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photo by Alan Potash

Juniors Bill Barnhart and Karen Ray, physics team members, display the bridge that supported 21 pounds.

Register wins top journalism award

The Central High Register was named Best Newspaper at the annual University of Nebraska at Omaha journalism contest.

Sixteen schools participated in the contest, which was sponsored by the Department of Communications.

Associate editor Barbara Richardson won first place in Best News Event Story for her story on Central's practice field (November 23, issue 5).

Alan Potash won first place in Best Sports Photograph for his photograph of four basketball players just after a free throw was shot (January 18, issue 6). Alan also won second runner up in Best News Photo.

Editor Charles Fishkin won first runner up in Best Front Page Layout. Feature writer Chuck Reed tied for first runner up in Best Column.

Sports editor Jim Zipursky won second runner up in Best Column.

Jim also won third runner up in Best Sports Story.

Paul Gadzikowski won a runner up (no specific order) in Best Cartoon.

In another contest, six Central students will participate in the Nebraska Journalism Championships, which will be held this Saturday at the University of Nebraska School of Journalism in Lincoln.

Competing from Central are Jim Zipursky in column writing and sports writing; Dan Goodwin in sports writing; Charles Fishkin in editorial writing and news writing; Kelvin Anderson in news writing; Dave Cutler in feature writing; and Martha Murdock in year book theme.

Chuck Reed was named an alternate in column writing.

Dropping eggs!

Central physics students win Creighton Field Day

A bridge broke; an egg didn't break. A space ship traveled at the speed of light; a student's car didn't travel the speed of light (but still hit the instructor's car).

Perhaps these events seem like they came from a new Fellini film. Actually they all occurred at the physics field day held at Creighton University April 8.

The contest, consisting of four physics related events, involved volunteers from instructor Robert Wolff's first year physics classes.

Because of Central's high placings in all categories, they earned first place in the team division. As the winning team, one field day participant will receive a \$500 scholarship from Creighton. At this time no participant has chosen to attend Creighton.

Junior Karen Ray spent part of her Easter vacation gluing together 300 toothpicks in the shape of a bridge. "The object was to build a bridge that would hold the most weight on the ratio of mass of the bridge to mass held (a bucket was suspended from the center of the bridge and was loaded with weights)," she said.

"My father is a civil engineer and he brought home a manual with the plans," Karen continued. Her toothpick bridge managed to support 21 pounds and collected fourth place in the category.

A bit of Close Encounters of the Third Kind philosophy was incorporated in the "Chalk-Talks." Junior Leora Mirvish's task was to explain the clock paradox of relativity. In other words, she explained why one twin would not age compared to the other twin if it traveled for four years at the speed of light.

In one of the more egg-citing events of the day, juniors Dave Haggart and Bill Barnhart designed an apparatus to protect an egg dropped from a five-story building.

The apparatus, "mostly from Dave's creativity," consisted of foam rubber wrapping supported by a small parachute.

"We already tested it (the parachute) in the courtyard so we knew it would work," said Bill. "We had to hit a one meter bulls-eye or we were docked points."

Although the egg survived the fall, the weight of the equipment (70 grams) was slightly higher than the equipment of the rival's. Bill and Dave took third place in this category.

In the final contest, the "Brain Bowl," the team of junior Ralph Lloyd and Dave Haggart took the number five spot.

To conclude the perfect physics day, a member of the Central team (who shall remain nameless), with blind enthusiasm, backed into Dr. Wolff's car. As of yet, charges have not been pressed.

Holocaust meaningless to most students, teachers

"The Holocaust is a Jewish holiday."

"Holocaust? What?"

These reactions reveal how much students know about the deliberate, systematic destruction of six million Jews: very little.

"Young people are not aware at all," said Magda Fried, who spent a year and a half in Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp.

She was fourteen when the Nazis sent her to Auschwitz, where eventually over 4,000,000 were exterminated.

"We arrived in Auschwitz in the middle of the night. We smelled the stench. I saw the bodies piled high . . . Unbelievable," she said slowly, somewhat subdued. She then paused and said, "I don't believe it myself."

She later unbuttoned her right blouse sleeve and slid it above her forearm, revealing a tattooed serial number, which she received her first night at Auschwitz.

Mrs. Fried and her husband watched the nine and a half hour television drama "Holocaust." She said the film is accurate but tempered. The real picture would not be allowed on television, she said.

After seeing the program Monday night (April 18) she said she and her husband could not get to sleep until 3:00 in the morning.

One thing she stressed repeatedly: "The only way we can reassure ourselves that it does not happen again is to teach about the Holocaust in the schools."

But generally, the public schools are doing "practically nothing" about making students aware of the Holocaust, said Michael Richmond, regional coordinator of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

"The Holocaust is a zero for anyone under 50 and certainly for kids today," he said.

"A lot of kids in class did not even know what the word Holocaust means," said Paul Semrad, Central history teacher.

This lack of awareness results primarily from inadequate teacher preparation and inadequate textbooks, said Mr. Richmond.

"The public schools are doing practically nothing about the Holocaust because materials have not been available," he said. "Check the textbooks. There will not be more than a half dozen lines and a photograph about the destruction of six million European Jews and several million others."

Jack Blanke and Jim Bond, Central history teachers, made similar statements.

"The schools do not teach about the Holocaust because the teachers are not that knowledgeable about it," said Mr. Blanke, Central history department chairman.

"Most teachers will admit that they don't know that much about the Holocaust," he said. "You're not exposed to it during your college courses."

He added, "Most of what a teacher knows about the Holocaust he has learned on his own."

As a result, the Anti-Defamation League sponsored a workshop recently to help teachers teach about the Holocaust.

Mr. Richmond, who helped organize the workshop, said he expected about 30 teachers. About 150 teachers

attended.

Attending from Central were Mr. Blanke, Mr. Bond, history teacher John Haskell, and Mr. Semrad.

The workshop also attempted to help teachers coordinate classroom studies with the recent television special, said Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Bond and Mr. Semrad, who discussed the program in class, estimated that about 50 to 60 percent of the classes watched the show.

Integrating a one week unit into the American history course is a possibility, said Mr. Blanke. "I'm sure Omaha Public Schools will get something together. But teachers could bring out the information on their own," he said.

