



Homecoming queen announced tonight

Crowning of Central's 1975 Homecoming Queen will highlight the halftime festivities tonight at 8 o'clock during the game with Brainerd. One of five senior girls will be crowned.

Candidates are Sandie Davis, Karen Kile, Amy Thomas, Suzanna Timberlake, and Cheryl Williams. They will be escorted by Jimmy Garren, Russ King, Mitchell Halstone, Harold Mitchell, and David Davis, respectively.

Candidates were nominated by the senior class, and the entire student body voted on the nominees.

Sandie is a military sponsor, captain of the rifle squad, treasurer of the gym staff, a member of Y-Teens, Future Homemakers of America, Disc and Diamond, and the Student Advisory Committee.

Karen is president of the Student Council, a military sponsor, a member of Y-Teens, Tri-Hi-Y, Disc and Diamond, Student Advisory Committee, and Office Staff.

Amy is editor-in-chief of the Digest, a member of the flag squad, Y-Teens, vice-president of Future Homemakers of America, Girls' State Alternate, Disc and Diamond, military sponsor, and is on the JoAnn Teen Board.

Suzanna is head majorette, editor-in-chief of the Champion, treasurer of Student Council, mili-

tary sponsor, a member of Y-Teens, Student Advisory Committee, Senate, French Honor Society, and the National Honor Society.

Cheryl is head cheerleader, vice-president of Y-Teens, vice-president of Guidance Staff, corresponding secretary of Student Council, Sergeant-at-arms of Tri-Hi-Y, chaplain of Math Club, Gym Staff, National Honor Society, and a Girls' State Delegate.

Mr. John Kazy, Central alumni president, will crown the Homecoming Queen, and Annie Owen, the 1974 Homecoming Queen, will assist him.

The Homecoming dance will be held from 10-12 p.m. in the school commons. Amphibus, the band that played for the 1974-1975 Junior-Senior Prom, will provide the music. Refreshments will be provided by council members and other students.

Pictures will be made by Mr. Delbert Hale, principal of Brown Middle School. The cost is \$4.50 and should be paid at the dance. Homecoming corsages may be purchased from gym staff members. The cost this year will be \$2.50. Corsages will be yellow mums with purple Cs in the middle and connected with a purple sash.

"Homecoming is our first activity of the year and we hope many will attend to give support to upcoming events being held in the future," stated Karen Kile, president of the Student Council.



SPRIT SPARKERS—Awaiting tonight's festivities are the five nominees for Homecoming Queen. Candidates are, from left, Amy Thomas, Karen Kile, Sandie Davis, Cheryl Williams, and Suzanna Timberlake.

Teachers ask board for increase in pay

Some 750 Hamilton County teachers met September 18 at Red Bank High School to ask the County Board of Education for an increase in the current pay rate of 3.73 percent to 7 percent.

The teachers' basic argument is that with today's high cost of living, the pay raise of 3.73 percent is not sufficient to cover their expenses. James Booth, president

of Hamilton County Education Association (HCEA), noted in his editorial in Action that the cost of living has soared to 12.4 percent this year alone.

As a result of the Thursday meeting, plans were made to request the necessary money from the Hamilton County Board on October 1.

In opposition to what the teachers have proposed, County Judge Don Moore said that he does not see any way to obtain the \$530,000 that is needed for the pay raises. He also said that the county tax levy of \$1.65 per \$100 property (that was adopted last June) could not be changed until the next fiscal year. Moore stated in an interview that the salary problems of the teachers "point up again the economic unsoundness of maintaining two separate

school systems within the county.

Teachers are also concerned about the 7 percent pay raise given to general county officials while restricting them to the lower figure. Another argument given by the teachers is that top county officials are receiving a pay increase of 11 percent—which was authorized by legislation linking the officials' pay to the cost of living.

There are rumors of a teacher strike. If pay demands are not met and strikes across the nation have gotten results, Mr. Eriskine People, chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Education, said, "I don't know whether they will strike or not. If they did it would be their privilege. I would hope they would take into consideration the effect it would have on the students."

Seniors elect class officers; candy sale set for November

Senior class elections were recently held, and officers are beginning their various duties and responsibilities. Among the projects planned are the annual junior-senior candy sale in November along with various activities for our biennial year.

Regular attendance, good conduct grades, and an overall grade average of C are among the qualifications that a candidate must have. Miss Ogle stated, "A class officer must give his time and have a willingness to work for the class."

Any student who was interested in an office turned in a petition, stating his qualifications. This is the fourth year that this election system has been used.

Candidates were the four students who received the highest numbers of votes from the preliminary balloting held in English classes. Eight candidates were chosen for marshals.

Students voted for the candidates on a secret ballot after hearing speeches presented by candidates in the commons, and members of the bank staff counted the votes. Majority vote of the class must be received before a candidate can be elected.

Class presidents are members of the Student Advisory Committee, and they speak during the Senior Day Program. Along with Miss Ogle, the officers will work to assist in the coordination of graduation activities and also select a class gift. Both the junior and senior officers help organize the junior-senior prom.

Miss Marjorie Ogle will serve as the senior class sponsor along with Suzanne Jones, class officer.



NEW FACES—The recently elected senior class officers are, from left, Rick Hansard, president; Suzanne Jones, treasurer; Cathy Coe, secretary; Doug Ward, vice-president.

Student Council launches plans for new school year

With the recent election of 50 new homeroom representatives and 11 officers elected last spring, the Student Council has started plans for the year.

This year officers are Karen Kile, president; Ray Eskinger, vice-president; Suzanna Timberlake, treasurer; Suellen Rodgers and Cheryl Williams, marshals; Sue Hertle and Jeanne McSherrin, chaplains; Donna Knowles, social chairman; Bruce Moore, parliamentarian; Gina Schillaci, sergeant-at-arms; and Monica Evans, program chairman.

Mrs. J. C. Robbins, co-sponsor of the organization, said, "The purpose of the Student Council is to better conditions involving students and administration." To meet this challenge the council meets every Wednesday morning in B-105.

Plans for this year include a Homecoming and Christmas dance. The annual Sadie Hawkins shindig is also sponsored by the Student Council in the spring. President Karen Kile said, "We are also planning a special project for spirit week this year."

Entering freshmen were hosted at an orientation session conducted by the council. Club presidents gave two minute talks, explaining membership requirements and procedures.

Students with problems, suggestions, or ideas are encouraged to speak with their homeroom representative who will bring up the matter at the next meeting.

The Central High School Student Council is a member of the National Association of Student Councils and the Tennessee Association of Student Councils.

Teachers strike—a possibility

For the first time in years teachers of Hamilton County are actively expressing discontent over salaries.

Although much of their protest centers around inadequacy of pay in relation to the rise in cost of living, a great deal of their dissatisfaction lies in the inequitable distribution of salary increases in regard to other county employees.

Top officials in Hamilton County received their first paycheck in September indicating an 11 per cent cost-of-living increase.

County Judge Moore benefited the most from the pay increase. His salary was hiked from \$32,000 to \$36,000. Yet Mr. Moore has stated that to meet the teachers' demands is impossible.

It is not time for officials in this area to recognize the importance of those who are responsible for education and pay them accordingly?

Teachers' demands for salary increases are often viewed in a negative light by officials and citizens. However, if salaries of persons in business with comparable education and experience were reviewed, they would be found to be much higher. A Hamilton County teacher with a Master's Degree and ten years experience is paid \$11,270. A teacher with 15 years experience and a Ph.D. receives only \$13,685. A business executive with equal education and experience would receive considerably more. In many cases industrial blue collar workers with far less education have already surpassed the ten thousand dollar bracket.

We think teachers have a legitimate request and deserve a raise. They not only deserve it but need it. The congressional budget office says that prices are likely to keep going up. If so, their 3.7 per cent raise is certainly inadequate.

Since the county is responsible for providing money for salary increases, our solution is to recall the 11 per cent raise given to top officials. It should then be redistributed to give teachers and officials an equal pay raise. As a last resort the school board should consider a reallocation of its funds with the possible use of capital outlay money.

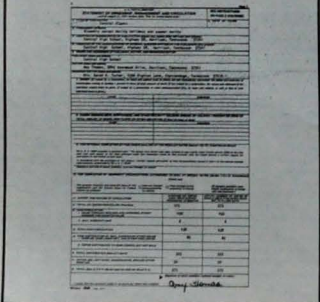
At the movies Can Caan can 'em?

by Debbie Claiborne

They metal a ball of sweat, heavy heads spinning along at 120 miles per hour, motorcycle racing, fighting roller-skaters, and a general "best heads" attitude, and the outcome is Norman Jewison's brainchild, "Rollerball."

The movie is set in a "could-be-near" future world that is ruled by corporations. As an outlet for human violence, the government concocted a televised game, (massacre) Rollerball.

When James Caan, king of the ring, is champion for a number of seasons in a row, the top corporate boss, portrayed by John Houseman, commands that Caan is to have an early retirement. The bewildered superstar refuses to let his team down, Caan's disobe-



Alan 'Elvis' Presley—Live from Central High School!

By Lesli Dural

Girls scream at the sight of him as he sings and dances in his studied, tightly-fitted black suit. He lives in a collection of album which include songs such as "You Ain't Nothing But a Hound Dog" and "Kentucky Rain." His dog comes running to the name of Elvis, Central's Elvis Presley.

As the famous singer puts his hit into his own music, he sings with diligence to perfect the movements, songs, and expression of the King of Rock and Roll. Alan knows most of the songs included in his extensive "Elvis" record collection by heart. He has watched the famous performer closely during the four concerts he has attended. Alan says, "After I see him perform a song, I try to remember how to do it."

Alan regrets that he only has 41 of Elvis' albums. Included in his collection is every recording the singer has made since 1969. His favorite is "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You," one of Elvis' newer hits.

He first became interested in imitating Elvis in the sixth grade. Until then, he had never cared much for the singer. After his mother bought "Elvis" at Madison Square Garden," Alan began to sing along with the recording. While at a friend's house one evening he started singing with an Elvis tape that was playing, and his friends were amazed with the similarities between the two in performing.

Since that time, Alan has watched his act many times at parties and pageants. He has interviewed on "The Morning Show" where he

Go ride a kite?

Flying not just for birds

by Bob Whittle

It's a bird, it's a plane—no... it's a hang-glider!

Any person that the area of Mount Aetna on a Sunday afternoon may find himself startled to see a person hanging beneath the string of a multi-colored kite drifting slowly to earth.

Hang-gliding is a fast growing sport which was originally developed by Frances Roggli prior to the time the Wright Brothers invented the first glider.

It was reintroduced on the west coast about six or seven years ago, and due to its fast growing popularity, it may eventually become a part of the Olympics.

