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Beginning

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

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

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

During the year, each student strives for certain goals. That may include selecting a college, making next year’s cheerleading squad, winning the big game, or just keeping passing grades. Through a combination of willingness and support, Central students exhibit a positive image. This is how the Eagles do it!
Michelle Lukowski, Mike Olenich, Tina Ludwick, Chad Burns, Julie Squires, Jenny Hausman and Marsha Lukowski pal around in the Old Market.

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

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

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

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

All is said
And done

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

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

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

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

Most students agree that a night out with the gang is the best way to have fun on a weekend night. A night on the town with a few of your closest friends can really put an end to the monotony of the week.
Dan Rischling and Keri Babe share a malt at Ted and Wally’s Ice Cream Shop.

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

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

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

Sun, swimming, sailing, beaches, rising barometers, and bare feet all characterized the carefree days of summer. Central students relaxed and enjoyed the temporary lapse from school over the summer months. Most students held full or part-time jobs to earn extra money for going-out during the summer, buying a car, and for purchasing school clothes in the fall. Students worked at Peony Park, as lifeguards at local pools, as "lawn boys," as camp counselors, and as numerous other summer employees, to raise the cash necessary for going out during the week. Lots of students traveled either abroad or within the United States. Seniors took advantage of the summer months to visit college campuses around the country. "My mother and I visited schools in Minnesota because the weather was good for driving and many of the schools had special tours in the summer," said Jenny Andersen.

Students are very active in the summer months with sports, jobs, camps, vacations, hobbies, and sleeping! Centralites fish, camp, bike, back-pack, and mountain climb during the summer months. Summer comes and goes quickly, leaving the memories to last through out the entire school year.

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

On Saturday, September 26, colorful hot air balloons were launched from Ak-sar-ben Race Track in conjunction with River City Round-up.
Kim Stinn and Kalen Anderson pose for a picture at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont, Nebraska. The Presbyterian camp was attended by many Centrallites in early August.

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

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

Justin McWhorter mows the yard on a warm summer day. In addition to fun, summer means odd jobs for extra money.
The day for a typical Central High School student starts early. The school day officially begins at 7:45. Most students, though, start the school day fifteen or twenty minutes early to give them time to prepare for classes, cram for tests, or chat with friends. Central's unique courtyard plays heart to hundreds of students every morning.

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

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

After the lunch break, it's back to the books for students. The students attend afternoon classes until 2:40. After school, the courtyard fills again with students who are busily discussing the evenings plans and rides home.
Emmett Roepke checks the clock during his lunch hour. Many CHS students spend their lunch period in the courtyard.

Jamie Strauss takes time out from her studies.

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

Shamna Griggs mugs for the camera in the courtyard.
Chris Vachaudez tries to get Katie Broekemeier’s attention as everyone gathers in the courtyard on their way out of school.

After School

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

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

A lot of the time after school activities are just an extension of school. “I come home and start my homework so I can go to work, and then to bed as soon as I get home,” Ken Dubes said.
Randy Gilbert pumps gas into a friend’s car at an Amoco station after school. Like other Centralites, Randy lives outside the school district and finds his gas tank often empty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Charles Kay sports his grass skirt for Caribbean Day. This day corresponded with the theme for Saturday’s Homecoming Dance.
Debbie Tyler, Kelly Brown, Katie Offenberger, Debbie Dubes and Joycelyn Brooks show off their nightwear. They must have gotten up a little late that day.

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

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

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

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

Stock Market takes largest plunge in history
Moller closes courtyard
Reagan signs medium-range missile treaty
Pope visits United States Twins take world series
Hart ends presidential aspirations
Congress battles over future of Supreme Court
Calgary hosts '88 Olympic games
Four-year high school becomes reality
Washington upsets Denver in Super Bowl
Neil Young, John Cougar to perform at Farm-Aid III
Performers sacrifice time for farmers' benefit
City Council proposes curfew
Buffet Awards recognize 15 teachers with $10,000
City Council opts to raze Jobber's Canyon
Council bans 'Market' skateboards
Hart to reenter presidential race
Thousands rally in Washington
Gorbachev meets Reagan for Summit III
Moller reopens courtyard
'Haven't missed a deadline in 25 years'
Gaherty completes his 25th yearbook
Central High School offers a wide variety of activities that involve a large part of the student body. The activities range from Music to Stage Craft to J.R.O.T.C. Homecoming, Christmas Prom and Spring Prom are usually the most popular and best attended activities among Central students. They are great social opportunities for all and a good way to boost school spirit.

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

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

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

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

Central activities are important to almost everyone at Central. They provide a place and time to meet with friends, work, relax, and have fun.
1988 A Cappella has tremendous talent

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

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

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

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

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

"A Cappella's success relies on dedicated students and the expertise of the directors," said Kalen Anderson. "I enjoy being apart of such an interesting group."
Scott Easton, Andy Huff, and Amy Buckingham harmonize a number for Road Show.

Tommie Bian tries to muffle his excitement with A Cappella’s Road Show Act.

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

Dance partners Pete Pirsch, Mary Welty, Pallavi Kumar, and Bob Fuglei rehearse steps for “Tuxedo Junction,” a song for the Road Show performance.
Junior Choir; great expectations

Junior Choir is a "stepping stone" toward A Cappella, according to sophomore Tim Fuglei. Most of the members in A Cappella were members of Junior Choir as sophomores. It is the major preparatory singing group for A Cappella, according to Mr. Bob McMeen, Central High school's vocal music director.

The choir meets every other day, second period, under the supervision of Mr. McMeen. Mr. McMeen has taught the class for twenty years.

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

Smaller choir means more help

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

The choir consists of 22 members and meets everyday tenth period under the supervision of Mr. Theis.

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

The chorus sang a variety of music this year ranging from popular 40 and 50's tunes to new modern songs, according to Debbie.

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

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

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

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

The Nebraska Educational Television invited the C.H.S. Singers to appear on a half-hour holiday special said singer Steve Likes. Singers performed in the Christmas at Union Station program as well as at the Joslyn Christmas Concert Series.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All-State musicians perform in Aurora

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trumpet players hit the high notes. A dramatic effect is added to the halftime show by simply standing still.
Let's hear it for the tubas! Erica Wenke and Chris Olsen show off their musical, as well as their dancing abilities.

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

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

A devoted orchestra performs the classics

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

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

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

Jessica Perlman takes a break to examine her music. Orchestra played complicated pieces by modern and traditional composers.
Central jazz band, young but talented

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although Mr. Hausman would love the class to continue, he said that like other elective classes, stage craft will gradually lose students due to the raised number of credits required to graduate.
Olen Briggs, junior, plays a warm-up on the drums before rehearsal. Warm-ups are essential in getting the instruments in tune.

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

Pit Orchestra sets a fast pace

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

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

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

Central’s students prove that ‘Grease’ is the word

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brian Brownrigg, Melvin Jones, Randy Porter, Scott Focht, and Scott Easton prepare for the Rydell High senior prom.
Hilary Fenner, as Patty Simcox, Stephanie Brown, Miss Lynch, and Scott Focht, as Eugene Florczyk, sing along with the Rydell High Class of '59 alumni.

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

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

Holly Stommes, who played Sandy and Lori Pendleton as Rizzo, are held back from a potential fight.
“A Stage Odyssey”
Out of this World

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stacy Nikodym dances to the beat “Cotton Club,” a tap dance routine.
Rich Vogel, jazz pianist, jams his improvisation for "Anthony's Blues."

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

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

Rich Vogel, jazz pianist, jams his improvisation for "Anthony's Blues."
Christmas Prom Is A Big Success

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

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

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

Christmas Prom took place on Tuesday, December 22. It began at 8:00 P.M. and concluded around 12:00 P.M. After the dance ended, students enjoyed the luxury of sleeping in, due to the two week Winter Recess, which started that Monday, December 21.
Senior JoAnne Streib and her friend from Westside High School take a moment to pose for the camera. Seniors Karen Williams and Inga Soder are all grins. The dance proved to be just as entertaining as these two show it to be. Junior Reggi Rennard and her date take time to catch their breath at the dance.

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

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

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

"Spirit was intense on Friday," said senior Steve Likes. Friday, October 2nd, marked the game-day. Before the game, the annual Homecoming parade festivities and float competitions were held. Contest winners included German Club, French Club, and J.C.L. The parade started from Beals Elementary School and concluded at Bergquist Stadium, where the Central Eagles played the Benson Bunnies later that evening.

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

"The decorations were bright and colorful for Homecoming," said senior Chandra Freeman. "I think they should invoke a sense of spirit. After all isn't that what Homecoming is for?" she continued. "I think the 'love' themes, like those in previous Homecomings, should be saved for Spring Prom," she said.

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

An estimated 600 students attended the dance, according to ticket sales. According to most students, Homecoming 1987 was successful.
Senior, Jeanna Orduna, studies outside her classroom to catch up on back work. Cheerleaders were required to dress up for Spirit Week.

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

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

Sophomores, Sabra Bull and Ed Pease enjoy the homecoming festivities. Students "dance the night away" as the homecoming dance came to an end.
‘Memories in perfect focus’

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

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

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

Photographer Dawn Rosenbaum commented on her position, “I enjoy the freedom of taking the pictures and using your own creativity. You feel proud to see one of your photos in print.”