Mr. Bond is against a uniform curriculum change, which must be approved by Omaha Public Schools administration.

"In order for me to do a good job I must feel a necessity to teach that subject. Someone might be uncomfortable teaching it, and if a teacher is uncomfortable then he won't do a good job," Mr. Bond said.

But he added, "Most teachers would teach the Holocaust."

Mr. Richmond believes that now, with the help of the recent television program, students are beginning to rediscover the Holocaust.

Mrs. Fried hopes the interest inspired by the television show will not become a passing fad.

She said she does not want to make people feel guilty about the Holocaust; she simply wants people to be aware.

She said, "We can't bring six million back. What we can do is make people aware. We want our children's children's children to remember."

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Effort results in athletic improvements

Central has always been recognized for its academic excellence. The quality of Central's athletics has also remained competitive despite inadequate facilities. To

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be complete, a high school must offer athletic as well as academic challenges. But if Central is to continue as a viable high school, changes in Central's facilities are necessary.

Athletic improvements have occurred at Central in the last few years. As a result of hardwork and effort by many, Central received a new gym. Construction on the new gym began on September 16, 1977.

The new gym addition is a good start in improving Central's athletic program, but unfortunately more improvements are necessary. Athletes in baseball, track, cross country, football, and tennis still face cramped facilities. Once again, the hard work and effort of many people has

produced some needed relief. Discussion of practice field improvement began in November. The field question was referred to Dana, Larson, Roubal, and Associates in December. Two favorable plans resulted from the feasibility study. The first plan used Central's present facilities. The second plan extended Central's present field by purchasing additional land. On April 10, the Omaha Public School Board voted to continue to seek additional land to extend Central's present field.

Central may gain a new field and become a part of downtown renovation due to the hard work and effort of people who sincerely care about Central's future.

We wish to show our gratitude, as well as the gratitude of Central students, administrators, faculty, and parents, to the many people involved in the improvement of Central.

It is our pleasure to thank the Parent Teacher Student Association, the Future Central Committee, the Central administration and faculty, and the Omaha Public School Board for supporting Central.

Fast food cateries exploit burger

by
Chuck Reed

America is fat. We are an obese, overindulgent, greasy-spooned people who actually enjoy the practice of purchasing those doo-dads so affectionately called hamburgers. Fast food, fast bucks. So goes the good ol' American ingenuity as it oils the joints of the hamburger trade.

Today, the hamburger business is a simplified, scientific, more-or-less-efficient machine that whips out some of the oddest tasting, but cutest looking critters ever contrived in a flurry of fingers.

for saturday night

In the heat of this burger battle we have long-time the grandfather of the fast-food trade, McDonald's, and in a tight second place, the up and coming Burger King. Wendy's broils and fries into third followed by establishments such as Bronco's and Sam's.

An explanation of my procedure:

I purchased a variety of items from McDonald's and Burger King and, while sitting in my living room, counted french fries, dissected sandwiches, weighed meat patties, analyzed various drinks, and consumed all articles after evaluation.

The following results are those concerning tidbits pur-

chased on the night of April 15. All weights are after cooking.

McDonald's main sandwich attraction is the Big Mac. This fellow consists of two meat patties, weighing .15 of a pound, three buns which never waver in the vicinity of .20 of a pound, a generous helping of lettuce, a trite bit of minced onion, and a slice of cheese. The center bun resembles the McDonald's English muffin that you had for breakfast that morning at Mac's. Amazing.

Unfortunately, neither the Big Mac or its cousin, Quarter Pounder (look ahead) are Whopper Toppers, at least value-wise. The Whopper of Burger King is pretty secure on its throne: .17 of a pound of meat, a quarter pound of bun, piles of pickles, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, and a little more than a knife-spread of stimulating sauce. The Whopper is a lot more for only a nickel over the cost of a Big Mac.

McDonald's Quarter-Pounder weighs .17 of a pound after cooking, a decline of some 32 percent from its initial weight. Another shocker indeed.

One of the most entertaining jobs in the world must be sitting in a room thinking up names for fast food restaurants and their hamburgers. The most accurate title to date seems to be the "hamburger." At McDonald's you pay thirty-five cents for their definition of the All-American taste treat "one pickle a drop of both ketchup and mustard, dwarf meat patty that weighs .07 of a pound, and a puffy bun." At Burger King you dish out thirty-nine cents for three more pickles, a lot of mustard, a sesame seed bun, and incredibly enough, a visible meat patty when the sandwich is assembled. It

might just be peeking out, but it's there.

The french fry fight is a hot contest. The regular size sack of these piping hot (odd term) sticks yields around forty fries, many of which are fragments, at both McDonald's and Burger King. Both are thirty-five cents. But McDonald's far exceeds Burger King when it comes to large fry orders. For five cents extra you can get twice the number of fries in a large order at Mac's as there are in their regular size. Burger King (on this night) left their large order of fries outnumbering their regular-size by only a dozen and a half. Cost; fifty cents.

Soft drinks run pretty close in quantity and (of course) quality per cup per store. McDonald's uses chunk ice while Burger King uses cute little hemispheres. McDonald's offers Tab for the sugar-dis-senter; Burger King has sugar-less 7-Up.

Both establishments offer fifty cent milk shakes in the cliché flavors of chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla. Depending on how tired the shakes creator's hand is determines how much extra or less goop you get in your cup at either location.

So, who's got the best darn burger in the whole wide world? I couldn't tell you actually because there are just too many hamburgers in this world of ours. Mom's a fast food establishments', a self-creation; just too many.

If you think that I'm weird sitting in my living room counting french fries on a paper towel, how about you folks who survive on the corner store's creations? Good luck.



Holocaust truth revealed

Over 6,000,000 Jews died in the Holocaust. The numbers are so great they defy belief. It didn't make a difference if both of your parents were Jews, or if your grandmother's grandfather was Jewish, Hitler wanted you dead. The injustice was so great that people today discard the thought of it happening.