The process of learning to hang-glide is very easy. Lessons are given at Crystal Caverns flight park under the supervision of well-experienced hang-glider pilots. The cost of the lessons is about \$55, which includes approximately three hours of classroom study and eight hours on the training hill at Mount Aetna. To become an experienced hang-glider usually takes about one year, which isn't long when one considers acquiring the ability to soar off the ground controlling flight with the body.

pantomimed two of Elvis' hits. Mrs. Judy Corn, hostess was also surprised at the likeness of the two Elvises.

One of the most exciting events in Alan's life was meeting Mrs. Minnie Hickman Jr., Elvis' song writer. Alan asked Mrs. Hickman a special favor—to have Elvis sing "The Wonder of You" during his next concert—and she came through.

Public performances can sometimes have embarrassing moments. Alan recalls that while singing at a Chattanooga Valley pageant, his belt fell off and for "I just went over and picked it

up," he laughed, "and the audience laughed with me."

His other interests include football, G-C-Club, girls, window learning, and girls.

Alan, number 41 on the field, is often praised for his outstanding football performances. His positions are running back and defensive back. He was chosen Super Sophomore two seasons ago, and was the first junior in his class to receive the coveted Mike Perkins Award.

Alan can be found performing each Friday night on the football field for Pounder fans. And for Rock and Roll fans, watch for his next performance as "Elvis."



TWO OF A KIND—Alan Presley stands ready at a moment's notice to mirror the rock star, Elvis Presley.

In preparation for the actual flight, one should put on protective clothing and a hard hat. The most important rule to remember is to obey the wind.

The safety of hang-gliders is often questioned. Jim Wilson, president of the Crystal Caverns flight park, said, "It's as safe as the pilot himself. It's just like flying an airplane."

The federal government as yet requires no license for hang-gliders, but considering the sport's increasing popularity and the fact that other types of aircraft must be licensed, hang-gliders in the future may well face federal regulations some kind.

Hang-gliders range in cost from about \$500 to \$900. They are of various colors and are classified in the following three different styles: The Standard Roggli, used by most beginners; the High-Performance Roggli, used by most professionals and instructors; and the Open Roggli, mostly employed in open competition.

So far 25 to 30 thousand people participate in the excitement of hang-gliding, and interest seems to be building each year. Property of Central High School Library

Central Sounders strive for perfection while performing

"The Central High School marching band presents 'The Central Sound of Chattanooga'..." can be heard every Friday night by fans during the halftime activities of football games.

Practice sessions for these weekly presentations began two weeks before the opening of school and were held each morning from 8:30 to 12 o'clock.

Now that football season is underway, the marching band is involved in regular classroom practice as well as several hours after school two days a week.

Mr. Roger Wolfe, band director, stated, "The marching band is as good as last year's. The flags and majorettes have improved, and the rifles, who were good last year, are doing a great job." He also explained that the attitude is better this year and band members are really trying harder.

"Because of the lack of financial support from the school and parents," Mr. Wolfe said, "then we have to organize the Band Parents Association." The organization will try to raise needed money for the band by special service projects. Funds are necessary for purchasing band uniforms, which cost \$180 each, for buying instruments, and for financing trips to festivals.

Marching at the Tri-State Festival on October 11 at Bradley County High is one trip for which the band has already begun practice. They will be judged in three categories: playing ability, marching ability and overall effect.

"Another concert festival will be held at Knoxville in March. Other possibilities are the Orlando Concert Band Festival and the Six Flags Concert Band Festival in May.

If the band participates in the Orlando festival, a tape must be sent to the judges. The only requirements for the band must have received a superior rating in last year's festival.

"We plan to improve the quality of our band in every way possible and have already put in many long hours of work. Concerns me, however, that although excellence in performance is recognized, school-wide for activities such as athletics, often very little is said about the contributions of the ROTC. Regarding the ROTC, we usually receive greater response from visitors at away games than at home. We seem to be taken for granted, and it would make members of the band and myself feel better if our efforts were recognized and appreciated," stated Mr. Wolfe.

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Attractive addition Steps, sidewalks complete

Two flights of concrete steps from the parking lots, additional sidewalks, and a concrete pad around the flag pole have been constructed in different areas around the school.

Construction was made possible through a \$4000 donation from the Campus Beautification Fund.

Since the move to the new Central site, students and teachers have found many areas of the campus, primarily parking lots, hard to reach except by cutting across or taking longer routes.

Cutting across grassed areas around the vegetation to die and also tracked excessive amounts of dirt into the building especially in rainy weather. Dr. Hobart Millaps, principal, urges the use of these new additions so that these problems can be eliminated.

The steps and sidewalks have also added to the attractiveness of the campus as well as helping students get to and from their classes with greater ease.

Ellen Hensley, junior, commented, "I feel the sidewalks are a great benefit to our school and to its students."

In the near future, the school hopes to finance the addition of hand rails to the steps.

Other prospective projects planned for the improvement of the campus include the planting of assorted shrubs on the school grounds, and a plan to stop the erosion of sloped areas of land around the school. Dr. Millaps has tried recently to get action from the county government concerning the erosion problem, but as of yet, has had no results.

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All semi-finalists were chosen on the basis of their scores on the PSAT, which they took as juniors. The number of winners in each state was based on the state's percentage of the nation's total graduating high school classes.

Each student must obtain the authorization of his school principal and present school records of high academic standing. The Scholastic Aptitude Test must then be taken to substantiate his scores on the PSAT.

Thirty-two students in the Chattanooga area were named as semi-finalists and will have a chance to win one of the 3,800 scholarships offered nationwide.

Traditional Central ROTC rules changed; girls allowed participation in program

For the first time in its history, the Central ROTC program has been opened to female students.

Any girl in the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade is eligible to enroll in classes. This year eleven girls are going through the same basic training as the boys. They learn such things as physical training, leadership development, drilling, organization of armed forces, marksmanship, and first aid.

They also learn to be neat and responsible by caring for their clothes and equipment. One exception to the training program is that the Central ROTC program is required to handle any type of firearms.

Immediately after graduating from high school, a female student may enter the armed forces with a three-grade pay advance, or she may take ROTC in college and enter the service with a three-year service obligation.

SGM. Robert Hall, ROTC instructor, believes that boys can also benefit by taking ROTC with girls. Not only does it provide competition for them but, "We might improve the conduct of the young men by having girls," he said.

The girls' uniforms consist of a plaid skirt and matching vest, with a white blouse, black shoes and dark green garter.

When asked about girls in the ROTC, SGM. Hall replied, "They've opened all aspects of military to women, so it's just natural they should be allowed to enter the high school ROTC programs."

Wanda McDonald, a junior taking ROTC, said, "I like it. I might want to enter the service after I graduate, and I want to learn about it before I go in."



With construction now complete, new stairways will make access to the lower parking lots easier.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Rotation of Captains

Central's football team will have no permanent captain during this year's season. Head coach Tommy Runyon has initiated a new plan by which each of the nine seniors will act as captain at least once.

The primary reason for using this method according to Coach Runyon is to spread leadership around among the seniors. It will also give team members a chance to observe the senior players' capabilities and contributions to the team during the season.

At the end of the season one senior will be chosen by team mates and honored as the permanent captain of the 1975-76 Ponders.

The Wishbone

In addition to rotation, Coach Runyon has also switched his backfield formation from the conventional Power I to the Wishbone.

When asked the purpose of this backfield change, Coach Runyon stated, "It gives us more repetition in less time, and allows us to benefit from fast halfbacks and hard-running, big fullbacks." With only seven plays it seems that there would be few variations, but Coach Runyon says there are many variations because of all the options.

I think the new method of selecting captains and the new offensive concepts are good changes which will prove beneficial for the team in the coming season.

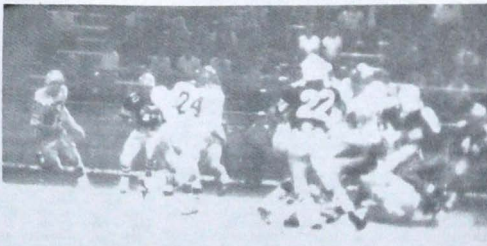
Brutus joins football team; Fred the sled coming soon

Who is Brutus? This may be the question sometimes asked by students when they hear football players mention this name. Brutus, however, is not a new football star, but a hitting sled designed by the football coach.

Brutus, painted a bright purple with its name in white letters, came from the imagination of assistant football coach, Joel Brewster. The idea was to convert an old, unused bull sled to a piece of equipment that would teach football players to block with their heads.

The reason for Brutus, was summed up by Coach Brewster who said, "We'd rather use material around here than go out and buy something that's really not any better. We also plan to introduce 'Fred the Sled' in the near future."

When asked what the players think about Brutus, center Ray Eslinger said, "I think they like it because of the large blocking surface. I'd say it's one of the best sleds we have because it helps improve quickness and head blocking techniques."



GRAB IT AND RUN—A Central runner changes his course in the game against Bradley County. Randy Clark, number 24, tries to head off an opposing defender. Central was defeated in the contest.

Rebel coach predicts 'tough match' tonight

Central's homecoming game tonight against the Rebels of Brainerd should be a good, tough one," according to Rebel coach Carey Henley.

"We have a good defense and running game, however our passing hasn't been very effective recently," admitted Coach Henley. "We do hope to win against Central, although they should be up a little more," continued Henley.

Having lost to Baylor and McCallie, Brainerd's record presently stands at 2-2. While under the direction of head coach Tommy Runyon, Central's record is at 1-4. A special half-time will be presented tonight, the annual crowning of Central's Homecoming Queen.

HIXSON

The Wildcats avenged their last season's loss to Central as they put the Ponders down 14-7 in Central's most recent game.

Senior Danny Crowland's four-yard run resulted in the only Ponder touchdown of the night. However, late in the fourth an apparent touchdown pass by Central brought everybody out of their seats, but it was nullified by a penalty. This seemed to diminish all hopes for the Ponders as the Wildcats then took control of the ball for the remainder of the game.

BRADLEY COUNTY

Bradley County left Central with its third loss of the year when the buzzer sounded a 15-6 Bear victory over the Ponders.

Again, it was Crosland scoring Central's only tally to add the finishing touch to a 60-yard drive. Comprising the drive were two passes from quarterback Chuck Cronon to ends Jimmy Ledford and Jimmy Mims totaling 51 yards.

Starting offensively was Bradley County's Greg White scoring both touchdowns, one of which was a 56-yard run.

NOTRE DAME

A line averaging over 210 pounds was one good reason for Central gaining only 31 yards rushing against the Irish as Notre Dame shut out the Ponders 14-0.

This gave the Irish their second win, the first against Howard in which the Tigers were held to a negative 39 yards on the ground, and Central's second loss.

The two Irish scores came from a 54-yard pass completion and a

three-yard drive into the end zone by junior George Keith.

Notre Dame's defeat of Central is only its second in history; however, this season the Irish are proving to be a serious contender for local placing.

EAST RIDGE

Central edged out East Ridge 28-27 in what was one of the more exciting games in the area.

