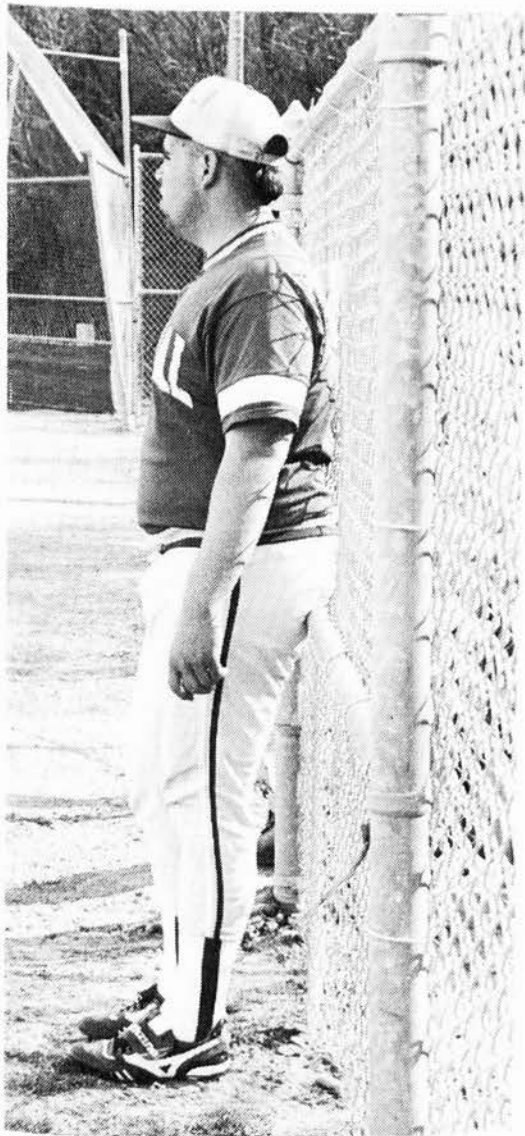


FRONT: Eddie Greeno, Sean Wilson, Joe Salerno, Steve Barajas, Ryan Gaughan, Todd Curran, Wyndle Young. BACK: Coach Ken Dirks, Todd Reger, Matt Dieber, Kimara Bartee, John Mancuso, Andy Armstrong, Trevor Flynn, Randy Gilbert, Joe Blazeovich, Kurt Goeser.



Wyndle Young silently observes the game from the side.

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Andy Armstrong rests as he watches his fellow team mates.



Joe Blazeovich pitch the ball to his opponent in hopes of getting a strike.



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Joe Blazeovich, pitcher, hits the ball with force to the South team.



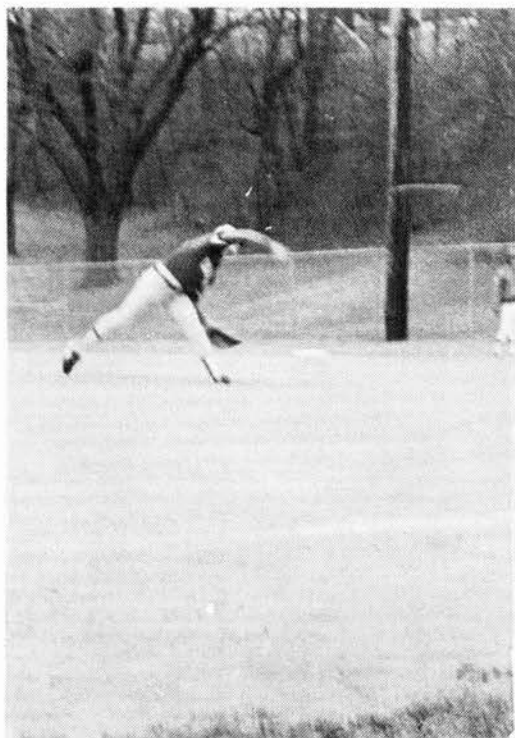
Trevor Flynn bunts the ball for a base hit against South.



Feeling triumphant, Brian Wilson scores a point for Central.



The Junior Varsity Eagles display their energy and enthusiasm as they leave the field.