The television mini-series, *Holocaust*, brought these and other points to light. Prior to the airing of this show, many people knew something about the Holocaust, but not much. Most people didn't want to learn anything

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more than the fact that 6,000,000 Jews died. Some felt it was too depressing and horrible to learn about. A few felt that Hitler had done the right thing. Almost all believed that it would never happen again.

The Nazis burned schools, houses, and synagogues. These supposedly well-mannered, civilized human-beings blindly murdered and butchered millions of people. "We were only following orders," they cried. Orders to destroy a 5,000 year old civilization.

Yes, Hitler needed a scapegoat to pick on, so he chose the Jews. And yes, the world stood idly by and watched the Nazis slaughter the Jews. That is why people today should care about the Holocaust. That is why today's students should learn about Hitler's attempts to annihilate one of the world's oldest religions.

The world watched the Nazi bestiality of the 1930-40's. All the United States had to do was lift its immigration restrictions and let European Jews into the country. The American law at that time said that only two per cent of the 1920 census of immigrants in the nation at that time could enter the U.S. in one year. A total of 154,000 immigrants would be allowed to enter the country in one year. The immigrants were screened care-

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fully to keep out subversives. (From 1931-40, only about 530,000 immigrants entered the U.S.). We didn't have to enter the war. We didn't have to bomb camps. We didn't have to act like fans at a football game, though. All we had to do was let these homeless victims into our nation, give them a haven of freedom.

Would the United States close its shores today to people running from certain death? Death threatened because of their religion and culture. The inscription on the Statue of Liberty proclaims, "Give me your tired, your poor / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free . . . / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me / I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

The United States didn't follow this policy 40 years ago. Let us hope that, if and when another holocaust occurs, that the U.S. would have learned a lesson from history and not stand uncaring and blind as millions of innocents die.

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Gibson receives national honors

"I hate to fill out forms. I kept the form for the Presidential Scholarship for a month and a half. I got it to the post office seven minutes before the deadline," said Pat Gibson, one of the 121 Presidential Scholars in the United States.

Pat was notified on April 19

Pat will travel to Washington D.C. to personally receive her award from President Carter.

that she was chosen as a Presidential Scholar. "I was not expecting to find out anything this early. The scholarship was in the back of my mind, but it really came when I was not expecting it," said Pat.

Pat will travel to Washington D.C. May 21 to personally receive her award from President Carter. She will stay until May 25 and attend various seminars and other activities

throughout her visit.

President Carter sent Pat a mailgram on April 19 that said the following: "It gives me pleasure to notify you of your selection by the members of the commission on Presidential Scholars as a 1978 Presidential Scholar. Rosalynn and I are proud of your record of superior scholarship and leadership. We hope you will come to Washington May 21-25, during which time you will receive the Presidential Scholars' medallion along with the other 121 scholars chosen from across our nation."

Every year there are two Presidential Scholars from each state, one boy and one girl. Also two students are chosen from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and from American families living abroad; fifteen additional students are selected at large.

Last year Ken Allen, former Centralite and Pat's former debate partner, won the Presiden-

tial Scholarship. It was the first time that Central had two winners in a row.

750 high school seniors are selected to compete for the final competition throughout the United States. They are chosen by the results of their ACT and

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—President Carter

SAT scores. The final selection consists of a series of essays, activities, a list of books and periodicals that the candidate reads, and also a list of honors. Principal G. E. Moller had to write essays and send Pat's transcript to the scholarship committee.

Pat is planning on attending Princeton University next year, and she eventually hopes to become a lawyer or a judge.



photo by Alan Potash

Juniors David White (left) and Susy Mains demonstrate the use of theatrical makeup. Central's play production classes, under the direction of Pegi Stommes, have spent the last month learning the various aspects of stage makeup.

Fund raising out of hand?

Is there too much emphasis on fund raising at Central? Fund raising campaigns by Central organizations have hustled and hustled big money from Central students and faculty this year. But, is fund raising getting out of hand?

Yes, says Jean Rivard, senior class and student council vice president, who participated in ten fund raising campaigns so far this year. Jean said, "Selling has gotten to the point where it is ridiculous."

With the help of other students, Jean organized A Cappella candy, jewelry, and raffle ticket sales; the senior class officer's bake sale; and Student Council's basketball button and raffle ticket sales.

Jean said, "I made the mistake of not realizing what I was getting into; it affected my homework. Too many kids are becoming salesmen instead of students," she said. Jean concluded that she never wanted to hear the word "fund raising" again.

However, Assistant Principal Doug Morrow thinks that the barrage of student selling is a "necessary evil" and that the money obtained justifies the selling activity.

Assistant Principal Al LaGreca sees nothing wrong with trying to sell items to raise

money, but he does feel that there is "too much emphasis on selling."

"We are trying to coordinate it for next year so several organizations won't be selling items all at the same time," he said. Mr. LaGreca added, "Selling is the only way for these organizations to raise funds. I admire those who try."

Principal G. E. Moller doesn't feel there is an excessive amount of selling, even though he has been asked many times to buy products. Dr. Moller said there is less soliciting here than in other schools. But, Dr. Moller feels the selling should also be taken out of the school to public places that will accept selling.

Alternatives to the "man-to-man" selling are few. Jean Rivard suggests that the club members personally donate the funds as a part of club dues; however, a majority of the club members would be unwilling or unable to pay such prices for extracurricular trips.

Another alternative is that the school board allocate funds, but this alternative also is unlikely because OPS is already giving funds to Central's newspaper, debate team, and to girls' athletics program; OPS can't afford more for trip activities, said Dr. Moller.

Gymnasium joins building

On May 15, Central's new gymnasium will be adjoined to the present building. According to Louis Hospodka, foreman of the crew constructing the gym, construction changes will begin in the locker rooms first. "We'll remove the old lockers, floors, tile, and benches from the present dressing rooms, and start replacing them with the new."

As a result, Central's physical education classes will end on May 12. "We'll just concentrate on recreational games like ping-pong and other games that students won't have to change clothes for," said Stan Standifer, a physical education teacher. "There won't be any card playing though!" he added.

An alternative to the adopted plan of recreational games is study hall assignment. "We didn't want to cage the students up like animals, though, so we'll try staying in the gym," said Gary Bailey, another physical education teach-

er. Mr. Bailey also said grading will stop when the classes stop. "All we can do is make sure the students show up but we can't really grade them for anything after the twelfth," he said.