In the closing moments of the contest, Pioneer Mitch Trotter scored and brought East Ridge to within one point of Central. Instead of going for the almost certain extra-point and tie the game, the Ponders tried for the two-point conversion and failed.

All four of Central's touchdowns were run by senior Port Raulston and junior Tommy Cope. Raulston scored on a 62-yard and a one-yard run while Cope ran it in from the 38 and nine yard lines.

Also having an excellent night was junior Terry Payne who was awarded "Player of the Week" by a local newspaper.



HEAD ROLLER—Brutus stands alone and exhausted after a recent workout with the football team.

CENTRAL HIGH 1975 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 29	Franklin County	Away
September 5	East Ridge	Home
September 12	Notre Dame	Home
September 19	Bradley County	Away
September 26	Hixson	Away
October 3	Open	
October 10	Brainerd	Home
October 17	Red Bank	Home
October 24	Soddy-Daisy	Away
October 31	McMinn County	Away
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ROTC cadet officers present 1975-76 sponsors

Rows of shining brass, dozens of yellow mums and a waving American flag were some of the sights at the 1975-1976 presentation of ROTC sponsors.

The event was held October 16 on the Central football field.

A reception was held in the armory following presentation ceremonies.

The officers and their sponsors are:

Brigade Staff
 Col. Sanford Wilson, Allison Redd; Lt. Col. Rick Hansard, Sue Hertle; Maj. Homer Hayes, Ginger McCormick; Maj. Mitchell Hailstone, Amy Thomas.

First Battalion Staff: Lt. Col. Bruce Moore, Jackie Neighbors; Maj. Dean Sandlin, Teresa Knowlan.

Second Battalion Staff: Lt. Col. Ray Ealing, Suellen Rodgers; Maj. David Davis, Leslie Durall.

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C Company
 Capt. Harold Michlink, Suzanne Timberlake; First Lt. Doug Chastain, Luanne McLaughlin.

D Company
 Capt. Russ Long, Donna Hawk; First Lt. Charles Overby, Cheryl Clark; Second Lt. William Walker, Debbie Claiborne.

E Company
 Capt. Akie McDaniel, Patricia Abney; First Lt. Dale Fentress, Wynne Gilgo; Second Lt. Kirby Scott, Pam Mosier; Second Lt. Mike Wynn, Lynn Williamson.

Special Units
 ROTC Band: Band Commander

Capt. Wayne Dickson, Cindy Gaddin.

Color Guard: Color Guard Commander Capt. Tony Ivey, Donna Williams.

The sponsors perform various duties during the year. Some of these include marching in the Armed Forces Day parade and judging the Neatest Cadet in weekly inspections. Sponsors also serve as hostesses for any military affairs and help with any clerical work in the ROTC Department.

Sponsors' uniforms were selected under the direction of Miss Brenda Chauncey, French and

English teacher. Uniforms consist of off-white flared skirts, vests, and blazers with green blouses, set off by green and white polka dot ascot. The uniforms will be worn with brown shoes.

It is not known how or when the program involving sponsors started at Central. However, in the past years soldiers on military bases were not allowed to have their families on the base. The officers wives took it as their responsibility to work for the soldiers. This became a tradition and probably contributed to the starting of the sponsor program.

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Cases of candy arrive; sale competition begins

It's that time again!

As boxes of candy pile to the ceiling in Miss Ogle's room, tension between the junior and senior class will increase as they once again try to outsell each other in the junior-senior candy sale.

The kick-off for the candy was held in the gymnasium yesterday. The sale will continue until all the candy has been sold. Cash prizes will be awarded to the persons selling the most candy.

Before the sale Miss Marjorie Ogle, senior class sponsor and Mrs. Kate Gerbitz, junior class sponsor, along with the junior and senior class officers met and sampled numerous brands of candy. "After two weeks of tasting candy I really feel that we selected the finest candy available," said Taylor

Walker, junior class treasurer.

Three kinds of candy will be sold this year. Melody crunch bars will sell for 50 cents. A new brand, Blanton Natty Buds and Chuck Wagons, will be \$1.50 each. A total of 600 cases has been ordered.

To pay for the junior-senior prom and some Commencement expenses, a goal of \$3000 is set for the two classes. Profit from the selling of the candy should amount to \$4128.

Last year, the total spent on the prom was approximately \$1000. Nine hundred dollars went for the senior class gift and the remainder of the money was used for stage decorations for Class Day and Senior Day.

When asked how she felt about

the candy sale Mrs. Gerbitz said, "I'm full—from sampling so much candy, but I think the candy we're selling this year is really good."

Rick Hamaard, senior class president said, "I believe that the seniors will win this year and break the monotony."

Junior class president Doug Williams is sure of his class. He said, "Of course the juniors will win, but really the important thing is raising the money."

Even though freshmen and sophomore classes don't actually participate in the sale, they are depended on to buy candy for themselves or to persuade their families to buy it.

"An excited sophomore said, 'Sell more candy, don't stop, sell more!'"



TOPS IN THEIR CLASS—Class presidents for the 1975-76 school year are from top to bottom, Rick Hamaard, senior; Doug Williams, junior; Monica Evans, sophomore; and Derrick Eaton, freshman.

Members needed

PTS sets year's goal

The Central High School Association of Parents, Teachers and Students has begun its membership drive and set its projects and programs for the year.

"The PTS plans to direct its financial contributions and dedicate its programs solely to the school and student body," stated Mrs. Betty Parker, president.

Projects for the 1975-76 year include replacing one of the two 16 millimeter film projectors which were stolen last year. "It is hoped that the Board of Education can be persuaded to match the funds for the purchase of a second projector," said Mr. Wallace McGill, faculty representative for PTS and guidance counselor at Central.

Another project involves financial assistance for both choral and instrumental sections of the Music Department.

The organization will attempt to place more emphasis on the student, his ideas and opinions. Mrs. Parker stated, "Students aren't kids. They have their own minds and voices." Encouraging students to join, the PTS presented

\$50 to the class with the highest percentage of membership and \$25 to the second place class in a drive which began October 13.

One student from each homeroom was selected as a PTS representative. From this group two students from each grade level were chosen to attend board meetings.

Mrs. Parker expressed hopes for at least 1500 members—parents, teachers, and students. Results of the membership drive were not available as of this writing.

A rap session led by students and teachers to review plans of each department for the year will be the program for the first meeting on October 27.

Future plans for fund raising projects include a chicken dinner, a talent show for students and teachers, and a bicentennial poster showing a panoramic view of Chattanooga.

Two teachers in English Department perform in comedy, 'Perfect Pitch'

Most students are unaware of what their teachers do when they are not in school!

However, the extra-curricular activities of Mrs. Linda Lamb and Mrs. J. C. Robbins can be observed by any student who attends the play, "Perfect Pitch," to be performed at the Chattanooga Little Theatre, October 17-25.

"Perfect Pitch" under the direction of Mr. Al Grabham and written by Samuel Taylor, is a two-act comedy.

The story takes place in a modern New York apartment penthouse and tells of the problems of a celebrated violinist, Mr. Nicholas Astrov, and finds out of his past.

Mr. Astrov, the occupant of the penthouse, is a temperamental and very patient person, but he also has an irritable side. He becomes very pleased with himself after he kicks a policeman's horse while involved in a street riot.

Although he is wrapped up in his music, he finds time for other activities, too.

Mrs. Robbins, a senior English instructor who has been involved in area productions before, plays the part of Mildred, the housekeeper and lover of Mr. Astrov. She is a bossy, domineering type person, who is only tolerated because of her wonderful cooking skills.

Waiting Mr. Astrov to go back to playing the

violin, Mildred suddenly quits her job, but misses the excitement and authority of preparing meals for such important people. However, Mr. Astrov is able to talk her into staying until the end of the month due to the arrival of Augusta and her mother.

Augusta, played by freshman English teacher, Mrs. Lamb, is British. The nineteen year old "rebel" who is the daughter of Lady Fox must suddenly leave London after kicking a policeman in a street riot. It is not her choice to be in New York.

Mrs. Lamb, formerly of Huntsville, Alabama, and a new member of the Central faculty, has been involved in various college and community productions.

Both Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Robbins recommend the play for high school students. "The dialogue is witty and bright, the action is quick and light, and the characters are believable and funny," said Mrs. Robbins.

The two and one-half hour play begins at approximately 8 o'clock p.m., October 17-25. Tickets are \$3.50 and may be purchased by calling the Little Theatre box office.

"The play is fun, high comedy in contrast with television comedy, and I think students would find it enjoyable," said Mrs. Lamb.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
QUICK AS A RABBIT—Steve Smith glides along during a cross-country practice session at Chickamauga Park. Ranked number two in the county, Steve sets a quick pace in the three mile run.

Smith breaks former record; Coach expects good season

By Doug Williams

Up and down grassy hills, through scattered woods, and messy mud puddles describes the three-mile cross-country course at Chickamauga Dam. An inexperienced, but enthusiastic cross-country team is once again having a good year.

Concerning this year's team, cross-country coach, Steve Highlander, commented, "We're young this year and are weak in depth, but we've got a bunch of fighters who won't quit. Next year with six of the seven starters returning we ought to be one of the toughest teams around."

Presently standing third in the

newly formed Southeastern Tennessee Athletic Conference, the Central team has compiled a 6-4 record thus far. The Pounders were victorious over conference foes Soddy-Daisy and Bradley County, while their defeats were at the hands of East Ridge and Red Bank.

Coach Highlander says that his strongest runners this year are juniors Steve Smith and Ronnie Durham. Smith, who was the Digest's All-Sports pick for cross-country last year, recently lowered his own school record from 17:17 to 16:37. Durham has also proved to be a consistent performer in the past, and his best record is 17:20.

An average workout during the season is built up to five miles a day. Team members also lift

weights twice a week. On how to be successful in cross-country, Coach Highlander states, "A good runner is constantly working out on his own, getting ready for the official season."

Scoring is one of the most interesting aspects of cross-country. The places of the team's first five finishers are added, and the team with the lowest score is declared the winner.

One disappointing thing so far about this year's season was the small turnout for tryouts. When Coach Highlander was asked what could be done to create more interest next year, he said, "I would like to see other coaches encourage their athletes to be even more active in other sports. I think this would help to unify and strengthen our sports program."

Miniature pounders show potential on grid; experience valuable for next three years

For the first time in Central's history, a ninth grade football team has been organized. Under the direction of head coach Wayne Hulfig, the season record stands at 2-3 at the time of this writing.

When asked the purpose of forming a ninth grade team, Coach Hulfig replied, "It gives ninth graders an opportunity to compete at their own level."

It also gives less experienced younger players a chance to gain experience and learn the offen-

sive and defensive patterns used by the variety. Game experience at this level will help prepare them for transition to varsity play.

Players have the option of participating on either varsity or freshman football teams, but TSSAA ruling states that they cannot participate on both.

The practice sessions of the team are basically the same as that of the varsity in that the physical demands are on the same level.