The photographers help make the yearbook what it is — a book reviewing the events of the year, helping to put memories in perfect focus.
Central's High School's 1987-88 Rifle Team placed number one in the Omaha area this year and did it undefeated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRONT: Angela Ruffin, Tresa Watson, Jeffrey Wiegret, BACK: Chris Crumbliss, Carl Kastelic, Kary Keller, Anthony Gerhard.
Drill Team strives for perfection

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

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

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

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

A unique quality that all of Central’s drill teams possess this year is the fact that no seniors participated on any team. According to Becky, the juniors and sophomores are going to be extremely good next year, “even better than they are this year.”
Students study Latin America

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Activities
Creative Writing
Students create new dimension

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

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

Kye Anderson, senior, was a member of last year's Selection Committee. "Each entry is numbered and then every member goes through approximately 100 selections, writing yes, no, or maybe on it," said Kye. "The selections are accepted or rejected by a majority vote. All ties are settled by Mr. Gaherty," added Kye.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tina Schneider, Activities Editor, and Allen Klopper, Associate Editor, look over Tina's layout while Dan Douglas, Index Editor, looks on.
"The purpose of the Central High School Register is to aid and to inform the student body," said editorial editor, Steve Likes. "The Register is a voice for the students at Central," he said.

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

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

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

To become a member of the Register staff, a student must complete a semester-long journalism class. The student then writes an application explaining why he/she is best qualified for a particular position on the staff. Positions are ultimately given by Mr. T.M. Gaherty, staff advisor.
Lance Grush, sports editor, tries to finish his lay-out. Most of his layouts and stories are due on Tuesdays.

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

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

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

The purpose of Central High School’s Student Council is: (1) To work for an improvement in student teacher relationships; (2) to serve as a medium between the students and the faculty; (3) to serve as a collective body of opinion, representing the views, ideas, and aspirations of the student body; and, (4) to prepare recommendations on establishing better ways of communication within the school and in the community, states the Student Council Constitution. Bruce Lovgren, CHS senior and Student council President, describes Student Council as a democratic body which makes decisions for CHS students.

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

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

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

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

Activities

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

FRONT: Lydia Luong, Peter Festersen, Sarah McWhorter, Inga Soder, Sevrin Huff, Bruce Lovgren, April Morris. SECOND: Jocelyn Humphrey, Kurt Goeser, Meredith Hammons, Nancy Sempeck, Tiffany Doolittle, Monica White, Jennifer Collins, Teresa Galligher, Jen Baum, Barb Ives. BACK: Heather Jones, Kim Horne, Ralph Falkner, Mallery Ivy, Melvin Jones, Justin McWhorter, Ebony Smith.
Kurt Goeser, Sevrin Huff along with other members of the Student Council participate in a vote. Student Council meets everyday 7th hour to discuss important topics that concern the student body such as the privilege of eating in the courtyard which the student council negotiated for earlier this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The National Honors Society tutor, Brian McQuidd, makes good use of the courtyard while explaining a history assignment to senior Tina Schneider.
Senior Jennifer Urias helps senior Stephanie Bowers complete a tough English assignment. National Honor Society supplies a tutoring program which enables students to learn from their peers.

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

Senior Shelly Davey takes out her frustrations on National Honor Society tutor, Eric Skeen.
Central High School offers a variety of extra-curricular clubs that allow many Central students the opportunity to get involved in a number of activities. Central students combined their effort by participating in over ten different clubs, each with certain goals and expectations in mind.

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

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

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

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

Whatever the case, each club at Central plays a valuable role in the overall curriculum.
German Club gets students involved

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

French club raises funds for computer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seniors Pete Pirsch and Inga Soder cruise down the street in the 1987 Homecoming parade. The French Club float won the prize for most creative float.
Karen Williams and Inga Soder pose for a picture before the parade. Both Centralites dressed up as mermaids to accommodate the theme of French Club's float.

Triumverate led Latin

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

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

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

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

She also said that they got the idea because ancient Rome was ruled by a first and second triumverate. “It was a great campaign,” she said. Robin also mentioned that having three people in charge really helps. “There is not as much pressure, and there is always someone there to back you up or pick up the pieces,” she said.

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

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

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

This year’s JCL float took a lot of time and effort to prepare. Their float won the award for the closest to theme: a Caribbean Cruise.
Mark Klipsch is vice president of the state JCL Chapter this year. He votes on issues that concern all JCL organizations in Nebraska.

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

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

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

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

Junior Pallavi Kumar said she agrees with Charles because Spanish Club is a lot better than it was last year. She also said, Senora Plata really contributed much of her time to make Spanish Club what it is today."

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

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

Central's foreign language department also includes Spanish National Honor Society. This year's sponsor is Mrs. Vicki Anderson, CHS Spanish teacher. Mrs. Anderson said, to be inducted into the society, a student must have a one grade in Spanish for three semesters, including ninth grade. They also need two teacher recommendations, one from their Spanish teacher and one from another academic teacher. SNHS is sponsoring a scavenger hunt for all foreign language honor societies this spring, Mrs. Anderson said. "We also sell candy to raise money for a scholarship," she said.
Spanish club members, Pam Brown, Emily Robards, Kristi Covalciuc, Karin McCoy, Pallavi Kumar, Susie Donleson, and Mary Welty sing a Spanish song in order to win the votes of passing judges.


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

These are Thespians. The Central High School Thespians are sponsored by Ms. Pegi Stommes, CHS drama teacher. The president of Thespians is senior, Thom Davis. He said, “This is the first year we have been an officially chartered club. That means we officially are affiliated with the International Thespian Society.” He said to be a Thespian, one must earn 10 points on the Thespian International point scale. A person can earn points for anything related to theater. Thom’s goal for this year is to really get the club started, so that in upcoming years it can achieve an excellence that is deserving of the theater department at Central. Thom added, “We try to see one play or concert a month. And then in February we will go to a convention where we perform one-act plays. Everyone is eligible to go. “Because we are now chartered, we compete for points and not just for fun, as before,” Thom said.

Drama club works a lot together as a group

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He also said that participating in DECA helps develop an awareness of our community. Each year, DECA gives a per cent of its profits to a charitable organization that they believe in.

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

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

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

FRONT: Stephanie Fox, Kate Leuschen, Nancy McCluskey, Wendy Allen, Nancy Price, Pia Mugglerud, Heidi Sharp, Stephanie Hustak, Lydia Watkins, Kelly Mitilier. SECOND: Nicholle Newton, Mary Roundtree, Molana Parks, Johnetta Huff, Julie Squire, Jenni Houmann, Millessa Abboud, Tony Flott, Michelle Lyons, Melanie Schultz. THIRD: Kim Perkins, Jill Schneichel, Christine Paladino, Mary Bundy, Jackie Fox, John Kozak, Tira Harris, Kelly Yancy, Jim Scanlan, Melissa Engh, Shannon Pinkerton, Phil Hall, Sandy Bundy. BACK: Jeff Howard, Erik Gerlings, Brian Fritz, Jocelyn Humphrey, Mike Frey, Sean Wilson, Dan Rischling, Andy Ripp.
Seniors Eric Gerlings, Pete Pirsch, Michelle Kay, Brandon Choice, and Mallory Ivy go through the assembly line for the Bag Lady Project at UNO. Central has the largest number of students helping with this project.

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

Chemistry club explodes with excitement

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

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

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

“They are learning how to perform and teach the experiments,” she said. The experiments they plan on demonstrating are: making slime, preparing rubber snow, making polluted snow that burns, creating volcanoes, and forming giant bubbles.

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

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

Allen Klopper said, “All in all, chemistry club is much different this year because we have a set goal, and this goal is such a good one that it makes learning the experiments much more fun.”
Math club adds up just like the others

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

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

1987-88

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

A little closer to home, the Central Eagles started out the year with an all school pep rally in the new gym. The pep rally honored our cheerleaders and pom-pom squad. It became the first of its kind in ten years. It set Eagle spirit flying high, as we soar through another exciting year of sports.
The game of football is won or lost in the trenches. the Central Eagles and their opponent, Prep, prepare for the snap.

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

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

Abe Hoskins, Central’s defensive back, takes a break from the football game to quench his thirst. Hoskins moved from the North High School District to participate in various sports for the Eagles.
Some great moments in varsity football ’87

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

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

Catch me if you can! A Prep player tries to tackle Calvin Jones as the referee runs close behind.
The team cools off on the sidelines. Brandon Cho ice, Keith Tooley, and Doug Roper wait to play.

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

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

Todd Griffith cheers as Central recovers a fumble from Westside. Everyone rushes to the assist.
Junior Varsity team experiences success

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

The opening of the season initiated with a shut-out over Millard North. Several J.V. team members played their positions for Central's Varsity Team as well. Some of those flexible J.V./Varsity players include Kelly Yancy, Lester Ridley, and Abe Hoskins. For those team members, the experience of playing on both squads can make quite a difference next year.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

"Now what do I do?" remarks Jennifer Urias when she finds her golf ball lodged in a tree at Elmwood Park Golf Course.
"How did I get in here?", asks Sarah McWhorter. Sarah contemplates her strategy for hitting out of the trees at Elmwood.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amy Albertson, Kirsten Glesne, Cindy Carpenter, Debbie VanAckeren, Carla Dailey, Shonda Rohn, Susan MacDissi, Lisa Littlejohn, Teresa Alvarez, Ruth Sitzman, Maria Bang, Elizabeth Thonen, Sonya Nixon, Mara Taylor, Shelley Davey, Coach Paar.
Junior varsity has 5-5 season

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

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

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

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


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Boys’ cross country
Hits peaks and valleys

Mr. Geringer, coach of the boys’ Cross Country team said, “There were a lot of peaks and a lot of valleys this year.” At Districts, Jim Martin placed second after falling down earlier in the race. He lost only by three seconds. Jim was also given special recognition for his second place finish at state. Jim’s time clocked the same as the first place runner, but he was beaten by a stride. Jim also broke the state record by twenty-seven seconds, which was the fastest time recorded in the nation so far this year for a high school Cross Country runner.

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

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Melker Sandberg, Cory Fuxa, Robert McCarter, Phil Warner, Jim Martin, Joe Schleselman, Mike Warner, Dave Zeisler, Kevin Boyd, Keith Lucas, Dan Bayer.

These runners anxiously wait for the starter’s gun at the Millard North Invitational. Get ready boys!
Cross Country works toward goal

Throughout Elmwood Park, Memorial Park, and the streets of Omaha, the girls' Cross Country team practiced with a goal in mind.