Ross Nisi displays his pitching skills. Ross is one of eight sophomores on the Junior Varsity team.



The Junior Varsity Eagles: FRONT: Scott Shannon, Scott Whitaker, Gary Sillik, Brian Wilson  
BACK: Marion Wright, Eric Bledsoe, Ed Pease, Steve Manhart, Shawn Clement, Coach Tom Kauffman.

Third baseman Scott Whitaker prepares to catch a ball thrown by second baseman Scott Shannon. Both Scotts are freshmen from Lewis & Clark and Norris respectively.

# Junior Varsity young team

Hopes are high for Central's Junior Varsity baseball team though the ages are not. In fact, this year's JV team is half made up of sophomores with the other half being freshmen from various feeder schools.

The freshmen on the team come from Nathan Hale, McMillan, Lewis & Clark, and Norris. In order to play for Central, they are required to attend here for high school.

Cuts for the JV and Varsity teams were in the middle of March. The coaches selected a total of 32 players on the two teams out of 70 that tried out.

Coach Tom Kauffman, an eighth-grade core teacher at Monroe Junior

High, says that the young team looks pretty good, and he's optimistic for them. This is Mr. Kauffman's second year coaching the JV Eagles.

The team practiced from 3 until 5:30 after school at either Lynch or Kellom fields, sometimes with the Varsity team. Games started in the end of March and ran until the first week in May. This spring baseball team played 14 games, and the Junior Legion summer team, which is composed of the same players, will play 35 games after school's dismissal.

Coach Kauffman holds as his goal for his team to win at least half of his games, and is optimistic that this goal will be attainable.

Coach Kauffman gives his team a pep talk before a game.



Brian Wilson, sophomore, takes his baseball seriously.



Senior, Joel McCulloh, pauses during a dance with her date to smile for the camera.



# Prom. . . Under African skies

Central's annual Spring Prom took place "Under African Skies". Such decorations as a hut, a fountain, a volcano, banana trees, and lots of foliage helped to bring a jungle-like atmosphere to the courtyard. Student Council sponsored the dance on Saturday, May 7, from 8:00 to 12:00 p. m.

Disc jockey, Randy Scott, of Magical Mobile Music provided the entertainment. A poll taken in selected homerooms resulted in the decision to have a DJ instead of a band this year. "Randy Scott said he would play all kinds of music, which was a big consideration," said Mr. Paul Semrad, Student Council sponsor.

Green, gold, and magenta decorations filled the courtyard. Mr. Semrad commented that, "because student council decided on a DJ this year, more money for decorations was available." Sevrin Huff, Student Council secretary, said, "We were able to make the decorations more elaborate than in past

years."

Sarah McWhorter, Student Council Vice President, said that one thing unique about this year was the use of The Picture Man. "We wanted candid shots too," she said. The Picture Man took candid shots throughout the night, which were displayed and made available to students for ordering. "This way Student Council doesn't have to get involved," Sarah added.

Nominations by the senior class, followed by a vote open to the whole school, chose this year's royalty. Prom king and queen candidates were: Tanya Hoffman, Sevrin Huff, Joan Jorgensen, Sarah McWhorter, Pia Muggerrud, and Kim Outlaw for queen and David Chambers, Rob Glasser, Doug Howland, Rich Vogel, Drew Weiss, and John Williams for king.

The crowning of the royalty took place at 10:00 p.m. This year's king and queen were Rob Glasser and Sevrin Huff.



Gus Sgourakis and Jonas Batt, seniors, laugh at each others' attempts at dancing.



Seniors, Delicia Edwards, Chandra Freeman, and dates prepare to enter the African world of Central's courtyard.



Sevrin Huff and Rob Glasser share the traditional dance after being chosen Prom King and Queen.

Kate Broekemeier, Tracey Glesne, and Ann Kay , seniors, dance to Magical Mobile Music.



Prom King and Queen candidates, Sarah McWhorter and Rich Vogel, await the final results during coronation.





# Soccer: a kick in the grass

What do some Central High School Students do for kicks? According to senior Rob Glasser, many play soccer.

