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## Reunions; a task for class officers

By Erika Gaylor

As the primaries narrow down the senior class officer candidates, the qualities of the candidates are evaluated more closely to decide who will win the students' votes. Supposedly, their duties last only for the remainder of the year. However, in addition to presiding over meetings, the officers have some extended duties.

Ten years seems like a long time down the road, "but it will come back to haunt you," warns Dr. James Crew, Boys-Sergeant-at-Arms (1970).

Class officers do not necessarily take responsibility for reunions. Mrs. Marilyn Stein said she was co-chairman of her 50 year class reunion "simply because she lives in the area and keeps in touch with a lot of people." The class president did participate by assuming the duties of MC at the reunion banquet this summer.

"The responsibility falls on the people who can facilitate it best," said Mrs. Sherill Willis, treasurer (1970). Mrs. Willis also discovered that because she and Dr. Crew were the only officers left in town, they were expected to organize the reunion.

For the class of 1980, the president was not involved in the planning. Mrs. Sandra Davidson, class secretary (1980), started committee meetings a year before the reunion.

### Locating class members

As all the reunion committees discovered, the major obstacle is locating all class members after so many years. According to Mrs. Davidson, the committees must organize a mailing list by contacting the school secretary and the graduation mailing list.

"The committee also organized a calling committee to get updated addresses and to try and contact all different groups in the class," said Mrs.

Davidson.

One suggestion she has for the upcoming officers is to start an ongoing file where students can send their updated addresses into a committee or directly to Central. Tim Pierce, vice-president (1990), said, "The directory will help out a lot."

### Funding reunions

For both the 1970 class and the 1980 class reunions, money was another difficulty. The committees, consisting of class officers and other interested class members that were in the vicinity, had to "loan" money to fund the reunion.

Eventually they were reimbursed through the reservations, but they hope to establish a fund through the years for the next planned reunion, explained Mrs. Davidson.

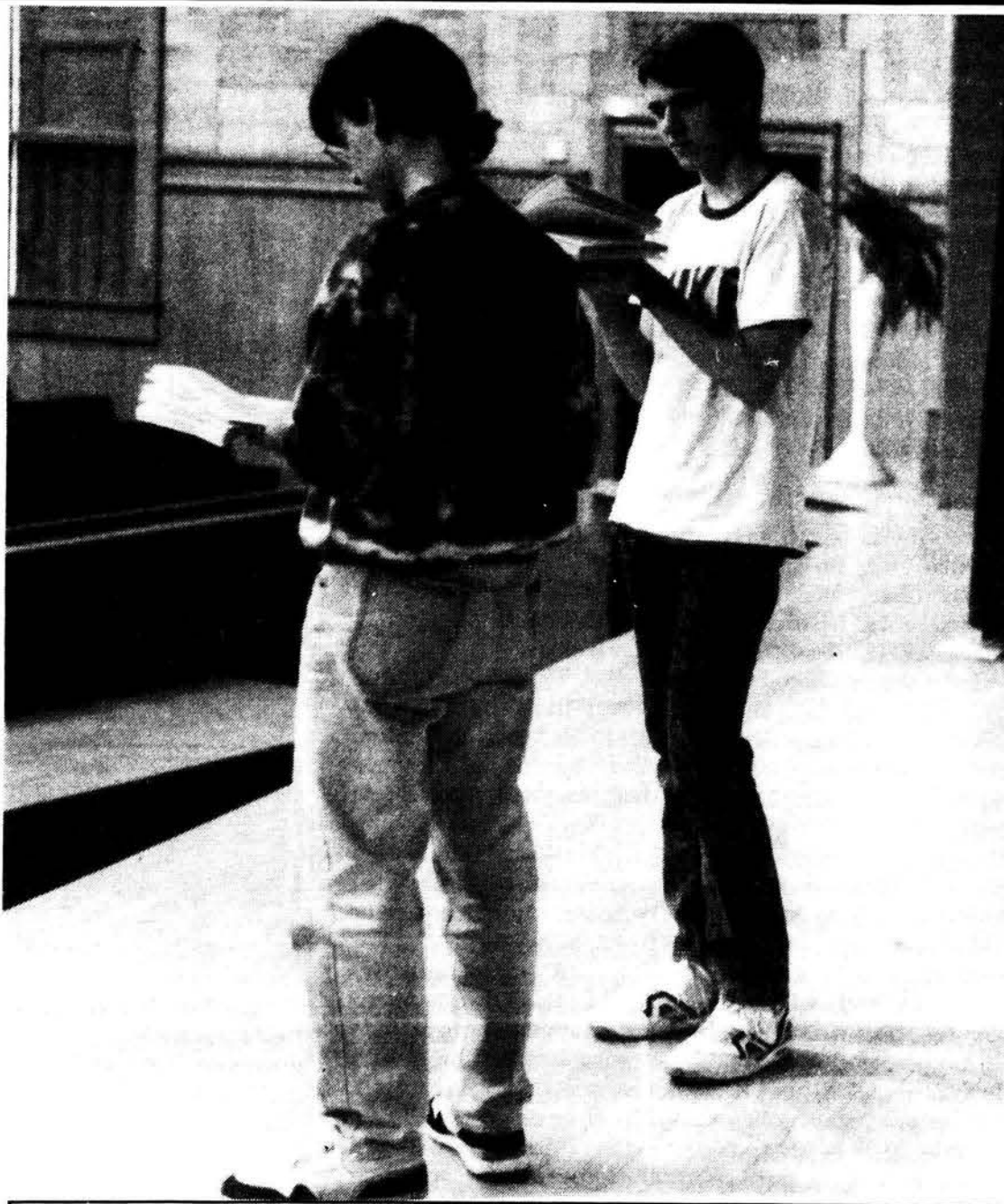
Dr. Crew, Mrs. Davidson, and Mrs. Morris agree it was a positive affair, but they expressed concern about organizing the next reunions. Dr. Crew is not sure he will be available come the 30-year reunion.

### Officer qualities

What qualities motivated these people to spend hours upon hours organizing a high school reunion? Current Central seniors express their views. Mike Gonzales said, "[Officers] should be motivated to complete all the tasks that they promise, and hear out all their classmates' ideas." Mike Davis wants candidates "to be honest with the [student body]."

Mary Helgard said, "The candidates should represent everybody, not just their friends." "They shouldn't be 'slackers' which means they say they will and then won't," said Mike Digiacomo.

As senior class officers, "we served only as figureheads," said Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Davidson advises to elect someone that is a "doer, not just a big talker."



Chris Thilgen

Juniors Sean Rourke and Matt Hovde practice their lines for the upcoming musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*. See details concerning the production in the Central Scene, page 5.

## Sponsor encourages students and faculty to participate Amnesty club actively involved

By Dan Fellman

Prisoners of conscience are being held in Guatemala, South Africa, China, Turkey, India, and Yugoslavia. But Central High students are fighting back.

Earlier this year, some Central students formed an Amnesty International club at school. Amnesty International, an organization dedicated to obtaining freedom for prisoners of conscience, uses letter-writing to achieve success. They also circulate petitions demanding the release of prisoners.

The group at Central now has about 25 members, said Mrs. Peggy Wheeler,

sponsor. Mrs. Wheeler commented that she hopes the group will grow. "We welcome all new members and we specifically encourage staff members to participate."

According to senior Brian Comer, the group hopes to create an awareness of world problems throughout the school.

So far, Amnesty has had a table in the courtyard during lunch periods to attract students to sign petitions. Posters telling of unfair imprisonments worldwide have also been posted in the halls of the school. According to Mrs. Wheeler, they plan to maintain the table in the courtyard

throughout the year.

According to Ann Carroll, junior, the coordinator of the group, Central's Amnesty club has many activities planned for the year. The club plans on holding a write-a-thon to help raise money as well as pressure foreign governments.

Also the group is planning a three to five band concert, with a speaker's platform. The event, planned for December 7, will be held at the Magic Theater, with a \$4 entrance fee. The event will not be school-sponsored; it will be sponsored by the members of the club. The club now has officers.

