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"Keep things going strongly"

Regan, Bogard reside as new heads of OPS School Board

—Kate Leuschen—

Every first and third Monday of each month the Omaha Public School Board convenes for their usual meeting, but now Mr. Stephen Regan, new Board President, resides.

Mr. Regan became President on Wednesday, January 4, along with new Vice President Mr. Frank A. Bogard. The usual Monday meeting was switched to Wednesday because New Year's Day fell on the weekend, said Dr. Joe E. Hanna, Board of Education Secretary.

Dr. Hanna stated that by state statute the new Board president and vice president must be elected annually during the first meeting of the year.

member fills out a form of what they would like to do," said Mr. Regan. He said each Board member must serve on two committees of the five, and five members make up a committee: four Board members and the Board President.

Mr. Regan said he wants to "keep things going smoothly" and have members speak to the public as much as possible. Issues the Board addresses include youth violence, school rehabilitation, alternate financing, and school consolidation. He added that they are "sensitive" and "serious problems that must be addressed seriously."

"The budget is always a concern," he said. The budget, submitted in August, begins in the Spring as negotiations with teachers and support staff, according to Mr. Regan. The budget will also consider the new bond plan approved last November.

Mr. Regan said that the Board must see "that each project gets started and the process is rolling." He added that the bond project will be very important during the next five years, and it is important to "get off on the right foot."

"We must consider the best interests of students, teachers, and the public," he said. "We must situate OPS to be the best we can be."

"Public involvement depends on the issue. When it hits close to home, people come out"

He added that OPS puts a lot of pressure on the homeowner because funding for the budget comes from property taxes. Mr. Regan also said he encourages public involvement and the Board tries to publish news of all its events. "Public involvement," he said, "depends on the issue. When it hits close to home, people come out."

According to Dr. Hanna, all School Board and committee meetings are open to the public. The School Board meets at 7:30 at Lewis and Clark Junior High currently, but he said the meeting will change to the new administration building at the old Tech High School as soon as it is ready.

Mr. Regan said, "Students must try for the best education they can, and we [the Board] must try to provide the best opportunity we can."



D. L. Kowalski

Senator Robert Kerrey discussed environmental, economic, and youth issues with Mr. Lincoln's ninth and tenth hour Government classes on January 9. The newly elected senator stated, "I feel strongly that part of my job is to teach."

Sen. Kerrey lectures government classes

—Seth Kotok—

—Karen Lee—

"May I have your attention, please?" a voice interrupted over the intercom. "No!" said Senator Bob Kerrey and resumed explaining foreign affairs to a group of Central students.

"[I wanted to] come inside a classroom to see what you look like, to see what you sound like," said Sen. Kerrey to the students. "I feel strongly that part of my job is to teach."

Sen. Kerrey taught a junior honors government class at Central in the winter-spring semester of 1987 and returned 9th and 10th hours January 9 to answer questions and see what could be done to improve education.

According to Sen. Kerrey, teaching a class at Central was "harder than I thought it would be, preparing for a 42 minute period [compared to preparing] for a 42 minute speech. It helped me make the decision to run for Senate," he said.

"Seniority counts a lot," said Sen. Kerrey about the U.S. Senate's seniority system. He is 97th of 100 senators. Although 10 are new senators, he explained that he was outranked by one former senator, 3 former congressmen, a governor who had served a longer term than he, and a former governor of a state larger than Nebraska.

Senator Kerrey said that he would spend his first week in office reading and doing research to prepare for his new position. He said that he was most interested in the Senate's Appropriations Committee, which includes the Agriculture and Housing subcommittees, and Senator James Exon has been helpful in this part of adjusting to office.

Foreign relations and trade, federal deficit, education, school punishment policies, senior citizens, youth, drinking and driving, and environmental concerns were among the issues Sen. Kerrey addressed.

Of the issues the Senate will tackle this year, Sen. Kerrey labeled the federal deficit as one with "very optimistic assumptions and unrealistic proposals," but discussions on the deficit can be "boring . . . in ways."

On education, Sen. Kerrey said he favored "increased funding in Pell grants and other sorts of grants and aids." Sen. Kerrey also said that the new in-school punishment policy for out-of-school offenses takes into account that "students . . . have rules that don't apply to everyone." He compared it to the Senate where "some things are not even misdemeanors but could be scandalous."

"I think the . . . laws [on drinking and driving] passed in the late 1970's have been effective," said Sen. Kerrey. He said that the government needs "tough laws for drinking and driving" concerning minors.

As for the elderly and the younger generation, Sen. Kerrey said that a key to solving problems is "opening up the problem so that you can see a human being there."

Sen. Kerrey indicated that some key issues that would affect youth, although maybe with long term rather than immediate effects, include the current money imbalance, nuclear waste, acid rain, and health care.

"I don't know if [youth] are more or less politically aware [than when I was a teenager]," Sen. Kerrey said, guessing that they are probably "not less. The pathway I prefer for political involvement is to find something you're interested in and fall in love with it," he said.

Mr. Clyde Lincoln, U.S. government teacher, said that having Senator Kerrey and Congressman Peter Hoagland speak to his classes "puts a face on [local politicians] for the students. These are people who honestly want to deal with the problems."

After talking to the students, Sen. Kerrey left with his chief of staff, Mr. Bill Hoppner, for a meeting with various Omaha, Lincoln, and other Nebraska educators.

Registered opinion

Students' opinions of Dr. Martin Luther King:



Doug Roper, Junior: "I think he was a great man. He fought for his people. He succeeded for awhile and then eventually his support deteriorated after he died. People decided they couldn't handle it."



Jennifer Collins, Junior: "I think that he was a very courageous man for his time. He did something that no one else would have."



Jose Perales, Freshman: "I feel he was a man for freedom; he wanted a free nation. He gained a lot of respect."



Chris Deden

Jefferly Bounds, Senior: "I think he was a great, intelligent man. He had a great deal of beliefs and he was not just for black people but for all minorities."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Leader deserves day of recognition

The celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was Monday, January 16, 1989. This day recognized the importance of an influential person in America.

Throughout the country, events commemorated the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many schools (not including OPS) cancelled classes on January 16. Parades and speeches offered tribute on this national holiday. In the Omaha area, music and powerful speeches entertained a near-full house in the Orpheum on Sunday, January 15. The memory of Dr. King deserves a day of celebration.

Dr. King initiated the gradual acceptance of minorities in America. His ef-

forts expressed the ignorance of racism and discrimination. He led the fight for freedom of American minorities.

The fight for the acceptance of minorities encompassed all groups which faced discrimination. Dr. King's message encouraged minority equality on a world-wide level.

The message of Martin Luther King, Jr. was based on non-violence. His peaceful ideas were unique to a time of extreme violence. Many people opposed him with intense anger. He faced physical cruelty with passive actions and powerful words.

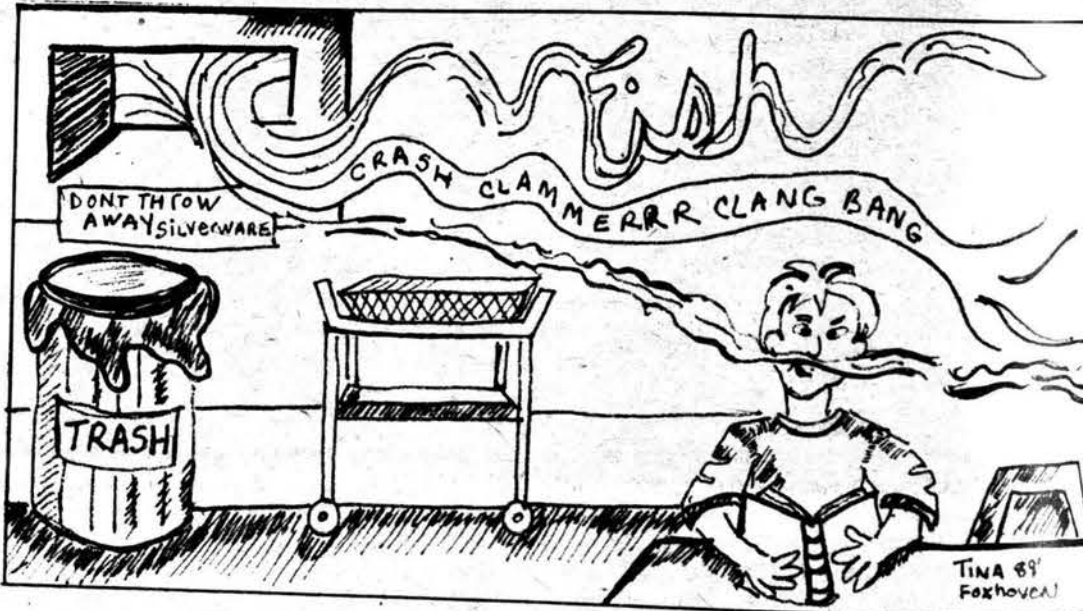
Dr. King's talent for enlightened speeches gained him respect and support. His ideas reached the American people. The hope for complete equality of all permeated the ideas of many people. Many

influential individuals supported his ideas and struggles. Dr. King attained credibility in the political sector, which led to an even larger respect of his ideas.

The strife for equality grew during Dr. King's life. The majority of people today do not accept the sort of prejudices that were common before Dr. King's time.