Sanctioned for the first year, soccer has many new benefits. "It gives many students a chance to participate in athletics, when they normally would not," said Boys' Junior Varsity coach Mr. George Grillo. Some other benefits of having a sport sanctioned are: coaches, uniforms, and sports equipment supplied by the Omaha Public School System.

Enthusiasm is high this year according to Boys' Varsity Coach Mr. David Martin. Girls' Junior Varsity Coach Miss Debbie Hettwer agrees. "There is a lot of enthusiasm, and a basic desire to

play," she said.

Senior Jennifer Gottschalk, a soccer beginner, commented that she really appreciated being given the opportunity to play. Rob Glasser, a varsity player, said he also enjoyed playing, and added, "It's a great way to mangle people after school."

Looking towards the season, all teams are hopeful. "We'll make the state tournament," said senior varsity player Dave Heese.

1988 Soccer coaches are: Varsity Boys, Mr. David Martin; Varsity Girls, Mrs. Joanne Dusatko; Junior Varsity Boys, Mr. George Grillo; and Junior Varsity Girls, Miss Debbie Hettwer.

Shonda Rohn, senior varsity captain, clears the ball in a game against Ralston High School. Girls varsity games were played on Mondays and Thursdays.



Wendy Mott, Tina Foxhoven, and Heidi Hankins, juniors, discuss their strategies to win the game.



FRONT: Debbie Tyler, Emily Robards, Mimi McVaney, Kimberly Reitz, Tracy Flynn, Maria Bang, Erica Gaylor, Erika Spuehr, Alex Zinga. BACK: Mrs. Joanne Dusatko, Amy Brandzel, Jennifer Gottschalk, Theresa Alvarez, Nikki Melia, Kelly Browne, Kim Charter, Cindy Carpenter, Shonda Rohn, DeeDee Rasmussen, Joanna Kosowsky, Laura Grillo. NOT PICTURED: Michelle Hinsley, Alyssa McIntyre, Tina Fonter.

FRONT: Carrie Spellman, Debbie Dubes, Tina Foxhoven, Susan MacDissi, Lia Ferrin, Michelle Hansen, Wendy Mott, Stacey Gottschalk, Michelle MacDissi, Lisa Jung. BACK: Coach Miss Debbie Hettwer, Heidi Hankins, Michelle Hinsley, Jackie Fox, Kelly Schiltz, Nikki Meelia, Cali Mischo, Kim Charter, Cathy Clawson, Emily Rasmussen, Carrie Anglim, Bert Cronican. NOT PICTURED: Becky Berling, Hilary Fenner, Hilary Foster, Erica Hill, Kirsten Terry, Holly Stommes.



FRONT: Zi Wu, Mark Spellman, John Guimm, Alex Harz, Jason Gill, Adrian Ferguson, Wes Kaisershot, Carl Kastelic, Quan Vu, Deron Lewis. BACK: Pat Dumas, Dan Loper, Matt Nelson, Travis Williams, Clinton Cooper, Jeremy Johnson, Matt Schaeffer, David Kowalski, Tim Pierce, Adam Nelson, Todd Kraaz, Ted Fogarty, Coach Mr. George Grillo.



FRONT: Justin McWhorter, Adam Sortino, Peter Festersen, Andy Carlson, Melker Sandberg, Simon Joyner. BACK: Jeremy Kershaw, Dave Heese, Chris Vachaudez, Scott Easton, Pat Dumas, Rob Glasser, John Williams, Darin Karstetter, Mike Charlesworth, Andy Huff, Coach Mr. David Martin. NOT PICTURED: Dan Backens, David Bushey, Andy Haggart, Pete Pirsch



Rob Glasser, senior, heads the ball in a boys varsity game. Heading is a technique used often in soccer.

Simon Joyner, junior, runs to gain possession of the ball, helping Central defeat Northwest High School.



# Boys' Golf team plays to win

The Boys' Golf team sported an undefeated record in duals this year, according to James Galus, who has sponsored the team for the past three years.

The team members included: senior; Jim Kemp, juniors; John Musselman, Mark Klipsh, Mike Lawler, Carl Yeck, Dan Pansing, and sophomores; Jake Torrens and John Hass.