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## 2% lid no solution

The Register staff urges all Central students and parents who will vote on November 6th, to vote against Measure 405, the proposed 2% spending lid. If Measure 405 were to pass, the effects would be detrimental to public schools and colleges as well as the entire state of Nebraska.

Because inflation rises more than 2% each year, the lid is impractical! It would stop Nebraska's economic growth and industrial development. Even property taxes would increase. If enacted it would be the most restrictive spending limitation in the nation.

It has been pointed out that extensive cutbacks would take place in the Omaha School District if the lid passes. Cutbacks could include the elimination of renovation projects, summer school, some sports activities, a reduction in busing, teacher layoffs, and charging fees for textbooks.

Because the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, it is extremely important that cutbacks in such a crucial area as education are not made.

Cutbacks will also be seen for street maintenance, sewer service, the police department, the fire department, state colleges, community owned hospitals and nursing care facilities, special education, highway construction and expressway expansion, jobs in both the private sector and government, teaching positions, drug programs, state aid programs, and food programs.

The proposed lid does not even permit local units of government to deal with emergencies such as

tornado damage, massive amounts of snow, and broken flood dikes.

The constitutional amendment says that the budgets for the State of Nebraska and local governments would be limited to a 2% annual increase.

To exceed the 2% state lid 40 of the 50 senators in the Legislature would have to approve. This is frightening because 10 senators could stop the majority from providing additional necessary funds for the state.

In order for local governments to increase their spendings, they would have to hold special elections because the creating of budgets is usually not in sync with the general election held in November.

This is terrible because it costs up to \$150,000 just to hold such an election. And if the voters do not give their permission to increase spending, then (according to Measure 405) the governmental body would be limited to a 0% increase for that fiscal year!

A school district would actually be punished just for attempting to provide needed services that would require spending in excess of 2%. How ridiculous!

Mr. Jaksha's idea of less government spending may look attractive at first, but look again.

If you do not vote against Measure 405, you can be guaranteed of several things: Nebraska's economic progress and industrial development will stop and important local government programs and services will be unable to meet the needs of Nebraskans.

## Recycling is easy

The environmental craze has died down to a subtle roar now, but it is still somewhat hip. The need for recycling is urgent, but also surprisingly easy.

Paper or plastic? A question commonly asked as one proceeds through the check out line at grocery stores. If it is absolutely essential, paper bags are both reusable and biodegradable. But paper is also recyclable. All rooms in Central contain recycling boxes, where students can place used assignments and crumpled clutter.

Recycling newspapers is an easy way to get into the environmental habit. Glass bottles and jars can be recycled to save the enormous consumption of energy.

The Green Eagles

are making it convenient right here at Central to recycle aluminum cans. It only takes a second to stop and differentiate between the regular trash can and the one set specifically for cans.

On a local level, the city of Omaha is launching thirteen recycling collection sites. To help facilitate the efforts of people in the city, the environmental planner has set seven recycling days for people to drop off newspapers, glass, tin cans, aluminum cans and plastic containers at the sites.

The programs at Central are applaudable. The absence of styrofoam in the school cafeteria makes Central a model environmentally-concerned institution. Do your part and make recycling a part of your lifestyle.



## Centralite Voices

Should the United States have troops in the Middle East?

Yes 86 (46%) No 100 (54%) Total 186



No. We're just sitting there now and our government is spending too much money. We must either back up our demands or get out of there.

-Tom Rose  
Junior



Yes, due to the fact that our country is being protected by those that know what they are doing.

-Holly Slye  
Senior



No. We're over there for the wrong reason. If we were trying to help Kuwait it would be one thing, but we are not. Americans are there just for profits in oil.

-Chalawnda Kelley  
Senior



Yes, so we don't have to pay so much for gas.

-Joe Kannas  
Sophomore



No. Iraq hasn't invaded us so why should we send our troops over there against their own will?

-Alex Perales  
Freshman



Yes. Unfortunately, our society is based on gasoline. With less gasoline our economy would basically stop.

-Mrs. Bascilico  
French teacher

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**In a Manner of Speaking**  
Shelly Barkes

## Class elections bring mayhem

"Why aren't you running for anything, Shel?" This question has been a frequent one lately. A few observations answer this inquiry. I'm sitting in lunch, quietly eating, when the insults begin to fly.

"Who stole my poster?" says one friend to another. Her opponent, who was nothing less than a best friend a week ago, has a speedy reply. "Who would want it?"

Then the brainstorm begins. How can I really make my opponent, who just happens to be a close friend, look unworthy, undeserving, and just plain stupid? A friend asks me for help. Then another friend pops out of nowhere to place an annoying sticker on my chest, as another candidate just as quickly rips it off to make room for his.

As I stand back and look at this chaos, I wonder what is it all for? What do class officers do? I've asked a couple of the candidates and they haven't a clue. "Plan the reunion, I guess, I don't know." Gee, what a reason for spending hours and hours of poster-making. One candidate informed me that the reason they are running is because they

don't have anything better to put on their college application. Another fine motive. What is it all for? The time, the effort, the expense of campaigning? A popularity contest. That's what it's for.

**I** can hardly guess the quality of a person by a tacky sign and a sticker.

Does anyone really know the people they are voting for? I can hardly guess the quality of a person by a tacky sign and a sticker. The only candidates that give speeches are those running for

president. I am not sure if the presidential candidates know exactly what the position entails. It requires time, energy, and creativity.

I remember one class president who was absent from the graduation rehearsal, therefore prohibiting him from giving the traditional graduation speech. This doesn't mean that he wasn't an effective president, but it definitely put a damper on the evening. I am not trying to insult anyone, I am just asking you, the voting seniors, to mark your ballot with care. Think of the quality of the candidate, not their partying ability.

Then we have people that are not even in the race who are defacing signs and insulting the candidates. What is this going to solve? I don't think any innocent voter will fall for this slander.

Being one of the few who isn't running for an office, I feel that I can make some valid observations, being untainted by that political fervor that can all-too-easily turn that well-meaning candidate into a popularity-hungry, back-stabbing friend. So let the games begin, and may the best man (or woman) win.

### Honors work deserves recognition

## Give credit where credit is due

An art student slaves over weekly drawings in his journal. He is spending all his spare time working on and perfecting the collection of work. Is he preparing for a national art competition? No, he is preparing to apply for Studio Art.

party? No, journalism students work hastily to prepare a newspaper for publishing.

Students everywhere are home studying for tests tomorrow. But many students are not even thinking about their homework. Are they negligent? No, they are singing in a performance for the CHS Singers.

It is thirty degrees outside. Fires crackle in fireplaces and houses are cosily illuminated by the glow from the flames. But at Central, close to 150 students are standing outside. Are they trick-or-treating? No, it is one of many evening band rehearsals for the next half-time show.

What qualifies a class

to be honors? Is it the time required for the out-of-class work? Is it the difficulty of being accepted to take the class? Many electives demand both time and skill from students, and still, the school does not recognize them with honors. Qualifications for honors should be extended to more than academic courses.

Before being accepted for the studio program, art students must have taken Art 1-2 and Art 3-4. For both classes, weekly assignments are compiled into a journal. For acceptance into studio, the student must not have missed more than one assignment per semester, and the journal must be submitted for review by the

art department. Then, the four art instructors vote on whether or not the student is accepted.

To be a member of the *Register*, students must have taken Journalism I. Then, the student must write a letter of application to Mr. T. M. Gaherty, journalism advisor, who then decides on the student's position on the staff.

To be a member of the CHS Singers, a student must take A Cappella and then audition by singing a selection to Mr. Terry Theis, vocal teacher. He then decides on the elite choir.

Band members spend years learning to play their instrument. Required evening practices occupy

their time. Band starts at 7:00 every morning for the first quarter of the year.

The amount of work for these classes, both in the classroom and out, surpasses the amount of work required for many honors classes and even some AP (advanced placement—college credit) courses. Still, students receive no honors credit for any of these courses.

Students choose electives by their personal interests; but many electives demand extreme amounts of out-of-class time. Honors credit should be granted to these classes, not because of their academic pressures, but because of the devotion and skill demanded from the students.