Unfortunately, some ignorant people still fail to understand the magnitude of Martin Luther King's influence in America. A few individuals maintain prejudiced ideas of the past. These people are a sad minority of society.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the progressive fight for equality of all people. His efforts influenced the hopeful idea that eventually all prejudice will be extinct.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A few days ago my friend and I walked into the courtyard before school. An object immediately caught my eye. Hanging from a second floor office window was an electronic sign. I could not believe my eyes. Is this a joke, I thought. My friend and I, both incredulous at its presence, made fun of it. But today when the "high-tech" red lights continually flashed a relatively unimportant message, I decided it was serious. I am amazed that Central High School is allowing such an ineffective, ugly, and expensive toy into the school.

Without argument Central is the most dignified and beautiful school in the city. At another school, I noticed TV monitors set up in the hallways to inform students of activities. I thought of the ridiculousness and tackiness of this device. I never dreamt that a school with class would resort to such frivolity.

Bulletins are read daily in homerooms. Students never have difficulty obtaining needed information. Therefore, the new sign is not only ugly, but also totally unnecessary. I am surprised at the strict traditionalist administration for failing to see the bothersome absurdity in using this gadget as a means of communication.

I hope the administration realizes the red light sign does not belong in Central High's majestic courtyard. Its uselessness attracts laughter and criticism, and its presence takes away from the school's natural stature and beauty. Central does not need to lower itself to following the lead of ordinary high schools. I sincerely wish that I soon can walk into the courtyard without having to see this new contraption.

Thank you,
Joanna Kosowsky, senior

Dear Editor,

There is nothing like sitting in a nice quiet study hall. That is what I've come to realize. Many are blessed without the banging of pots and dishes being washed by the cafeteria help, not to mention the squeaky door being slammed shut and the constant walking around. Need I even mention that talking in study hall is forbidden? Yet, chatter and often loud bursts of laughter come from these people clad in white.

Not only is this "study hall" so noisy that I find it difficult to actually study, but the environment is far from suitable. The tables have food bits left on them which I find disgusting. The chairs are cluttered and uncomfortable, although one might agree that real study hall chairs are no better.

Another problem is distance. Imagine dashing up endless stairs to the fourth floor with a huge pile of books. Being tardy is sometimes unavoidable. There are no nearby restrooms, which means no restroom passes during study hall. The justification is that you can make your stop before or after study hall. Realistically, that would just make you late again.

I feel that the school cafeteria is a place for eating, not studying. In the future, Central High School should re-think its choices before sending more students to this inappropriate location.

Thank you,
Ruth Sitzman, senior

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with Seth Kotok

Suburbanite families isolated, need lesson about 'real world'

This column is for all of us who have "braved" the real world. And as for those suburbanites who are an exception to anything I wrote . . . move into the city.

Little boxes on the hillside, little boxes made of ticky tacky, little boxes, little boxes, little boxes all the same. There's a green one and a pink one and a blue one and a yellow one, and they're all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same. — Pete Seeger

The suburbs, those treeless, Nintendofied, neighborhoods where all the houses are identical. They are located in different places in different cities: the Connecticut and Jersey suburbs of New York, the West County of St. Louis, and Chicago's North Shore.

Here in Omaha we are blessed with our own suburbs, with their own attractive names: Papillion, Millard, or Ralston. Even better they are subdivided and sometimes the subdivisions are subdivided. These

subdivisions have even better names than the suburbs surrounding the enclaves. On any given day driving west of 132nd street you can see a "Heavenly Acres", "New Fairacres", or for the most accurate name "Trendwood."

They may all have different names, but there is one thing all suburbs have in common, isolation from the real world. The closest thing suburbanites come to the real world is hearing Gary Kerr talk about it.

What does this "perfect" breed of people called suburbanites need with the real world. They have their "perfect" house with its "perfect" no-rust aluminum siding. They can look out their "perfect" window, onto their "perfect" yard where their new evergreen sapling was just planted to replace the hundreds of trees that were hacked away to build their "perfect" neighborhood.

They can eat their "perfect"-ly microwaved dinners at exactly 6:30 PM when dad pulls up in his Subaru sedan after his hour long drive back from the city. Then the "perfect" children will go do their homework while a Debbie Gibson pseudosong plays in the

background (unless it's Wednesday, that's family day in Millard). Why else would someone want to be classified a suburbanite. Maybe because of those commercials that ask the listener why they would want to live in a "dingy, old, used house" when they could live in a brand spanking new INSTA-HOUSE from RONCO (how much would you expect to pay).

I think the reason most people live in the suburbs is protection from the real world. There is no forced bussing in Papillion's schools. Suburban children probably know nobody below the poverty level.

Although suburbanites don't have their kids going to school with any minorities, they are still vocal in their support of equal rights. Just so long as the suburbanites' "equals" don't move next door.

I'd like to remind the people of the suburbs one thing. Remember last Monday, you didn't have to go to work. The nation was remembering the birth of a man who practiced, fought, and died for what you only claim to believe.

"Separate is not equal."

'Superpower' situations changing, causes for openness, rethinking

Very rarely are people given a chance to carry out what they profess to believe in. It is so easy to speak of peace, value, and prosperity, but it is a very different and a very remarkable thing when those believers offer programs.

The General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union came before the United Nations early in December and declared specific positions on a number of issues. He proposed to refinance third world debts, called for a cease-fire in Afghanistan by January 1, promised to withdraw troops and tanks now in Eastern Europe and Asia, and promised to reform the country's penal code.

In the past few years, Gorbachev has placed before his nation the radical ideas of change. Just more than twenty years ago the Soviet people could have been imprisoned or worse for such thoughts. The Party was the definitive leader, and no one questioned it. But what happens now? The most powerful man in the Party and in the Soviet Union is pressing for change.

The Soviet Union has enforced its will on Eastern Europe militarily, just as the U. S. has enforced its will on Latin America economically. What is the difference? We believe we are right.

U. S. government and private enterprise depend on just as much propaganda and government control as the Soviet Union, but we hide it in the name of capitalism.

We declare Gorbachev a fraud when he is pushing for the goals of reform we also pledge from our campaign podiums. The only difference is that the U. S. cannot face its own fear and put real treaties in the place of real weapons.

The word "unilateral" is so taboo in our government. Of course we cannot decrease our weapons, that would be "unilateral." Yet the word used to describe Gorbachev's move out of Eastern Europe is, oddly enough, "unilateral."

The U. S. must always progress forward in a careful, responsible way in order to remain a strong sovereign nation. Weapons cannot be destroyed in a day. Of course, our government can not blindly go forth and agree to all the plans of the Soviets. But if we do not try to compromise, don't we lose some of our strength in the act of cowardice?

The population of the Soviet Union is much greater than our own. They have a much greater potential for and already established conventional forces. But the Soviet Union has always lacked the superior training of the United States. Troop and weapon reductions only make a difference if they are done in the right places. The U. S. has every right to deny the proposals offered by the Soviet Union, but we must not deny the necessity of compromise.

The Soviet Union has many obstacles to overcome if it is to remain a so called "superpower." Its internal economics reflect third world countries, but its military props it up.

I do not understand why any country needs to hold enough nuclear weapons to destroy an opponent 60 times over. Isn't once enough?

The U. S. cannot hold a false sense of security because it holds the immense responsibility nuclear technology.

Will Rodgers once said that you know civilization advances because in each new war they kill you in a new way. Isn't that wonderful to think about. I think it's time to think what civilization is all about. We have replaced the Crusades with the Cold War. We have declared the Soviet Union guilty without trial by jury.

Does it really matter if a person calls himself capitalist or communist? If you truly believe it matters, then I suppose you are at war.

Racism growing in U. S.

Racism, for a long time a quiet issue in the United States, is becoming a feared problem.

With more coverage of racist activities, the problem seems to be more widespread, or awareness of it seems to be growing, especially among teens.

A recent example of a widely covered racial problem is the gang war. Gang activities often relate to racial differences. Another example, the press in Omaha gave attention to a racial fight that occurred at Septemberfest last year.

The most recent racist concern is that of "skinhead" gangs. These gangs consist of people who take the role of Nazi white supremacists. A girl connected with a "skinhead" group claimed on television that too many Jewish people own businesses that "white people should own," and that it didn't bother her much when her boyfriend killed a black man because "black people sell drugs to little kids."

This way of thinking cannot be argued rationally. Racism and bigotry are not rational.

People cannot rationalize with someone who is racist

and prove to them their feelings are wrong. Hopefully, people's actions will do what their arguments can't and help others to put aside their predetermined views and closed-mindedness.

People can put aside prejudice and discrimination, but convincing others to do the same is not easy.

Continuing prejudice and discrimination creates a vicious circle.

Prejudice causes discrimination against a certain group, which places them at a disadvantage. People then blame that group for their disadvantage, and use that to justify their original prejudice.

The questions of why racism seems to have reappeared and grown and how to deal with it are still unsolved.

People should push for racism's end, beginning with themselves.

The important thing to remember is that not every "skinhead" is a white supremacist. Much like not every person who wears red is a Blood, and not every person with a certain color of skin is better or worse than anyone else because of it.