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

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

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

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

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

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Districts 2nd place

State 10th place

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

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

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

Miki Tomes, a Norris freshman, shows her technique on the floor exercise. Gymnastics takes a lot of concentration, shown by her facial expression.

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

These two gymnasts, Brecke Houston and Lisa MacAfee, relax while waiting for their turn on the floor.
Girls gymnastics has successful year

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Amy Hoffman, Brecke Houston, Shani Sellman, Jamie Strauss, Miki Tomes, Lisa MacAfee.
Members of the girls' gymnastic team talk with the guys before a meet. The two teams gave each other a lot of support during competitions. Junior Rob Steele demonstrates his strength and concentration by suspending himself horizontally on the still rings.

Junior Gene Eckel shows extreme balance on the parallel bars. Although Gene is a junior, this is his third year with the Eagle gymnastics team.
The 1987-88 Central High School boys' gymnastics team consisted entirely of young members. "The team had no seniors, and that was somewhat of a setback," said junior Gene Eckel.

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

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

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

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

Young gymnasts balance pressure

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

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

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

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

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Metro fourth
State fifth

Ryan Gaughan returns his opponent’s serve. He takes on an interesting form as he smashes the ball into the receiving court during a singles match.
Carried off by his friends, Joe Saterno celebrates his fourth consecutive state singles tennis championship.

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

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Eagle varsity improves despite disappointing start

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

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

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

Mr. Donald Knauss, the Girls' Varsity coach said, "the season was disappointing, but we did get better." According to Coach Knauss, a pivot point in the season came during the Millard North game. "Even though we lost, Central outplayed themselves. We then turned around and beat Abraham Lincoln," he said. Coach Knauss feels that each team has its own personality. He felt that a big accomplishment of this year's team was, "learning to accept each other as friends and teammates that will be lasting."

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

Tamara Anderson rebounds the basketball during a game with Bellevue East.
Senior Mallory Ivy is shown here driving the ball down the court for a lay-up.

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

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

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J.V. shows consistency

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

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

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

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

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

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Boys' varisty faces difficulties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sophomores aid J.V.

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

Swimmers create unity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lisa Frey completes a forward dive. Lisa is a freshman at Norris Junior High School.
“We had a lot of good wrestlers this year,” said Coach Gary Kubik about Central High School’s wrestling team. Travis Sallis, Mike Warner, and Phil Warner returned from last year’s team. Many new members included seniors, Demetrios Meares and Tony Finch; junior, Jason Blankenship; and sophomores, Keith Tooley, Gordon Taylor, Tyrone Turner, and Larry Littlejohn.

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

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

With many good sophomore wrestlers, Coach Kubik is optimistic about next year’s season.
Co-captain Travis Sallis uses a fancy move to control his opponent from Bryan High School.

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

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

Coach Kubik demonstrates a breakdown move to Jason Blankenship. Jason won his first medal of 1987 during the Ekelit Invitational.
Varsity cheerleaders strive for spirit

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

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

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

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

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

FRONT: Chandra Freeman, Joan Jorgensen. SECOND: Jennifer Andersen, Kelly Skillen, Jenny Holmes. BACK: Lori Pendleton, Shawnda Brye, Shawn Cooper.
Jenny Holmes, and co-captain Kelly Skillen attempt to stay warm at a varsity football game.

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

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

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Junior squad evokes spirit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


The Eagle often helps incite spirit among the fans and spectators.
Members of the Pom-pom squad cheer as the Central High School varsity football players take their positions on the football field.

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

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

The camera catches Pom-pom captain, Tanya Hoffman, as she arrives at a football game at Berquist Stadium.
Being on the Pom-Pon squad requires the ability to work hard, cooperate, and go that extra mile," said Ms. Therese Bender, Central High School's Pom-Pon squad sponsor.

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

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

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

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

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

The Pom-pon squad performs a synchronized routine during half-time at a home football game. The squad performed at all of the home games.
Central High School’s academic curriculum is a multi-faceted program which includes outstanding teachers and accredited programs such as National Honor Society and Support Groups. Students involved in National Honor Society volunteer their time to tutor students during their study halls. Support Groups are headed by counselors, and consist of students who have personal problems. They work together to solve their difficulties.

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

Counselors help students choose classes that will prepare them for their future. There are many others that are involved in the overall makeup of Central High’s academics. Many people working together to strive for excellence make a successful school.
Mr. Watson displays his Harley Davidson suspenders to his classes.
Mrs. Valdrighi supervises as Wes Vogel takes a test.

Georgeson, John; Physical Education

Geringer, John; Science

Gillogly, Jerome; Social Studies

Grillo, George; Social Studies

Hansen, Glaucia; Language

Harrington, James; Mathematics

Hausman, Larry; Art

Hettwer, Debbie; Physical Education

Hug, Elizabeth; Science

James, David; Science

Johnson, Faye; Counselor

Johnson, Lynette; English

Kaipust, Mary; Business Education

Keenan, John; English

Knauss, Don; Social Studies

Knight, Rozanne; Business Education

Kovarik, Dolores; Mathematics

Kozak, Connie; Homemaking

Krejci, Carol; Social Studies

Kubik, Gary; Science

Lahmann, Darrell; Business Education

Larson, Timothy; English

Lincoln, Clyde; Social Studies

Littlejohn, Bernice; Administrator

Lowndes, Tom; Special Education

Mahaffey, Judy; Counselor

Majeski, Betty; Librarian

Martin, David; English
Mr. Gaherty and Mr. Keenan relax after a hard day's work.
Mr. Dominguez, a new Spanish teacher this year, lectures his students.
Mr. Clyde Lincoln reviews the latest legislative revisions to pass on to his government classes.

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

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

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

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

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

Bernice Littlejohn, Therese Bender, and Jo Derry visit at the annual Halloween Party.
Staff busy at semester end

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

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

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

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

Main Office workers start their day between 6:45 and 7:30 a.m. They stay to between 3:15 and 4:00 p.m.
The Central High Attendance Office has implemented a new computer calling system, according to Frances Welch, an attendance office staff member. The new system "consists of a program hooked to the computer with a telephone hooked to the computer also," Ms. Welch added. The system is called "Officer Alan."

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

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

Frances Welch searches for another “blue card” to give to another truant student. "They don’t let you get away with anything," commented Michaela Wolf, senior.
Administration welcomes new addition

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Bernice Littlejohn hard at work. This is her first year at Central.
Night Eagles find colleges on Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Security

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cafeteria

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

Decathlon competition splits

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

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

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

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


Lisa Wolff, senior, listens intently to the principles of physics. Physics is just one of the subjects that the Decathlon members study for the competitions.
Central High School's 12-Step Program Support Group has been in operation for almost twelve years now said Mrs. Gerry Zerse, C.H.S. counselor and co-sponsor of the group. She and Mr. Kevin Moran, also a counselor at Central, lead the group together because "it's better not to do any of this alone," Mrs. Zerse said.

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

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

Support Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Drama room during second hour.
NHS Tutors help students

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

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

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

"Every student that has been down for help has had nothing but positive things to say about the program," she said.

"There are some students that try to come down every day, but I try to let others have a chance."

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

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

NHS tutor, Jennifer Urias, helps a student translate a Spanish assignment. She tutors during her second and third hour study halls.
The writing lab at Central High School has a very "interesting past" according to Mr. T.M. Gaherty, writing lab coordinator. In the beginning, we contacted everyone in the school, so everyone had to participate in the writing lab," said Mr. Gaherty.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Tim Larson points out one of the advantages of being able to type a theme on the computer. It enables the students to see it in front of them and to make any necessary changes.
For sophomores, this is just the beginning of their high school years. They have only just begun to experience both the stress and the pressure of academic life and the good times that they will remember forever. High school becomes a big step for freshmen who have just gotten used to being looked up to in junior high and must become a rookie once again. A sophomore soon realizes that he or she is no longer in a position of power and, the minute they take their first step into the halls of Central High School, they assume a new responsibility.

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

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

The sophomore class consists of approximately 676 students, making it the largest class at Central this year.
Heidi Rosenbaum and Maureen Broyles prepare to cheer for the Central Eagles at their game against Creighton Prep that night.
Shawn Johnson, Tracy Wansley, and Tina Davis walk downtown after school. There are many attractions in Omaha's downtown area for Central students to enjoy after school.
First Impressions . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I thought there would be better looking girls.”
— Brett Willenborg
After finishing lunch, Keith Klanderud and Teresa Galligher stroll through the courtyard.
Goodwin, Stephen
Gottschalk, Stacy
Gould, Sherman
Graham, Wendy
Grant, Terrell
Gray, Christopher

Grayson, Lamont
Green, Allie
Green, Angela
Green, Yahnea
Green, Zaneta
Greene, Thermanetta

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

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

Hansen, Joel
Hansen, Michelle
Hardesty, Joanna
Harp, Pamela
Harris, Darrell
Harris, Jodi

Robert Roxas, junior, and Nicole Gerhard compare answers as they work on an assignment in Chemistry.
Patrick Callahan attentively sits and listens to Miss Ryan's Latin Class.
Holly McDermott and Jennifer Weiss pause at their locker during passing period, to ready themselves for their next class.

Horton, Molly
Horton, Nichelle
Howard, Gregory
Hrabik, Laurie
Hudson, Robbie
Huffaker, Heather
Hughes, John
Hui, Shawn
Hui, Stanley
Hunter, Nathan
Hurley, Jennifer
Huston, Michele
Ivis, Barbara
Jahn, Jodi
Jalass, Jessica
James, Mioshi
Jaroch, Todd
Jensen, Heith
Johnson, Jeremy
Johnson, Sonya
Johnson, Teresa
Jones, Calvin
Jones, Carla
Jones, Christian
Jones, Walter
Jordan, Eric
Judevine, Marie
Julian, Juli
Justsen, Chadwick
Kaisershot, Wesley
Sherman Gould and Christina Gaskin sit among friends in the courtyard before school. The courtyard is a popular place for students to congregate during school.
Freshmen
An addition to Central

The Omaha Public Schools internal task force presented a proposal concerning the option of four-year senior high schools to the Omaha Board of Education on Wednesday, November 25, 1987. This proposal included the decision as to whether Central High School, along with other Omaha Public Schools, should house ninth graders beginning with the 1988-1989 school year.