### Another Point of View by Emily Rennard and Julie Torpy

The halls are quiet. It is 6:00 on a Friday evening. The school is dark and empty except for one room. In 315, the lights are on and noise filters out into the hall. Is it a

## Should all the trash stay in New York?

Trash. Everybody has it. Nobody wants it. So, what do you do with your trash when you have no more landfill space? Why, you send it to Nebraska, of course.

### Another Point of View by Christopher Thilgen

Recently it was discovered that a landfill near David City, Nebraska, was admitting garbage from the East Coast. This landfill is owned by Mr. Tom Kobus. Kobus obtained permission from the Butler County Board

to admit the trash into his landfill.

The journey of this garbage begins in Brooklyn, New York, where it is loaded on boxcars. From New York, the waste is railed to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Trucks haul the garbage from Council Bluffs to the landfill.

This event is upsetting people with multiple concerns. One of the foremost among their grievances, is that the land should be used for waste close to the landfill. "When the landfills in my area fill up, where do I put my garbage?" This question is a popular one among David City residents. People should not

concern themselves with this. It is the state's responsibility to provide area for garbage disposal.

Some Nebraskans have said that a state law should be enforced to keep out-of-state trash from Nebraskan landfills.

Nebraska can not do that. The Constitution of the United States of America has an Interstate Commerce Clause, clause three. This clause does not allow states to place a simple ban on imported waste (goods).

A concern that is underlying all other concerns, is the possibility that this waste is hazardous. If it is, Nebraska's most precious

resource could be contaminated, it's groundwater.

This also is not a problem. The waste that is going into the landfill is common household garbage. It is not any more harmful than the waste that Nebraskans would bury there.

The people of

Nebraska should leave Kobus alone. His business is operating within the limits of the law. His operation does not endanger the environment.

The people that are opposing this aspect of his operation are selfish. They are not allowing Kobus to use his land as he sees fit. How can we refuse this refuse?

## Your opinion

Send your opinion to the *Register*. Bring letters to room 315. We welcome any letters concerning local or school-related issues. Letters may be edited due to available space. Unsigned letters will not be printed.



# Two former cheerleaders return to high school as teachers

By Emily Rennard

Often students imagine teachers as having been brilliant and studious in their high school years. They had to go to high school, then to college and often graduate school, only to return and spend the rest of their lives in the place students are dying to leave.

But what were their high school years like? Two Central graduates, both of whom were high school cheerleaders, have returned to Central to teach.

Mrs. Beverly Fellman, French teacher, graduated in 1959 and cheered only that year. Mrs. Pegi Georgeson, drama teacher, graduated in 1961, and was a cheerleader her freshman and senior years.

"Tryouts were extremely competitive. Tremendous numbers tried out and there was no pom squad, so that was it," Mrs. Fellman said. She added that they would spend months and months preparing for tryouts.

"We had to be able to jump up and hit the backs of our heads with our feet," she recalled. "It was like being bent around backwards in mid-air." According to Mrs. Fellman, without this stunt, tryouts were nearly

impossible.

Mrs. Georgeson said, that the cheers were "less complicated" than they are today. "The whole school knew the cheers and the fight song and school spirit was great," she added.

Over the years, the cheerleaders' uniforms have changed drastically. "We wanted short skirts," said Mrs. Fellman, "but our sponsor, Mrs. Marian Treat, always said that they were 'unlady-like.'" Skirts had to be at least to the knees, Mrs. Fellman explained.

**"Victory, Victory,  
That's our cry,  
V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!  
Will we win it?  
Well, I Guess,  
Central, Central,  
Yes, Yes, Yes!"  
-1959 Cheerleaders**

Mrs. Georgeson's squad also wanted shorter skirts, but the uniforms were tradition and

could not be changed. "We used to roll the waists up, so that the skirts were at least above the knee," Mrs. Georgeson remembered, "but then Mrs. Treat would come running after us, shaking her finger and saying 'No, no, no!'"

Unlike today's polyester uniforms, the skirts were white wool. "They were really pretty," Mrs. Fellman said proudly.

They had the traditional 'C' on the front of the sweater, and the 'V'-shaped chevron on the sleeves. "We could also earn gold football or basketball charms to show what

events we cheered at," said Mrs. Fellman.

One of Mrs. Fellman's fondest memories is the 1959 state football game, where the entire squad stayed overnight in Lincoln. "We piled about eight of us into one room and just had fun!"

All school pep rallies were more common than they are today. According to Mrs. Fellman, before every Friday night game, the cheerleading squad and about eight brass band players would run through the halls to rouse the school, and then "all geared up and screaming, we would run to the auditorium."

Among the cheers that Mrs. Fellman remembers is, "Nared, Nared, he's our man. If he can't do it, no one can." The "Nared" referred to is John Nared, basketball star, and now the

brother-in-law of Ms. Bernice Nared, Central administrator.

Another popular cheer was "Victory, Victory, that's our cry, V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!! Will we win it? Well, I guess, Central, Central, Yes, Yes Yes!!"

"Some of (the cheerleaders) still keep in touch. At reunions we'll wear our uniforms and do a cheer," said Mrs. Fellman. "I think we share a certain special friendship that will never end," she said.

Mrs. Fellman is in her first year teaching here, except for a few years right out of college, but she said "So far, it's great!"

For Mrs. Georgeson, returning to Central to teach is wonderful. She said that she may be "slightly prejudiced" but she would rather teach here than anywhere.



Mrs. Fellman and Mrs. Georgeson model their cheerleading uniforms. Both teachers are Central graduates and former cheerleaders.

Chris Thilgen

## Positively Affecting Student's Success

### PASS offers success in and out of class

By Tina Ray

"Every Child is a Potential Winner; some of them are disguised as losers; be careful, don't let their appearance fool you!"

This quote is from the Positively Affecting Student Success (PASS) handbook.

The idea for creating PASS started a year ago when Dr. Gary Thompson, former administrator at Central, led a committee of teachers and administrators to increase the efforts to help students with problems adjusting to conditions in and outside the classroom.

#### Students "at-risk"

The Bush Administration gave a report stating that America's students were "at-risk," concerning the poor academic status of the present system due to problems afflicting today's youth. All high schools in the OPS school district were to create programs to help students with these burdens.

At Central, a program of this type was already in progress for many years dealing exclusively with absences and tardies.

Mr. Paul Semrad, assistant principal at Central, had worked with students who had a considerable absence record.

"The PASS program now not only deals with tardies, but branches out to other areas such as academics and social adjustment," said Terrie Saunders, Central English and PASS academic teacher.

#### Honors students

Many people think that the PASS program is only for underachievers and students that are troublemakers, but that it is not the case.

"In Learning Strategy, I have many students who are in honors classes," said Mrs. Carla Robinson, home economics and PASS teacher.

The PASS program tries to help students involved in situations ranging from an excessive number of suspensions to low self-esteem and lack of extra-curricular activities.

"When you look at the definition of PASS, basically all students at Central are on that list," said Mrs. Nita Merrigan-Potthoff, English and PASS academic

instructor.

#### Teachers volunteer

At Central, teachers volunteer their time during the school day to assist in PASS. Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Merrigan, and Mrs. Robinson also took workshops in the summer to help them become better prepared as academic advisors for the program.

The parents and students are an integral part to the PASS program. One example is attendance. "When you look at a record of excessive absences and tardies, there is a strong link to poor academic performance," said Mr. Paul Pennington, math teacher.

"We first talk to the parents of students we feel need to be part of the PASS program," said Mr. Semrad.

#### Learning Strategy

PASS is also in cooperation with the Learning Strategy program. "The difference between these programs," said Mrs. Robinson, "is that the PASS program is non-credit and more one-on-one. In Learning Strategy, the class is a credit."

## Band demands dedication

By Kate Lundholm

"You might think that band is an easy credit, but it's not," said Jill Quigley, senior and Drum Major. The Central Band involves a great deal of time and commitment.

The main function of the band in the fall is to perform at football game halftime shows and parades. In addition to their performances, they also compete with other schools.