A Different Perspective

Kate Leuschen

Many have doubted Gorbachev's sincerity in his plan of "glasnost," or "openness," and who can blame them. The Soviet Union is not well known for its fair judicial process or freedom of opinion. But to judge Gorbachev by comparison to the United States is drastically unfair. The two countries are incredibly different in culture, economics, and ideology. Yet, they are both "superpowers."

Who gives countries the ominous name of "superpower"? It is as if the country can swoop out of the sky like a speeding bullet and solve (or create) all your problems. I suppose that's a pretty good definition. The United States failed to convince Vietnam that capitalist democracy is superior, just as the Soviet Union has failed to prove communism the best route for Afghanistan.

No one has the right to enforce political doctrine on a people. Isn't that what the U. S. has always professed? Don't we believe in self-determination, the right of the country to decide what type of government is best for them? I guess the Vietnamese civilians who died due to U. S. interference knew deep in their hearts that they were really self-determining their country's future.

Editorial correction

The following is corrected information from a Register editorial, OPS passes discipline rule, ignores bounds of authority, from the December 23 issue.

The editorial stated that schools may rely on information which the Omaha school's personnel department obtains from local law enforcement agencies. This is incorrect. The personnel

department simply provides information; the school principal has the actual authority. The schools must have first hand sources.

This includes an important conference with the involved student.

The editorial also said that schools may expel students. Students may not be expelled under the rule, but temporarily suspended.

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Academic decathlon to become class next year

—Aaron Dennison—

In the 1989-90 school year, Central High students will have a new class to choose that emphasizes the Decathlon competition, according to Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, English teacher. The class, called humanities, will cover various areas of studies.

Mrs. Bernstein came up with the idea and suggested it to the administration in October of 1987. She said, however, that "at the time, for several reasons last year [the new class] wasn't feasible, mainly because there was a so-called freeze on all new programs." But this year, after speaking to Mr. Jim Wilson, the head of administration who handles scheduling, and Dr. G.E. Moller, Central High Principal, the program was approved as a part of the English Department for next school year.

Mrs. Bernstein said that she will teach the class for two periods during the day to give interested students more flexibility as to the time they take the two-semester course.

She added that with two periods, she can open the class to more students and hopefully increase the number of students competing in the Decathlon competition and to "make [students] feel part of a team."

To be eligible for the class, students must fill out an application which asks for the signature of the student's English teacher as well as the grades on the final revised theme for



Academic decathlon members look on and take notes as Rachel Rennard presents a topic she has researched. The Decathlon team is an extra-curricular activity this year but will provide credit as a class next year.

first semester and the students most recent theme.

According to Mrs. Bernstein, the student's counselor must sign the application and also include the student's GPA. The application for the course states that "because of the nature of the course, a demonstration of expertise in expository writing skills is a requirement for admission."

Although the class will mainly cover those areas of study that are a part of Decathlon, Mrs. Bernstein stated that she will also concentrate on the time periods and subjects related to the main topics.

"I like the humanities approach to [the class]. I think [the class] is necessary even if we weren't in Decathlon because a college preparatory

school should have something like that," said Mrs. Bernstein.

Subjects covered by the Decathlon competition and the class are science, social science, economics, fine arts, and literature. The class will be in seminar form. Students will research a topic, write a paper on it, and present it to the class.

"I feel you never learn a subject so well as when you

have to teach it," said Mrs. Bernstein.

Because the course is in seminar form, the class will be limited to 15 students.

Mrs. Bernstein replied that she hoped to "reach more students and clarify some things that [the student] learns in bits and pieces around the building."

Debate team has 'promising future'

—Chris Chapman—

This year's speech and debate team has a promising season ahead, said Pari Smart, senior member of the team. "The outlook is good because the team has almost doubled in size. I think they have done well," she added.

Already, the team has competed in several tournaments. The most recent one was the Kearney State College Christmas Invitational, the 16 and 17 of December.

Mrs. Kristina Bertch, coach, congratulated the team for their fine showing. Sophomores, Molly Phillips and Lisa Frey, took first place in the novice debate division.

Molly also received a first place medal for having the most speaker points of all the novice debaters.

Pari Smart and junior Kymm Fuller took third

place in the varsity debate division. The over all efforts of the debate team members won second place for Central in the debate sweepstakes. In the speaking division, six team members broke into the final rounds after receiving first place in preliminary rounds.

Lisa Nixon, junior, accumulated the highest number of speaker points, winning her the medal for top speaker.

Speaking and Debating helps one become more aware and up to date with the world, said Heather Heimuli, junior team member. It also looks good on college application and resumes, she added.

Pari Smart said that speaking and debating help her think on her feet and can be very educational. She added that going to tournaments is enjoyable because "you can meet lots of people and pick up on lots of guys."

Math club designs scholarship test

—Karen Lee—

"Give a quote from the movie 'Real Genius.'" "Unsimplify 2." "What is the PLO?"

These are questions from previous Mobius Memorial Mathematical Olympiad tests, the only requirement for contention in the Mobius scholarship competition.

The math club is sponsoring this scholarship, one of the very few around that an applicant does not need to write an essay or get high SAT scores.

Any Central student may apply, but non-math club members must pay a \$0.50 fee.

"Math club officers write the test which consists of . . . math and logic problems, character matching, and a Jeopardy section," said Jenny Hendricks, senior.

Jenny said that even if a Mobius contender does not get all the questions right, she or he can get extra points for "creativity and wit."

"You lose points for insulting remarks about anyone who has a part in grading the test," said Jenny. "You get a lot of points for flattery."

According to Mr. John Waterman, math department head and math club sponsor, this year's Mobius test will take

place within the next month. Previous Mobius winners are Ken Dutch, Arthur Kosowsky, Anita Barnes, Marc Lucas, and Joe Schlesselman.

Mr. Waterman said that the Mobius scholarship is "more important than actual life. Life without the Mobius would be pretty pathetic and meaningless."

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Scholarship semi-finalist

Senior Mike Lawler is a semi-finalist for the Coca-Cola scholarship. 1500 semi-finalists will compete, by writing essays, for 150 scholarships.

The scholarships award \$5000 a year to the winners for four years at the college of their choice.

"O" Club officers

The "O" club officers for the 1988-89 school year are: Rick Heller, President, Maria Bang, Vice President, Bryan Guild, Secretary, April Morris, Treasurer.

Caps and gowns!

ATTENTION SENIORS: Cap and gown measurements will be taken on Tuesday, February 7. Total charge is \$14.25 and you must pay at time of measurement.

ROTC evaluated

The annual Region Inspection of Central High's ROTC unit was conducted on January 17 by Major Anthony C. Piscopo, Operations and Training Officer from the Fourth ROTC Region, Fort Lewis, Washington.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the ROTC program at Central and in OPS high schools.

Data Match

Next week, DECA students will distribute Valentine Day Data Match questionnaire sheets to homerooms. Students answer questions and are then matched up with people who answered similarly. Filling out the questionnaires is free and during the week of February 13, the results, matching you up with 10-15 people, will be sold.

DECA Districts

Central DECA students will compete in the Omaha District competition at Bellevue High School on January 28. 500 DECA students from the metro area will compete in the tournament.

Central will send about 70 students, mostly juniors, to the event which prepares the students for the state competition.

Central, Papillion, Westside and the Bellevue and Millard High Schools are strong contenders in districts, according to Central DECA sponsors.

The competition involves two written exams and one role play where a judge, a local businessman, gives the student an impromptu problem to solve and they are judged on how effectively they attack the problem.

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Omaha recognizes life of late Dr. King

Holly Stommes

January 15—"A day to celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all," reads an excerpt from "Living the Dream," produced by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.

For the fifth year, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) and Greater Omaha Clergy Association sponsored services to celebrate the birthday and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader and winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, according to counsellor Mrs. Faye Johnson.

"The big service is the unity service at the Orpheum on January 15 to commemorate Martin Luther King [Jr.], and the second service is the state unity service at St. Cecelia's on Thursday, January 19," said Mrs. Johnson.

According to Mrs. Johnson, both services were free of charge and anyone was welcome to join the choir.

"Anyone can sing. We'd like to have 400 people, but we're prepared for about 250," Mrs. Johnson said.

At the Friday night rehearsal, about 300 singers joined in the chorus for the Unity Service, said Reverend McPherson, President of IMA and minister at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

"Anyone can sing. We'd like to have 400 people..."

Besides the chorus, in which Central's A Cappella Choir participated in also, the unity service consisted of hymns, speakers, scripture, and prayers.



Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was last Monday, January 16. Various organizations around the metro area celebrated King's life and ministry this past week. The IMA held two services at the Orpheum Theater and St. Cecelia's Cathedral. Sketch provided by Great Plains Black Museum.

Said Mrs. Johnson, "It's a religious service."

Among the various speakers, Dr. Calvin O. Butts, pastor-elect at the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City,

was the main speaker on Sunday, and the main speaker on Thursday night was Dr. David T. Shannon, Vice President of the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta, according to

the Reverend McPherson.

Reverend McPherson said, "The unity service celebrates the life and ministry of Martin Luther King [Jr.]"

According to Rev.

McPherson, members of the clergy from the community have met to pray for unity and organize this service for several years.

"It's important for people of the community to come together in unity," said the Reverend.

"I hope that someday schools will be let out for the holiday."

The IMA also sponsored a "Memorial Luncheon" at Peony Park on January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, said the Reverend McPherson.