On September 2, Cleveland defeated Central by a score of 18-0, but the Pounders came back the following week to overpower Lakeview 16-8. The cycle started over again when Central was conquered by Red Bank 26-6. After defeating Signal Mountain 29-0, they again lost to Soddy-Daisy 6-0 on October 1.

The freshmen team alternates captain every game in order to give everyone a chance to test his abilities as a leader.

They games are played on either Tuesday afternoons or evenings depending on the game schedule. They play eight minute quarters instead of the usual 12 minutes allowed for varsity contact.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens
The Linemen

Linemen are the true backbone of the football team, but too often they receive little credit for doing their job well.

Traditionally, many fans tend to give the glory to offensive runners who carry the ball. Offensive linemen, however, must open up holes for those runners, and if mistakes are made in blocking, ground rushing will be held to a minimum.

Our line this year is young with a lot of sophomores playing, but Coach Runyon believes that even though they make mistakes, the Pounders have as good a line as any other school.

Let's give credit where credit is due and be ready to praise any member of the team who does his job well. It takes all positions working together to make a successful team.

Half-Time Hassles

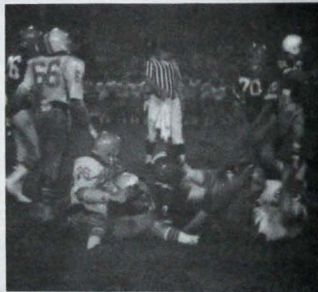
Besides all the yelling that goes on during half-time, it is also a necessary time in which coaches make adjustments in offensive blocking schemes, running patterns, and plays.

Also more effective plays, different zones, and tighter lines are made and discussed for the defense. These adjustments are necessary to improve second half performance.

CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 25	SETAC Meet	4:00
Oct. 2	Bradley & Soddy	4:00
Oct. 9	SETAC Meet	4:00
Oct. 16	City and County	4:00
Oct. 25	Regional at Johnson City	
Nov. 1	State	

All Games 8:00 P.M.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
EVERYBODY UP—Freshmen pounders, in dark jerseys, are gaining experience for their varsity years after their ninth grade teams.

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Vandalism costly for nation's schools

By Janet Mighton

Last year alone vandalism, which is defined as willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public or private property, cost our nation's schools approximately 250 million dollars for repairing damaged property.

Central has received its share of malicious pranks. Last year before the City-Central game, several of the letters on the school sign were removed. Paint was splattered across the bricks on the sign, and words were written on the outside walls of the armory. Contrary to the belief that the damage was done by City students, it has been reported that Central students were the vandals. One Central student stated, "It was not City that did it to us, and the Central people who went to City did not get revenge. It was unprovoked by City."

This year our sign was again painted, and the hammer on top of the anvil was coated in red paint. The cement pedestal which the anvil sits on had four bright red "B"'s painted on it.

Dr. Hobart Millsaps, principal, estimated the cost

for sandblasting repairs required to clean last year's damage at a little under \$1,000. Instead, Central purchased \$146 worth of a jelly-like chemical which loosens the paint so that it can be scrubbed off the brick. To further cut down on costs, Central students furnished the labor.

Dr. Millsaps stated in an interview, "The pranks are expensive and infantile. They are destructive, and any individual with any mental acuity would know that it is expensive. These things do not promote good school spirit."

There are always some short-sighted individuals who are unaware of the complexities that pranks like these produce. Our conduct should exhibit the best in inter-school relations, and I would hope that Central students would look at this matter with a mature attitude."

When asked how they felt about the rivalry between schools to the point of defacing public property, several Central students gave their opinions:

"I do not think that it is right for any school to destroy the property of other schools. It is ruining the

good school spirit of every high school in the Chattanooga area."

"I think of it as retaliation against the acts done to Central."

Besides the painting of objects on the campus, Central has been the victim of thefts. Last January 20, two 16 millimeter projectors, one television, a tape cassette recorder and a cord-matic extension cord were stolen from the library. Also stolen were two new microphones from the band room. There has been no trace of the missing articles.

What students do not realize is that if they are caught by the police, they will be taken to police headquarters and interviewed. Their parents are liable for their actions and could have charges brought against them. There is also the chance of being held in a detention home or being put on probation.

Contrary to popular belief, juvenile records are not discarded when an individual reaches 18. They can be used for job records and in adult courts, but most pranksters do not stop and consider the consequences.



BICENTENNIAL ORATORS—Winners in the Bicentennial Youth Debate competition are from left, Bruce Moore, Tina Brooks, and Pat Neyman.

Students compete in historical debates

Twenty-one Central students participated in a Bicentennial Youth Debate held at Central on Monday, October 27.

The purpose of the debate was to encourage students to examine American history and values through forensic efforts. The debate also gave students the opportunity not only to research but to give an original interpretation of the assigned topic.

The topics were derived from the American Issues Forum. The forms of competition were debate, persuasive speaking, and extemporaneous speaking.

The following students entered the Lincoln-Douglas debate: seniors Tina Brooks, Dennis Dover, Debora Hayes, Janet Mighton, Ruthie Moss, Charla Steinmetz, and junior Deborah Howard. The winner was Tina Brooks.

Entering the persuasive speaking were seniors Chloe Becker, Helen Lowe, Allison Redd, Suzanna Timberlake, Doug Ward, Bill Walker, Cheryl Williams, and Sharon Williams; sophomore Pat Neyman; and freshman Pam Summers.

Students who entered the extemporaneous speaking debate were seniors Bruce Moore and Jo Scruggs. The winners in extemporaneous and persuasive speaking were Bruce Moore and Pat Neyman, respectively.

Winners received \$25 and will advance to district debate competition to be held at Central on December 27.

The contest was held in B pod. Miss Marjorie Ople, Mrs. Priscilla Turnbo, and Mrs. Linda Lamb, all English teachers, were the hostesses of the debate.

Twelve local schools will participate in the district debates at Central. Central was asked to host the district debate by Mrs. Margaret W. Cooper, assistant to the Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools.

Four choral students perform in ETEA musical program

Musical talent has paid off for four Central choral students.

Mary Purnell, soprano; Sharon Goforth, alto; Bruce Halfacre, tenor; and Doug Ward, bass, were chosen to participate in the annual East Tennessee Education Association choral assembly Oct. 29-31.

The quartet was selected through schoolwide auditions which were judged by Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director and chairman of The Lower East Tennessee Vocal Association.

Mrs. Reich and representatives left Wednesday afternoon for Knoxville where second auditions were held. Mrs. Reich was in charge of the soprano section in Knoxville.

Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon were spent in rehearsals preparing for the final concert. On Thursday night, Central, along with several other area schools, visited Gatlinburg for an evening of fun.

Rehearsal was held again Friday morning in final preparation for the concert which was given at 4:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building at UTK.

Students stayed at the Howard Johnson Motor Inn. Here they had the opportunity to meet several other school representatives.

The choir performed four musical pieces: "Nun danket alle Gott," which was sung in German, "Four Slovak Folk Songs," "Oz Justi mediabitur sapientiam," and "Verbum caro factum est." The last two numbers were sung in Latin. This year's trip was a little different in that the musical quartet and Mrs. Reich met with the football team and Central fans in Athens.

Members of the McMinn County Central High School Chantanooga Central High School Library



SINGING QUARTET—Central students selected to participate in the annual ETEA choral assembly are from left, Doug Ward, Mary Purnell, Sharon Goforth and Bruce Halfacre.

Moore travels to Huntsville as Bellamy representative

Bruce Moore, senior, representative Central at the National Bellamy Award presentation in Huntsville, Alabama, Oct. 6-10. This year's recipient of the Bellamy Award was Huntsville High School.

Because Central was the recipient of the twenty-second Bellamy Award in 1963, each year a student represents Central at National Bellamy Award Week.

Bruce was chosen because he is active in the life of Central. He is a member of the Student Council, the Senate, and was a delegate to Boy's State. He is a lieutenant colonel and Junior ROTC brigade commander.

"I really thought it was interesting meeting people from all over the country and realizing after I went what an honor it was," said Bruce.

Student representatives from

seventeen Bellamy schools in the nation attended Bellamy Week. Each school honored Huntsville by presenting various gifts and their school's yearbook. Central's gift was a coin sign cap.

One school in the nation is selected for this award each year. It must be one which has displayed high standards and attained notable achievements during its history. Schools are selected on the basis of excellence, quality, and/or outstanding achievements in all phases of school life.

A different state will be chosen each year until the entire fifty states have been included. Schools are selected to hold the honor for a fifty-year period.

One of the purposes of the Bellamy Flag Award is to honor the memory of Francis Bellamy, who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892.

All-American ex-Girl Scout voices Central bikes, gripes

By Lesli Durall

Almost every All-American girl has been in Girl Scouts once upon a time. Sophomore Ellen Hendrix confesses, "I used to be a Brownie in second grade ... well, I still am!"

Quitting the troop didn't change the tone of Ellen's skin. Because she is black, she is concerned about discrimination against her race at Central High. "There are only about 51 blacks at Central," Ellen says incredulously. "I was all for the HEW ruling. I believe

there were a lot of blacks who would like to come here aren't attending now. If more were allowed to come to schools, it would help balance the black-white ratio."

Ellen feels that there is only a relatively small racial problem because there is such a small percentage of blacks at Central. "One thing that bothers me," she states, "is that the blacks are not involved in many clubs. Every club may have two or three members who are not white, and some clubs have no black members at all."

Although some are unable to get involved, Ellen is a member of the Advanced Chorus and was treasurer of the Art Club last year. She plans to major in music and art.

"My favorite thing to do is draw people," Ellen says. She spends endless hours sketching faces of friends, and has quite a large collection of portraits.

Stamps are another item of col-

lection for Ellen. She smiles, "I'm going to make a collage to cover my bedroom wall with all my stamps. She has about 500 now, including movie clips and novelty stamps. "I guess it will take a long time, she sighs. "Right now it will cover about a square foot!"

A list of her favorite things includes Volkswagens, the color blue, spring guitars, her Budweiser hat, and lemon meringue pie.

A traumatic experience occurred early in Ellen's life. When she was in first grade, on the first day of school, she was chased by a vicious dog all the way home. When she got to her doorstep, out of breath, she turned around to look at a gaping wound. "It was then I found out he didn't have any teeth!" she exclaimed, laughing at her fright.

Despite her gripes about Central, Ellen remains loyal to the school. She smiles and shakes her head, "There's no way I'd go anywhere else."

Silly 'Seniorlites' search for lost location of tunnel

Once upon an average day at Central, a small group of Seniorlites set forth to rediscover an ancient Civil War tunnel.

At the end of school, they piled into the Vega-mobile, and took off, riding under the seat, in the glove compartment, on the dash board, and anywhere else imaginable. After traveling for two to three hours, mulling 90 degree hills, and coming down 90 degree cliffs, they finally pulled over to the side of the road, in the middle of a subdivision and stopped.