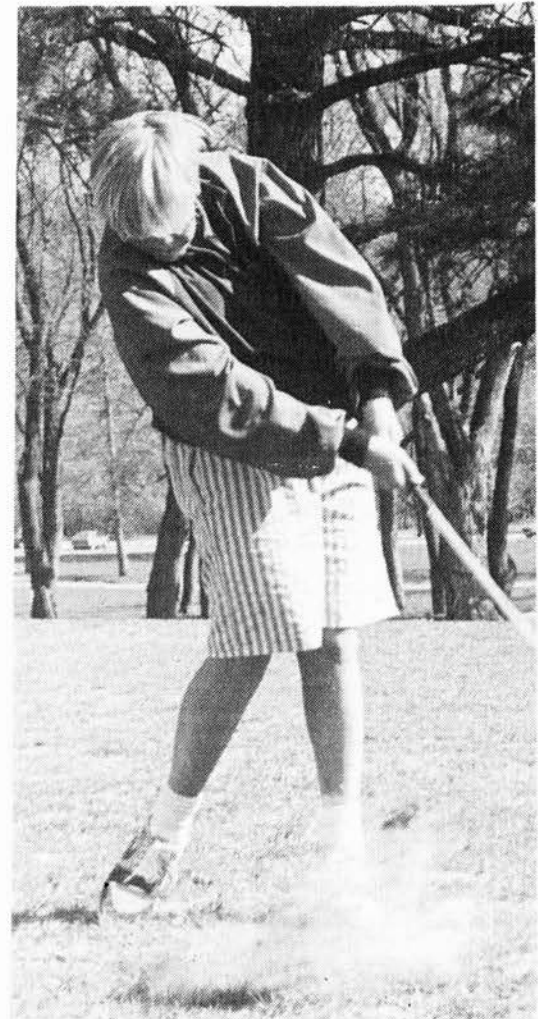
The team finished seventh at Metro, and Mark Klipsh placed ninth at Metro in duals. According to Mr. Galus, "We have a good chance to make state." Mr. Galus said that as long as the team continued to play up-to their ability, they would go to state.

Many factors including the weather, wind, etc. would ultimately decide that for them. So far this year the weather has posed no problem for the team. At this point, the team's goal is to go to state as a team.

FRONT: Mark Klipsh, Carl Yeck, Mike Lawler, Dan Pansing, Jim Kemp, Mr. James Galus, sponson.