"Every year the luncheon is a sellout. This year North High's Swing Choir [performed]," said Mrs. Johnson.

Reverend McPherson invited students to come to the luncheon, but said that it would be difficult because they had school.

"I hope that one day schools will be let out for the holiday. I would like to see more celebration of Martin Luther King, [Jr.] week," he said.

Although the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) did have classes, many schools held programs and assemblies to celebrate King's birthday, said Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson played the piano and sang songs in a program for the students at Kellom Primary Center last Wednesday.

According to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Calendar sponsored by the Omaha Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Planning Commission, various organizations and universities held programs to Dr. King also.

"Diamonds Are Forever": Road Show celebrates 75th anniversary

Ellen Caban

The Central High School production of Road Show is celebrating its seventy-fifth birthday this year. Its theme, appropriately named "Diamonds Are Forever," commemorates Road Show's seventy-fifth diamond anniversary.

Road Show began in 1904, when the Central High R.O.T.C. department founded a small, school-wide talent show.

"Road Show got its name because of the fact that it used to travel throughout the city," said Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, Central High drama instructor.

In its earlier days, the shows were very small, playing to audiences of less than one-hundred people," Mrs. Georgeson said.

Road Show used to travel to other high schools, retirement homes, and veterans hospitals. Over the years, the growing size of the show demanded that it be kept only at Central. Since 1910, Road Show has not traveled, but it has gone on to become one of Central's oldest traditions.

Mr. Larry Hausman, Central's stage craft instructor, attributes Road Show's long lasting success to the strong sense of school spirit Central has always had.

"Central students have a magnificent obsession with performing," said Mr. Hausman. "That's why Road Show is so popular. Everyone has the opportunity to get up there on stage and show people what they can do."

Through the Road Show's long history many changes have been made. According to senior and Road Show manager, Ruth Sitzman, one of the biggest differences is in the type of acts that perform in the show.

"There is more variety in the show now, with skits, dances, and comedians, instead of the once popular accordion solos."

Another change has been made just this year when the position of Road Show Manager was open to not only instrumental students, as in the past, but also to A Cappella members. Over forty teachers were asked to help judge at the auditions. "We're trying to include as many people as we possibly can," said Mr. Hausman.

Teachers and Road Show managers judge the acts on content, originality, presentation and good taste. "We always try to be as fair as possible and pick a good cross section of the school's talent," said Mrs. Georgeson.

According to Mr. Chuck McAdam, instrumental music instructor, Road Show is a unique experience. "It was the first and only high school vaudeville type show. There's no competition, so everyone can concentrate on doing their best and having fun," said Mr. McAdam.

The accepted acts will be practicing through the rest of January and until February 23, 24 and 25 when the curtain will rise for the 75th production of Road Show.

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Another Illusion with Simon Joyner

Regret is that dirty paw you keep licking even after you realize you're a dog."

-Drool, my favorite skinhead

So what's the deal with the skinheads anyway? Are skinheads the new thing to be scared about, or what? Something else to exaggerate, to fascinate? I guess I wasn't aware that "skinheads" were the fashion this month, like movie stubs. They even seem to be surpassing the gangs who struck last year's fears into the mouths of the public. Skinheads, skinheads, skinheads, we'll milch you for all you're worth assuredly.

Recently, as I dove into the pedantic world of algebra while sitting in a study hall desk, it was brought to my attention that skinheads had grown in number and power and presence. I was reading the gossip off of the top of my desk, writing down phone numbers and funny quotations when the two guys in front of me began to whisper between themselves. This is the kind of thing I sponge up like a cerebral dustbuster, so if you happen to be sitting near me some time and you're talking to yourself or to a strange intimate then take into consideration you may end up here.

Anyway, these two guys are talking as I scribble and then this tardy guy walks in and sits down about five

Study halls swarmed by 'violent idealists'

seats ahead of them. All of the sudden Guy #1's face got white and clammy like the inside of a tube of toothpaste, and he turned to Guy #2 and hurricaned this whisper, "Hey, man. That guy's a skinhead. He'll kill you, I swear. That guy's killed six people already!"

"Really, man? I've got this skinhead in my home economics class who is supposed to have a swastika carved into his stomach. I can tell he's killed some people. Sometimes I accidentally turn to look at the clock and he's right there staring into my eyes. Oh, and I swear he burns his cookies every time. . . ."

Well the killer, cannibal, white-supremist, gun-wielder who shoots a lot of children while chewing on the American flag may just be a guy who happens to have no hair (a simple, not so political choice), but that wouldn't be any fun, would it?

Let's make him a rapist too, and in league with Libyan terrorists, or what the heck! Let's make him in league with the DEVIL conspiring to take over all that is good on the good earth.

Let's everybody stare at the guy with no hair because the political skinheads broke Geraldo Rivera's nose on T.V. with a chair, and they had no hair there. Stare at the guy who may just be trying to do his algebra without the hiding benefits of long hair.

To digress, you know Geraldo loves the skinheads. They give him money. His ratings boosted, and

he gets to wear a bandage. Everyone likes to wear a bandage. He's a hero now. I was vainly hoping that skinheads were a mere coalition of Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. fans angered at Geraldo for marrying his daughter and poisoning the relation, but. . . .

A man without hair is not necessarily a man without moral balance. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'm sick of hearing about the skinheads everywhere, and how anyone without hair is life threatening and maniacal.

Why do I get the perverse feeling that there are just as many violent idealist killers with hair that there are without the stuff?

Forget it. I'm beginning to get angry with myself. This is a stupid thing to be writing about as if I'm informing you of some great revelation I'm having. It means absolutely nothing.

I feel like I did in the first grade when I argued with the pony-tailed girl. She was the effectual-intellectual that sat in the desk in front of me and first said, "Girls go to Mars to get more candy bars; boys go to Jupiter to get more stupider."

She just laughed and chewed on those fat red crayons while I tried to feed her logic concerning the improbability of such a statement, not necessarily in those words, but just as useless. A red crayon will always taste better than common sense.

Students teach foreign language to area youth

—Jason Auslander—

"Como estas mi amigo?" "Bon jour, mon ami." "Guten tag, freund." "Salve amicus." If one was in the third grade and heard these cryptic greetings, what would one think?

As it turns out, many Omaha area elementary students may have heard these foreign phrases as a result of the teachings of some Central students.

Students who are in the third year or higher are eligible to travel to area elementary schools and teach them basic phrases and other simple things such as the colors and farm animals. The different schools call Central and request a certain language. Then the teachers ask students in their classes if they would like to volunteer for the task at hand.

The students may go if they have lunch or a study hall after their foreign language class.

Senior Kirsten Glesne, who teaches German to sixth graders at St. Margaret Mary, said that it is fun to teach, but sometimes the kids can be "brats." "Now I know what the teachers at Central have to go through," she went on to say.

"The students [from Central] are always on time, have good control of the kids, and know their language skills well," said Mrs. Sundell, St. Margaret Mary's school secretary. "I am very impressed and would definitely take advantage of this program for years to come." Mrs. Sundell went on to say that at the end of the teaching stint, the students at St. Margaret Mary's give a party for the Central student teachers.

Senior's car dons new Van Halen coat

—Alyson Adams—

—Jason Auslander—

Eddie Van Halen's guitar has come to life in the form of a 1980 Chevrolet Citation. Some may think senior Chris Pafford has gone "5150" (the California police code for insane, also the name of Van Halen's hit album), but it's just a case of extreme admiration.

Some sort of Van Halen memorabilia adorns the walls of his room.

Chris' main reason for painting his car was in celebra-

tion of the November 5 Van Halen concert in Lincoln.

The night before the concert Chris and his friends stayed up and painted the car with red and white house paint. They then applied a thick coat of turtle wax to preserve their precious design.

However, the design didn't hold up after a rainstorm, and the paint smudged with a touch. This minor setback didn't phase Chris. He plans to repaint his car soon.

Chris said his obsession with Van Halen began when he was a sixth grader. He and a friend bought a Van Halen cassette just to see if it was any good. By the end of the week, the two had purchased Van Halen's entire record collection. As on his car, Van Halen paraphernalia drapes Chris' room. Some sort of Van Halen memorabilia adorns his walls, including posters, guitars,

searched all the hotels in the city, hoping to catch a glimpse of their idols, but they never found them.

He said that the concert was enough to make

Right before a Lincoln concert, Chris and his friends stayed up all night and painted the car with red and white paint.

him happy. "Just being there felt good," Chris said in a hoarse voice resulting from yelling at the concert the previous weekend.

Not only does Chris enjoy the group's music, but he also imitates the group's current clothing styles because as he said, "Eddie sets the trends." One concert highlight, in particular, stays with Chris. Two years ago, while shouting praises to the group, he mistakenly caught Eddie Van Halen's guitar pick in his mouth which the musician had thrown out to the crowd.

Chris said he listens to at least one Van Halen album a day. He is also planning to start a Van Halen fan club.

While off in his own little world, listening to Van Halen, Chris said he often dreams of being Eddie Van Halen. Perhaps they could trade places. Eddie would feel right at home in Chris' car.

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Chris imitates the group style because "Eddie sets the trends."

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Chris has attended four Van Halen concerts; one in Lincoln, two in Omaha, and one in Kansas City. He especially enjoyed the one in Lincoln where he said he took great pride in parading through the city in his eye-catching car.