They attended a camp at Dana College, August 7-11, where they had "four days of nonstop band," said Jill. At camp they learned drill commands, perfected their marching skills, and began work on the football game halftime show.

Mr. Chuck McAdam, band director, positioned the band on the field. The football field is divided up similar to a graph and everyone is assigned points where they are supposed to stand.

Jill and the Assistant Drum Majors, Gary Combs

and Joanna Edwards, attended a Drum Major camp at Northeast Missouri State last summer where they learned leadership training. Jill said, "To be able to take a band and have them respond

to you is the biggest challenge."

The band met before school at 7:00 a.m. for most of first quarter in addition to their daily first hour rehearsals.

These rehearsals are necessary to get everyone to be able to work together as a team.

Nels Noseworthy, sophomore, said, "It seemed like a good experience to get to know different people." Mike DiGiacomo, senior and band president, joined the band primarily to get a scholarship in music when he goes to college.

After football season, the marching band will change to a concert band. "Working with the band has been a very gratifying experience that I will carry with me for the rest of my life," Jill said.

**"To be able to take a band and have them respond to you is the biggest challenge."  
-Jill Quigley**



# The Central Scene ...

## Eight students to be in All State Choir

Eight Central students were chosen for the 1990-91 All State Choir. The students are: Aidan Soder-soprano 1, senior; Jill Quigley-alto 1, senior; Bryan Campbell- tenor 1, junior; Kevin Custard- tenor 1, junior; Matt Hovde- tenor 2, junior; Tristian Walker-tenor 2, junior; Gary Combs- bass 2, junior; and Dan O'Dell-bass 2, junior. Also, Jennifer Boatright was chosen as an alternate soprano. These students were chosen out of the twelve Central students who auditioned. This year's choir will perform at the Lied Center in Lincoln on November 17.

## FBLA selects officers

The Central High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), has selected their board of directors and officers for 1990-91.

The officers are: president, James Michalski, senior; vice president, Herbert Shropshire, senior; secretary, Kim Brown, junior; treasurer, Kim Teel, junior; historian, Michelle McCune, junior; reporter, Karen Bostic, junior; parliamentarian, James Mullen, sophomore; and public relations officer, Chalawnda Kelley, senior.

## Student works daily on science project

Radek Kosior, senior, spends more than two hours a day on a science project for the Westinghouse Science competition.

He is "letting frequencies through Aluminum surfaces" looking for a relationship between "the peak formed by the stress and the hole size that the frequency passes through." He is then recording the data on a computer program called Fast Fourier Transform (FFT). If Radek's project is selected as one of forty national finalists, he will take it to Washington D. C. in the spring.



Jennifer Cuevas

The Central Marching Band practices the halftime show during their early morning practice. From the second day of school until October 19, the band practiced daily at 7:00 a.m.

## Musical to take place

Central's production of Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer's *Once Upon a Mattress* will take place on Thursday, November 8; Friday, November 9; and Saturday, November 10.

The production is the musical adaptation of the story "The Princess and the Pea." The Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. for \$4, and the Thursday performance will be held in the morning during school for all students who have an S.A. (student activity) ticket.

## CHS students place at NATS competition

Two Central students, Aidan Soder, senior, and Sarah Collins, junior, participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition, held at Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska, Friday, October 12, 1990.

Aidan placed first and Sarah placed third statewide. Each had to sing two songs of their choice, with the aid of private voice teachers. Competitions are on high school, college, and above college levels.

## Academic Decathlon chooses team members

The 1990-91 Central Academic Decathlon has chosen its team members. The members are: Honors- Anya Lawler, senior; Suzy Wolff, senior; Kobporn Cha, senior; Amy Vosburg, senior.

Varsity - Mike Hendricks, senior; Jennifer Johnson, senior; Teresa Clark, senior; Deborah Uhl, senior; Scholastic- Chris Higgins, senior; Dan Fellman, senior; and Tina Ray, senior. The team will study and compete in competitions.

## Seniors to participate in UNO's Quiz Bowl

Dr. G. E. Moller, principal, and Mr. Dan Daly, English teacher, selected five Central seniors to be contestants on UNO's High School Academic Quiz Bowl.

Dan Fellman, Joel Davies, and Julienne Hill will be primary players, and Teresa Clark will serve as an alternate. The Quiz Bowl will be produced by UNO journalism students and will be shown on television.

**Vote:**  
**Sara Torrens**  
for  
**Secretary**

# The Central Update ...

## Schuerman comments on gang apparel confusion

Dr. Norbert Schuerman, Superintendent of the Omaha Public Schools, has announced that there will be no move forward by the school board on youth apparel guidelines at this time.

"While we remain completely committed to the intent behind the guidelines, it is not possible to implement successfully such rules while there remains a great deal of confusion at this time," he said. When a clear understanding is reached

regarding the guidelines, it will be discussed with the Board of Education and then communicated with the public in the best possible manner.

Meanwhile, Schuerman said, "Our disciplinary procedures as written in school handbooks and the Code of Conduct with the exception of number one under the section labeled 'Youth Gang Apparel' will continue to provide the rules principals, teachers, and students are to follow."

## \$20,000 donated to OPS Career Center

The Career Center recently received nearly \$20,000 from Idelman Telemarketing and The Omaha Racers. Idelman and The Racers gave the donations through the adopt-a-school program. Mr. Dave McCallum said that the donations will be used for lighting, cameras, and lenses. "The majority of the money will go toward lighting," Mr. McCallum stated.

The equipment primarily will be used for Omaha Racers games. The materials will give students the opportunity to take pictures that are "Sports Illustrated quality," Mr. McCallum said. The students will also have the opportunity to take pictures with Omaha World-Herald photographers and an Associated Press photographer.

## College Fair to be held

The College Fair will be held on November 4 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Aksarben. Two hundred Colleges will send representatives and students will have the opportunity to talk with them.

## Junior Achievement groups to be organized

A Junior Achievement group is being organized to meet at Central. JA is an organization which provides students with the opportunity to learn how businesses work, before actually starting a career. Every year roughly 450 students all around Omaha participate. Almost every Omaha area high school has a group, so that meetings are conveniently close to students' houses; but the organization is centrally run through the city, not one individual school.

**Planned Parenthood\***  
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# Party preferences differ among teachers

By Tina Ray

One of the more valuable rights entitled to the citizens of the United States is the decision to participate in the governmental process. One is given the freedom of participation of any political party of his or her own free choice.

Keeping this in mind, have you ever wondered if any of your teachers were lean, mean political machines? Could that quiet instructor who taught home economics be an advocate for an amendment to prevent the burning of the flag? Could that conservative English instructor be a radical independent? Could that teacher, who seemed liberal, have voted for George Bush in 1988?

At Central, there are a number of teachers with contrasting opinions, views, and affiliations with numerous political parties. Three factors that influenced Central teachers decisions to join the political parties that they did were their background, characteristics, and views.

Mrs. Carol Krecji, an American History instructor and sponsor of the Central Young Democrats,

was a democrat ever since she registered to vote. "If you observed my background, you would understand why I was a Democrat. I am Polish, was brought up in a family that was affiliated with the labor union, and I'm Catholic."

"My father was a Democrat ever since he came to the United States as an immigrant," said Mr. Keenan, Central English teacher. "The Democratic party was more interested in his views and opinions, so he joined the Democratic party. "I also think that the Republican party supports big businesses more than the people who are the workers."

"My father was a Republican," said Mr. Larry Hausman, art teacher "so I decided to follow his example. I was also brought up in a Republican-affiliated environment." Mr. Jerry Gillogly, social studies teacher, said that "the reason I joined the Democratic party was because the Democratic party was more idealistic. It was more for the people."

Some Central instructors, however, participate in third party affiliations or have chosen not to par-

ticipate in any party. Mr. Barnie Watson, economics teacher at Central, is affiliated with the Libertarian Party. "The Libertarian party stands on a philosophy that there should be limited government in all policies." Mr. Jack Blanke, American History instructor, has been an independent ever since he first registered to vote. "There are many issues I don't agree with, on both the Democratic and Republican sides," said Mr. Blanke.