Mr. Hospodka wishes the dressing rooms would have opened earlier. "The weather has really been a problem since we can hardly do anything when it rains," Mr. Hospodka said. "If the dressing rooms would have been open earlier we could have utilized valuable time by working in there when the weather is bad."

But what about the noise? Mr. Hospodka says the students and faculty will just have to cope with the noise. "We'll keep the doors shut, and try to keep it down, but there's still bound to be noise and there's nothing I can do about it." He did say, however, that if the noise becomes intolerable, measures like switching from a jack-hammer to an air hammer will be used.

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Auditions ahead

Seniors must register with their counselor by April 28 to be eligible to try out for Commencement speaker at graduation. The Senior Commencement Speaker auditions for the Class of '78 will be held on May 3, 1978, 3:30 p.m. in room 245.

Administrators, counselors, speech teachers, and senior class officers will judge the auditions. One speaker will be selected.

Speech team wins

The Central speech team posted contestants in every final round of the Nebraska district speech tournament, held Saturday, April 15.

The events were original oratory, boys' extemporaneous speaking, girls' extemporaneous speaking, humorous interpretation, and dramatic interpretation.

The speech squad was the most successful in original oratory. Junior Jim Fishkin advanced to the semi-final round before being eliminated. Senior Jon Krogh and sophomore Mike Lustgarten made it to the final round. Mike finished third.

In boys' extemporaneous speaking senior Ambrose Jackson won third place. Senior Pat Gibson, who will be attending the national debate tournament with partner Barry Epstein, advanced to the final round. Laura Ross, a senior, was in the final round of both humorous interpretation and dramatic interpretation.

Cheerleaders chosen

Varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads for the 1978-79 school year have been chosen.

Varsity cheerleaders include Linda Dye, Lisa Raensch, Geri Jaksich, Peggy Zerse, Jackie Washington, Ann Bienhoff, Denise Haller, Kathy Bohi, Charleen Fulton, and Susy Mains.

Junior varsity cheerleaders include Olivette Pinkard, Dawn Brown, Ann Backer, Sandra Bushey, Vicki Benning, Lisa Peptone, Sheli Jansa, Terri Stilen, and

Linda Cushenbery.

Graduating cheerleaders include Kathy Pluta, Peggy Coonce, JoAnn Sutton, Shari Sorensen, Cindy Coldwell, Harriet Emly, Sally Vrbanac, Teresa Jones, Cynthia Jones, Julie Hembd, Cathy Stimson, and Sue Green.

Gerhard wins honors

Senior Guy Gerhard was awarded the World-Herald Scholarship to University of Nebraska at Omaha. The scholarship, sponsored by the World-Herald, was given on the basis of the results of a general knowledge test given earlier this year.

The test included general math, history, science, and English questions. The participants also wrote an essay.

The \$1,500 per year scholarship can be used as Guy desires. He estimates that costs at UNO will only total \$600-700 per year, leaving him with \$800-900 year extra. Guy plans to major in math.

Singers are chosen

CHS Singers for the 1978-79 year have been chosen. Sopranos include Melissa Canaday, Lori Cox, Lynda Madej, Karma Peterson, and Stacey Stubbs.

Tenors include Mike Greenberg, Howard Marcus, Tim Peters, and James White. Altos include Sue Barna, Erica Means, Judy Reerink, Anne Scott-Miller, and Peggy Zerse. Basses include Mike Gaeddert, Ralph Lloyd, Lann Osborne, and David White.

Robert Schuerman is the accompanist.

New Eaglettes

Eaglettes for the 1978-79 have been chosen. They include Susie Aden, Linda Akiens, Elizabeth Andersen, Kit Barrett, Tracy Bashes, Julie Bolden, Shelly Bye, Mary Car, Monique Gray, Lori Gurcillo, Connie Hill, Teri Mancuso, Darlene McGee, Chantay Moore, Diane Nelson, Bev Pulliam, Susie Reynolds, Missy Slavick, Jenny Tracy, Margaret Whedon.

Citron attends prom

Peter Citron, local critic and columnist, took Central junior Stacy Stubbs to Central's prom.

Accompanying Stacy and her celebrity escort were Central junior Sue Trussell and her date, Steve Kotlarz. The two couples visited the French Cafe in the Old Market for a meal of escargot before the prom.

Mr. Citron chose Stacy for the prom after he found an invitation from her on his refrigerator door. Stacy is a neighbor-friend and part time "house pickerupper" of Mr. Citron.

Mr. Citron has been taking high school girls to proms since 1972 as a part of his "Citron Escort Service." Mr. Citron said, "I do it because it's fun; when it's no more fun I'll cease and desist." A week after the Central prom, Mr. Citron escorted senior Holly Butler from York High to that prom, Mr. Citron's 13th.

Lincoln field trip

Monday, April 3, about 120 Central government students went on a field trip to Lincoln.

Students watched the Legislature in action and listened to speeches by State Senators Bill Brennan, Ernie Chambers, and Dave Newell, all of Omaha, and Frank Lewis of Bellevue.

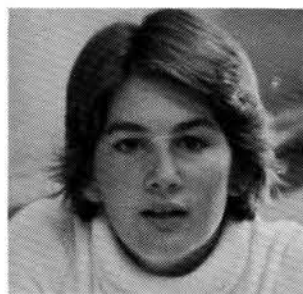
After lunch at Antelope Park, the students toured the Governor's Mansion. Governor James Exon answered questions about abortion, capital punishment, corporal punishment in schools, and his Omaha city sales tax veto.

Central government classes have been taking field trips to Lincoln for about 15 years, said Central government teacher Verona Jerabek.

Team in top half

Central's chess team participated in the National High School Chess Tournament held in Philadelphia, Pa.

The team finished in the upper half of the tournament; Tim Grotheer finished in the upper 25 percent.



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by Kiki Seitzer

Crawling crabs new fad

Remember when everyone owned a pet rock. Well, now the "in" pet is a hermit crab (*Coenobita clypeatus*). "They're so ugly that they're cute," said Jean Milhollin, who works at the Pet Lodge.