Before the Lincoln concert, Chris and his friends

Buck Naked plays 'strip-down rock-and-roll'

— Karen Lee

Mr. Rick Renn, a 1976 Central graduate, bar manager and booking agent at the Howard Street Tavern, called Buck Naked and the Bare Bottom Boys an "Omaha band making it big."

Mr. Renn said that the band was "very popular with their particular crowd" in Omaha and are finding an even wider audience in California's San Francisco-Berkeley area.

"If you can't dig them, then you can't dig nothing," said Katie Wees, a junior at Gross High School.

Katie's brother, Stinky Wees, plays the lead guitar for Buck Naked.

"From a sister's standpoint, it's pretty entertaining," said Katie. "It's great to see my brother and the boys do their thing."

She said that Buck Naked's music "ranges from pornobilly to rock-and-roll."

Hector Naked, drummer for Buck Naked, said the band plays "strip-down rock-and-roll." Hector labeled Buck Naked's music as "pornobilly," which is "basic rhythm and blues, rock-and-roll stuff with a funny, dirty twist."

Mr. Renn described Buck Naked's genre of music as "rockabilly, leaning to the style of music with . . . trashy, more satirical lyrics. It's not something you want your grandmother to hear."

"You have to have a sense of humor, definitely. You have to take their music with a grain of salt," said Katie. "They appeal to a crowd that's not offended easily . . . all ages."

The band consists of Buck Naked, lead vocals and



Buck Naked and the Bare Bottom Boys are an "Omaha Band making it big" in California. The band often performed at the Howard Street Tavern and plans to tour the area sometime this summer.

back-up guitar, Stinky Wees, lead guitar and back-up vocals, and Hector Naked, drummer and back-up vocals. Buck and Hector are brothers.

"We all had been fired from bands in 1981," said Hector. "We all fell together from that reason alone. [We are] remnants of other bands. [It was] one of those natural selection things."

"My brother was in a couple of bands before Buck Naked," said Katie.

She said that Stinky had played in the Rebates and with Buck and Hector in Bump Fuzz.

Hector said he had been in one band for three years before he, Stinky, and Buck formally formed Buck Naked and the Barebottom Boys in 1985. They named the band after the lead singer and started off as "kind of a joke," according to Hector.

The band played at the Lift Ticket, the Drumstick in

Lincoln, and most often at the Howard Street Tavern. By 1987, Buck, Stinky, and Hector had moved to San Francisco, California where they have found an expanded audience.

"[Moving to California] turned out to be a lot easier than I expected," said Hector. He said they chose San Francisco because of "the beauty of the city and knowing people here."

"Like most rock bands, [we appeal to] mostly college students. Being in a different market, the crowd is more interested in fashion, more people hanging out," said Hector. "We're still the same concept, except, of course, growing."

Last summer senior Kimberly Gossin visited her sister in San Francisco where she heard about Buck Naked's California following. "I was really surprised to see that an Omaha band had gained some

respectable recognition in a large metropolitan area, where the competition is so great that it is difficult to succeed for any band," she said.

Kimberly described San Francisco's club scene as "tons of little holes in the wall . . . [where] there are so many bands that not one band can be THE band, but [Buck Naked and the Barebottom Boys] have enough recognition to attract a large crowd."

The band is known for wild, energetic performances where the musicians are rumored to have sometimes worn only boxer shorts and boots.

"They're crazy," said Michelle Winther, senior. Michelle saw Buck Naked's New Year's Eve concert three years ago. "One of the guys looked naked, but he had a guitar in front of him," she said.

About the band members' style, Katie said "What's the norm of dressing? They dress [like] their personalities."

Donny Dietrich, sophomore, said that Buck Naked is "a pop-music punk band." He saw a Fourth of July concert they held two years ago. "Anarchy music, man. They're an anarchy band. I'm serious, man," he said.

"They were a peace band, man, seriously," said junior Paul Galus. Paul saw Buck Naked open for another band, Toxic Reasons, at Dannebrog Hall three years ago. "[Buck Naked and the Barebottom Boys] could be compared to Firehose, maybe. They sounded kind of Firehose-influenced," he said.

Donny, Paul, and Mike Gonzales, sophomore, all had compliments for the Buck Naked musicians. "They're great, man," said Mike. "[Buck] was king."

Mike added that "the best part was their bass player, seriously," and praised the drummer for being "tight in the riffs." Donny complimented Hector for using five cymbals in concert.

A Buck Naked album will be out in a month or so, according to Hector. "We're presently working on one," he said, "since June 1988."

Buck Naked and the Barebottom Boys returned to Omaha for a weekend of performances at the Howard Street Tavern in last June. Mr. Renn said that Buck Naked is expected to be "sweeping through the Midwest sometime this summer," when they will play for their Omaha fans again.

Hector said to definitely expect Buck Naked back in Omaha soon. "It's just a matter of getting the money and not wanting to go back in the dead of winter," he said.

1988 yields abundance of new releases

Bands provide 'alternative' music



— Jason Auslander

1988 yielded an abundance of releases from "alternative" bands. They are known as alternative because most of them vary from the normal, top forty format.

It's Only Life is the title of The Feelies third and newest album. Hailing from Hoboken, New Jersey, The Feelies have been around for roughly ten years, and with this album, they have thoroughly defined their sound.

California based Firehose's newest album, "if'n," is a more polished and refined version of 1985's *Raging Full On*. The strong rhythm section consisting of bassist Mike Watt and drummer George Hurley give Firehose their distinctive sound.

Last summer saw the release of many alternative

albums. Camper Van Beethoven made their major label debut with *Our Beloved Revolutionary Sweetheart*. With this album, the Campers stray away from their weirder efforts and incorporate many different musical styles to create a thoroughly enjoyable album.

Also released last summer was Soul Asylum's *Hang Time*, the Pixies' *Surfer Rosa*, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers' *Abbey Road E.P.* All are definitely worth a listen.

Recently released albums include Sonic Youth's major label debut, *Daydream Nation*, They Might Be Giant's, *Lincoln*, and the Waterboys, *Fisherman's Blues*.

An interesting bit of trivia is that Sonic Youth's next project will re-interpret the Beatles' *White* album.

1988 was also the "year of the new artist." Many newcomers to the music scene gained critical and the public attention.

Bringing back folk music last year was Tracy Chapman and Michelle Shocked. Chapman's self titled album was much more success-

ful than Shocked's *Short Sharp Shocked*, but if folk is your thing, try them both.

Irish artists, Sinead O'Connor and Hothouse Flowers, while having different styles of music, both sound pretty good. O'Connor does not have the prettiest haircut, but she has her own vocal as well as lyrical style.

Life's Too Good is the title of the debut album from Iceland's The Sugarcubes. Dubbed "the coolest band in the world", the Cubes also have a different style.

Jane's Addiction's second album, *Nothing's Shocking* was surprisingly well received. The band has a style that definitely takes some getting used to. Characteristics of this album consist of a very abrasive sound with lots of guitar solos.

All in all, 1988 was a very good year for the music business.

Major record labels now seem willing to take a chance on alternative bands. They may have finally realized that some people like to have a change from the normal top 40

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Permits jostled from after hours dance clubs

Hilary Fenner

Colored lights flash, models display the latest fashions, and customers dance to the beat of the hottest new music.

Most teens think that they must wait until age twenty-one to experience the sights and sounds of a night club, but area eighteen year-olds have the opportunity to enter some local bars after one o'clock a.m.

Growth in popularity

The popularity of after hours at local bars, programs allowing those over the age of eighteen to enter bars after they have stopped serving alcohol for the night, has grown in recent months, but the programs may not be around for much longer.

According to Safari Bar manager Steve Hurt, in order to provide after hours, the bar must have a late night extended dance permit.

"The city issued these permits that allow dancing from two to four a. m., and when the permits expired on December 31, they revoked them," Steve explained.

Court appeal

Sandy Moses from the City Clerk's office explained the Safari Bar and the Run's situation in regard to the permits.

"Both have been to the board of appeals to renew the permit, and both have been denied," Ms. Moses said. She said that the bars' final step is to appeal to the District Court.

According to Mr. Hurt, when the city revoked the permits, they ordered the Safari Bar to discontinue the after hours program and "probably did not expect [the bar] to put up a fuss about it."

Continuation of program

Mr. Hurt said that until they settle the issue in court, the bar is able to allow eighteen year-olds and over to enter the bar after one o'clock a. m. to dance.

Mr. Hurt said that he feels that the after hours pro-

grams have been beneficial to the city as well as the bars.

"We thought it safer for teens to be in our establishment dancing and drinking soft drinks rather than driving around and drinking which they would do otherwise," Mr. Hurt said.

'Benefit to city'

He went on to say that he feels it safer for the adult, drinking clientele who come to the bar between eleven p. m. and one o'clock a. m. to stay and wear off alcohol.

Central senior Wesley Loon agreed with Mr. Hurt saying, "I think that having the after hours program cuts down on things like drunk driving.

Wesley elaborated saying that he feels extended hours would give people who are intoxicated a chance to work or wear alcohol off.

Dancing not allowed

Because the Safari Bar is also licensed as a restaurant, it can legally stay open all night, said Mr. Hurt.

"It all boils down to a permit allowing people to dance," Mr. Hurt explained.