Central instructors have helped in various campaigns in the past. Mrs. Krecji was involved in campaigns for Ed Zorinski and Jim Cavanaugh. Ms. Susan Kalina, English instructor and counselor, assists with the Jim Exon campaign.

Mr. Gillogly was a staunch supporter of George McGovern, who ran against Richard Nixon in the 1972 election for the United States presidency, despite Richard Nixon winning by a landslide. "I voted for McGovern because he was a teacher so he realized the importance of education and he was a populist. I guess we who voted for McGovern had the last laugh after the Watergate scandal," said Mr. Gillogly.

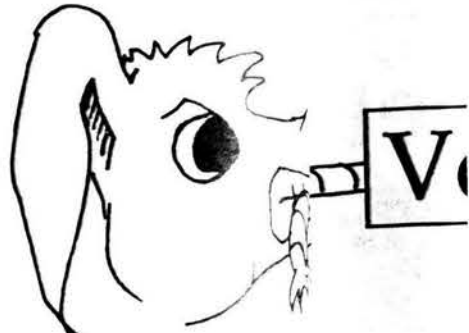
Teachers at Central were not rigid when it came to platforms and voting for certain candidates of opposing parties. "There are always crossovers when it comes to political situation," said Mr. Gillogly.

"I believe that the republican party lives on old money," said Mr. Keenan, "yet one of the richest families in the United States, the Kennedys, is affiliated with the democratic party."

Mr. Hausman, though he is republican, supports Peter Hoagland and Ben Nelson. "I vote for the man who can perform the better job. I have never voted on a straight republican ticket."

Many Central teachers also believe that improvements in the parties which they support are needed. Mr. Gillogly said that principles of the democratic party are "quickly diminishing. We do not have any good candidates for the presidency for the 1992 elections. We lack charisma and experience in the democratic party."

"Even though we are predominant in numbers for democrats," said Mrs. Krecji, "We lack in major offices held by democrats."



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# League of Women Voters registers Central seniors



By Tina Ray

On Thursday, October 11, The League of Women Voters, in cooperation with Central High School's American History classes, registered seniors to vote. "The League of Women Voters helped us with this program because it was a non-partisan organization and they can send people to the schools to help register voters," said Vicki Edwards, the election commissioner.

Six women were sent to Central to assist students with registration. Two women, one Democrat and one Republican, were sent to each American History class second and third periods.

"The reason we had one Republican and one Democrat in each group was to insure a non-partisan environment for the student to register to vote, to make sure that a one-sided political view wasn't pressed upon him or her," said Ms. Edwards.

The registrars would give applications to the students who were eli-

gible for registration. This procedure would take approximately twenty minutes of class time. "Then the registrars would go to the courtyard and make sure that everything was in order, meaning that they would

only high school that hadn't tried this method until this year."

"Originally, students were registered in the courtyard," said Mr. Blanke. "Students who used to register outside of class time

it easy."

"I think it is a great idea," said Lisa Frey, senior. "It gives the students a great opportunity to register when they usually wouldn't have any other time to do so."

"I would have never thought of registering to vote if there wasn't registration in class," said Jennifer Johnson, senior.

Students that were eligible to register had to be American citizens, and live in the state for the certain amount of time. To be eligible to vote for the fall elections, one had to be eighteen years old before November sixth. Students who didn't turn eighteen before the November elections were still eligible to register, but they would not be able to vote on November sixth.

"These students are registered so they would be able to participate in the city elections, held in the spring," said Mr. Blanke. "These students will also be eligible to vote in Nebraska elections by absentee ballot, if they go out of state for college."

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— Jennifer Johnson

check that everything that needed to be filled out was filled," said Mr. Jack Blanke, head of the social studies department at Central.

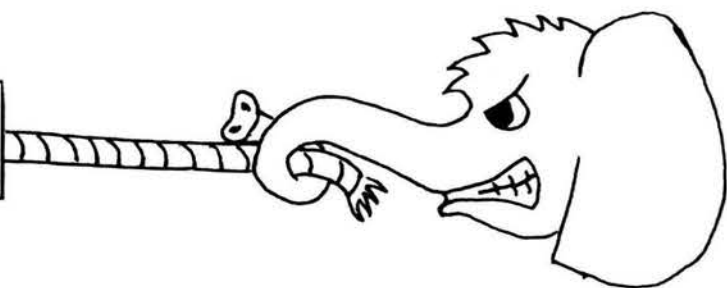
This process of registering voters in class is new to Central. The custom of registering students in class first occurred at South High School. "This worked so well that they decided to try this at other schools," said Ms. Edwards. "Central is the

didn't seem to take advantage of the situation," said Ms. Edwards. "When schools encourage registration during classes there is more participation from the students."

Many of the students approved of registration in class. "I think it is pretty cool," said Michael Stansberry, Central senior. "I really didn't know where to register to vote. This makes

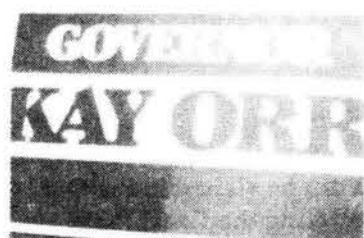


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# Students aid in campaigning



Michelle Rosener

Julienne Hill, senior, helps in the Hoagland for Congress campaign. Many Central students volunteer in political activities.

Julienne attended a couple of meetings with her father which got her involved. "Then I joined the Young Democrats and now I do more [campaigning] than my dad," Julienne said.

Although Julienne is not old enough to vote, she is active in campaigning for the purpose of involving others. "If you don't vote, you're not being represented, you're not taking part in democracy," Julienne said. "How can you complain about the government if you are not taking part in it?" Julienne also stated that being a good citizen involves "knowing what's going on."

Another influence on Julienne was her history teacher, Mrs. Carol Valdrighi. "We used to talk about how history affected current politics," Julienne said. "Our talks really got me thinking and strengthened my views."

By assisting in Jansen's campaign, Julienne deals extensively with the public. One of her less gratifying experiences, however, occurred when she was campaigning for the reelection of Senator Exon at the River City Roundup Parade.

"I was handing out these bags,

and when I offered one this nearby group of guys, one of them said 'No thanks, I don't feel like puking right now.' He must have been a Daub freak," Julienne explained.

Julienne said she prefers the democratic party because it is "more liberal." She described the Republican party as "too conservative", but is pleased with the formation of the Teenage Republicans Club. "It's good that both sides are offered, even if they are Republicans," Julienne commented.

In addition to the emotional motives, Julienne feels that her campaigning will help her in the future. "It's good to know people, and recommendations will be helpful," Julienne said.

Whatever the reason, these three Centralites are devoted to their causes. In fact, Julienne Hill sacrificed her Halloween night to display her choice in congressional candidates, Peter Hoagland. She did not miss out on all the holiday's spirit, however. Miss Hill was spotted by many Dodge Street travellers as she held up signs dressed as a witch.

**"I've always been a Republican."**

**— Brian Comer**

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# New perspective on the Old Market

By Libby Duckworth

A stone, verdigris sculpture in the shape of a head sits quietly spouting water behind a wrought-iron gate. Passers-by may sneak a double take as an indescribable aura enchants the soul. The glistening copper pennies sprinkled within the masonry represent the wishes of those who might dare to dream. This scene can be witnessed in the Old Market Passageway.

Maybe for some people the draw of the sidewalk restaurants isn't the "gourmet" or "continental" status of the cuisine, but the look of the crisply starched white linen tablecloths. The fiesta of flowers which line the awnings and rooftops add just the right pinch of seasoning to an already spicy ambience.

The market is frequented by many tourists, and by metro-area regulars because of its uniqueness. But what some of the visitors do not notice is that unique aspects exist within an already unique place. Central students are privileged in the sense that they have such easy access to this cultural melting pot because of the downtown location.

The sun's lazy rays that used to beat down and get students out of school brought the merchants excellent business. Many a child and parent alike could be seen grasping a melting ice cream cone and trying to cool off.