Creighton Steiner, Central biology teacher, said that the crabs are opportunistic feeders who eat everything. They eat "people" food including McDonalds hamburgers. "The hermit crabs are sent in from Florida and South America. They usually cost around two and one-half dollars," said Mrs. Milhollin.

Central seniors Robbi Kolnick and Barb Richardson sometimes have hermit crabs crawling around their houses. "When we exercise our crabs outside their cage, our dog goes crazy," said Robbi.

Doggy treat

"Once our crab crawled out of its cage and somehow ended up in our bathroom. My brother saved the crab from our dog who thought that the shell with the crab in it was a doggy treat," said Barb.

Most people find out about hermit crabs from a friend. "I don't know how my roommate at college next year will feel about my crabs. She'll probably be shocked. I just thought it would be easier to carry the crab in a box from school rather than fish in a bowl of water from school to home," said Robbi.

Many pet owners have trouble with their crabs being inactive. Mr. Steiner said the crabs are very timid and shy. "If you mix a little salt into the water, it makes the crabs more active. Also, two crabs living together seemed to be more active than one just living alone," said Mrs. Milhollin.

Steve Nelson, Central art teacher, had troubles with a very stubborn crab. "He went out of his shell and refused to go into another shell. We tried to bribe him out of his hole with apples.

Stubborn about shells

Mr. Nelson's crab eventually died. "The shell must be as light as possible with a circular opening. The crabs are very picky about the shell's size. If they don't find a shell, or if the shell is too big, they will die," said Mrs. Milhollin.

"My crab switched shells without letting me see the process. I was mad," said Robbi. Recently, I also, bought two hermit crabs.

The crabs, named Graham (for musician Graham Nash) and Guillermo (for tennis player Guillermo Vilas), haven't given me any trouble. Of course, they haven't moved from their precious corner.

Since hermit crabs are nocturnal, much scratching goes on at night. The first night, I was really afraid when I heard the strange noises. I kept forgetting that it was just Graham and Guillermo having a fun time.

The crabs are fun pets to watch and talk to. When I get tired of talking to my plants, I just start discussing my problems with Graham. He makes a great psychologist.

Mr. Moller to finish Ph.D work at University of Kansas

"I came to Central with the idea of staying four or five years. I've gotten the experience I wanted, and now is the time to move on," said Central band director Lynn Moller.

This June ends his fifth year here at Central. Next year, Mr. Moller will be at the University

qualified for a number of music-related professions, which include college teaching and conducting.

According to Mr. Moller, there has been a change in attitude among students here at Central over the years. He attributes this change to the de-

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— Mr. Moller

of Kansas in Lawrence, at a part-time position while finishing his Ph.D in music education, conducting, and trombone performance.

"I hope to get enough training to do what I want to do, so that I will never have to apologize to anyone about what I'm doing," said Mr. Moller. With his doctorate, Mr. Moller will be

cine in enrollment. "Years ago, there was a larger enrollment, and with this came more flexibility, but now we are limited just because of the size of the groups."

Financial limitation is also a problem. Most supplies as well as the extras are provided by the activities fund and money raised by the band members.



'Too tired' blues hit Central

Buried under the covers, you can barely hear the familiar, dreaded buzz of the alarm clock. The immediate reaction is to crawl deeper into the quiet, warm bed, but the clock just keeps ringing.

But most students fight the urge to sleep in, and come to school on time. If, however, students oversleep, they get more than rest; they are "tardy."

Oversleeping seems to be the main reason students are tardy, says attendance office secretary Jackie Mock. Shaunti Briggs, who says she is tardy "all the time," says "I can't tell God when to wake me up."

Oversleep

Usually, being tardy means missing some or all of homeroom. But Sonya Kelley, Central student, feels, "homeroom is not really that important."

Is that extra sleep worth it? Is it really that important to be on time?

Irene Eden, head counselor, thinks punctuality is important. "The tardy student is forming a habit that will be costly," she says. Arnold Weintraub, Central teacher, agrees. "Employers look at a student's tardy record."

Warning

But Richard Jones, assistant principal, believes that "stricter rules aren't the answer."

The current tardy policy, as related by Al LaGreca, assistant principal, is: a letter goes to the parent after four tardies. After five or six, the student is warned by his or her administrator, and upon the seventh tardy, a parent conference is called. At the tenth tardy there is another conference, and on rare cases a student will be temporarily suspended after more than ten tardies.

Not strict

Nancy Swanda, Central sophomore who is late "once in a while," feels this policy is not

too strict." Teresa Stonys, also a sophomore, says, "I was tardy once. I think tardy kids are treated fairly."

Having parent conferences has minimized tardiness, say both Miss Eden and Mr. LaGreca. "Since we started having the conferences, however, there has been neither an increase or a decrease in the number of tardies," says Mr. Jones. "Schools have gone as far as they can to help the problem," says Miss Eden.

Tardiness serious

The real problem of tardiness goes deeper than oversleeping. G. E. Moller, Central principal, thinks the main reason for continuous tardiness is that "some people don't care about being on time." Miss Eden says, "Students should be more serious when it comes to tardies." Frank Maggio, a security aide, feels tardy students "have to get on the ball."

Teacher recalls Israel background

Nurit Gafni, Central Hebrew teacher, can't forget the 1967 Arab-Israeli War. She was seventeen years old and living in Tel Aviv, the largest city in Israel.

"It was in the morning, June 6, 1967," she relates. "I was in a bus on my way to school to take a math examination. My friend was with me and we heard the sirens. We saw people running out of houses and we knew it was a real, true siren."

Explosions

"We ran to a theatre, into the basement used as a shelter, and stayed there for many hours. All we could hear were noisy rockets and missiles."

When she felt it was safe, Mrs. Gafni went home. She found her father and sister in the shelter he had built in their

yard. She joined them, and "we stayed there until late in the evening. It was very noisy from the rockets." Finally they went inside, but kept the blackout curtains pulled down. The war ended six days later, leaving her with a memory American kids have never experienced — their country at war.