Three high schools, Benson, Bryan, and South, in an attempt to increase their enrollment, added a ninth grade class this fall. The plan for all high schools to establish a ninth grade class next year would not include all freshmen, though. Lewis and Clark Junior High, Nathan Hale Junior High, and Norris Junior High will all keep a ninth grade class. All other freshmen will have the same choice of a high school that they would have as a sophomore.

The expected freshmen class at Central numbers from 200 to 300 students. With this addition people see many advantages and disadvantages. Freshmen who attend Central High School would benefit from its high academic level. Kym Benning commented, "They would be stronger in academics." This benefit would allow freshmen to get a head start in Central's various programs.

Freshmen would also be given an extra year to adjust to high school. "They will be more experienced and they will have a better feel for high school life," stated Kelly Fairchild. Kym Benning also commented on the fact that Central will benefit from their addition. "Ninth graders will have more school loyalty," she said.

Arguments against the addition of freshmen point out many disadvantages such as, an overcrowding problem. Brian Lynn stated, "The school would be too crowded, and it would be hard for them to adjust." Kelly Fairchild added, "Freshmen are too immature, and they would be picked on by the other grades."

Regardless of any negative feelings toward the addition of freshman at Central next year, they will be added at the beginning of the 1988 school year.

Lin, Mingshin
Linquist, Craig
Little, John
Littlejohn, Larry
Littlejohn, Lisa
Loehr, Peggy
Long, Kristin
Longstreh, Robert
Loper, Michael
Lubash, Rashelle
Lucas, Keith
Ludwick, Christina
Ludwick, Tess
Ludwig, Duane
Lundin, Craig
Lynn, Brian
MacDissi, Susan
Mace, Laura
Madden, Tina
Malone, Amy
Maloney, Crystal
Manhart, Stephen
Marion, Nicole
Markus, Chantel

Sophomores 137
Kiri Soares takes time out from her badminton game to relax during her eighth hour individual sports class.
Tony Allen poses in the courtyard.

Morgan, Kevin
Morley, Dana

Morrow, Ladanna
Morton, Jamal

Moss, Aaron
Mundt, Madeleine

Murdock, Johnny
Murphy, Jennifer

Murray, Maia
Myers, Carletta
Nation, Demetria
Nance, James
Neal, Eric
Nieto, Christine

Nisi, Ross
Nixon, Lisa
Nolan, Barbara
Norlin, Nicole
Noveski, Amy
Offenburger, Katherine

Olivo, Laura
Olmstead, Jamii
Olson, Christian
Olson, Heidi
Ortega, Victoria
Osler, Kimberley

Outlaw, Walter
Owen, Andrea
Owens, Angela
Owens, Brian
Page, Brian
Palgi, Niv

Pallas, Mary
Pallat, Richard
Paulk, Daryl
Peak, Willie
Pearce, Renee
Pearson, Jovita

Sophomores 139
Nicole Norlin talks with a friend after school.

Pease, Edward
Pedersen, Jennifer

Pepple, Emily
Perlman, Jessica

Petty, Jeremy
Philamalee, William

Pierce, Timothy
Pigman, David
Pirsch, Perry
Plendl, Angela
Polonic, Brian
Pongruber, Michael

Poole, Jason
Prince, Reginald
Pugh, Letha
Puhl, Tamara
Rahn, Stephen
Rains, Chad

Ramirez, Jesse
Randolph, Toni

Ratute, Ronna
Reed, Jacqueline

Billy Verzani looks over his notes in study hall for an upcoming test.
Amy Briggs, Mark Kreciek, and Kristin Long watch a skit being performed in Drama class.

Sophomores
Students protest

Skateboarding banned

In the fall of 1987, the Omaha City Council passed an ordinance which banned skateboarding, bicycling, and rollerskating in the downtown Old Market area. Councilman Walt Calinger proposed the ordinance because he felt congestion on the sidewalks was the main problem.

Dave Propp, a sophomore at Central High School, disagrees with the ban. "It's ridiculous and wrong to take a piece of public property away from the skateboarders," he said.

Bradley Williams, also a sophomore at Central, agrees. "We are not harming anyone, and many people enjoy watching us."

Before the ordinance passed, the Omaha City Council formed a youth committee. Four members were chosen from a list of names of concerned students. Three of these students, Dave Propp, Chris Runyan, and Jennifer Lee, attend Central. Dave felt the committee meetings gave him and other students the opportunity to tell Councilmen their feelings about the ban.

Dave Propp and Stephen Bekish, a sophomore at Central, felt directly affected by the ban. "I sometimes still skate around the Old Market area but mainly around Park Fair Mall," said Stephen. Bradley does not skateboard in the Old Market anymore because of fines. "I skate in ditches around 96th & Fort, empty swimming pools, on ramps at my house, and at my friends' houses," he said.

According to Dave Propp, the youth committee plans to propose to the City Council setting up a specific time when people may skateboard in the Old Market.
Heather Heimuli works on her homework while she waits for the city bus.

Rick Heller sees something that catches his attention across the room.

Sophomores 143
Jennifer Baum looks up from her studies as the bell rings.

Sophomores

Jenny Collins, Tim Pierce, and Melissa Roberts have a laugh outside after school.
Juniors are the class in the middle of the road. After experiencing one year at Central, they have one year remaining before graduation. DeAnna Espejo said she liked being in the middle because it is easier to fit in. Tzari Christon said, "Juniors know the school and the teachers better." "Knowing more people makes your year more fun," added DeAnna. This year's junior class consists of 582 people.

Knowing the school, students, and teachers makes the year more enjoyable, but there are drawbacks. "There is more of a challenge in school work," said Beth Cimino. DeAnna feels the same and said much more is expected of juniors in academic work. Beth feels the junior year is boring since high school and Central is no longer a new experience, and you don't have graduation to look forward to.

What is the best part of being a junior?
- "You aren't treated like sophomores anymore," said Beth Cimino.
- "Knowing I only have one more year of high school," said Stephan Dietrich.
- "Not being a sophomore," said Rob Roxas.
- "Watching the sophomores trip up," said Sue Peters.
Abraham, Khoury
Adams, Billie
Albert, Lisa
Albertson, Amy
Allen, Dennis
Alvarez, Teresa
Andersen, Terri
Anderson, Cherie
Anderson, Christopher
Anderson, Julie
Anderson, Pamela
Anderson, Scott
Anglim, Carrie
Appel, Marty
Ashton, Andrea
Astorino Gabriel
Auslander, Jason
Barajas, Steven
Bare, Matthew
Barfield, Dennis
Barkes, Hally
Barnes, Rebecca
Bass, Corey
Beam, Todd
Beckwith, Naomi
Bennar, Rodney
Bentley, Janetta
Bentz, Sherry
Berney, Shawn
Berry, Michelle
Blake, William
Blankenship, Jason
Blankman, Antoinette
Bolte, Kyle
Bresette, Aaron
Briggs, Olen
Broadnax, Elder
Brooks, Echelle
Brower, Katherine
Brown, James
Brown, Joseph
Brown, Robin
Brown, Roland
Brown, Stacie
Brown, Tiwanna
Brownrigg, Brian
Bryant, Jody
Budny, Mary
Burns, Kristina
Bush, Gregory
Caban, Ellen
Cabbell, Tracy
Caillier, Robert
Cain, Delila
Canfield, Lloyd
Caroperez, Michelle
Carpenter, Cynthia
Caston, Tisha
Caviness, Dawn
Centineo, Joseph

Chamberlain, Stacey
Charles, Victoria
Chessareck, Sherrie
Christensen, Ken
Christon, Tzaras
Cimino, Beth

Clark, Erik
Clawson, Catherine
Cleasby, David
Cole, Melinda
Coleman, Angelic
Collins, Elijah

Combs, Kimberly
Combs, Penny
Conley, Deborah
Conner, Mark
Conradson, Angela
Craddock, Donya

Cress, Sharrie
Cronican, Bernadette
Crosby, Cynthia
Crumbliss, Christopher
Cuevas, Laura
Cullum, James

David Kowalski looks surprised to find his friend
Kurt Goeser is the man behind the eagle mask.
Student Council members, Ralph Falkner and Peter Festersen, more than willingly count money made from one of their many fund raisers. This year the student council sold items such as key chains, Central cups, pennants, and secret santa messages.

Fenner, Hilary
Ferguson, Adrian
Ferrante, Kristine
Ferro, Matthew
Festersen, Peter
Fierro, Ernesto

Finney, Rachel
Flatt, Anthony
Fogarty, Edward
Fohner, Michelle
Fonter, Tina
Forsman, Deborah

Fox, Jacquelyn
Fox, Perry
Foxhoven, Tina
Foy, Stephenie
Franklin, Jaynena
Franklin, Mary

Frasier, Tomorra
Fritchie, Carla
Gatzemeyer, Christopher
Gaughan, Ryan
Gemar, Gretchen
Gerber, Steven
Justin Kerr and Mary Welty returned to Central High School this year after spending their junior year abroad. Even though both studied at the eleventh grade level in their host countries, they became part of this year’s junior class upon return. They each commented that they did not mind not graduating with their friends. Justin said the hardest part at first was not knowing anyone in his classes, but it is turning out better than he thought.

Justin spent his year in Niedersachsen, West Germany. This trip was sponsored through the American and West German governments. After becoming a semi-finalist, Justin was interviewed frequently. “I wanted to see Germany, experience a new culture, and use a different language,” he told the interviewers.