But the fall and winter months also keep people coming back for more. The market remains just as quaint, if not more than it was during summer. The delicate white lights illuminating tree branches by night and the

**The delicate white lights illuminating tree branches by night... make the visitor feel quite cozy.**

snow that will soon blanket the cobblestone streets make the visitor feel quite cozy.

There's something extra special about Ted 'N' Wally's hot spiced cider or hot chocolate that one just can't find anywhere else, and they have just made their season premiere. Festivities like the annual Dickens in the Market add even more flavor to Christmas cheer.

But some of its truly unique characteristics most likely go unnoticed.

Upon turning into an alleyway down behind the Spaghetti Works, a man with tousled grey hair, a finely-weathered visage, and tired grey eyes stops and stares at you. He is rummaging through a trash receptacle looking for what will be the night's dinner and he has been interrupted with a cold stare from a stranger. With great effort he mumbles, "Got anything to spare?" Most people are off like a dirty shirt. You just don't find this kind of scene in West Omaha.

**Up on a modest veranda, green foliage and dainty flowers envelop old wood patio furniture and bring the drab brickwork to life.**

But alleys can sometimes bring surprises. A miniature Garden of Eden pops out of an alleyway down by the Bemis on eleventh street. Up on a modest veranda, green foliage and dainty flowers envelop old wood patio furniture and bring the drab brickwork to life. Someone evidently lives there and has taken real pride in making it home. This beautiful little garden nestled within an alley wasn't created for public display, but it exemplifies a certain flair that reigns in the area.

Many people don't realize that quite a few people live in the Old Market. Some of the historic buildings that have shops at the street level rent out or sell the upper levels as living space. Some very chic lofts exist over such places as the French Cafe, and can be very pricey. Imagine waking up to such a bustling corner of town every morning and merely taking a hop, skip, and a jump to Delice for cappuccino.



Michelle Rosener

Many unique and interesting restaurants can be visited in the Old Market. This iron sculpture hangs on an alley wall upon entering the Great Wall.

The market just wouldn't be the same without the entertainers and artists. Over the summer, regulars could watch flame-throwers and jugglers hard at work. But the chilly weather doe

snot keep them from coming back for more. On some weekend nights, lone guitar players or even combos can be seen along the sidewalks. Now that a different view of the market has been

presented, take time to s back and appreciate it, an even explore it a little mor Central students, especially have such easy access, an the reward can be a ver enlightened state of mind.

## Deathtrap kills audiences

By Joel Davies

The setting is Westport, Connecticut. A couple is preparing to go to bed, and as the husband shuts the patio doors, a corpse returning from the grave lurches in and bludgeons the poor man over the head with a log. Is this a scene from "Friday the 13th Part XVI"? No, it's "Deathtrap", a murder mystery currently playing at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

The play portrays murder as an easy solution to attaining one's goals. In this case, Sidney Bruhl's goal is to write a hit play. However, he hasn't come up with a successful play in eighteen years. So when an aspiring writer sends him a script that could make Broadway history, he sets a plot into motion that twists and turns

until the final curtain drops. Deathtrap is well acted with Don Wright leading the way as the pompous Bruhl. Sandi Curto provides comic relief with a memorable performance as

**The play portrays murder as an easy solution to attaining one's goals.**

the psychic Helga Ten Dorp. When the plot slows down, the acting by Mr. Wright and Ms. Curto creates a relaxed atmosphere that lasts until the next heart-stopping surprise.

The set and special effects are well done, giving

the audience a sense of realism and "being there." The set is highly detailed and built three rooms deep. The special effects include light changes between daytime and nighttime, thunderstorm complete with a power outage, and two bloody scenes involving garotte and a crossbow.

Overall, the play is excellent, and one leaves the theatre wondering if he should kill his classmates for that perfect theme in English. The play, being shown on the Mainstage through November 11, is perfect for murder mystery buffs, yet provides an entertaining alternative to the average night out.

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Now that it's November and Christmas morning is no doubt the focus of all of your thoughts, it's imperative that we discuss all of the joys that are a natural part of Christmas.

It's only fair that we focus on the busiest, most commercial aspect of Christmas: shopping. Has it ever struck you as odd that the busiest shopping day out of the entire year is the day after Thanksgiving? How is that day different from any other day? Maybe it's just that everyone's eaten so much from the day before that they have to go sprint

it off going from rack to rack at the local mall.

Unfortunately, women are often the worst, most annoying Christmas shoppers. This is one aspect of life that men generally stay away from. Men know to stick with the heavy-duty, important stuff... like football. They leave the "easy" stuff to

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the women. Easy stuff? Yeah, right. We know how much sweat and labor really goes into picking out just the perfect gift for all 101 friends, relatives, acquaintances, and the people that you know you have to buy for but you can't remember why. We put a lot of time and feeling into these Shopko gifts.

Then there are the actual shopping sprees. If at all possible, stay away from the malls this holiday season. Make your parents do all the

shopping; just don't go near the stores. Who wants to be bombarded by every single pushy, nagging woman within a fifty-mile radius at the exact same point in time? I can think of a few more pleasant alternatives—baking in the sun with honey slathered all over my body sounds pretty appealing right now.

When it comes to Christmas shopping, women just don't know the meaning of courtesy and tact. We lose all our femininity. You'd think we were a bunch of barbaric football players or something. All we think about is survival. Women grab, pull, punch, tear, do just about anything to get their hands on that oh-so-valuable bath towel. I mean, you'll probably never find another towel quite like it. Right?

The secret is to go do your Christmas shopping really early (after the New Year works well for me), and then simply sit back and relax while all of the other morons are out bustling around like there will never be another Christmas, nor another bath towel.



From top to bottom Ed Young, Loren Kirk, and Derrick Davis chill on the west porch at Central. All three seniors are active members of "Potency" and "Down By Law," two Omaha rap groups.

## Rap ban does not stop seniors

By Bob Zielinski

Three Central students stand around discussing the ban on rap at Central. Each student from a rap group believes that the ban contradict his right to freedom of speech.

"How can they say that we cannot express ourselves in lyrics and rhymes?" asks Derrick Davis, senior and member of the rap group "Potency."

Along with Derrick, stand seniors Ed Young and Loren Kirk from the group "Down By Law." These three

students are involved in rap groups that started out of the lack of rap in Omaha.

So, out of boredom and love for rap, these guys formed their own groups. Derrick and a friend from Benson, Michael Weston of "Potency," have entered many area talent contests.

Soon Ed and Loren of "Down By Law" are planning to join with Derrick and Michael to form one group.

"We are going to call it 'Potent By Law,'" said Loren.

Each member agrees that rap star Rakim is their idol and the model for their group.

Recently, Central instituted a ban on rapping at school. All three Central students are united in their views about the ban, which they claim was a rule "clearly aimed at black students."

"It's ludicrous. The administration can't give one example of rap causing a disturbance," said Ed Young.

Each member admits that they started rapping for fun but now they would like to "go somewhere with it." For the group, this could mean leaving the Omaha area. "Down By Law" did have a recording company offer from a record but was advised to turn it down.

"We really want to get into the studio and we maybe doing that soon," said Derrick.

Loren, Ed and Derrick all want people to see rap for what it is. "Rap is simply a creative way of expressing your personal opinions and ideas," said Ed.

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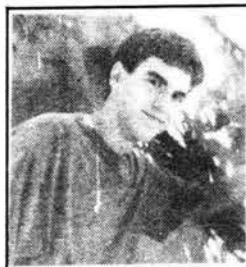
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**No 'doormats' here  
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My oh my, what a difference a year makes. One year ago, Central's football team owned a 7-1 record heading into the playoffs against Columbus. The rushing game worked effectively, as Calvin Jones ran away with the Metro Conference rushing record.

Times change and so do teams, even in a year.

This season the team finished 2-7. And the steady diet of run plays used last year was replaced by the pass.

The only changes that haven't occurred are the fans' expectations of a winning season. And why not? In the past ten years, Central has been in the state playoffs five times.