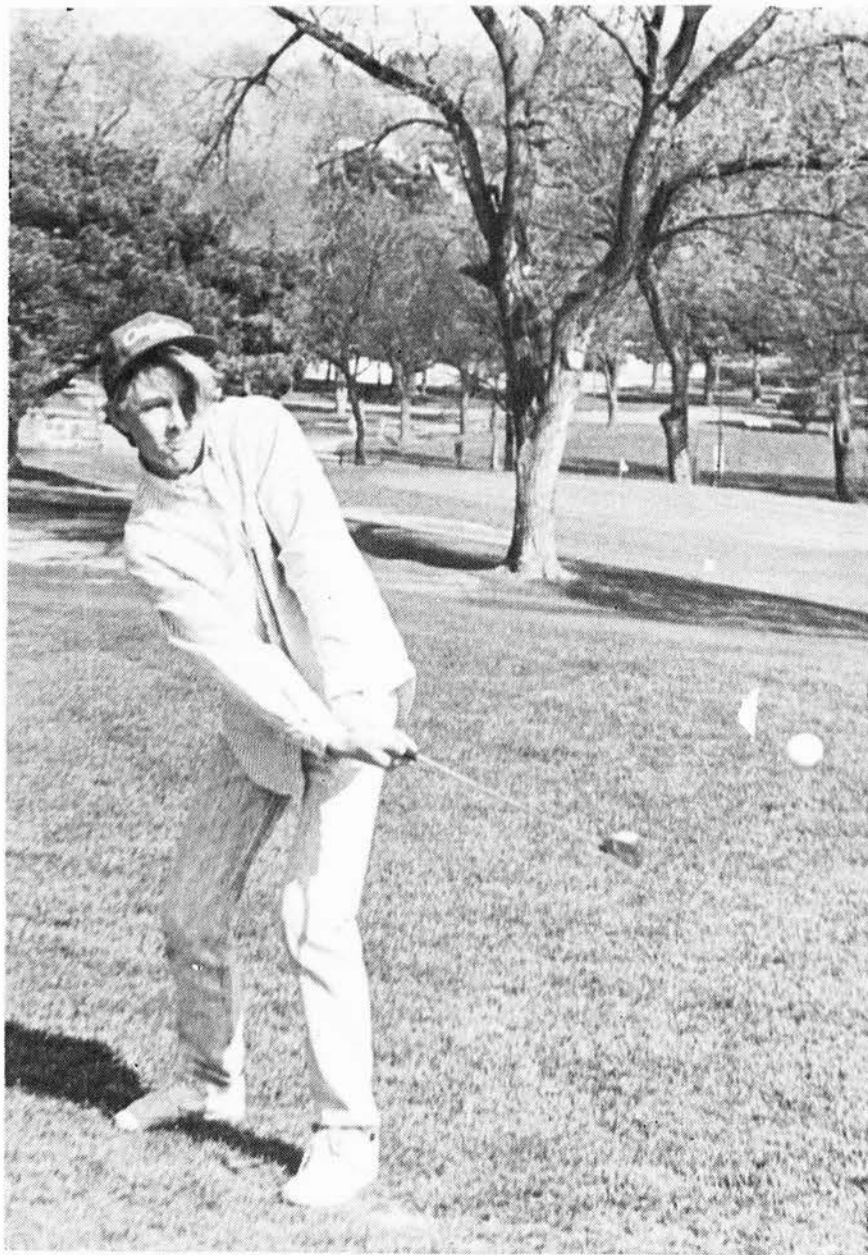


Dan Pansing uses intense concentration as he prepares to tee off.

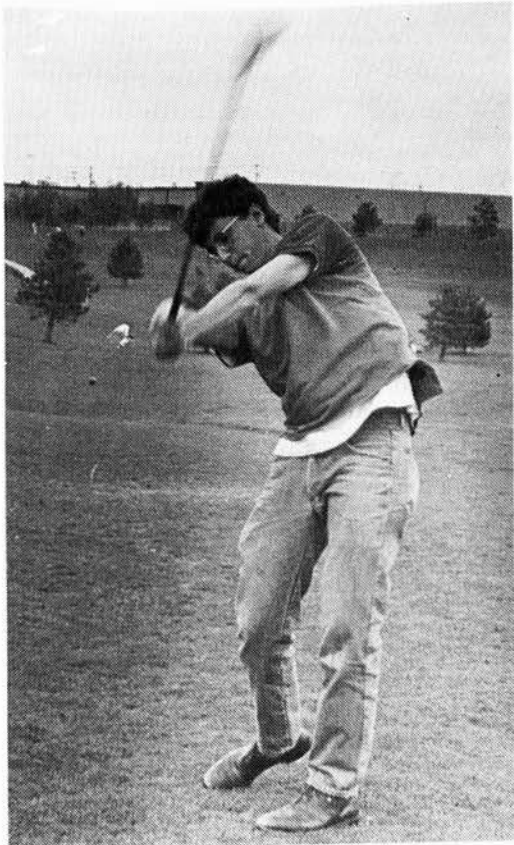


Jake Torrens tees off with great form at the fifth hole at Elmwood Park.

John Musselman takes a break as he watches his fellow team mates in the match at Tara Hills against Ralston.



Sophomore, John Hass tees off at the fifth hole at Elmwood Park. John is one of two sophomore team members this year.



Jim Kemp hits the ball with good form at the Tara Hills Golf Course in the match against Ralston.



# Tennis team improves

Tiffany Whitney, junior, concentrates hard on hitting her backhand. Tiffany plays number two on the team.

**W**ith eight returning players from last year, the 1987-88 girl's tennis team set out with an optimistic attitude for the season.

According to Ms. Sue Paar, the tennis coach, over 43 players came out for the team. After making cuts, 16 players remained. Coach Paar commented, "We have a strong top six players to build around, with a great number one singles player, senior, Jennifer Urias. Other strong players are Tiffany Whitney, Laurie Anderson, and Ramona Jackson." Coach Paar also boasts of a lot of hustle and much better attitudes and team spirit than last year.