Justin commented that the atmosphere in Germany is a lot more relaxed. While in Germany, he studied at the Gymnasium, the biggest level of high school in Germany’s educational system. He said unlike American schools, German schools give more free periods and the freedom to go out of the school. Justin had no difficulties learning the German language, except when it came to Physics class.

Mary Welty spent her year aboard in Milano, Italy. Her trip was sponsored by the International Cultural Youth Exchange. Mary said she knew nothing about the Italian language before she arrived in Italy. She learned Italian mainly in her host home. “It was impossible for me to even do my homework for the first three months,” she said.

Mary said she found Italian life much stricter and demanding. She commented that when a teacher comes into the classroom, everyone must stand up. Study requires at least five hours at night she said, and if you flunk one class, you flunk the whole grade.

Although both students experienced their share of homesickness, neither one had any regrets. Justin said, “I had one bout with homesickness in Germany, but right now I’m homesick for Germany.”
Heidi Sharp smiles as she finishes her picture of a boat in typing class.
Kelly Yancy ponders over his assignment in Chemistry.
Eric Risch and Angel Coleman take a break to rest on a wall outside of Central and discuss the happenings of their days.

Lee, Karen
Lehmann, Thomas
Lenhart, Jennifer
Lesch, Tonya
Lessley, Robert
Leu, Jennifer

Leuschen, Kathleen
Lewis, Deron
Lewis, Miles
Lewis, Stephanie
Lietzen, Anne
Lincoln, David

Lloyd, Donna
Lockwood, Jennifer
Loper, Donald
Losole, David
Lubrant, Timothy
Lucas, Beth

Lukowski, Marsha
Lukowski, Michelle
Lund, Jude
Lundberg, Gregory
Luong, Lydia
Lynum, Che

Lyons, Michelle
MacAfee, Tammy
Macdissi, Michelle
Majied, Nairobi
Mancuso, John
Markise, Jeffrey
Amy Albertson asks her art teacher for a critique of her work. Mr. Hausman, Mr. Andrews and Mrs. Quinn are Central’s art instructors who are always willing to give their advice.

Marling, Timothy
Martin, Angela
Masters, Richard
Mayer, Jennifer
McArthur, Richard
McCann, Kevin

McCarthy, Brian
McClellan, Chad
McCormack, Michelle
McCoy, Karin
McDonald, Jennifer
McIntosh, Jamese

McKeone, Andrea
McKown, Leslie

McLeod, Tyler
McSwain, Monica

McVaney, Maureen
Mecseji, Christopher

Medley, Felicia
Meister, Jean

Eric Riley takes a shortcut through the courtyard on his way to class.
Omaha City Council members, Walt Calinger and Allen Dinzole, requested a draft ordinance to discuss the possibility of an 11:30 p.m. curfew for teenagers under seventeen. According to the council members, the idea for the curfew arose from a number of problems on West Dodge, in Central Park Mall, and in the Old Market.

Calinger and Dinzole visited Central High School on November 12, for an open discussion on the newly drafted proposal. Central was one of many high schools visited by the councilmen. The members said they wanted to hear the ideas and opinions of the Omaha students since some high school teens will be the ones affected by the curfew.

Various opinions of Central students:

"I think the curfew is necessary. It’s like time is repeating itself because of similar discipline issues of the 60’s.”
— Ken Rice

"I don’t think the problem is as bad as they think it is. The curfew wouldn’t work because it would be hard to hold people to it."
— Jill Schmeichel

"I think the curfew should affect people younger than 17. Most seventeen-year-olds have jobs and work past 11:30.”
— Carl Yeck

"The curfew wouldn’t be effective because if teenagers want to go out, they go out. It’s up to the parents to decide how late their kids should stay out.”
— Tracy Oliver

"I don’t think that the curfew would be abided. They shouldn’t punish everyone for the mistakes of the people who make a curfew necessary. Do you close a bank just because one person robbed it?"
— Stephan Dietrich

"I think the curfew is necessary. It would make teenagers realize that being out late isn’t a good idea.”
— Marie Robinson

"The curfew is set too early. I think there is a problem, but I don’t think a curfew is the solution.”
— Damon Todd

"I think that the curfew is stupid. People would still be out late and would probably rebel even more to prove the City Council wrong.”
— Michelle Weeda

Emily Rasmuss, a Student Council member, voices her opinion on the curfew issue. She was one of many Centralites who stood up and asked the councilmen a question.
Diane Krueger
sneaks a peak at
Mr. Keenan's
gradebook.

Mousel, Lynn
Muehling, Jennifer
Murphy, Edwin
Musselman, John
Nelsen, Carole
Nelson, Adam

Nelson, Matthew
Newby, Khea
Newell, Antionette
Newsome, Myrtial
Newton, Carl
Nigh, Jacqueline

Nikodym, Stacy
Nixon, Sonya
Nordmeyer, James
Norville, James
O'Bannon, Marquís
O'Connell, Nichole

O'Hara, Stephen
Oliver, Tracy
Olson, Heather
O'Neal, Lamar
Oram, Nathan
Orsi, Jennifer

Pafford, Christopher
Paladino, Christine
Palmer, Melissa
Pansing, Daniel
Pennington, Daniel
Pepple, Amy
Why does Andy Huff look so surprised?

Perkins, Kimberly
Perry, Darice

Peters, Susan
Petrihos, Vasilias

Phillips, Dominic
Pick, Amy

Pietramale, Rebecca
Pike Kimberly

Pinkerton, Shannon
Pittman, Tracy

Plott, Tami
Porter, Randy
Prince, Louis
Rahn, Lyree
Rasmuss, Emily
Reed, Marcie

Palavi Kumar and Andrea Dusatko
warm up their voices in A Cappella Choir.

Juniors 159
Ellen Caban braves the wind on her way out of Central.

- Reed, Vickie
- Reed, Willie

- Rennard, Rachael
- Reyes, Edward

- Rhine, Judith
- Rice, Kenneth

- Richardson, Clinette
- Roberts, Laura
- Robinson, Marie
- Rodgers, William
- Rodriguez, Erick
- Rosenbaum, Marcie

- Rost, Jennifer
- Roundtree, Mary

- Rouse, Jacqueline
- Roxas, Robert

- Ruffin, Angela
- Rys, Dennis

- Salvador, Sean
- Sanders, Bradley

Mimi McVaney calculates the results of her chemistry lab.
Chad Jungman and Rick Masters enjoy each other's company before school.
Skiing: A popular sport

With winter comes snow, and to many people this means it is time to hit the slopes. The colder months of the year signal a feeling of anticipation and excitement in a skier who can hardly wait to pack up all his gear and head to his favorite skiing resort.

Skiing is a popular winter sport among Centralites. Many students go on regular family ski trips every year while others go with their friends or a church youth club. Winter and Spring Breaks seem to be the most common times for these trips.

Growing up in a family of skiers means being put on skis at an early age for some people. Kirsten Glesne said that she began skiing when she was four. "It's easier to learn when you're young because you don't realize the risk you're taking, and you're not as scared," she said.

Meredith Hammans also began skiing at an early age. "I started when I was five," said Meredith, "and I broke my leg while I was taking lessons. I tried cross country skiing for a while after that until I got up the nerve to begin downhill skiing again in the fifth grade."

In addition to skiing with their families, both Meredith and Amy Schreiner go on a ski trip with their church youth club each year. Amy commented that she looks forward to the trip because, "skiing is my favorite sport, and it's twice as fun when your friends are with you."

Skiing holds many attractions for different people. Jason Shearer said that he skis mostly on blue and black level slopes (intermediate and advanced) because he likes the moguls. "It's the challenge of the slopes that attracts me to skiing," he said.

Meredith and Amy agreed that they like to challenge themselves by skiing on the harder slopes. They commented that together they conquered a run called "Ro-lex" in Steamboat, Colorado. "It's a double black diamond slope!" said Meredith.

Everyone seems to have a favorite place to ski. Jason said that he goes to a different place every year with his family, but he likes to ski in Vail the best. Amy said that her family owns a condo in Dillon, Colorado, and she skis at all the resorts in the area. Both Amy and Kirsten agree that Copper Mountain is their favorite place to go.

Kirsten Glesne said that one reason she likes skiing is because, "it's something you can do for the rest of your life."
Janetta Bentley prepares various inks for a project in art class. Her class meets in Room 425 every eighth hour.

Townsend, Lesvegas
Tucker, Elaine

Tyler, Debra
Vazzano, Joe

Veach, Joel
Ventura, Raquel

Vinski, Toni
Voss, John

Wagner, Kennetta
Walker, Jenny

Wansley, Julia
Warner, Phillip
Washington, Cherrese
Watkins, Lydia
Weaver, Jillian
Weberg, Gina

Samuel Davison and Vicki Reed display their friendship in the hallway before school.
Seth Kotok raises his hand to express his opinion on the new curfew proposed by the Omaha City Council. The Councilmen visited Central High School on November 12 and answered questions in front of students and reporters.

Weeda, Michelle
Welles, Stacie

Welty, Mary
Wemhoff, Kristel

Wessling, Richard
Weston, Malcolm

Wettengel, Angela
Weyerman, Jason
Whitbeck, Benjamin
White, Michelle
White, Traci
Whitney, Tiffany

Widhalm, Gretchen

Wiegrefe, Jeffrey

Williams, Bryant

Williams, Christina
A group of juniors enjoy the privilege of eating lunch in the courtyard.

Who is that with Bill Blake hiding behind Michelle White?

Worden, Joan
Yancy, Kelly
Yeck, Carl

Young, Wyndle
Zimmer, Lance
Zimmer, Raphael

Zoucha, BobbiJo
Zukas, Christina
This is the senior class — together for the last time as a group of 1988 graduates. Senior year is the culmination of thirteen years of education. What does this mean? — To many students, it means the crucial year for making decisions about college or after-graduation employment and their futures. It also represents the final "good times" with friends.