Sure it's frustrating at times, but let's not be too harsh on this year's team. I hardly think losing a few football games now is a good reason to plan on leaving the game after the first quarter or start chanting, "WAIT TILL CHESS! WAIT TILL CHESS!" I guess some of the fans haven't adjusted from being shown celebrating in the stands on the 10 o'clock

T.V. news to being one of the "1500 in attendance" found in a two paragraph game summary in the morning paper.

In this football-crazed state we live in, there is a tendency to take the sport to an extreme. The latest polls and statistics blitz the papers and news stations to give the pigskin fan every last detail on how his team is doing. If the facts don't look good,

**Let's not be quick to judge this year's team solely on the win-loss column.**

then the team doesn't look good. Even on the high school level where you'd expect to find less intensity, the pressure to succeed from others around you remains great.

Let's not be quick to judge this year's team solely on the win-loss column.

I believe Coach McMenamin, in his first

year as head coach, turned out a talented and respectable squad that continued to improve as the season went on. In what could be called a rebuild-year, others feel (and I agree) that the team outplayed many of the opponents they lost to, such as Lincoln Southeast, Prep, and Westside. They were close games; however turnovers and penalties at key times seemed to be Central's downfall. Some individual players saw success, though, and the offense sparkled at times.

After all is said and done, I think the football team has many positive things going for it, including:

1. Not being known as the Metro Conference doormat. We still stand on a solid football reputation.
2. Possessing some talented younger players coming up next year, if our JV team is any indication.
3. Having a coaching staff with experience. They have some fine seasons ahead of them.

So with this, I suggest lightening up a little. Go easy on 'em. Who wants to sit and freeze at a state championship game anyway? Well, . . .

**Injuries hinder athlete's ability to compete**

By Bill Thoms

Throughout the school day, students are seen hobbling on crutches. Others are dressed with knee braces or slings. Still others are mummified in adhesive tape. As they grimace through the pain of carrying books or trying to sit down in the desk before them, they soon realize that participating in high school sports is a definite risk.

Most coaches and students feel that there is always a slight risk of getting injured. Whether permanent or temporary, some try to keep the risk in the back of their minds.

Dick Jones, the Central High School athletic director, feels that today student athletes are at a minimal risk due to modern day equipment. "It is rare that you have a serious injury," he continued, "although in sports like football, we worry mostly about the neck and head injuries."

Mr. Jones also pointed out during Central's spring sports season last year that there were relatively few injuries. He added that a recorded injury occurs when a team member misses a game or a meet because of his or her injury. In soccer, 2 out of 57 girls were injured and 3 out of 55 boys were also injured. In track, 3 out of 68 runners were injured.

Head football coach Joe McMenamin said the football team has had very few injuries. "We've had a broken finger and a back (injury)," he recalled, "otherwise we've just had a

few bumps and bruises." As far as the most common injury, Coach McMenamin says the knee joints are most commonly injured.

Team physician Dr. Jack Lewis also feels that the most common injury in football is a knee injury. "Knee injuries can be avoided by proper conditioning," he continued. Dr. Lewis also said that some colleges have "special types of knee braces" that help to prevent injury, but are too expensive for high school sports.

In gymnastics Coach

**"Knee injuries can be avoided by proper conditioning," Dr. Lewis stated.**

Connie Kozak said that injuries are fairly common among young gymnasts. "Injuries in gymnastics are big time. Most of the girls are [burned out] by the time they are fifteen [years old]." Ms. Kozak added that injuries in gymnastics vary from back and knee injuries to just about anything.

"It really depends on

the type of injury. Some injuries in gymnastics occur when many of the girls join gymnastics clubs at very young ages. Some of these clubs try to do certain things with the girls before many of their muscles and bones are strong enough or fully developed."

She added, "Sometimes they [the gymnasts] can have reoccurrences of these injuries later on."

Volleyball coach Vickie Wiles feels that most injuries in volleyball occur in the shoulders or the knees. "Most shoulder injuries occur from the constant rotation," she said.

"As far as prevention for injuries, we work out on the weights. This usually builds the muscle properly and makes injuries less frequent. We also do a lot of taping up of knees and ankles. Air splints give good ankle support too," Mrs. Wiles said.

Cross Country coach Jennifer Thornby added that most runners' injuries are preventable by conditioning and stretching.

Junior Chet Palmer, a member of the football team who broke his finger in the Westside game, says when he's playing he does not feel

at risk. "After I broke my finger, I played the rest of the game [not realizing it was broken]. "You really don't think or worry about the risk. You concentrate mostly on the game."

One gymnast, senior Shani Sellman, stated that there is always the possibility of getting injured. But she continued, "You can't worry, otherwise it may inhibit your performance."

Junior gymnast Windee Weiss has suffered numerous injuries in her sport. "It (injury) is always in the back of your mind, but you've got to try to block it out and do your job."

Most players agree that it is scary to come off an injury and then try to do the same thing that they were trying to do when they got

injured.

Windee continued "There's quite a bit of fear involved. If you concentrate and have confidence in yourself," she continued "then you will be able to get the job done."

Heather Skinner, junior and member of both local softball team and Central's soccer team, also agreed. "You just have to overcome your fear and think of what you're doing."

Shani Sellman said that you "just have to get into (your performance)." She said that after coming off an ankle injury, she was "grateful to be back."

Chet Palmer, however, says that he is worried about reinjuring his finger. "I'll be concentrating on the game," he said.

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# Season highlighted by individuals' performances

By Rick Besancon

Although the Central football team finished the season 2-7, the season was not a total loss. The Eagles finished the season ranked fifth in the metro in total offense. Coach McMenam said that the Eagles had a tremendous year in terms of attitude and effort.

The effort was shown through the accomplishments of three Central players. Rob Likes finished the season rated third in passing in the metro. Going into the last week, the metro standings showed Dorell Morrow ranked sixth and Terence Jackson eighth in receiving.

Rob Likes said that the summer workouts helped his game. He also went to UNO with Chad Hoare for about an hour each day. Rob stated that his receivers helped his passing. "My receivers were great; Dorell is a big target, and Terence just has great hands," Likes said.

A summer passing league also helped Rob's ability; "it was seven on seven, and all we did was pass, it gave us a lot of experience," Rob stated. Rob stated that, "the penalties killed us (this season), we would lose (the ball) and (the ball) would bounce right into (the defenders') hands.

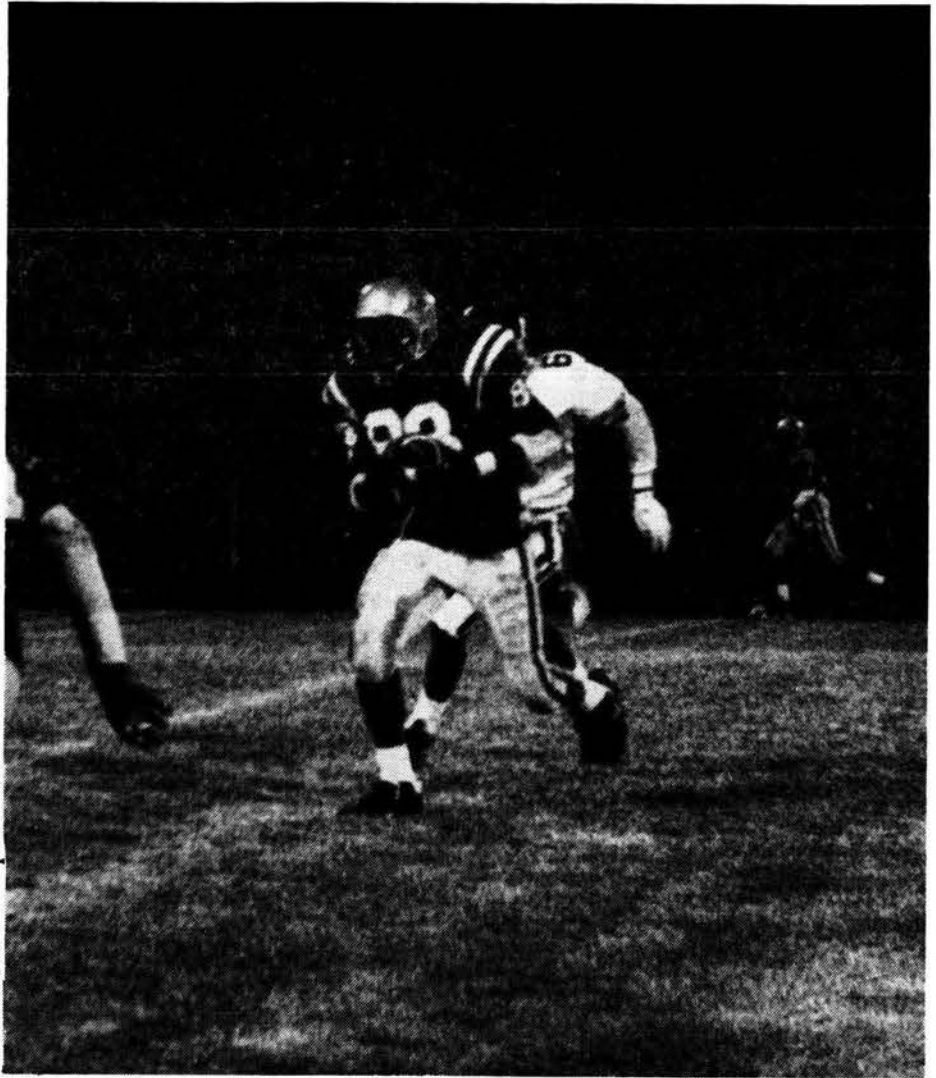
Rob said that the passing game was complemented by the