Coach Paar said the team practiced five days a week from 3:00-5:00 at Dewey Park. The team plays a total of nine duels, and takes part in the Metro and State tournaments. When asked for her outlook on this year's team, Junior, Ramona Jackson said, "We look a lot better than last year. Ms. Paar is an excellent coach and I have a great time playing."



Beth Christ, senior, shows her awesome serve in a match.

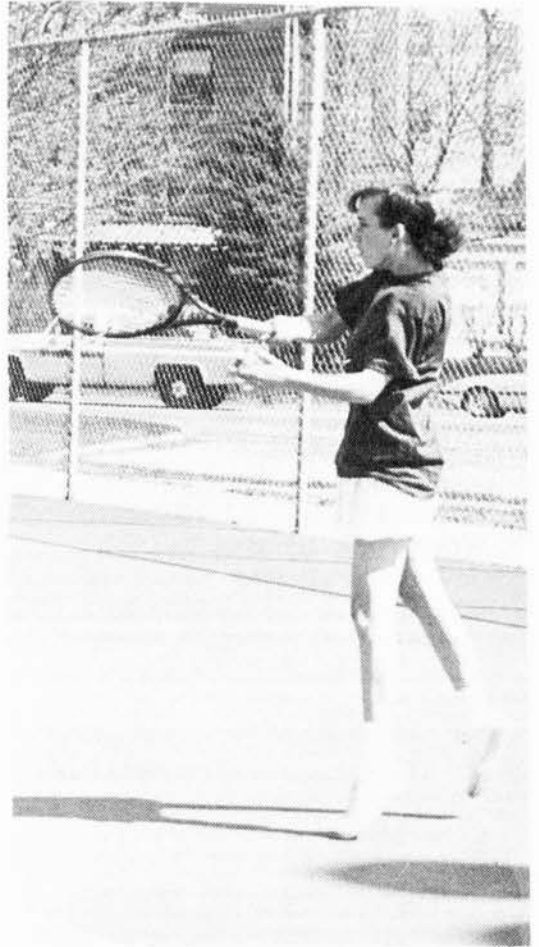


FRONT: Nikki Fuxa, Jennifer Urias, Beth Christ, Simone Wehbe, Sue Peters. BACK: Tiffany Whitney, Amy Hoffman, Bridget Buckley, Jenny Pederson, Melissa Roberts, Ann Sykes, Heather Heimuli, Jodee Hiatt, Laurie Anderson, Coach Paar.

Melissa Roberts, Ann Sykes, Nikki Fuxa, and Sue Peters relax off the court as they cheer on their competing teammates.



Jennifer Urias, senior, is determined to return her opponent's serve.



Amy Hoffman, senior, forcefully hits her forehand.



Laurie Anderson, sophomore, hits a backhand back to her opponent.



# Senior softballers sport spirit

This year's senior class officers planned two softball tournaments. "The tournaments were a big success, and everyone seemed to have a great time," said Jonas Batt, senior-class president. "The tournament helped to raise money for the senior picnic," said Jonas.

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**The winter tournament was a lot of fun. It was really interesting, especially because of the muddy fields.**

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The first tournament was held in January at Elmwood Park. Ten teams participated, each consisting of ten players with a minimum of four girls as a requirement.

"The softball tournament was a

great idea. I've never played softball before and it was fun to learn how," said Ann Kay.