What comes next? That becomes a serious and frightening question for most apprehensive students. "Everything becomes more important your senior year," said Beth Christ; "you realize that it's your last high school football game, your last prom, and your last chance to spend time with your close friends."

More than ever before, the people in your class become a visible and important part of your life and your activities. The senior class is looked up to for support and school spirit. This year's seniors showed that spirit at Central High was not a thing of the past and helped blaze the trail for a renewed feeling of school pride.

Like every year at Central, the senior class thrived academically and athletically. They proved that diversity among students and a large class only stimulates success and encourages individuality. Although it is hard to generalize characteristics about such a large senior class, the class of 1988 exhibited a new feeling of spirit and Central High pride that will be remembered for years to come.

Spirited seniors show their eagle spirit and display their banner to the opponents, the Westside Warriors.
Drew Weiss does his morning exercises in the marketing home-room. Maybe he should start eating breakfast?

Abboud, Melissa
Allen, Wendy
Alm, Trent
Andersen, Jennifer
Anderson, Kalen

Andersen, Kye
Anderson, Michelle
Applegate, Shelli
Arellano, Heather
Armstrong, Andy
Atkinson, Kyli
Austin, Mark
Bach, Nichola
Backens, Dan
Baker, Brenda

Baker, Bridgette
Ballew, Lanesa
Balosang, Siphiwe
Bashus, Christopher
Bates, Rod

Batt, Jonas
Battle, Valencia
Belton, Neshonda
Benolken, Leasha
Berger, Jori

Besancon, Renee
Blazevich, Joe
Blocker, Sarah
Bonham, Jacki
Booker, Richard

Bostick, Pam
Bowers, Stephanie
Bradley, Percy
Brennan, Susan
Broekemeier, Kate
Shawn Cooper and Heather Jones graciously pose for a bosom-buddy snap shot in the courtyard.

Brooks, Joy
Brooks, Lia

Brown, Brenda
Brown, David

Brown, Paula
Brown, Stephanie A.
Brown, Stephanie L.
Brown, Tina
Bruns, Alyson

Brye, Shawnda
Buckingham, Amy
Buckley, Bridget
Budny, Sandi
Bushey, David

Callam, Jackie
Capellupo, Nikki
Capps, Ken
Carlson, Andrew
Carlson, Jim
Lisa Luong turns and is captured on film by Dawn Rosenbaum.

Flott, Jason
Floyd, William
Focht, Scott
Fogarty, Tess
Foster, Trish

Frazier, Rhoda
Freeman, Chandra
Freeman, Misty
Frey, Mike
Fritchman, April

Fritz, Brian
Fuglel, Robert
Fuller, Douglas
Furgison, Stacie
Gardner, Eric
Royalty selection

Homecoming weekend occurred October 2nd and 3rd. The Homecoming game against Benson was on Friday night, and Homecoming festivities concluded Saturday night with the dance and the crowning of Homecoming royalty at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Milo Bail Student Center.

Homecoming royalty, selected from a list of senior girls and boys, are chosen because of their participation in school sponsored activities. Seniors with a student activity ticket vote for 9 boy and girl candidates. Candidates are narrowed for the final vote, and all students with an S.A. ticket are eligible to vote again. The top five boy and girl vote getters become Homecoming royalty, with the top two students crowned king and queen.

This year’s king and queen were Mallery Ivy and Melvin Jones. Homecoming royalty was Kalen Anderson, Brecke Houston, Sevrin Huff, Sarah McWhorter, Ronnie Barfield, Dave Chambers, Rob Glasser, and Joe Salerno.
Homecoming King and Queen Mallory Ivy and Melvin Jones pose after the coronation.

Green, Leslie
Green, Tammy
Greene, Lamar
Griffith, Todd
Grillo, Laura

Grush, Lance
Gnia, Dennis
Gutierrez, Barbara
Hadley, Lisa
Haecker, Alex

Haggart, Andrew
Haley, Aimee
Hall, Dee Dee
Halstead, Jennifer
Hansen, Ron

Hanson, Tammy
Harris, Rick
Hatfield, Heidi
Hausman, Jeff
Havelka, Amy

Haynes, Terence
Heck, Donald
Heese, David
Heisser, Jodi
Hempel, Ginger

Seniors 175
Inserra, Paul
Ivy, Mallery
Jacob, Bret
Jennings, Cynthia
Jespersen, Mathew

Joel McCulloh and Rob Glasser
mug for a close-up shot.

Jirka, Carrie
Jochim, Lara
Johnson, Barbara
Johnson, Katrina
Johnson, Phyllis

Seniors
Tracy Felici, Tommy Smith, and Joe Padon show that team work really helps on Spanish homework!
Macafee, Lisa
Mace, Dennis
MacNaughton, Peter
Madison, Scott
Mahan, Jason

Man, Batt
Mander, Kathrin
Mann, Koren
Manna, Tony
Manriquez, Brigitte

Martin, Jay
Martin, Jim
Martinez, Jesse
Mason, Margaret
McAuley, Yvette

Tammie Hill and Alexander Young play around in the courtyard during their lunch period.
Narduzzo, Julie
Nash, Heather
Nass, Katie
Neal, Cheryl
Nelson, Jeff

Nelson, Jim
Nelson, Sandra
Nettles, Sonenia
Newhouse, John
Newson, Ramona

Newton, Nicholle
Niemeier, Kristal Rose
Nichols, Zantel
Niksick, Amy
Norman, Lee

Norquay, Robin
Noveski, Deborah
Nystrom, Stacy
Oberman, Stuart
Ogden, Jill

O'Hara, Chelsea
Olerich, Mike
Olsen, Sandra
Olson, Donna
Orduna, Jeanna
Sean Wilson practices English exercises on the board in Mrs. Johnson's class.

Osby, Evie
Ostronic, Katie
Outlaw, Kim
Owens, Carolyn
Palensky, Denise

Palleson, Mike
Palmer, Corie
Pecha, Dona
Pendleton, Lori
Perkins, Shontell

Perry, Ann-Marie
Petersen, Alicia
Peterson, Leona
Peterson, Wade
Phillips, Tonya L.

Pierce, Maria
Pirsch, Peter

Pittman, Patrice
Price, Nancy
Class Officers demonstrate teamwork.
Girls' Sgt. At Arms, Robin Leavitt; Vice President, Bruce Lovgren; Secretary, Sarah McWhorter; President, Jonas Batt; Treasurer, Pete Pirsch; and Doug Howland, Boys' Sgt. At Arms.

Pusateri, Jeff
Rabiola, Victoria M.
Randolph, Tim
Rasmussen, Dee Dee
Raznick, Christopher

Reed, Christmas
Reed, Laurie
Regan, Brent
Reitz, Kimm
Reynolds, Russell

Rheiner, Lynn
Rihanek, Eric
Ripp, Andrew
Rischling, Dan
Rivedal, Sara

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The Lamplighter — Anonymous

He has taken his bright candle and is gone
Into another room I cannot find,
But anyone can tell where he has been
By all the little lights he leaves behind.
Amy Hoffman diligently works on an English theme. Time flies when you’re having fun!

Thrush, Sabrina
Timm, Lisa

Tomlinson, Charles
Tomps, Michael
Turley, Christine
Tuttle, Craig
Urias, Jennifer

Ussery, Tiffany
Vachaudet, Christian
VanAckeren, Debbie
Vang, Yer
Vatnsdal, Ted

Ventry, Richard
Vogel, Lisa
Vogel, Richard D.
Vogel, Wes
Walker, Andrea

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Ann Gentle, senior, shows her spirit during spirit week. Ann’s friend tagged along for the ride.
Volume 82 of the Omaha Central High School O-Book was published by the 1987-88 yearbook staff. Printed by Herff Jones Yearbooks of Marceline, Missouri, the O-Book kept up the tradition of a spring-delivery book and supplement.

The yearbook consisted of 216 glossy calais pages, all of which were printed in offset lithography on eighty-pound paper. The cover, "This is it ... until next time," was silkscreened on the front, back, and spine using a school design. The applied colors include cadmium red, silver, and purple foil on a black "French Straight" grained 9x12 book. The endsheets also include a school-originated design using colonial red, silver, and purple.

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The four-color process was used in one signature in the Student Life section. The color special effects in that signature were designed through the use of Pantone.

This year 1183 individual copies of the 1987-1988 O-Book were sold for fifteen dollars with a student activity ticket and sixteen dollars without. This is the largest sales percentage in over twenty years.

The advertising staff sold over three thousand dollars worth of ads. This is the largest ad revenue since 1982, which was the first modern O-Book including ads.

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This is it, until next time

school year comes to an end

After nine months of late night studying, loads of homework, and innumerable hours spent at the U.N.O. library, the end of the school year creeps up when least expected. Pens, papers, and backpacks are discarded and replaced with suntan lotion, tennis racquets, and swimming pools. For seniors, this is the end of high school, for the juniors and sophomores, this is the end of a beginning, and for the teachers, this is just another closing of another year. But, even as the year’s events pass by, the students at Central High School know where they’re going. Attending college, entering the work force, or returning to Central in the following fall are options open to students.

Sophomores were introduced to the English program, classes until 2:40 p.m., the wonders of the library, and the other rigors of high school.

Juniors found parking a dilemma, a more intense work load, and envy for the imminent graduation of the seniors. Seniors found “the best year of their lives,” all-night studying, renewed school spirit, AP tests, and the realization that it was worth it.

The high school years combine the best and the worst components of life and foster the growth and maturity that prepares students for the real world. As another year ends, the promise of next year reminds us that this really isn’t it.
Is this it? Ted Fogarty and Andy Timm take time out from a strenuous swim practice to catch their breath.

John Miller concentrates on his calculus assignment.