They got out one by one and began walking through a vacant lot. They soon became engulfed by sticker bushes ten feet high, and were attacked ferociously by beggar lice. After walking for about five miles under these conditions, the adventurers finally

came to what was supposed to be the ancient railroad tracks. Instead of finding old tracks, they discovered brand new tracks built by the train museum, with trains coming by every five minutes.

The Seniorlites pushed on, determined to find the tunnel. Despite the constant threat of being hit by a train. After walking another ten miles, they reached their destination. Instead of finding a deserted old tunnel, they found one inhabited by an entire population of a subdivision and stopped. They got out one by one and began walking through a vacant lot. They soon became engulfed by sticker bushes ten feet high, and were attacked ferociously by beggar lice. After walking for about five miles under these conditions, the adventurers finally

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Is it worth the cost?

These acts are taking the spirit out of school athletic competitions because they create anger and an air of hostility between schools rather than a wholesome competitive atmosphere. Many students become more concerned with how they can get revenge than with how well they can support their team.

Just at the time we step back and take a good look at where our priorities lie, "Is getting back" at where our priorities lie, or a rival more important than supporting our team or creating a good community concept of our school?

The reputation of a school is in part up to the student body, and we should encourage our friends to take the road to wholesome competition rather than resorting to acts of vandalism which only stir up a desire to retaliate with like acts at the other school.

Let's all do our part to keep Central a name to be proud of by thinking respectfully before we act.

Confederates still roam Lookout summit

By Debbie Claiborne
"Hey girls—wanna play a hand of black-jack?"

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—Photo by Chuck Schneider
ARTIST AT WORK—Ellen Hendrix sketches on her latest piece of art work, a drawing of the Statue of Liberty.

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Central-City game marks Spirit Week; projects submitted as traditional activity

Class yell, pom-poms, chants of "Beat City," the song "Spirit of Central," more class yell, and cheerleaders were all part of Spirit Week program at Central.

Spirit Week began on November 3 with the activities coming to a close at the Central-City tonight. This week has been marked

as a tradition for Spirit Week. This year, Central will be the host team.

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ers. For the second year in a row, the Future Homemakers of America sponsored the Best Legs Contest.

Spirit Week, however, is not all fun and games. In recent years, the word "vandalism" has become increasingly used in connection with the Central-City game. This is an "extracurricular" activity performed by both sides. Senior Jennie Mabben commented, "I don't think Spirit Week promotes vandalism, it's just the fact that we're playing City."

When asked if the cheerleaders have ever considered having Spirit Week during basketball season instead of the football season, head cheerleader Cheryl Williams responded, "Yes, we would like to if we can get it approved."

Spirit Week at Central High is not only a tradition, but a way in which students can come together to cheer for the Pounders and to promote the spirit of the student body and the school.

The word "spirit" means different things to different people, to junior Gigi McIntyre. "Spirit is standing by your team, whether they are winning or losing."



—Photo by Bob Edlund
YELLING FOR VICTORY—Cheerleaders promote spirit during pep rallies and athletic events.

Local stores sponsor 1975-76 teen board; six seniors, two junior girls selected

Six seniors and two juniors have been selected as members of the 1975-76 teen boards for three area department stores.

The local stores represented at Central include Millers, Loveman, and the JoAnn Shop.

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Throughout the year, members of Millers' teen board will participate in a number of phantoms shows. A particularly prominent one, which has already taken

place, is known as the "Back to School Show."

For Loveman's teen board, senior Belinda Bales has been chosen to represent Central.

This organization of teenage girls is also active in contributing services and acts of kindness to their community.

Recently, the orphans from the Giesle Children's Home, were accompanied by them on a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee and Rock City.

At present, they are planning to treat the orphans with what Belinda described as an "unbirthday party." In this way, the children may all celebrate their birthdays on the same day.

This year, the Loveman's teen board hopes to hold fashion shows in each of the area high schools. Teresa Seaborn, Amy Thomas, and Jan Travis, all seniors, represent Central on the JoAnn teen-board which has approximately thirty-five members.

Making visits to children's homes and conducting tours of the John Ross home are among the services which this organization gives to its community. To

News Briefs

Spanish Club

Spanish Club sold "This is Ponder Country" bumper stickers for their money-raising projects. They will be purchasing a framed copy of our "Alma Mater" to be displayed in the school. Another project being considered is "Operation Nifnos" sponsored by the Organization of American States. It is a fund-raising program from which all proceeds will aid in helping those less fortunate in the rural communities and slums of Latin America. The program is designed to bring education and health services to these areas. The group is also planning to visit the Spanish restaurant, Los Charcos.

Latin Club

This year's Latin Club officers are Johnnie Kazy, president; Brian Steiner, vice-president; Donna May, secretary; Licia Carroll, treasurer; Allison Redd, parliamentarian; and Beth Womack, chaplain. The Latin Club recently held a car wash to raise money for a Roman banquet to be held in the spring.

Scholarship winners

Charla Steiner has been chosen as the Central High School winner in the Bicentennial Seniors scholarship competition. This competition is part of a nationwide scholarship program for high school seniors currently being conducted by the Association of Secondary School Principals with funds from the Shell Oil Company. Runners-up were Violet Conley and Schrina Frierson.

Charla's winning composition consists of a "Bicentennial Minute" and a commentary discussing the relevance of this "minute" for today and for America's future. She also scored high on a current events test.

The selection committee was comprised of Miss Mildred Major, Mrs. Kathleen Farnham, and Mrs. Vicki Dumas.

Charla will now compete with other high school winners to become one of the two state representatives to the national competition. Two winners from each state and the District of Columbia will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and an all expense paid trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, from January 16-19, 1976 to attend seminars on educational and social issues and to be on hand for the selection of the national winner.

The grand prize winner receives a \$10,000 scholarship and will have her "Bicentennial Minute" presented on the CBS television network.



—Photo by Tony Jones
FASHION ADVISORS—Centrallines serving on the Teen Board for local department stores are, from front row, left: Teressa Seaborn, Deborah Howard, Suzanne Jones, Mickie Hartman, and Sharon Williams. Back row, same order, Jan Travis, Teressa Seaborn, and Amy Thomas.



PLAYING IT ROUGH—Senior Port Raulston (40) and Junior Kevin Dove (22) move in to help halt an opposition drive.

Cagers open with East Ridge; Pounderettes invade courts

A fastbreaking, hard pressing Pounder basketball team will collide center court with the Pioneers of East Ridge in the annual jamboree November 14 at Red Bank High School.

Speed, quickness, and the desire to play will be the decisive elements for victory and also for a rewarding season. "The players attitudes are good, and they are anxious to get the season started," said head coach Larry Payne.

This year the newly formed SETAC (South Eastern Tennessee Athletic Conference) will provide an equally balanced league. Assistant basketball coach and girl's head coach, Mike Ricketts stated, "The league is so well balanced

that anyone has a chance to come out on top, even us."

The teams included in SETAC besides Central are East Ridge, Red Bank, Soddy-Daisy, Ooltewah, Bradley County, Cleveland, and McMinn County.

One of the team's weaknesses, for which speed and agility will be substituted, is the lack of height. "Everyone we play will be taller than us. Our tallest man is 6'3", and our average team height is about 6 ft. For today's teams, that really is not very tall," said Coach Payne.

This year's offense will be geared from the full court press. The press forces the opposition into turnovers and fouls, and the

fast break is then taken advantage of in this situation. This defensive oriented offense, "will hopefully provide 60 percent of the offense," said Coach Payne.

The newly formed girls' basketball team will make its debut during the jamboree against East Ridge on November 14 at 7 p.m.

This will be the first time in many years that Central has had a girls' team. "Most of our girls have had no experience except at the junior high level, so we're starting from scratch. We will also be playing a rough schedule, facing such teams as the Bradley County Bearettes, Class L State Champions last year," said Coach Ricketts.

Twenty-two members began practice September 15. Since most of the girls are freshmen and sophomores, Coach Ricketts plans to spend most of the seasons working on the basic fundamentals of offense and defense.

"We really haven't worked with the team long enough to make any predictions about success or failure this season," said Coach Payne, "but we've got a group that's enthusiastic and not afraid to hit hard. I think we'll have a rewarding season."

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Central managers are perhaps the most unrecognized figures in the sports' program, but they deserve the spotlight as much as any athlete.

The seven football managers and four basketball managers perform a multitude of different jobs every day.

Two football managers remain inside the locker room during practice to wash clothes, vacuum the carpet, sweep, and wash out the showers. The remaining five are assigned to each coach to carry out basic chores which need to be completed for the day.

Other jobs include mowing the field, marking off the lines, keeping a record of equipment, administering minor first aid, setting up flags in end zones, and fixing equipment.

During games they are responsible for carrying the water bottle out to players during time-outs, helping with injuries, and seeing that equipment gets on the field and back to the locker room after the game.

Senior Ted Broyles is the head manager. He swaps the footballs during the game and accommodates the players with jerseys, pants, and socks.

The basketball managers follow basically the same routine as the football managers except they also keep shot records and rebound charts.

Managers fulfill an important role in the athletic department facing coaches from many small, time-consuming tasks and giving support to the team players.

Young Men's Shop
Apparel for Men and Young Men

Chattanooga Central High School
Library

By Mitch Hailstone

As empty bleachers filled in the setting sun, a deserted field awaits the arrival of hundreds of fans for the historical rivalry between City and Central.

This traditional battle, concluding Central's football season and adding the finishing touch to Spirit Week, will take place in Pounder country tonight; however, pre-game and post-game activities will probably occur at both schools.

City, an unusually small team with an offensive line averaging

only 180 pounds, will be led by quarterback Ricky Winston and numerous returning lettermen under the direction of Coach Bobby Davis. Having only lost at the time of this writing, to top rated in state Baylor, the Dynamoes have had an impressive season and are expected to play well in local championships.

Central, coached by Tommy Runyon, will be quarterbacked by David Hale and supported by nine seniors and an array of underclassmen. Comprising the list of senior Pounders participating in their last high school game are

Randy Clark, Rod Croft, Danny Crossland, Ray Eslinger, Mark Goetz, Rick Hansard, Mark Matlock, Alan Pressley, and Port Raulston.

Both of the coaches are anticipating a good, hard ballgame from the other, and with both sides operating under the Washbone formation, it should primarily be a ground game.

Looking ahead to next year, Coach Runyon is expecting an improved, experienced club with a number of returning lettermen.



FEMALE SHARPSHOOTERS—Co-captains of the girls' basketball team, Stephanie Jones, left, and Terese Hixson discuss plans for the upcoming season.

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Junior class to present 'Black Comedy' Dec. 5-6

"Black Comedy," a one act farce will be presented by members of the junior class on December 5-6.