"We can be open, and we can serve breakfast and play jazz, but people can just not dance. I think that people should be able to dance whenever they want to," he went on to say.

Wes said that he feels after hours programs benefit older teenagers.

'Interesting place'

According to Wesley, after hours at the bars give teens a more interesting place to go to.

"Eighteen through twenty year olds have to put up with younger people all of the time, and the Safari Bar is more of an adult place. It gives us a sense of adulthood," Wes said.

Mr. Hurt said that he likes being able to allow people under twenty-one to enter his facility.

"We will stay open after hours until the trial, and then hopefully we will win," he said.



D. L. Kowalski

Mr. Sgourakis, an owner and cook of the *Greek Islands* restaurant at 3515 Center St., hands Athenian salads with gyro meat to a waitress. The food is prepared behind the counter.

Travel further than Crossroads to find authentic, tasty ethnic food



Adrian Ferguson

Omaha is filled with wonderful ethnic restaurants, but contrary to the belief that they can all be found at the Crossroads' food court, there actually are restaurants that serve authentic ethnic foods in every neighborhood.

Hopefully, some of these restaurants, which aren't new to Omaha, will be new to your list of favorite spots. What is extra special and makes them more authentic is that the people cooking and usually serving the food are of the same ethnic origin and probably speak the language as well.

Sushi Ichiban, which operates out of a once International Pancake House build-

ing, serves the most authentic Japanese food in town that I have been able to find.

Don't let the name scare you off. No, sushi is not the only item on the menu, but if you want to try it, and are a first timer, here is the place to give it a try, although you might want to play it safe and order the sushi rolls (fish surrounded by rice and wrapped around with a strip of seaweed). This way the fish taste won't be as strong.

As I said, there are many other things on the menu. The tempura (lightly breaded and deep fried fish and vegetables) as well as the Teriaki choices are all excellent as well as a little more easily stomach. The seating is mostly western style, at tables and booths, but it is possible to reserve a traditional Japanese style room where you eat at low tables while sitting on tatami (straw) mats.

Don't be alarmed when you are given a warm moistened washcloth before your meal. It is not to wipe the table, just your hands. This is common in Japan and the food is extremely authentic.

Another extremely popular spot is the *Greek Islands*. This very trafficked restaurant is seldom empty, even after a recent expansion, which appears to have doubled its capacity.

If you haven't ever been there, start out with the Gyro platter. This includes a Gyro, which consists of strips of spiced meat on a pita and topped with a sour cream and chive sauce with tomatoes and onions, fries and a salad.

Try the house dressing, a vinegar and oil which is amazingly fantastic and could easily be marketed. The food, which is cooked by one of the Sgourakis family members, is prepared right behind the

counter. So if you are with someone boring you can always watch your food being prepared.

I have never had a problem with ordering something new and not liking what I get, so do a little experimenting. Whatever you do, don't leave without indulging yourself in one of their own pastries, like my favorite, Baklava—thin layers of pastry saturated in honey.

After eating at the *Greek Islands*, you won't mind paying a little more, but pleasantly enough the prices are very reasonable.

Malara's, a small, simply decorated restaurant, is in a neatly kept Italian neighborhood, which is suiting because *Malara's* serves Italian cuisine.

One thing you will be certain of, is you'll never leave on an empty stomach. The food you would expect at any other Italian place is also served here, like ravioli, spaghetti, lasagna, and they also serve a delicious meat ball sandwich.

The food is oh so tasty, and the atmosphere; very easy going, serene, and homey, makes eating a pleasant experience. Do yourself a favor and give *Malara's* a try.

If you walk into a restaurant and the first thing you hear is the cook speaking in their foreign tongue, chances are that the food is going to be good and authentic.

At *El Aguila* this is true and the food is good. The waiters are very nice and the service is very fast. Starting off with the bean dip ensures a good start.

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Female swimmers take OPS Holiday Swim Meet

—Tyler McLeod—

The Central girl's swim team placed first in this year's OPS Holiday Swim Meet, with the boy's team finishing third. This was the first time the girl's team has won this meet.

The team has been practicing after school every day from 3:30 to about 5:00 for the past two months. According to senior girl's team captain Cathy Clawson, they spend their time practicing strokes, sprints, flip turns and long distance swimming. In total, about 46,000 yards each night.

Mr. Mark Allner, swimming coach, feels that if the swimmers keep progressing at the rate they are now, many swimmers should qualify for state.

He also pointed out that "the boys are strong and have depth this year," and felt that a few disqualifications at the OPS Holiday meet kept them from placing higher.

This year's team is much larger than previous years and is in a better position depth wise, according to senior and boy's team captain, Andy Timm.

This makes it possible for three entries to swim in each event giving Central's team a

better chance for placement in the top three.

The majority of this year's team is made up of sophomores. Mr. Allner said that the swimmers are beginning to "come out as sophomores instead of waiting until their junior or senior year." He added that this will strengthen the team in the long run.

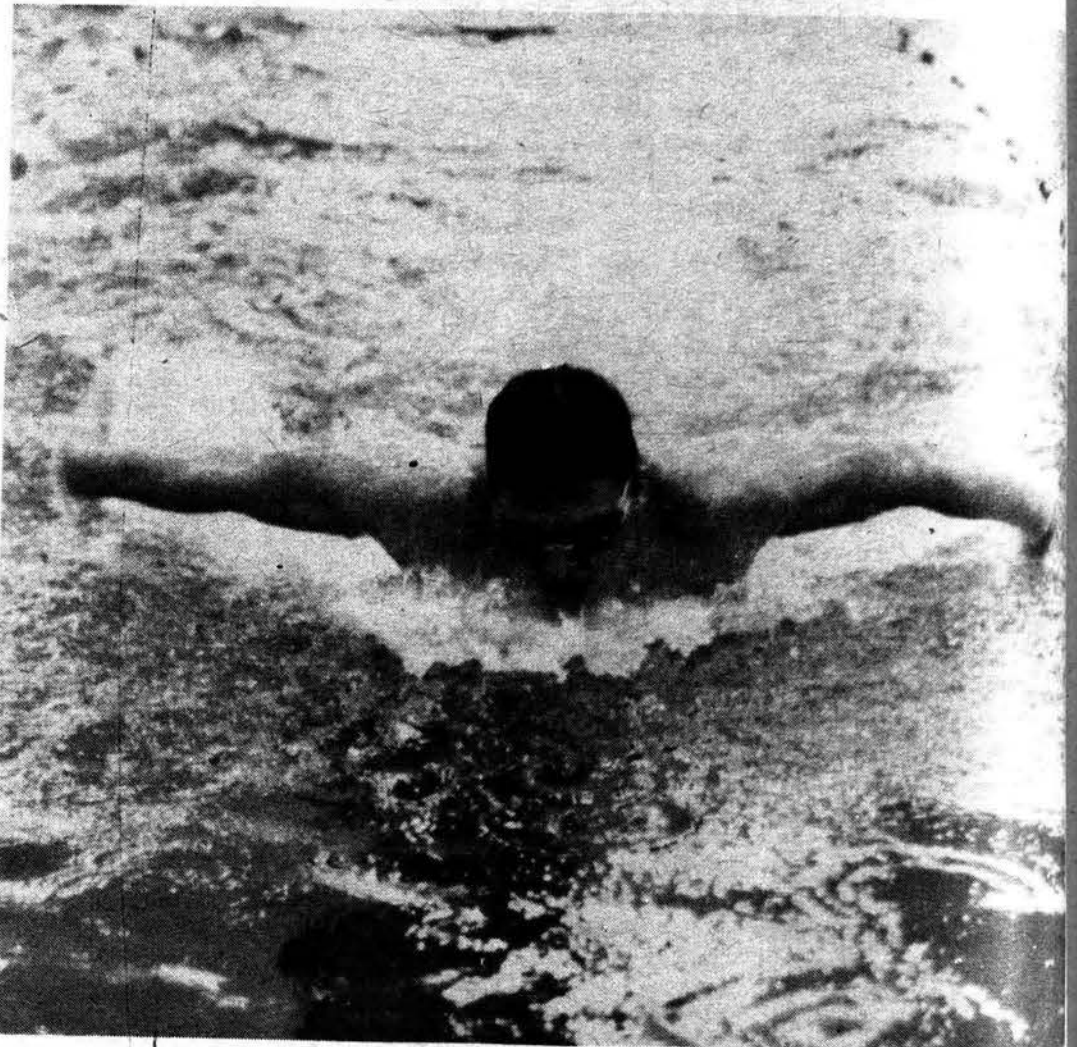
"We lost a lot of good swimmers from last year," said Cathy, but she also added that "Individually, we're a lot better than last year."

Another reason for the loss of good swimmers is the fact that Central does not have a pool.

"A lot of talent in this building won't come out because of transportation and time [problems]," said Mr. Allner.

Andy agreed that it's a "pain" to drive to Norris every day and said it also cuts back on their pool time. Cathy added that "if we had our own pool, we could have morning practices."

Some of the swimmers feel that the team doesn't get much spectator support. "It wasn't a good feeling being at a home meet where Ralston had more support," said Cathy about their first meet against Ralston.



D. L. Kowalski

Andy Timm, Central High senior, bursts from the water while practicing the butterfly at Norris Junior High School. The team holds all practices there due to the lack of a pool at Central.