Junior Karen Lee demonstrates her skills in the Korean Martial Arts. She earned a "black belt" in Tae Kwon Do this year.

Jeremy Kershaw diligently works on his art project. For many students, art class is a relaxing time of the day.
Is THIS the end???

Let's hope not. After taking tenth hour final exams, paying off those outstanding fines, and cleaning out mundane lockers, most students already envision the routineless, carefree days of summer. For some Centralites, this is the last time they’ll ever trek across the courtyard; this is it. For others, this is just another resting place, until next time.
This is the Supplement
Play has mysterious twist
Suspense, fun abound...

Central High School dramatists presented REHEARSAL FOR MURDER on April 29, 30, and May 1st in the school auditorium. The classic murder mystery, written by D.D. Brooke is the story of playwright Alex Dennison and his scheme to trap the killer of his fiancee, Monica Welles. The plot revolves around five suspects and the reenactments of the events leading to Monica's death as imagined by Dennison. The final scene is staged and the killer is revealed in the climactic twist of this interesting play.

Ms. Pegi Stommes, Drama Teacher and director of the play chose the play because, "it is a completely different type of play from what I've done before. It's an intriguing murder mystery and very well written. The audience is really going to have to pay attention to what's happening."

According to Ms. Stommes the cast was able to adapt to the dialogue very easily because the play is beautifully written and the cast worked well together. "I was lucky to have a dependable and responsible cast of super actors!" Ms. Stommes said.

Mr. Larry Hausman, Central stagecraft instructor, and the Stage Crew are also instrumental in preparing the stage and set for a realistic atmosphere. Their responsibilities include making the sets, working the lighting and sound systems, moving props and sets around during the play and making sure the production runs smoothly. They encountered problems this year and had to rearrange a curtain to accommodate the staging.

There were also difficulties with acoustics in Central's auditorium. Ms. Stommes said, "Central's auditorium is large for the system which is set up as a P.A. system, not a performance system."

Unique this year was double-casting, meaning two actors or actresses shared one part between them. Ms. Stommes stated that double-casting was an advantage with REHEARSAL FOR MURDER because there was a smaller cast, and more people got a chance to act. This enabled me to have at least five more people involved." Scott Focht, cast member said," I thought the double-casting worked out well because you got to see different interpretations of each character."

"I think the overall preparation for the play this year went better than in previous years because of the smaller cast," senior Nancy Price commented. "Everyone got along better and everyone was closer."

The thespians performed a student matinee Thursday April 28th and received positive response from fellow classmates. Tanya Hoffman said, "I think this was the best play I've seen at Central. The acting and the staging were very professional." Emily Robards agreed saying, "I loved the scenery, it was very realistic!" The play displayed the talent of the drama department and proved to be a successful venture for the Central thespians.

REHEARSAL FOR MURDER
by D.D. Brooke

CAST LIST
Alex Dennison.......................Wesley Loon
Leo Gibbs..................................Chip King
Lloyd Andrews.........................Scott Focht
David Mathews.........................Mike Frey
Frank Heller............................Randy Porter
Jay Standifer

Monica Welles..........................Lori Pendleton
Rachel Shomaker
Karen Daniels.........................Echelle Brooks
Lori Pendleton
Bella Lamb..........................Catherine King
Amy Schreiner
Jay Standifer

Sally Bean..............................Amy Buckingham
Loretta..............................Nancy Price
Emile.................................Scott Anderson
Lt. McElroy.........................Randy Porter
Jay Standifer

Mr. Santoro..........................Roy Dreiblebs
Policeman.............................Matt Chapman
Policewoman........................Tawnya Michael
Renee Ryan

Student Directors....................Thom Davis
Stacey Henry
Tonya Lesch

Echelle Brooks(Karen), Wes Loon(Alex), Lori Pendleton(Monica), Scott Focht(Lloyd), and Chip King(Leo), meet in Monica's bedroom after the news of their opening night flop.
Echelle (Karen), Amy Schreiner (Bella), Scott (Lloyd), Chip (Leo), and Mike Frey (David) are introduced to Wes (Alex's) scheme to trap Monica's murderer. They all listen intently to his strange plans.

Amy Buckingham (Sally) and Wes (Alex) arrive at the empty theater. Scott Anderson (Ernie) greets them on the darkened stage.

Echelle (Karen) and Wes (Alex) talk privately about the circumstances surrounding Monica's confusing death. Alex believes Karen could have a motive for killing Monica— or does he?!
Senior Jim Martin finishes first in the two mile race. He also holds the current fastest time in class A in this event.

Central strives for another state title

This is Central track. Both the boys' and girls' track teams are coached by Mr. Joe McMenamin.

Coach McMenamin said that the girls' team strength lies in the sprints and the weights. "In the sprints, our leadership comes from Mallery Ivy and Angie Green. In the weights, our leadership comes from April Morris and Amy Albertson." He also said that the girls are favored to win state if they are injury free. McMenamin went on to say that the girls only lost three of last year's state team members. The girls' relays are currently all ranked first in class A.

McMenamin said that on the boys' side the competition for the state title will be tough. "Seniors Jim Martin and Dan Stillmock are the team leaders," he said. "Dan is undefeated in the discus and shot put and has the best record in Class A. Jim has the fastest times in the mile and two mile this year." McMenamin said.

Senior Jody Sharpe throws the discus and the shot put. He said, he has set a few goals for himself this year. "I want to throw 190 feet in the discus and 55 feet in the shot." He also said he hopes to qualify for state in the discus and be able to beat the returning champion from Bellevue West.

The girls' team is expected to do well, centering itself around the performance of Mallery Ivy. Mallery said, she has run track at Central for four years. During that time she has competed at the state meet all three years and is expected to be back again this year. She said her goal is to win another four gold medals this year at state.

To obtain this goal she said that she has to make sure that she eats right and gets plenty of rest before the state meet. "I am working hard at practice to improve my performances and make sure I do my best," she said. She also said that Mr. Reed is helping her a lot. "If we work hard and perform to our potential, no one should come close to us in any of our track meets," Mallery said.

FRONT: Michelle Sledge, Teresa Watson, Sarah Straub, LeVALLE Moore, Lisa Littlejohn, Delicia Edwards, Yahnea Green, Zeneta Green. SECOND: Sarah Townley, Tish Burton, Claudette Godinet, Amy Edgren, LaRonda Barber, Melissa King, Heather Jones, Doris Williams, Tiffany Phillips, Jade Williams, Carla Dailey, Kimberly Osler, Coach Lustgarten. BACK: Laura Hammer, Jen Bell, Tracey Oliver, Letha Pugh, April Morris, Debbie VanAckeren, Angie Green, Amy Albertson, Coach James. NOT PICTURED: Mallery Ivy and Marcie Reed.


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Senior Mallery Ivy leads the pack in the 100 meter dash at the Central Invitational. She holds the fastest time in this event in Class A.

Junior Kelly Yancy sprints across the finish line to win the 100 meter dash at the Central Invitational.

Senior Carla Dailey hands the baton to senior Delicia Edwards in the 4x100 relay. Their relay currently ranks first in the state.
Hey batta, batta, batta, swwiing!!

Varsity Baseball: the season's hit

The 1988 Varsity baseball team is "suffering a tough season" according to senior, Andy Armstrong. Andy said that the three biggest complications the team has suffered this year are a lack of experience, limited practice space and time, and minimal support from the students.

"Next year's team should be more experienced than this year's," says senior Sean Wilson. "The team next year will have many of this year's players who will return, such as John Mancuso and Ross Nist." said Sean.

The team practices at Lynch field, and the team's home games are also played at Lynch. Andy said that the team had a problem finding adequate practice time and space. "Even though we could practice at Lynch, there were times when other people needed the field and our practice was cut short."

Andy also mentioned that the team received very little support from the students. "Not very many people ever went to see a baseball game," he said.

The baseball team coach is Ken Dirks from Lewis and Clark high school.

"Due to the lack of experience, the baseball team had a rough start, but we are pulling together," said Andy. He also said that, "despite our slow season, we had a lot of fun, and the season has been really enjoyable. I hope next year's team has as much fun as we have had, and I also hope they have a better season than we did this year."

Joe Blazevich, pitcher, hits the ball with force to the South team.

Trevor Flynn bunts the ball for a base hit against South.

Joe Blazevich pitch the ball to his opponent in hopes of getting a strike.

Andy Armstrong rests as he watches his fellow team mates.
Feeling triumphant, Brian Wilson scores a point for Central.

The Junior Varsity Eagles display their energy and enthusiasm as they leave the field.

Ross Nisi displays his pitching skills. Ross is one of eight sophomores on the Junior Varsity team.

The Junior Varsity Eagles: FRONT: Scott Shannon, Scott Whitaker, Gary Sillik, Brian Wilson
BACK: Marion Wright, Eric Bledsoe, Ed Pease, Steve Manhart, Shawn Clement, Coach Tom Kaufman.

Third baseman Scott Whitaker prepares to catch a ball thrown by second baseman Scott Shannon. Both Scotts are freshmen from Lewis & Clark and Norris respectively.
Junior Varsity young team

Hopes are high for Central's Junior Varsity baseball team though the ages are not. In fact, this year's JV team is half made up of sophomores with the other half being freshmen from various feeder schools.

The freshmen on the team come from Nathan Hale, McMillan, Lewis & Clark, and Norris. In order to play for Central, they are required to attend here for high school.

Cuts for the JV and Varsity teams were in the middle of March. The coaches selected a total of 32 players on the two teams out of 70 that tried out.

Coach Tom Kauffman, an eighth-grade core teacher at Monroe Junior High, says that the young team looks pretty good, and he's optimistic for them. This is Mr. Kauffman's second year coaching the JV Eagles.

The team practiced from 3 until 5:30 after school at either Lynch or Kellom fields, sometimes with the Varsity team. Games started in the end of March and ran until the first week in May. This spring baseball team played 14 games, and the Junior Legion summer team, which is composed of the same players, will play 35 games after school's dismissal.