The play opens on a dark stage which is light to the actors. During the first few minutes, a fuse is blown throwing the members of the cast into darkness. This darkness, however, is perceived as light by members of the audience who are able to view the characters on a well-lighted stage groping and fumbling around as if they can see nothing.

In this feigned darkness, the plot develops around an impoverished young sculptor who has invited a wealthy art patron to his apartment in hopes that he will purchase some of his metal sculpture. In order to impress him, he borrows, without asking, some very expensive antiques from a next door neighbor to furnish his bare pad.

The young man's fiancée has

also invited her wealthy father to meet him for the first time. Just as preparations for the visitors are completed, the lights go out. To add to the confusion, the art patron is mistaken for an electrician, and the neighbor, who values his antiques highly, returns unexpectedly. The situation becomes even more complicated when a former flame of the young sculptor attempts to regain his affection to the horror of his fiancee.

The play ends with the fuse repaired, and the stage once again in total darkness.

"The play, because of the way it is staged, presents acting difficulties for the members of the cast, but it also serves to make funny situations even more comical for the audience," said Mrs. Priscilla Turnbo, speech and drama instructor.

Acting in the play in order of appearance are Brindley Miller,

Butch Baxter; Carol Melkett, his fiancée; Donna Dytton; Miss Furnival, Deanna Kirk; Colonel Melkett, Steve Swift; Harold Goringe, Mitch Bankston; Schuppanzigh, Anthony Hendrix; Clea, Deborah Howard; and George Bamberg, Kevin Dove.

"About six weeks of thinking, eating, and living the play is needed for a production such as this," stated Mrs. Turnbo. "If people would work in a production, they would realize how much hard work is involved. We sometimes resort to sticking things together with chewing gum."

Tickets may be purchased at school for \$1 and for \$1.25 at the door. The play will be held in the school commons.



FROM SCIENCE TO SHAKESPEARE—Sandford Wilson brushes up on English Literature with his teacher, Mrs. J. C. Robbins.

Wilson awarded science trip to Bell System Laboratories

Senior Sandford Wilson, a national merit semi-finalist, has been selected to visit the Bell System Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, November 24-25.

The all-expense paid trip is awarded to the most outstanding science students and teachers across the country. Sandford will be the only student representing the Chattanooga area.

Sandford is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Club, Disc and Diamond, Honor Platoon and serves as Cadet Colonel of the ROTC. In his response to being selected for the trip Sand-

ford said, "I feel really honored being selected out of all the science students in the Chattanooga area. I believe it will prove to be a beneficial and educational experience for me to attend this seminar."

There are opportunities open for students each year who wish to enter competition for selection to make the Bell Laboratories' trip.

In reference to how Sandford was chosen, Mr. James Rogers, head of the Science Department, said, "A personal letter of recommendation was sent to South Cen-

tral Bell here in Chattanooga, consisting of his grades, college entrance exams, and personal interests." Mr. Rogers will accompany Sandford on his trip to New Jersey.

The trip consists of meeting Bell Laboratory Research personnel and touring the main laboratory, which is a testing center for the telephones of all the Bell Telephone Systems across the country.

After graduation Sandford plans to attend Georgia Tech. "I will probably major in physics, but I haven't decided what I plan to do after college," he said.

Deer killed near school on plant reserve; possible world record broken by archer

A possible world sport's record was broken at the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant adjacent to Central property on October 19.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reported that a 17 point blacktail deer, which dressed out at 180 lbs., was killed by William C. Chambers of Joelton, Tennessee, during a scheduled archery hunt at the Volunteer Plant Wildlife Reserve.

This buck was one of 25 deer taken on the three scheduled weekend archery hunts at VAAP. These were the first hunts conducted on VAAP property for the blacktail deer.

Archers representing nine states were named through computer selection to participate. More than 7,000 applicants turned in requests, but only three hundred—100 for each of the three weekends—were chosen by the computer.

The Volunteer Plant imported the blacktails from Oregon in 1946 for experimental purposes. One spokesman said, "The Wildlife Agency was trying to see if the deer could live and prosper in Tennessee with the native whitetail deer, in order to produce a higher breed of animals."

Adaptability of the blacktail to the state has been a failure because of a little bug known as the brainworm, which bores its way into the deer's brain. Native whitetail deer have a higher resistance to brainworm than do blacktails, and where the two species occur together, the blacktail will eventually die off.

However, the blacktail within the controlled area of the Volunteer Plant have excelled quite well, too well, in fact. Surveys on the availability of browse (vegetation food supply) showed that the area is already near the carrying capacity for the number of deer that the area can support.

The hunt was planned to eliminate the problem of over-population of the animals and possible damage to area forage plants.

Unknowningly one might ask, "Why don't they move the deer to other sections of the state?" Dick Hurd, wildlife biologist with the state agency, said, "Since the blacktail does not survive well in other parts of the state, it was decided that in order to assure the health and growth of surviving deer, it would be necessary to reduce the number of deer feeding on the reserve."

Go Pounders! Beat City! . . . Burn the Dynamos . . . or City ain't got no soul!!!

These are some of the chants that were heard throughout the halls of Central during Spirit Week, November 3 through November 7.

Spirit Week, which is highlighted by the crowning of Mr. and Miss Spirit, is a traditional activity designed to let students show their support for the school. It involves many contests among clubs, organizations and students.

Many strange and weird things happened during this week. There was a mystery book, sponsored by the Library Staff; a pie-eating contest, sponsored by Y-Teens; and silent day, sponsored by FHA.

Other activities included a pretty legs contest, a sports card over the intercom, a mystery person, and a spirit chain. Also featured was a devout the Dynamos cupcakes contest, sponsored by Tri-Hi-Y; and 50's day, Spirit Week breakfast; and decoration of homeeroom doors, sponsored by the cheerleaders.

Cards were given to various students, clubs, and organizations to reward outstanding participation shown for the 75-76 Spirit Week. Some awards were Most Spirited Club, Most Spirited Teacher and Most Spirited Class.

The most coveted honor of the week was Mr. and Mrs. Spirit. "These students were chosen because they have shown the most school spirit," stated Cheryl Williams, head cheerleader.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider

SPRITED COUPLE—Highlighting Spirit Week was the crowning of Mr. and Miss Spirit. On the right Randy Teague, third from left, horses around with other candidates prior to his selection. On the left Wynn Giligo accepts the honor from cheerleader Kim Ellis.

Busing: an unnecessary trip

Twenty-one years ago the Supreme Court ruled that all school buses become desegregated.

As an outgrowth of this ruling, busing began as a well-intentioned idea to help eliminate discrimination in education. But it has run against the deepest instincts of a clear majority of both blacks and whites. The issue involves extremely painful conflicts of both conscience and law.

The cruel dilemma over busing has caused parents and students involved to raise legitimate questions to which there are no easy answers. Is forced busing to balance schools racially worth all the uproot, all the pain? Does it produce better schooling for educationally disadvantaged black students and no loss for white students? Does forced busing improve relations or merely serve to make a bad situation worse?

Moral support for busing is rapidly disappearing among those who once backed it. For example, the influential Dr. James S. Coleman released in 1966 the results of a massive study of equal educational opportunity for American children.

One factor that caught the public's attention was that lower income black children performed demonstrably better in classes with an economic and racial mixture of students than their peers did in all black classrooms. Now Coleman believes differently. Even the President is having second thoughts about its overall effect.

All over the U.S. re-segregation is in progress. Parents are moving their children to suburbs where school ratios of black-white are generally less. Many are being enrolled in private schools. This mass exodus is certainly working against the objectives of total desegregation.

Is there no simple solution? Probably not, but much of the trouble has been caused by racial discrimination imposed which takes people away from their neighborhoods and forces them to go to schools they do not wish to attend.

One solution would be simply to let everyone choose his own school, freely and without discrimination.

Even this solution is not so simple. No plan will work unless it elicits voluntary cooperation from blacks and whites. People must show a willingness to accept the human race on the basis of worth rather than the color of skin.

At the movies

Bronson hits 'Hard Times'

Charles Bronson returns to the screen to portray a rough tough street fighter during the depression in an action packed new film, "Hard Times."

Also starring are James Coburn, who portrays an unlucky manager, until he teams up with Bronson, and Strother Martin, Bronson's doctor, who has "weakness for opium."

Bronson starts off as an unloving and meanest Coeur in the sets up a fight for him. Bronson is then on his way to win the title as champion.

In these wild fights, there are no gloves, no time limits—just about anything goes until one of the men cannot fight. The only rule is that there can be no hitting when a man is down.

Bronson goes through all the

fight favors winning fight after fight. Then he takes on the undefeated Champ. Bronson beat him without trouble, winning a very large prize. After this fight he said he was going to retire and move out of town.

In the meanwhile, Coburn has gotten into hot trouble over a loan, so Bronson fights a man from Chicago to help Coburn.

While Bronson was fighting he was serious about it. He fought with a confidence and skill which is the main reason for his numerous victories. When out of the fighting arena, he was a quiet and gentle man.

The movie had a simple plot which was easy to follow. "Hard Times" was packed with action, and anyone who enjoys boxing or prize fighting would thoroughly enjoy this film.

What's the big word?

Imagination plus ignorance equals tunnebruht?

Pure ignorance is known for sparking the imagination, and Central students in their own unique way have proven this truth by answering the question, "What's a tunnebruht?"

Bill Walker—it's the opposite of the diametric, which indubitably crosshatches with the negative of the affirmative mixed with new born Poland.

Rick Owens—Oh, I know that guy.

Judy Anderson—Moon craters . . .

Paul Zehner—it's the secret ingredient in Colonel Sanders fried chicken.

Diana Puskas—it that is a for-real word?

Mary Parrelli—if that's Central's cashiers call those people who crumple their dollar bills to the size of zip-wads.

Keeping 'the shiny side' up'

Hansard 'handles' office

By Lesli Durall

"Excuse me Mr. President, can you spare a minute . . . ?"

Since his election as class president, senior Rick Hansard has found he has very little extra time. With class officers' meetings, projects, and club activities, he has a full schedule. "It keeps me busy, but I understand it and knowing what's going on in the Senior class," Rick said.

Even with all of his duties, Rick has time for participation in extracurricular school activities. He is president of the FGA, a member of the C club, and was a delegate to Gator State. He also plays football for the Pounder football team, and holds the position of Lieutenant Colonel in ROTC.

While at Boy's State, held at Tennessee Tech, Rick was appointed Adjutant General. His responsibilities in this position included commanding the troops and presenting them to the governor. This fall, he was selected to serve on a committee which will work with a member of the governor's cabinet on November 1 and 2.

About 50 boys, representing Tennessee high schools, formed a model state government which proposes to amend the Tennessee State committee's legislatures. Out of nine bills, seven were passed and presented to Governor Blanton as possible state laws.

Those who own C.B. radio are known for their unique lingo. "I talk red-neck and country like everyone else," Rick laughs. "We call local police, local yolkie, an unmarked car, a plain brown wrapper; and the county police, county mounties."