Grapplers off to good start; Warner 19-0

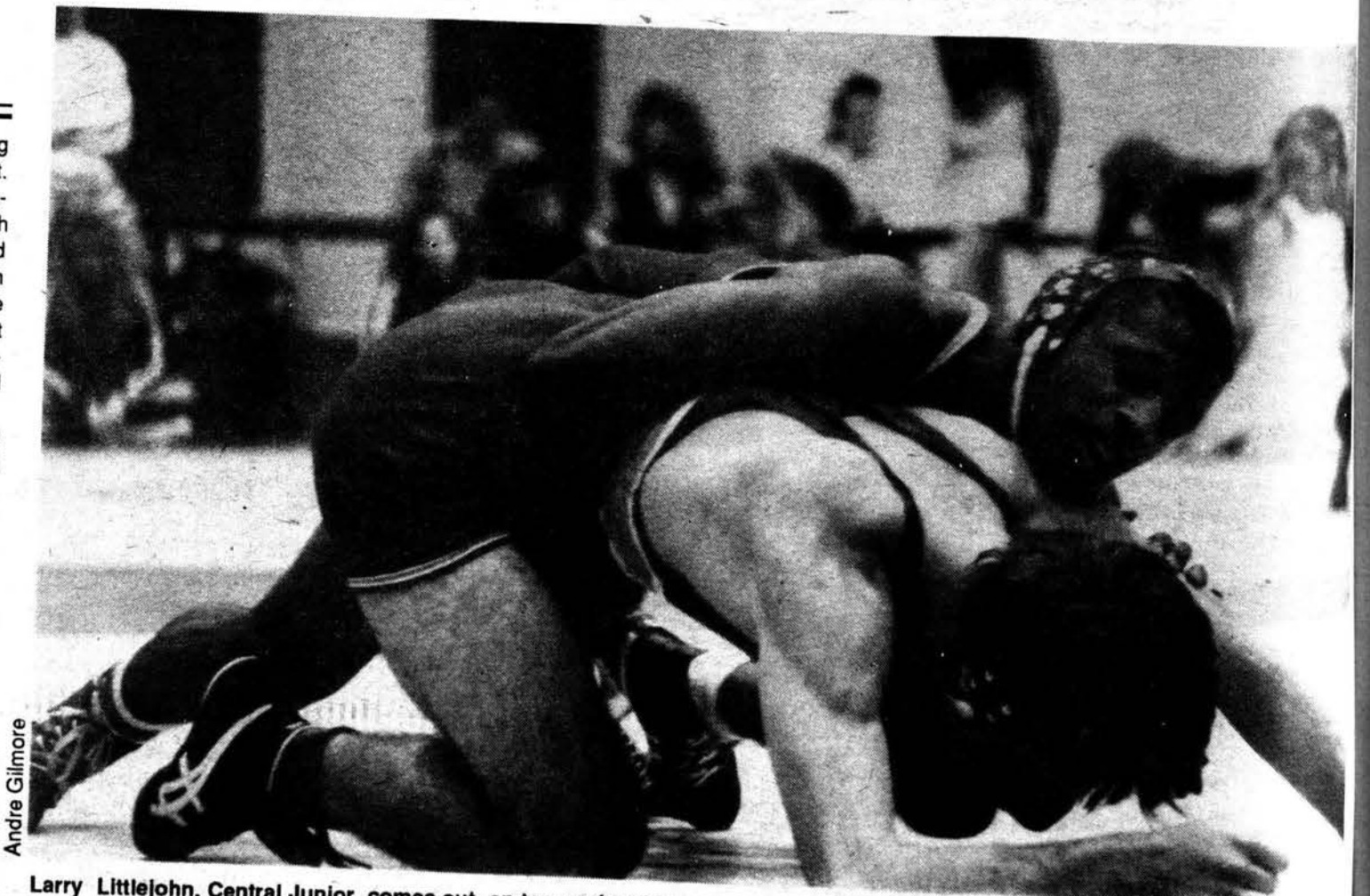
—Marcie Rosenbaum—

The 1987-88 wrestling team is Central's best team yet. The *Omaha World Herald* recently ranked the team as fourth in the state. According to head coach, Gary Kubik, the team has great abilities, and all of the wrestler are very proficient at wrestling. The team has competed in five Invationals and three dual meets.

"You get out of it, what you put into it," said senior, Phil Warner. Phil is undefeated, with a 19-0 record, and is one of the top Class A wrestlers. Phil started wrestling as something to do during the winter and has been wrestling for over eight years. Coach Kubik contributed that good leverage, technique, balance, and intensity, are all key factors to Phil's success. According to Phil, the thing he likes about wrestling is that it is all an individual effort, there is no team to rely on.

Senior, Jason Blakenish, said, "Wrestling doesn't get very much recognition, considering it is one of the hardest sports, next to boxing."

According to Jason the team is very strong, except in the 189 and 125 weight divisions. The team lacks wrestlers in both of those areas. Jason said that the team has met some of their goals, but that there still were a few expectations to be met. "If everything works well, our rating will go up," said Jason.



Andre Gilmore

Larry Littlejohn, Central Junior, comes out on top against his opponent during one of the Eagle Grappler's meets. The team has competed in five tournaments and three dual meets. Phil Warner is 19-0 so far this season.

Larry Littlejohn, junior, went on to add, "I think we need to get our lower weights together because they are more inexperienced." Coach Kubik credited good balance and strength to Larry's success in wrestling. Larry's record is 15-4.

"The stereotype that a wrestler is short and squatty, is not always true," said Kubik. Phil Warner, who is undefeated,

is 6 feet and 4 inches. According to Kubik, Phil's height is an asset to his success. Some wrestlers are good on the mat while others are better on their feet. The team tries not to focus on losing, instead they focus on performing at their best. The wrestling team practices everyday after school until five o'clock. According to Kubik, the team places a strong emphasis

on running because it is good conditioning. When asked about support Kubik said, "The cheerleading group was really great, they gave a lot of support this year by attending the meets." He added that Dr. Moller and the teachers also gave support

"Central has the richest tradition in the state when it comes to wrestling," commented

Kubik. Included in that rich tradition are two graduates of Central, who received gold medals in the Olympics in the late forties and fifties.

"It has been a pleasure, working with the team, they can really go at each other," claimed Kubik. He went on to add, "It takes alot to be the number one team, and they accept that challenge."



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Rule breakers pay NCAA cracks down

Southern Methodist University, the school with the football team that received the "death penalty" should have been an example. They lost their football program for two years due to cheating. They got caught twice. You'd think they would have learned the first time they were busted. They didn't, and they are paying for it now and will be for the next few seasons. Their program will probably take years to redevelop into a competitive force in college football, if it ever does. More than learning, you'd think they would have showed other schools the costs of cheating. They didn't.

In the last year, the NCAA has punished colleges at an alarming rate. Brooklyn College, Illinois, Marist College, Minnesota, Texas A & M, Arizona State, Cleveland State, Cincinnati, Houston, and West Texas State have all been caught and placed on probation for violating the NCAA's rules pertaining to student athletes.

Also in the past year, three important Big Eight teams went down under NCAA investigation. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State were both harshly punished by the NCAA for football recruiting violations. Earlier in the year, the Kansas Basketball Team was placed on probation.

I have a bitter-sweet impression of the penalties against Oklahoma. I always figured they cheated for two reasons. First, I've never liked their coach. I have to give him credit for being a great coach, but somehow he's always come across as an arrogant, win-at-all-costs... well let's just say jerk. Second, I thought that they cheated for my own self-serving reasons. They kept on beating the Huskers

badly, and I didn't think any team playing by the rules could do that. (Miami proved that theory wrong, but who knows—these days it seems that everyone's cheating.)

That's the sweet part of my reaction to their penalties. The bitter part set in when I realized that the Sooner's punishment was punishing the Huskers and actually the whole Big Eight as well.

For one thing the Nebraska-Oklahoma game cannot be televised and this will cost both the Huskers and the Big Eight the revenue raised by televising the game. The Big Eight Conference shares in the profits from televised games, and Oklahoma usually plays on television five or so times a year.

The Sooners can't attend a bowl for the next two years, and since profits from bowls are split as well, the Big Eight is hurting. Oklahoma was one of the two biggest names in Big Eight Football and one of the biggest money makers in the Big Eight.

Oklahoma State's penalties bother me as much as Oklahoma's, if not more. Oklahoma State was truly a team on the rise. This year, they finished as high as tenth in one poll. They were climbing the Big Eight ladder, making it more like the "Big Three" than "The Big Two".

They almost beat Oklahoma this year, and they went to town on Wyoming in a relatively major bowl, the Holiday Bowl. It's too bad they had to cheat to get to the top. They end up costing themselves and the Big Eight big bucks.

One player who got Oklahoma State in trouble was Hart Lee Dykes. He took down four teams during this season in exchange for immunity from punishment. It is reported that he "tattled on" Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas A & M, and Oklahoma State, his own school! All four of

these teams are on this year's list of cheaters who got caught.

It is sad to me that college sports have become so competitive that a school is willing to risk millions in order to make it big. I can't blame the athletes. I sure as heck wouldn't turn down cash or a car, I'm not that stupid, but I do blame the schools. College sports are starting to look like the Arms Race. Russia spends millions on defense in order to stay competitive; we do too. In the same way, if one school in a conference begins bribing players to come to their school, the other schools in the conference have less luck recruiting players and find it necessary to begin paying their recruits.