Coach Kauffman holds as his goal for his team to win at least half of his games, and is optimistic that this goal will be attainable.
Central's annual Spring Prom took place "Under African Skies". Such decorations as a hut, a fountain, a volcano, banana trees, and lots of foliage helped to bring a jungle-like atmosphere to the courtyard. Student Council sponsored the dance on Saturday, May 7, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Disc jockey, Randy Scott, of Magical Mobile Music provided the entertainment. A poll taken in selected homerooms resulted in the decision to have a DJ instead of a band this year. "Randy Scott said he would play all kinds of music, which was a big consideration," said Mr. Paul Semrad, Student Council sponsor.

Green, gold, and magenta decorations filled the courtyard. Mr. Semrad commented that, "because student council decided on a DJ this year, more money for decorations was available." Sevrin Huff, Student Council secretary, said, "We were able to make the decorations more elaborate than in past years."

Sarah McWhorter, Student Council Vice President, said that one thing unique about this year was the use of The Picture Man. "We wanted candid shots too," she said. The Picture Man took candid shots throughout the night, which were displayed and made available to students for ordering. "This way Student Council doesn't have to get involved," Sarah added.

Nominations by the senior class, followed by a vote open to the whole school, chose this year's royalty. Prom king and queen candidates were: Tanya Hoffman, Sevrin Huff, Joan Jorgensen, Sarah McWhorter, Pia Muggerud, and Kim Outlaw for queen and David Chambers, Rob Glasser, Doug Howland, Rich Vogel, Drew Weiss, and John Williams for king.

The crowning of the royalty took place at 10:00 p.m. This year's king and queen were Rob Glasser and Sevrin Huff.
Sevrin Huff and Rob Glasser share the traditional dance after being chosen Prom King and Queen.

Prom King and Queen candidates, Sarah McWhorter and Rich Vogel, await the final results during coronation.

Kate Broekemeier, Tracey Glesne, and Ann Kay, seniors, dance to Magical Mobile Music.
Soccer: a kick in the grass

What do some Central High School students do for kicks? According to senior Rob Glasser, many play soccer.

Sanctioned for the first year, soccer has many new benefits. "It gives many students a chance to participate in athletics, when they normally would not," said Boys' Junior Varsity coach Mr. George Grillo. Some other benefits of having a sport sanctioned are: coaches, uniforms, and sports equipment supplied by the Omaha Public School System.

Enthusiasm is high this year according to Boys' Varsity Coach Mr. David Martin. Girls' Junior Varsity Coach Miss Debbie Hettwer agrees. "There is a lot of enthusiasm, and a basic desire to play," she said.

Senior Jennifer Gottschalk, a soccer beginner, commented that she really appreciated being given the opportunity to play. Rob Glasser, a varsity player, said he also enjoyed playing, and added, "It's a great way to mangle people after school."

Looking towards the season, all teams are hopeful. "We'll make the state tournament," said senior varsity player Dave Heese.

1988 Soccer coaches are: Varsity Boys, Mr. David Martin; Varsity Girls, Mrs. Joanne Dusatko; Junior Varsity Boys, Mr. George Grillo; and Junior Varsity Girls, Miss Debbie Hettwer.

Wendy Mott, Tina Foxhoven, and Heidi Hankins, juniors, discuss their strategies to win the game.

FRONT: Debbie Tyler, Emily Robards, Mimi McVaney, Kimberly Reitz, Tracy Flynn, Maria Bang, Erica Gaylor, Erika Spuehr, Alex Zinga. BACK: Mrs. Joanne Dusatko, Amy Brandzel, Jennifer Gottschalk, Theresa Alvarez, Nikki Melia, Kelly Browne, Kim Charter, Cindy Carpenter, Shonda Rohn, DeeDee Rasmussen, Joanna Kosowsky, Laura Grillo. NOT PICTURED: Michelle Hinsley, Alyssa McIntyre, Tina Fonter.
Rob Glasser, senior, heads the ball in a boys varsity game. Heading is a technique used often in soccer.

Simon Joyner, junior, runs to gain possession of the ball, helping Central defeat Northwest High School.
Boys' Golf team plays to win

The Boys' Golf team sported an undefeated record in duals this year, according to James Galus, who has sponsored the team for the past three years.

The team members included: senior; Jim Kemp, juniors; John Musselman, Mark Klipsh, Mike Lawler, Carl Yeck, Dan Pansing, and sophomores; Jake Torrens and John Hass.

The team finished seventh at Metro, and Mark Klipsh placed ninth at Metro in duals. According to Mr. Galus, "We have a good chance to make state." Mr. Galus said that as long as the team continued to play up to their ability, they would go to state.

Many factors including the weather, wind, etc. would ultimately decide that for them. So far this year the weather has posed no problem for the team. At this point, the team's goal is to go to state as a team.
John Musselman takes a break as he watches his fellow team mates in the match at Tara Hills against Ralston.

Jim Kemp hits the ball with good form at the Tara Hills Golf Course in the match against Ralston.

Sophomore, John Hass tees off at the fifth hole at Elmwood Park. John is one of two sophomore team members this year.
Tennis team improves

With eight returning players from last year, the 1987-88 girl's tennis team set out with an optimistic attitude for the season.

According to Ms. Sue Paar, the tennis coach, over 43 players came out for the team. After making cuts, 16 players remained. Coach Paar commented, "We have a strong top six players to build around, with a great number one singles player, senior, Jennifer Urias. Other strong players are Tiffany Whitney, Laurie Anderson, and Ramona Jackson." Coach Paar also boasts of a lot of hustle and much better attitudes and team spirit than last year.

Coach Paar said the team practiced five days a week from 3:00-5:00 at Dewey Park. The team plays a total of nine duels, and takes part in the Metro and State tournaments. When asked for her outlook on this year's team, Junior, Ramona Jackson said, "We look a lot better than last year. Ms. Paar is an excellent coach and I have a great time playing."

Beth Christ, senior, shows her awesome serve in a match.

Melissa Roberts, Ann Sykes, Nikki Fuxa, and Sue Peters relax off the court as they cheer on their competing teammates.

Jennifer Urias, senior, is determined to return her opponent's serve.

Amy Hoffman, senior, forcefully hits her forehand.

Laurie Anderson, sophomore, hits a backhand back to her opponent.
Senior softballers sport spirit

This year's senior class officers planned two softball tournaments. "The tournaments were a big success, and everyone seemed to have a great time," said Jonas Batt, senior-class president. "The tournament helped to raise money for the senior picnic," said Jonas.

The winter tournament was a lot of fun. It was really interesting, especially because of the muddy fields.

The first tournament was held in January at Elmwood Park. Ten teams participated, each consisting of ten players with a minimum of four girls as a requirement.

"The softball tournament was a great idea. I've never played softball before and it was fun to learn how," said Ann Kay.

The second tournament was originally scheduled to be played at Tranquility Park but was moved to Lamp Park. This tournament consisted of only six teams.

Donna Olson said, "The winter tournament was more successful than the spring tournament. The spring tournament seemed much better organized."

Many seniors seemed to have favored the first tournament over the second. "The winter tournament was a lot of fun. It was really interesting, especially because of the muddy fields," said Todd Griffith.

Stephanie Bowers, who attended both tournaments, liked the first tournament better since it "seemed like there were alot more teams."

"It sure looked like they were having fun," said David Bushey.
Volleyballers do it in the sand

This year's senior class officers planned several activities to help boost senior unity. After two successful softball tournaments, the officers decided to attempt a volleyball tournament.

The tournament was held in late April at Goddard's Bar & Grill. The tournament started at 5:00 P.M. and lasted about four hours. Eight teams participated in the tournament, each team having at least three girls.

"It seemed like a very successful tournament. I had a lot of fun even though our team lost a majority of their games," said Renee Besancon.

Lance Grush said "It was a really great idea. It was good to see the senior officers take some initiative as opposed to recent class officers."

Bruce Lovgren, senior class vice-president was in charge of this tournament. "I thought it was a very successful tournament and it seemed like everyone was having a good time," said Bruce. "I only wish we had more time this year to have additional tournaments," he remarked.

The night was broken into two separate tournaments. Both tournaments were won by Tommy Smith's team. Each member of the winning team received a complimentary shirt from Goddard's Bar & Grill.

"I was really excited about the tournament and it seemed like the class officers actually took time to plan out this year's activities," said Todd Weddle.
The 1988 Junior R.O.T.C. Ball was held in the Peony Park Ball Room on Thursday, March 10. According to senior Becky Christensen, the ball was a mixture of “a formal ceremony and a typical high school dance.” The festivities began about 7:30 and concluded around midnight. The purpose of the dance was to “honor and reward” students that participate in the J.R.O.T.C. programs in the Omaha Public Schools, according to Becky.

The South High School Jazz band and swing choir performed at this year’s dance during the ceremony. A D.J. entertained the students after the ceremony by playing new music by Salt and Pepa and classic music by Elvis and the Beatles.

Before the dance, some students enjoyed a nice dinner and “after the dance, students got together to socialize,” according to senior Becky Christensen.

The dance not only proved to be fun, it was also a time to honor students who, over previous years, have done an outstanding job in the JROTC program. Robert McCarter, senior, received the largest honor that could be given in the city of Omaha. Robert was given the honor of being the All-City Commander, according to Becky. She added that he has maintained his previous position of Company Commander. Central’s J.R.O.T.C. program is under the supervision of Major Richard Yost.

Dr. Gaughan, O.P.S. assistant superintendent, speaks of honor and responsibilities to young J.R.O.T.C. students at the Military Ball held at Peony Park.

Students march in a traditional dance at the conclusion of the formal ceremony.

Seniors Robert McCarter and Shirley Keeling exit the stage after Robert received the honor of being promoted to All-City Commander.
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