Central students near a C.B. radio may very well hear the senior class president signing off with "Keep the shiny side up and the dirty side down and stay between the ditches. This is Muske Midget on the side—we're gone."

"I enjoyed it," Rick said, "we really got into it. It was an argument about the proceedings of the government."

Away from his political life, Rick enjoys talking with friends as well as strangers on the C.B. radio in his jeep. He goes by the handle, "Muske Midget." A C.B. can be handy in tight situations. Once, when he had to repair his car on the road, Rick found that he needed a wrench. In five minutes he contacted another C.B.er with the wrench he needed to fix his jeep.

Get 'off' the good foot?

Popular invalids invade Central society

Leading a dull, drab life? Feel left out and unnoticed? Want to be well-liked and have a constant supply of attentive friends? Well, here are several ways to do it.

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Serving on the senior court are Kim Cameron, Sandie Davis, Wynne Gilgo, and Suellen Rood.

Kim is a member of Y-Teens, a flag girl of Central's band, and serves as a class marshal.

Sandie is a member of the FHA, Usher and Gym Staffs, and serves as the head of the color guard.

Wynne is a member of Y-Teens, serves as secretary of FHA, and a military sponsor.

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This is a definite decrease over last year's quarter. Last year's total number of honor students was 137.

Of the 38 senior honor students, 14 ranked star roll, star roll rep, restorative for under class men, numbered nine juniors, eleven sophomores, and seven freshmen.

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Honor Roll: Suzie Brady, Deborah Bradbury, Kathy Baker, De-

Tennis lovers get out their rackets;

construction of courts nears completion

Attention, tennis lovers! Get out your rackets and tennis shoes and get up shape, because the tennis courts which have been under construction on Central's campus are nearing completion.

If all the recently proposed plans are carried out as expected, the entire court will be ready for use by early spring of this school year.

The entire court will cover a black topped surface approximately 140 feet by 120 feet. The court itself is presently under construction. It will either include three adjacent tennis courts or will include two tennis courts plus one practice area. Also, two basketball goals for outside play will be erected.

The existing backstop area which was recently laid out will be resurfaced in the future due to the fact that there are some low spots in the playing area. The complete layout, however, is one adhering to all championship play specifications.

The courts will be enclosed by a 12-foot fence. At present, the school is seeking bids for this enclosure. Many teachers and students are excited about this addition to Central's campus. Mrs. Kate Gerbing, junior English instructor, commented, "Naturally, since playing tennis is my favorite pastime, to say I'm pleased that Central will soon have tennis courts is an understatement. Everybody, regardless of sex, age, or previous experience can enjoy tennis. It's a great sport opened up to a great school."

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Hi-Y SWEETIES—Selected by the Hi-Y Club as Sweethearts are from left, Karen Kile, Robin Rozzell, Kim Ellis, and Cissa Raulston.

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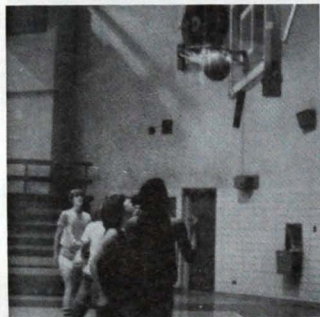
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STUCK IN THE NET—The basketball just will not finish its course through the net even at the urging of the players during a practice session.

Central, City clash center court tonight

Revenge against City, who beat Central out of the District 10 Championship last year, will probably motivate the Pounder basketball team tonight towards a hopeful victory over the Dynamoes. In addition, the newly formed girls' squad will take on a fairly young City team just prior to the boys' match.

In comparison to last season's team, Coach Larry Payne stated, "We are completely different. We've got more speed, but less shooters and not much height. If we don't play as a team, we have no chance, whatsoever, of winning!"

In finding faults with his team, City's Coach Benny Rawlings said, "We presently have an inexperienced team and also have a height problem." Coach Rawlings is expecting an unpredictable season not only for his team, but also for other area squads as well.

Serving as Central's captains this year are seniors Delta Brogren and Tim Chavis.

In female competition, the first-year Poundettes will face off with the second-year team from City in what should be a challenge for the Central sextet.

City won approximately 65 percent of its games in its premier season under the direction of Mrs. Doris Jones, who is anticipating another good season this year.

In comparison to City's average height of 5'6", Central's Coach Mike Ricketts commented, "We haven't much size, but we do have some good outside shooters."

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAM	PLACE
Nov. 18	McMinn County	Home
21	City	Home
23	Soddy-Daisy	Away
25	Braintree	Home
*Dec. 2	Red Bank	Away
5	Tyner	Away
*6	East Ridge	Home
12	Nashua	Home
13	Bradley County	Away
18-20	S.E.T.A.C. Tour	Bradley County
Jan. 4	Calhoun	Away
9	Soddy-Daisy	Home
13	Tyner	Home
16	McMinn County	Away
23	Bradley County	Home
27	City	Home
30	Nashua	Away
Feb. 3	Rhea County	Away
*4	Red Bank	Home
11	Oakwood	Home
*13	East Ridge	Away
17	Braintree	Away
20	Rhea County	Home
*2:00 P.M.	Girls 7:00 P.M.	
B Team 7:15 P.M.	Boys 8:15 P.M.	

Matmen open season; state rank predicted

"Shoot, stick'em, take'em down!"

It's that time of year again when these and many other words will soon be heard around the gym as the Central matmen get set for what looks like a promising season.

With six returning starters from last year's team, which ranked fifth in the state, head wrestling coach, Steve Highlander, expects a good year. "If things workout right, we could go 16-0 and at

the worst 11-5. We should once again place high in the state," he said.

Jeff Pair, ranked third in state last year agreed, "We've got a better balanced team than last year and are more experienced."

Central began its season at Soddy-Daisy on December 1. This year's squad will be a traveling team as they are school competing in tournaments at Carter High in Knoxville and Father Ryan in Nashville. Central is also

hosting the Central Invitational which will be held here December 26-27. The District will also be held here and is slated for January 30-31.

Returning starters from last year's team are seniors Jeff Pair and Carl Vicars, juniors Ronnie Durham, Steve Howard, and Doug Williams, and sophomore Kevin Theford. Coach Highlander cites his most promising freshmen as being Derrick Eaton, Greg Humphreys and Jackie Brennan.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider

LOCKING HORNS—Wrestlers Jeff Pair, in black shirt, and Kevin Theford mix it up during a recent team workout.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Boys' basketball

When it comes too cold to play football, roundball season begins. At the same time, Central basketball fans begin to speculate and consider team potential.

Capabilities such as rebounding rely mainly on height. This year's team is relatively short compared to last year's squad and other area teams. Returning letterman, Delta Brogren, has the experience but lacks the size of last year's center, David Merriman.

Of course, not all their potential for success depends on height. Other abilities such as speed and agility will be substituted for this deficiency. For these other skills to suffice for lack of height, the team must work and co-operate together completely, without this co-operation total success cannot be achieved.

Girls' basketball

The height problem also plagues the newly formed girls' team.

Height, combined with a large portion of inexperience and young girls, should prove to be a major obstacle that will need to be overcome in order to win.

Some of the girls have played junior high ball, but still lack experience when compared to such schools as Bradley County, which will be faced later this season.

Although both teams face these problems, they should have a promising and interesting season.

Students need to get out and support these teams. Encouragement from fans goes a long way in producing the needed desire to win.

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HONOR STUDENTS—New members of the National Honor Society were inducted at ceremonies held last Wednesday.

Clothing drive helps relieve families with financial burdens

Stacks of clothing engulfed Mr. Sam Stoner's room as Central participated in the Hamilton County clothing drive November 12-21.

This is a county-wide effort to help keep needy families clothed properly.

"The clothing drive was one of the most important drives at Central," stated Mr. Sam Stoner, chairman of the committee. In past years Central has collected more clothes than any other school in Hamilton County.

To contribute to the drive, students left clean, wearable clothes in C-101 by 9:10 a.m. each day. Central's needs were supplied first, then the leftover clothing was sent to the clothing room at Hamilton County Occupational Training Center. There social workers sort, wash, mend, size, fill, and deliver the clothing to other families.

Mrs. Iva Gross, one of four social workers who works in conjunction with county schools, was in charge of the clothing drive.

"Hundreds of families a year receive clothes through this program," said Mrs. Gross.

Besides conducting the clothing drive, the county school system and its social workers try to provide needy families with Christmas or Thanksgiving baskets of food. They also help people meet their financial obligations by taking over a utility bill for a month.

Some of the other duties of a school social worker are to try to keep children in school regularly; to help keep children in good health; to provide communication between parents, students, and school; to help keep the child in good mental health; to assist with runaway children; to have children who are having trouble in

school evaluated at the Team Evaluation Center (the center checks the student physically, psychologically, nutritionally, etc.); and take children to the Eyes, Speech, and Hearing Center, which is operated by the Lions Club, if there is a need.

The money used for these projects is largely donated by the Kiwanis Club. The County Welfare Department and the Hamilton County Health Department also contribute.

Music Department concerts to feature Yuletide theme

The sounds of Christmas may be heard from the band and choral students as preparations get underway for their annual Christmas programs.

Central's concert band, under the direction of Mr. Roger Wolfe, will present its Christmas program on December 11, and the Choral Department, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, will perform its musical selections on December 16. Both events will take place in the school gym.

Central's four choirs will unite to present a program entitled "Christmas Celebrations." "This year's performance is going to be an exciting and colorful one for both the participants and the audience. It will include a variety of familiar temporal and sacred pieces, arranged by Ralph Carmichael, who has given these well-known traditional pieces a whole new twist," said Mrs. Reich.

The staging for the performance will require two sets—an indoor living room scene and an outdoor scene. During the concert spot lights will flash back and forth between the two sets, thus creating the desired moods for each song.

The Central High concert band program, lasting approximately one hour, will be composed of a variety of Christmas melodies and will feature a brass quintet and a windwood trumpet. Both will play two selections.

Near the close of the presentation, the band will play some traditional music, and the audience will be invited to sing along.

There will be an admission fee of \$1.00, which will be used to purchase new instruments and music.

Set and prop difficulties encountered in junior play

Finding antique furniture, procuring a Buddha that could be broken, and inventing a usable trap door were a few of the problems encountered by students working on this year's junior play, "Black Comedy."

"It was difficult to find all the necessary antiques that were needed; people just didn't want to allow their valuable items to be used for a high school production," stated a prop committee member.

A piece of sculpture was also needed so Mike McKenna, stage director, made it out of bits and pieces of metal.

An addition to set properties for the drama club will be new footlights. Before this year, spotlights as well as footlights had to be borrowed from a local church. Senior Leland Goldston constructed three sections of footlights from one by four pieces of wood, 75 watt light bulbs and tin reflectors. "These did not cost the school any money since I furnished the labor, and various companies in town donated the materials," said Leland.