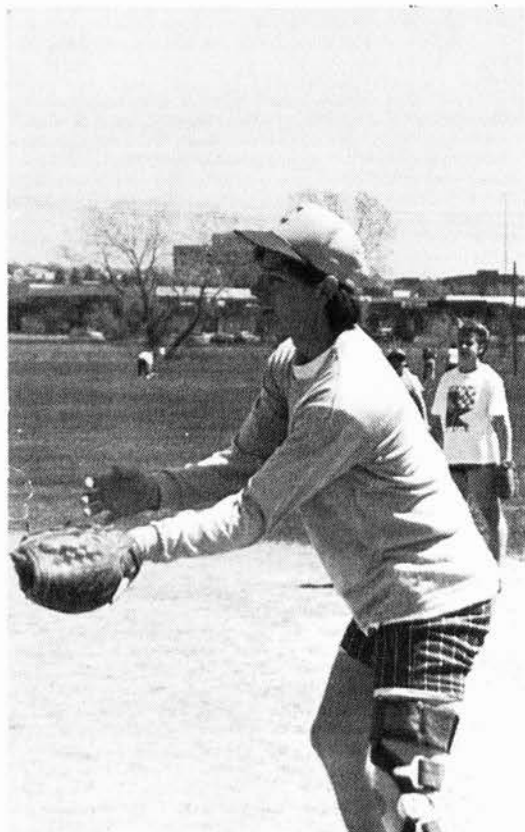
The second tournament was originally scheduled to be played at Tranquility Park but was moved to Lamp Park. This tournament consisted of only six teams.

Donna Olson said, "The winter tournament was more successful than the spring tournament. The spring tournament seemed much better organized."

Many seniors seemed to have favored the first tournament over the second. "The winter tournament was a lot of fun. It was really interesting, especially because of the muddy fields," said Todd Griffith.

Stephanie Bowers, who attended both tournaments, liked the first tournament better since it "seemed like there were alot more teams."

"It sure looked like they were having fun," said David Bushey.



Joe Blazeovich awaits the coming softball at the spring tournament.



Donna Olson swings at the ball in an effort to send it over the fence, while Shann Cushing awaits as catcher.

Eric Skeen rounds the bases at the second senior softball tournament. Six teams participated in this second tournament.

# Volleyballers do it in the sand



This year's senior class officers planned several activities to help boost senior unity. After two successful softball tournaments, the officers decided to attempt a volleyball tournament.

The tournament was held in late April at Goddard's Bar & Grill. The tournament started at 5:00 P.M. and lasted about four hours. Eight teams participated in the tournament, each team having at least three girls.

"It seemed like a very successful tournament. I had a lot of fun even though our team lost a majority of their games," said Renee Besancon.

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Bruce Lovgren, senior class vice-president was in charge of this tournament. "I thought it was a very successful tournament and it seemed like everyone was having a good time," said Bruce. "I only wish we had more time this year to have additional tournaments," he remarked.

The night was broken into two separate tournaments. Both tournaments were won by Tommy Smith's team. Each member of the winning team received a complimentary shirt from Goddard's Bar & Grill.

"I was really excited about the tournament and it seemed like the class officers actually took time to plan out this year's activities," said Todd Weddle.

Todd Weddle eyes the camera in front of the refreshment stand at Goddard's on 50th and Saddle Creek.

Allen Klopper, Jim Kemp, Bob Fugelei, and Robin Leavitt get together before the volleyball games begin.

Stephanie Bowers, Pete Pirsch, Sophie Wehbe, John Newhouse, and Ken Dubes relax while awaiting the start of the next softball game.





# J.R.O.T.C. Honored at Military Ball

The 1988 Junior R.O.T.C. Ball was held in the Peony Park Ball Room on Thursday, March 10. According to senior Becky Christensen, the ball was a mixture of "a formal ceremony and a typical high school dance." The festivities began about 7:30 and concluded around midnight. The purpose of the dance was to "honor and reward" students that participate in the J.R.O.T.C. programs in the Omaha Public Schools, according to Becky.

The South High School Jazz band and swing choir performed at this year's dance during the ceremony. A D.J. entertained the students after the ceremony by playing new music by Salt and Pepa and classic music by Elvis and

the Beatles.

Before the dance, some students enjoyed a nice dinner and "after the dance, students got together to socialize," according to senior Becky Christensen.

The dance not only proved to be fun, it was also a time to honor students who, over previous years, have done an outstanding job in the JROTC program. Robert McCarter, senior, recieved the largest honor that could be given in the city of Omaha. Robert was given the honor of being the All-City Commander, according to Becky. She added that he has maintained his previous position of Company Commander. Central's J.R.O.T.C. program is under the supervision of Major Richard Yost.