Draft mandatory

Mrs. Gafni feels "being surrounded by war, above your head and around your body," and having a boyfriend and a father fighting in the war makes Israelies a little more mature. "But," she adds, "kids are kids, no matter where they come from. Since Israel is not a communist country, there is the same desire for money as in America."

She said, "Israeli kids have

the same interests as American kids: movies, music, and making friends." There is a busy social life in Israel, Mrs. Gafni says, and many kids belong to clubs. But there is a serious side to life in Israel, as well.

Every eighteen-year-old must go into the Army.

Israelis mature

According to Mrs. Gafni, this mandatory draft meets with very little opposition. The reason, she says, is "we realize the importance of defending our borders. We need an army to survive. It's easier to say 'yes, I want to go' when we know the purpose — we know how close our Arab neighbors are. We don't know our future, but we know we have to go (to the Army), and we know why."

popular with the students, yet if he feels there is sufficient educational value in a piece, he will overlook its unpopularity.

Among Mr. Moller's duties here at Central is providing a pep band for the season's athletic events. "Once a week is sufficient . . . It gets to be

since the participants fail to concentrate on rehearsals, at least half the time is wasted," he said.

Mr. Moller takes the band on a yearly trip to a marching contest held in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium. Marching bands come from all over the

"When schools like North High become mini magnets for music, Central is kind of left out financially."

— Mr. Moller

kind of a drag after a while, especially if there's something like Road Show rehearsal on top of it. It gets to be an exploitation of the students, and me, to a certain extent," he said.

Road Show, Central's annual talent show, is not a big problem for Mr. Moller, the show's director and advisor. He said he enjoys doing the show, but

state to perform and be judged. This year, however, Central's band did not participate, due to lack of funds. A \$750 debt remains from the purchase of new uniforms last summer.

Through the years, Mr. Moller has always enjoyed a close relationship with members of the band and orchestra.

Central's top sophomore

Central's Reynold McMeen has been selected as Sophomore of the Year by the Exchange Club of Omaha.

Each year, the Exchange Club, a businessmen's organization, honors one sophomore from each area high school on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership, and service to the community.

Reynold, along with the other chosen sophomores, was honored on April 25th at a luncheon at the Hilltop House. There, he received a certificate and had his name engraved onto a plaque that is placed in the school office.

Helpful award

Reynold said, "It was a real surprise to me. I really appreciate the fact that this award exists." Reynold also hopes the award will help him later, and that "it should really help me in college."

Reynold's father, Central music teacher Robert McMeen, was also happy. "I was very pleased with the news. We like to encourage him. I want him to be active in organizations and activities; it's a part of the

learning process."

According to Mr. McMeen, Reynold still has had to limit the number of activities he has been involved in. "He has to stop and reevaluate his goals," said Mr. McMeen.

Committee selection

A committee of Central counselors annually selects the representative for Sophomore of the Year. The counselors judge each candidate on their athletic and academic achievements during the year. Reynold's counselor, Kevin Moran, described the committee's work as a "tough job. It's hard to judge sophomores since they've only been here one year," he said.

According to Mr. Moran, the committee finally decided upon Reynold because of his scholastic achievement level and his participation in organizations.

Reynold is a member of band and junior choir. He has acted in both the fall musical and Road Show. He was also a member of the golf team and chairman of the Sophomore Spirit Committee. Reynold maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

OPS retains quality

The Omaha Public Schools are in good shape, say five OPS administrators after returning from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Convention.

The convention was held in Chicago, April 10-12.

Attending the convention were G. E. Moller, Central principal; Leonard Hanson, South principal; Jack Hallstrom, Northwest principal; Edward Klima, Burke principal; and Norbert Schuerman, executive director of general administration for OPS.

The North Central Association is an accrediting agency which attempts to maintain

Dr. Moller served on the committee that reviewed credentials from the Illinois Schools. Papers are submitted first to the individual state consultants, then to the regional convention.

Dr. Moller said, "It was very interesting to compare Nebraska and Omaha schools to those in Illinois. However, it intrigued and saddened me a bit that most of those schools spend more on their libraries than we do here in Omaha."

Dr. Schuerman studied the Missouri schools and served on a committee discussing the problems of large cities.

"I think when you compare Omaha's problems to other urban districts, we are doing very well," he said.

Dr. Hanson reiterated Dr. Schuerman's feelings. "The Omaha Schools are in pretty good shape with finances and problems we face. We don't have teacher strikes, huge deficits, drastic enrollment declines or some of the other difficulties various cities have."

Dr. Klima was also impressed with one of the convention's speakers, a Congressman from Michigan, William Ford, who

"The Omaha schools are in pretty good shape with finances and problems we face."

— Dr. Hanson

emphasized that politicians must hear from all educators, not just the professional lobbyists.

"We have the same problems Congress has in hearing what education bills should be passed," said Dr. Klima. "We have troubles trying to get parents to tell us what kind of education they want their kids to have. It is disappointing to announce PTA meetings, saying we're going to discuss scheduling, and only 25 people show up."

Mr. Hallstrom, summing up the feelings of all the convention participants, said "We always feel good about OPS; it appears we're on the right track."



An unusual sight, quiet buses.

photo by Alan Potash

Daily bus rides may be harrowing

It is 7:40 A.M., and the bus pulls up to the corner. The folding door opens and the student stepping in is assailed by the musty plastic smell, the blast of pop music, and the voices of other students. He quickly finds a seat as the bus moves on to other stops.

Approximately 60 students ride school buses to and from Central. Some of the passengers enjoy the ride while others see it as their last resort to get to school. The reasons for their feelings are varied. The trip can be a harrowing experience. As a bus hits a chuckhole, students fly from their seats. There can be disagreements and disturbances. Occasionally a bus is ten to 60 minutes late.

Often passengers are upset because they must ride an old bus without a radio. These buses have manual transmissions that make for an even rougher ride.

Radio disputes

Students disagree over the use of the AM radio. The yell, "Change the station!" is often heard coming from the back of the bus. Most passengers agree with the song. But others would rather listen to the news. Remarks one junior, "How can I study for a news quiz when they have the driver flip over the news all the time?"

Still others feel the radio is too loud. Nearly all are disappointed when they board a

bus without a radio. Coral Senle, assistant manager of the City School Bus Service, says that OPS specified that there will be AM radios on the buses.