Another reason I hate to see so many teams getting busted is that it just shows how many teams are cheating. I'm sure for every team caught in the past year, many more cheaters made it through the year unscathed. (The ones that remain probably were careful enough not to pay a blabber-mouth willing to talk about their school.)

Not only do the payoffs tarnish all college athletics, it makes all strong teams look suspect, especially the teams just breaking into the higher ranks of the game.

The problem is only going to get worse unless all sides come to an agreement and stop cheating. The NCAA has stepped in the right direction with stricter punishments and the use of the "death penalty." But not all the cheaters can be caught. Until the colleges realize they are only hurting themselves, the NCAA must just go on issuing harsh penalties. As the problem continues, the rules must get stricter.

Haas sailboards on Nebraska's area lakes

Hilary Foster

"I can't wait for one that is really blowing with big chop." This is what avid boardsailing enthusiast John Haas anticipates come spring when the sun will be shining and the wind will be whipping. Boardsailing or windsurfing is a unique sport, John says. The participant not only enjoys the fun of surfing but also the thrill of mastering the wind, like sailing.

Windsurfing and its enthusiasts are scattered all around the world, from the beaches of Hawaii to the shores of Lake Cunningham, dam site 11. For a place so far away from any large body of water, John feels that there is a surprising amount of support for windsurfing in Nebraska.

John's surfing experience is not limited to area Nebraska lakes. "I go to Corro Beach, Florida, every year for

awhile, and this year I might go with a bunch of people down to Corpus Christi, Texas."

Corpus Christi's twenty mile per hour winds attract John and his friends to the Texas coast. John said that even though twenty mph does not sound like much, one must imagine standing on a surfboard that is between eight and fourteen feet long, about one foot wide. All of a sudden, that much wind has awesome power.

In order to sail in high wind situations, John and other windsurfers use a harness that hooks them into the sail. Despite its many advantages, John said the harness can also be an instrument of danger. John's most frightening moments are when, while he is hooked onto the harness and his feet are hooked into the foot straps (along the surf board) a big gust of wind comes and blows the sail over and forces him into the water.

"The thing you have to worry about is not letting your ankles get all twisted if they're still in the footstraps." In boardsailing being "catapulted" like this can result in battered feet or ankles.

John's interest in boardsailing began when he and his father rented boards for his father's birthday. "Then we just kept going down there [Cunningham Lake] until we finally bought a board."

John thinks that this is the way most Nebraskan boardsailers begin. Even though he has only been sailing for three years, John is a member of a windsurfing fleet based at Main Sail Loft, an area retailing boardsailing equipment and other boats.

John feels that even though there are only eight or nine people in his fleet, the crowded area lakes make him aware of a widespread improvement with windsurfing.

John says he enjoys being a member of the fleet. However, he does not compete much. "I don't race much because it's not as much fun as sailing just for the heck of it."

John's interest in windsurfing is more than merely a hobby. He would like to make a career of his sport, but since the professional aspect of windsurfing is so competitive, he would prefer instruction.

It Wasn't Tom's Breath That Attracted Me... It Was His Record Collection.



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Close losses trip up basketball team

—Peter Festersen—

The boy's basketball team, coached by Mr. James Martin with Mr. Rick Behrens assisting, has had a rough start but is looking forward to the rest of the season.

"We expected to have a better record," said senior Andy Huff. The team has won about 50 per cent of their games so far.

Senior James Maloney said, "We lost a lot of really close games that we could have won."

According to Mr. Martin, the team has had to overcome much adversity. The team lost Brian Owens and Scott Thompson, juniors, before the season started due to injuries. Sickness has also been a problem, he said.

It was the first time Central beat Prep in . . . eleven years.

Senior Dennis Barfield feels that along with injuries, a lack of intensity in games and practices has also hurt the team. He said, "It's been a pretty good season, but I'm looking forward to more success."

The team did well in the Holiday Tournament,

beating South and losing close games to Bellevue West and Millard North.

The players agree that their biggest win so far came when they defeated Creighton Prep. According to Dennis, it was the first time Central has beaten Prep in basketball in eleven years.

When asked how he felt about the season so far, James said, "I feel pretty good about it; we should do pretty well down the road."

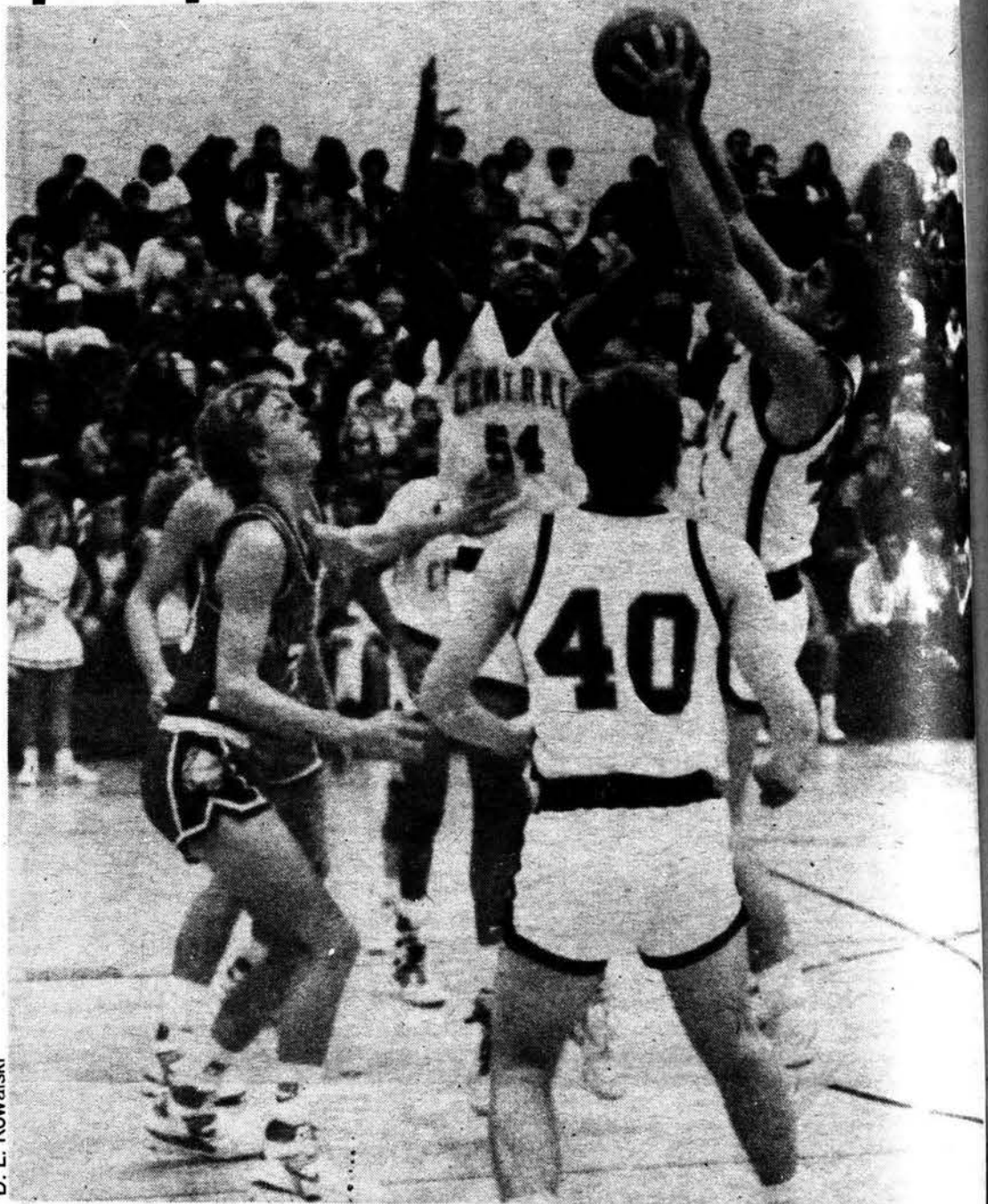
"I think we're one of the best teams around," said Mr. Martin. The team has proved they can win, but Mr. Martin feels that the team's confidence level is not where it needs to be.

Although Andy thinks the team has been improving and becoming more unified with each game, he said, "I think we could use more support from the fans."

Mr. Martin said, "We're realizing we have to play one game at a time." The toughest schedule is behind the team, but they need to string some wins together, he said.

According to Mr. Martin, senior Walter Outlaw is leading the metro in rebounding. James, Walter, and Scott English, senior, are also among the metro leaders in field goal percentage.

When asked what the team's goal was for the rest of the season, Andy said, "We want to have a better than average season and a strong showing at districts."



D. L. Kowalski

James Maloney, Central senior, grabs for the ball with Walter Outlaw, number 54, and Andy Huff, number 40. The team is six and five.

Teachers walk after school



Andre Gilmore

Three Central Teachers, Mr. Pennington, Mrs. Valdrighi, and Miss Schellpeper, roam the halls after the 2:40 bell rings. These three are not trying to catch skippers, they are strutting for their health. Mr. Jones, Central High Administrator, is also a hall walker. Miss Schellpeper said, "Walking is appealing to me because it gives me time to relax." The group usually walks for 30 to 40 minutes or about two miles.