running game. "We started off slowly, but by mid-season we were at the top of our game," stated Likes. "Bryant played exceptionally well; there is no doubt in my mind that, if we had gotten off to a good start, he would have been the leading rusher in the metro," Likes concluded.

Despite losses in four of the last five games, Central "out-yarded" all of the opponents. McMenam said that the difference in many of the games was the amount of turnovers. "We dropped a lot of turnovers, and those were the difference in several games," McMenam said.

In several big games, Coach McMenam said that the team held up well. "We moved the ball better than in years against Prep," he stated. "The Prep coach thought we outplayed them; the blocked punt and a run back really hurt us," McMenam related.

Coach McMenam expects a much improved team next year. Six juniors will return on offense, and seven on defense. "I've never had that many starters since I came to Central in '79," McMenam concluded. He went on to say that, "we really need to appreciate the effort and the attitude of (the players) this year."



Dorell Morrow runs with the ball after catching a pass from Rob Likes. Central dropped the last game of the season to Bellevue West 42-21.

# Volleyball team achieves goals

By Allison Atkinson

Entering the 1990-91 volleyball season, neither coach nor players could have imagined such a successful year. The reaction of both is that of excitement and fear. For the first time, the Central high varsity volleyball team is to enjoy a very successful, very memorable season; for the first time they are to go down on record as winners.

The volleyball team, due to hard work, extensive training and determination, have thus far maintained a

winning season.

Coach Vickie Wiles stated that, "Although the girls have had an inconsistent, roller-coaster season in the way of talent, they have the potential to do well."

For the past three years, the team has had three changes in coaches. This year, Coach Wiles said, "is a transitional and major building year for the girls."

Coach Wiles went on to say that it is very difficult for the girls to keep their confidence because, "they just

aren't used to winning and doing so well." She says that they just don't feel comfortable with the fact that they are a good team. "They go into a game, almost afraid

The team has produced such a successful year, in part because of the hours that they have put in to training.

that they aren't going to win, with a fear that this winning streak might end."

The team has produced such a successful year, in part because of the hours that they have put in to training.

Last August, twenty girls attended a volleyball camp held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The girls also participated in off-season tournaments. Coach Wiles stated that this year they have done so much that they have not done in the past. The training this year was basically "a year-round ordeal," lasting from December to April, with an occasional off-season, United States Volleyball Association

(USVBA), tournament.


With six of the nine players being seniors, next year's team will be, "a fairly young, not as experienced team," says Coach Wiles, but with luck, "the off-season will prove to be a good determining factor as to how next year's team will look."

Next year the team will have two returning setters and one returning letter-winner, all with varsity experience.

Among that group is Jenny Gillespie, a freshman at Norris Junior High. Jenny trained during the summer with the team and Coach Wiles feels that, "she will be a very important player next year if she continues to perform as well as she has been."

As far as Metro leaders go, Coach Wiles commented that this is such a competitive year and that "there are a lot of good stats out there." Although she knows that many of Central's players have the ability and the stats to be ranked in the Metro Conference, she said it is "hard to tell right now how the season is going to end up."

The team is in the process of "spreading the word" about Central's winning team to local junior high schools in hopes of getting the best of talent for winning seasons in the future.

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# Indoor soccer popular with Centralites

By Allison Atkinson

The colder weather might put a wrench in some sports enthusiast's game plan, but for some Central High students, the match has just begun.

Indoor soccer, a comparatively new variation of regular soccer, is becoming a rather popular sport in the United States, and interest is swelling to great proportions in the Omaha area.

The sport can be called a mixture of both soccer and ice hockey. Some of the soccer rules prevail, such as the one restricting the use of hands to the goalkeeper, but the ball can carom off the boards or the glass partitions just as a hockey puck might bounce around the rink. Like ice hockey, the game features six-man teams.

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Dee Davenport

Dee Davenport, soccer manager at the Soccer Center-Indoor, located at 4718 N. 120, says that "it is the fastest growing sport there is." The center in Omaha is in its eighth year of running and is the only center in Nebraska. Surrounding cities that have indoor soccer centers are Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis, and a newly built center in Colorado.

Davenport stated that there are a total of 137 teams, most of which play between the months of October and February, while outdoor soccer is out of season. There are teams

composed of ages ranging from 8 and under all the way up to 30 and older. She said that, "amazing as it sounds, we have players nearly 70 years old who used to play professionally on teams from Greece and Italy."

Before the sport was sanctioned in high schools, players only had the opportunity to play in clubs, but now, so many high school students form teams on their own and compete.

Matt Stonehouse, senior and fullback for Central's varsity soccer team, feels that indoor soccer can prove to be a great advantage to the school's team because "you can't work as an individual, you have to work as a team," and playing during the winter with your teammates can "make the team better in the long-run."

Matt, along with a few of his friends, have formed the Omaha Knights F.C., and play games on Tuesday nights at various times. Davenport stated that the game is so popular that the center is open from seven in the morning until 1 A.M.

Another Central senior, Joe Shepard, who has played with Matt since their freshman year, also plays for an organized club, the Gladiators. Shepard, along with Rob Nelson, senior, coaches a team of sixteen year-old girls, known as the Spitfires, who will play for Central during the regular outdoor soccer season.

Shepard stated that "indoor soccer is a great sport," and strongly advised that, "you should play outdoor [soccer] first, because for indoor you need so much control. It is so fast-paced."

Rob said, "Soccer is such a fast-paced game that requires great control." He went on to say that you need a lot of stamina to play the sport, because, as Matt stated, "you are



Brian James

Craig Lundin battles for the ball during a recent indoor soccer game. Many soccer enthusiasts play indoors to keep in shape during the off-season.

constantly moving."

Nelson continued in saying that you need to know all aspects of the game. "You must be able to dribble, pass, and also shoot."

Joe said that "it is a very expensive sport," (approximately \$300 per session) but he feels that "it is worth the expense."

The growing popularity of indoor soccer is in part contributed to the large number of high school students involved in the sport. Davenport says, "The college level the sport is also on the increase."

Rob stated that, "it is a really exciting sport. I feel it is the future of the soccer world."

## Upcoming Central sporting events

Boy's Varsity Basketball	Boy's J.V. Basketball	Girl's Varsity Basketball	Wrestling	Boy's and Girl's Swimming
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December 1 - Linc. East (AWAY)	December 1 - Linc. East (HOME)	December 1 - Linc. East (AWAY)	December 11 - Papio (HOME)	December 11 - B. West (AWAY)
December 8 - North (AWAY)	December 6 - North (AWAY)			

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