She believes that administrators felt that the music would pacify the students. "The kids will sit and listen rather than hassle the driver," she explains.

Students feel that some drivers are unfair in their disciplinary actions. Remarks one passenger, "Our driver can be unreasonable. Sometimes he just picks someone out."

Drivers' problems

But drivers have problems to contend with. A few students smoke cigarettes and marijuana on the bus. The most extreme action that a driver can take is to write a referral on a student. He can use no physical force and may not make a student get off the bus. Due process protects the student because the driver must see him actually smoking.

The most popular drivers are those who are entertaining. One passenger says she likes her driver because "he has a good personality, and he isn't real strict." One legendary driver sang along with the radio. At Christmas time he performed "White Christmas" a cappella. His "Have a nice day!" made him famous.

Drivers are opinionated, too. Mrs. Senle says, "Ironically, considering what some go

through, the majority like their jobs." Although some drivers have had bad experiences with students, a few are planning end of the year parties for their passengers. Groups of students have bought presents for their drivers. Mrs. Senle explains that each day is a challenge to a driver. He never knows what to expect from students, the weather, or the traffic.

A message

However, at least one driver feels unappreciated. Steve Berry, who drives bus 119 to and from Central, has displayed in his bus a sign reading:

*We, The Willing,
Led by the Unknowing,
Are Doing the Impossible
For the Ungrateful.
We Have Done So Much
For So Long
With So Little
We Are Now Qualified
To Do Anything
With Nothing!*

Nevertheless, Mr. Berry does admit that he enjoys his job and the students who ride with him. He says that most of his passengers are well behaved and that, "basically they're pretty cool."

At the end of the day, the school bus comes rumbling to a halt. The student climbs down. He may give a sigh as he watches the yellow vehicle lumber on, music streaming from its windows and heads bobbing as it hits another pothole.

Math team shows superiority

"The Central Math Team worked hard to win the Westside College Bowl," said Virginia Pratt, math department head. Sixteen schools competed. Each school sent a four man team. Central's team consisted of Dan Olsen, Pat Gibson, Guy Gerhard, and Roger Crutchfield.

The tournament consisted of four rounds lasting one-half hour each. Each of two teams was given a buzzer. Questions were read off and the contestant who buzzed first received the

first opportunity to answer. If the contestant answered correctly, the team also had a chance for a bonus question.

A wrong answer brought a deduction of the team's points. "The scores showed Central's team won easily," Miss Pratt said.

The results for the state math tournament have not been announced. The team representing Central consisted of Guy Gerhard, Iris Engelson, and Craig Walker.

"The scores on the test were strong, but whether they were strong enough to win will have to be seen," Miss Pratt said.

Guy and Iris scored 90's and Craig scored an 87. "The top three scores of the school made up the team," said Miss Pratt.

March 22, Dan Olsen, Guy Gerhard, Virgil Miller, David Marang, Mark Shaw, and Ken Rihanev competed in the North High Invitational.

"I'm very hopeful for next year," Miss Pratt said. "Central has some very fine math students who will be able to compete next year," said Miss Pratt.

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Ancient sport

Canoeing is one of America's oldest sports. Before the Spanish brought the horse to North America in the 16th century, the canoe was the American Indian's primary source of transportation. The canoe was unique to North America; it was used by men from Prince Edward Island to the Eskimos of Alaska, by Indians from Manitoba to Mississippi.

To most Nebraskans, canoeing means a leisurely trip down the Platte or Niobrara Rivers, or racing in the Missouri River Canoe Regatta (this race precedes its more famous relative, the Labor Day Great Missouri River Raft Regatta). Nebraska is definitely not canoe country; it lacks the good white-water rivers that make river canoeing a challenge, and lacks good lakes for canoeing.

Closer than you think

Nebraskans are closer to a good canoeing area than they think because 700 miles north of Omaha is the finest lake canoeing area in North America, and most likely, the world. Located on the Minnesota-Ontario border is the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). The state of Minnesota is famous for having 10,000 lakes. At least 2,000 of these lakes are in the BWCA. Natives of the Gopher state call it "God's country," which it most definitely is.

Lake canoeing is quite different from river canoeing. The lakes in the BWCA are close together. They are linked by portages (paths between lakes) ranging from 10 to 515 rods. A rod is 16½ feet, 320 rods to the mile. You portage a canoe by placing it on your shoulders and then walking with it overhead. The first time you see someone portaging a canoe, it looks as if there is a pair of legs walking with a canoe for a head. Since the canoe is balanced evenly, and a padded yoke takes some of the wear and tear off of your shoulders, portaging a canoe is much simpler than it sounds. That is, of course, once you get the hang of it.

Start young

I was 13 the first time I portaged a canoe. I weighed 90 pounds; the canoe weighed 75. I had to have someone help me flip the Grumman onto my shoulders. My tripping counselor gave me a pat of encouragement, and said, "Just start walking, Jim. If you need help, I'm right in front of you." Although it was a mere 38 rod portage, I had to stop once to rest. I have since learned to do a "one-man flip," and have taken the canoe over portages measuring more than 400 rods.

If you go to the BWCA, don't worry about drinking water. You can have as much as you like — a whole lakeful if you wish. That's right, the water in almost all the lakes is clean enough to drink without purifying it.

God's country

The BWCA is one of the most beautiful and majestic areas I have ever seen. It features towering pines and a rolling landscape. Although the portages are well made and marked, during a rainy summer they are filled with puddles and swamps. I have gone diving off 45 foot cliffs and climbed to the top of a 150 foot plateau to watch the sun set.

So, Omahans, the opportunity is there for you to take advantage of. A fantastic recreation area is only one day's drive away.