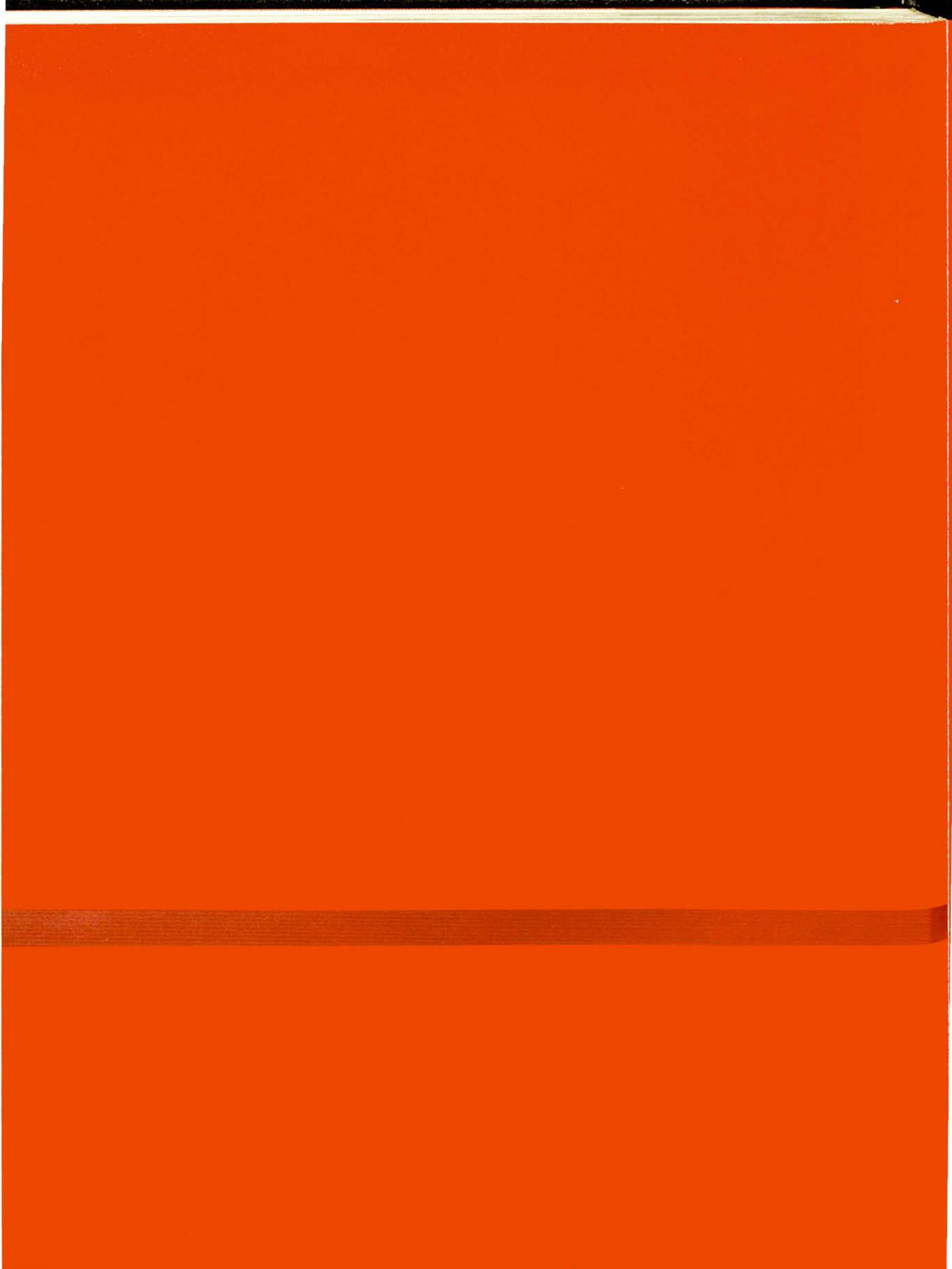
Dr. Gaughan, O.P.S. assistant superintendent, speaks of honor and responsibilities to young J.R.O.T.C. students at the Military Ball held at Peony Park.



Students march in a traditional dance at the conclusion of the formal ceremony.

Seniors Robert McCarter and Shirly Keeling exit the stage after Robert received the honor of being promoted to All-City Commander.







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