A moment in Central sports history

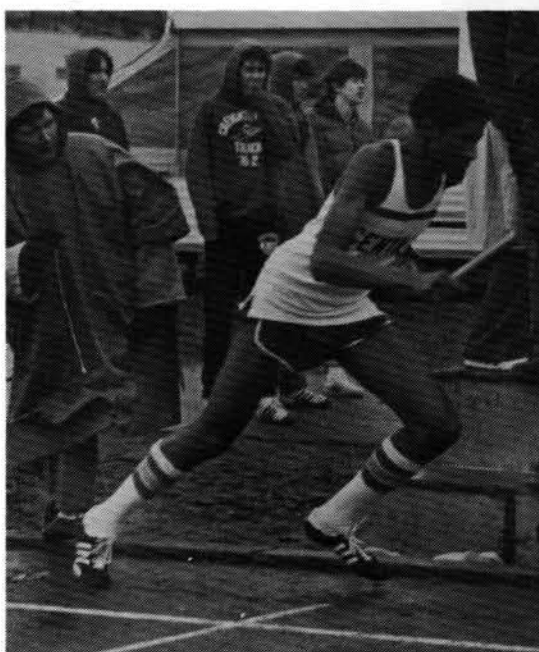
The 1960's weren't the best of times for America, but for Central track teams you might label those years the roaring sixties.

Those years saw the likes of jumper Gale Sayers, sprinter Terry Williams, and the hurdling Orduna brothers, Joe and Vince, blaze the track and field scene for the Eagles.

During the sixties, Central trackmen tacked 13 performances on Nebraska's all-time record charts. Today, those marks plus Steve Blair's 180 low hurdle time of 19.3 in 1975, put Central on top for the most all-time best marks in the state with 14.

Now in 1978, Blair's hurdle clocking sits as Central's only performance to reach the chart in the seventies.

Last Orduna on Central track team



Paul Orduna — they call him Secretariat because of his stride.

by

Dan Goodwin

Paul Orduna didn't go out for track last season at Lewis and Clark Junior High to maintain his family's reputation.

Experience

"One day, when I'm older, I don't want to look back in my life and say I wish I would have done this or that," said Paul, a sophomore here at Central. "I want to experience many things while I'm still young."

Though he didn't like running at first, Paul said he didn't quit because he'd feel guilty towards himself.

"I want to win some medals and possibly run the quarter mile in the forties (seconds). I'll quit when I feel personally satisfied with myself," he stated.

Not interested

Neither of Paul's parents were able to participate in track during high school. "They didn't have girls' track when I was in school and John (Paul's father, Rev. John Orduna, Sr.) always worked," said Doris Orduna, Paul's mother.

His brothers' and sister's interest in track just came naturally, but Paul's decision to run came as a surprise to his family. "He was never interested in track," said Mrs. Orduna. "When

he decided to run, we told him he'd be compared to his brothers and just to do the best that he could. That's all we expected from all our children," she added.

Secretariat

Paul doesn't believe people expect more of him even though he is sometimes compared to his brothers. "I'm not bothered by their success; I like it," he said.

So far Paul has made a name for himself among his fellow teammates. They call him Secretariat because of his long, racehorse-smooth strides.

In only two seasons of track, Paul has cut six seconds off his previous best 440 yard clocking. He's down to 55.0 and isn't showing any signs of slowing down. With Paul's attitude and raw ability, eventually he may add another Orduna to Central record books.

Three hold marks

Three Ordunas have already set numerous school and state records, mostly in the hurdles.

Joe, who graduated in 1966, still holds the 120 high hurdle record at 14.0. He also held the school pole-vault mark until last year. Today, the former All-Big Eight Nebraska back and ex-professional footballer is district manager for a religious businessmen's chapter in Granada Hills, California.

Vince, a 1968 grad, holds the school 180 low hurdle record and was a member of Central's two all-time best 880 relay teams in 1967 and 1968. He also ran the highs one tenth of a second slower than Joe. Vince tried college for awhile, but he went on to join the service and went to Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. He now makes his home in Harlington, Texas, as a highway patrolman.

Perhaps the best of the Orduna track clan was from the female side of the family. Paul's sister Juanita wound up her career in 1974 with two state championship titles in the 80 low hurdles and several meet records. She still resides in Omaha and is a commercial underwriter for Etna Insurance Company and a student at Bellevue College.

Millionaire

Though Paul appears to be following his family's successful ways on and off the track, his aspirations in life may be slightly above their level. "My hobby is collecting coins and stamps. Possibly, one day I might become a millionaire," he said.

short shots

Boys' Track

So far this season the Eagles are 4-2 in dual meets and they placed second in the Westside Invitational track meet. With only 30 men out for track, Central gives up several points to opposing teams in vacant events, but "overall the team consists of a well-balanced bunch of dedicated athletes," said Mr. James.

The nucleus of the Eagles' strength lies in the sprinting corps, led by Marion Collins. As a sophomore, Collins recorded a personal best of 9.9 in the 100 yard dash. Last year he went to the 440 to avoid injury and ran a 50.3, placing fifth in state. This year, he's been running both dashes.

Collins is also part of Central's 880 yard relay team with James Davis, Mark Patten, and Danny Goodwin. The team holds the third fastest time in the state with a 1:33.0. The mile relay of Paul Orduna, David Johnson,

Gary Flaxbeard, and Luther Harris is also fairly strong and is improving. Orduna, a sophomore, is the brother of Joe and Vince.

The hurdlers also show promise in the lows and highs with Johnson, Robert Barnett, and Oscar Pulliam, while Harold Rose, Norris Peterson, and Virgil Miller help provide some balance in the middle and long distances.

Houlton Competes

Barb Houlton, Central sophomore, practices gymnastics three times a week at University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Barb practices with the Nebraska School of Gymnastics two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and four hours on Sunday. Both the coaching and facilities are better at Lincoln, Barb said.

Barb started gymnastics at Omaha Sokol. She has also been in Gymnastics Gems and Omaha School of Gymnastics. "Gymnastics give

personal satisfaction and are fun," Barb said.

Barb was Central's only gymnast to qualify for the state tournament this year. She placed seventh on the balance beam.

JV Baseball

"Although we have lost our first three games, we have really hit the ball well. If we expect to do well, we have to improve our defense," JV baseball coach Paul Semrad said.

Actually, the team has lost seven games this season; they have suffered through four rainouts. "The weather has really hurt us. All we have been able to do is throw the ball around in the gym," the coach said. "This especially affects our defense. It is really hard to improve when you can't get outside to practice."

The squad plays A.L. today at home. Their next game is with South on May 1, at South.

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