Since footlights do not audior-

NHS selects 25 members

Twenty-five members of the senior class were inducted into the Annie May Shelton chapter of the National Honor Society at the Gym, November 26.

New members inducted were Elizabeth Balzan, Patricia Bridges, Tina Brooks, Debbie Claiborne, Cathy Coe, Karen Daniel, Leni Durrall, Bob Edlund, Karen Gilles, Leland Goldston, Phil Gross, Karen Hundt, Helen Lowe, Sherry McBryner, Jackie Neighbors, Teresa Newton, Charles Overly, Alison Redd, James Sartain, Lisa Spell, Charla Steinmetz, Michael Walker, Doug Ward, Frances Williams, and Mitch Wooten.

These new inductees, who make up approximately 10 percent of the senior class, were voted on by the faculty. To be eligible, they had to maintain at least a B average. A tabulation of grade point averages is made by Mrs. Pauline Ellis, school registrar, and each student lists the activities in which he is involved. Final selection is made by a faculty committee. Major consideration for selection is high scholastic achievement; however, students must also exemplify the qualities of leadership, service, and character, and have a significant number of faculty votes.

At the induction ceremonies, opening remarks were made by Honor Society President, Joel Smith, followed by a devotional given by Sharrin Wright. The pledge to the flag was led by Vice-President Ray Eslinger. Explanations of the four cardinal principles of the Honor Society, character, scholarship, leadership, and service, were given by senior members Suzanne Timberlake, Mike Wyse, Johnnie Kary, and Jeanine Mashburn. The pledge for new members was administered by Mrs. Louise Caudle, adviser for the National Honor Society, followed by a reception in the Home Economics Department.

During the ceremony special music was given by the chorus. After the induction a special talk was given by SGM Hall to guests and new members in the library, followed by a reception in the Home Economics Department.

"Today for colleges having high academic standards, membership in the Honor Society would be indicative of any individual's ability to succeed in college work. I would say that membership in NHS is truly significant when applying for admission to college," said Mrs. Okrazimsky, guidance counselor.

ium, preparing sets on the portable stage presents difficulties. "One of the hardest things we have to do is prepare walls which are stable; in the past we've propped them up with chairs and tables and held them together with glue, string or anything else handy," said Mr. Ed Hoover, in-

dustrial arts instructor and set construction coordinator.

Committees for the junior play were prep—Mike McKenna, chairman; Brian Hamilton; and Sally McClure.

Publicity—Connie Jackson, chairman; Susan Vines, and Renee Buckner.



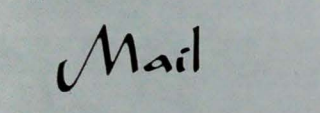
SETTING UP THE SET—Head prop man Mike McKenna arranges the furniture to be used in the junior play, "Black Comedy."

Try to hear what's not said

"Please hear what I'm not saying."
 Don't be fooled by me. Don't be fooled by the face I wear. For I wear a mask, I wear a thousand masks, masks that I'm afraid to look at and none of them are me.

Pretending is an art that's second nature with me, but don't be fooled, for God's sake that's fooled me...
 My surface may be smooth, but my surface is my mask...
 Beneath dwells the real me in confusion, I'm not alone.
 But I hide this... I'm afraid that deep down I'm nothing, that I'm just no good, and that you will see this and reject me. So I play my game, my desperate pretending game. With a facade of assurance without end and a trenching child within... I dislike hiding. Honestly... You've got to hold out your hand even when that is the last thing I need, or need... So you are alone on break down the wall behind which I tremble, you alone can receive me stronger... So do not pass me by. But I am told that love is stronger than the strongest walls, and in this lies hope. My only hope... Who am I you may wonder? I am someone you may know very well...
 —Anonymous

In this fast, computerized society, taking time to really know a person seems to have become a lost art. We are so rushed that it's hard sometimes to realize that people are real, that they have feelings just as we do. Take time to understand to be a friend.



Dear Editor,
 I am writing in regard to the editorial which was printed in a previous issue, concerning the date policy for Central dates. I wish to express my feelings on the matter.

I also disagree with this policy, and feel that it is too strict. They might as well tell us we can't date. The policy states that in order to bring an out-of-school date, he or she must be a graduate of Central or must be a student at an area high school at the present time.

I would suggest that the Student Council and the administration allow Centralites to bring the date of their choice provided they are entirely responsible and the product of their dates. By the time a

'Alive'—a shocking, true account of survival in the Andes Mountains

A few years ago in late October, a plane on its way to Santiago, Chile, crashed high in the brutal and treacherous Andes Mountains in South America. Many of the 45 passengers were rugby players from an aristocratic prep class school in Uruguay. Many of the passengers died.

Some years later after this incident an author named Piers Paul Read wrote a book about those who did survive that crash, how

'Pardon me boys, is this the Chattanooga Choo-Choo?

"All aboard!" The train conductor's familiar call rang around hundreds of people, crowded around those Iron horses, awed as they wait to board the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Once again it is a center of attention.

There was a time of hustle and bustle when the terminal was one of the main transportation centers in the south. Paris in 1950. One of the interior dining rooms, The Palm Terrace, with lattice and trellis woodwork, the room after the Tivoli Gardens, which is located outside of Rome, Italy.

Rising 60 feet upward above the station, the world's largest brick arch. This recent restoration proved to be faithful enough to the time—so that, if you had to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Terrible Marable?

Free spirit rooms the halls

By Lesli Durall

There lurks in Central's halls a mischievous looking lady. She gives through the building and gives the Humanities sign those who pass. Someone calls out "Hey Mom!" and she whirrs around the corridors.

She's Ms. Darby Marable, biology teacher at Central; and she's known as "Mom" to most of her underclass students, and a few select others.

The class of 1970 bestowed the nickname upon Ms. Marable, and she's another one of Mother Marable's helpful household hints. The name, and she's been lovingly called "Mom" by students for the past five years.

Even though the name "Mom" is often shouted by five-year olds who need a bandaid to treat women in households and hair-rollers, Ms. Marable would hate to be this "middle-aged housewife type person."

Concerning her likes and dislikes, Ms. Marable informed, "I like plotting and planning, needle-pointing, eating, and going to rock concerts." "I got to see the Rolling Stones in Memphis," she said excitedly.

Ms. Marable is fascinated by swamps. "I just love all those creepy-crawlers and ooey-goosy and slippy-sliethers," she grinned, shrugging her shoulders.

A favorite topic of conversation for Ms. Marable is J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Lord of Rings." She said, "I'm a middle-earth freak. I've read his book three times this year."

Chattanooga Choo-Choo?

The survivors refused to give up when rescue seemed impossible and death inevitable.

Hopefully, the survivors suffered through the worst conditions imaginable. The Andes are the steepest, snow-capped towers, and the men melted cold snow for water. When their only food—bits of candy and a few bottles of beer—ran out, they had no choice but to eat the flesh of their dead friends.

The blood, disease, broken legs,



THINKING IT OVER—Ms. Marable ponders over a problem brought to one of her biology students.

"My prized possessions are my black Camaro, my mink jacket, the Hope Diamond and my matching set of Lear jets!" Ms. Marable laughed.

She confesses, "I hate cold coffee, Monday mornings, warm ice cream, sloppy rolled yards, and the status quo. If everything is going smoothly, I have to do something to change the normality."

One "change" that Ms. Marable made during a normal spell was the addition of a girl named Barbara Greene to her honor room roll on April Fools Day. Barbara appeared on the absence report every day for the rest of the year, except —or two days when he was dismissed early. Ms. Marable said, "She started out as a joke, but now she has grown into a full-fledged soap opera. The poor

sickness, starvation, gangrene, pain, delirium, and shock were enough to drive any person insane."

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an antique store, and an art gallery. For railroad buffs, there is a railroad museum with 100 engines and 600 cars on display.

For those who enjoy night life, the terminals are served in the Waldah Cannonball and in the Station House, where visitors can boogie to the best of James Rodgers and other entertainers.

The Choo-Choo offers a variety of interest to everyone. Beauty, entertainment, good food, and historic information are all featured. Next time, take a trip out to the "All aboard" Choo-Choo. —Property of Central High School Library

Public awareness key to schools' financial needs

Educating the public to vital financial needs of Hamilton County schools through more effective communication was the main thrust of Superintendent Dale Carter's talk to the Central faculty on November 10.

Dr. Carter stated that next year a minimum of 2½ million dollars will be necessary to simply maintain services at their present level. This amount would not provide for increases in any area including teacher salaries.

Dr. Carter indicated that he does not believe that the County Council will take any initiative to provide for these needed increases without approval from the residents of Hamilton County. "Educators then have two options to convince the public that our requests are fair and reasonable or to bank on the fact that you can force changes by a walkout." Regarding a walkout, he indicated that he did not believe that the public would be receptive.

Instead he urged teachers to "sell" to the community the value of the services they provide to children so that they will be willing to approve the necessary monies.

Dr. Carter also stated that he felt that the demands of the teachers for higher salaries at the last HCEA meeting at Red Bank High School were the cause of the last education needs in the county because many of the teacher reactions were radical and unprofessional.

He seemed to feel that any request for money from the Council will automatically be linked to an increase in teacher pay rather than the much needed improvements in all areas of the total educational program.

In the course of his talk Dr. Carter defended two accusations leveled at him by teachers. The first involved a statement concerning the small number of teachers hired for the first half based on the number of applicants for positions. Many teachers had taken this statement as a direct threat to any job security. "When I made this statement,

it certainly did not involve a threat of any kind," he said. He indicated that he merely wanted to show that there are many trained teachers who cannot get jobs because none are available. "Last year there were over 600 teachers who were turned down for positions. When you say 'no' to this many people, it really begins to come home to you," he said.

His second defensive statement concerned the request to cut administrative positions to provide more money for the classroom teachers. "There is no office personnel salaries constitute only about 2 percent of the total budget and so cut expenses in this area would not produce the amount of money needed. In reference to this he urged teachers not to "buy AFT for any other union" information directed to let you fall into their trap."

Dr. Carter stated that he fully supported a five percent raise for teachers this year on the basis that other county employees and officials had received significant increases, and teachers were due an equitable increase also. However, he said that he did not feel that teachers at this time are basically underpaid considering the conditions of our economy. He believes that as on a yearly salary basis, teachers rank favorably with salaried professionals outside of teaching who have comparable education.

Dr. Carter indicated that HCEA is rapidly developing union characteristics, and he viewed very negatively the reaction of the teachers at its last meeting. He indicated that many of its members are willing to be controlled by the more radical elements of its membership.

He commended the Central faculty for its professional attitude and for its desire to further the education goals of Hamilton County. He also expressed his appreciation for his gift of a doctoral cap and gown which can be worn at graduation exercises.

Memorize those rules!

Woodshop stresses safety

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!!!!
 The fatal scenario of a gym filled with the shoproom. Preoccupied students quickly reacted and flinched at the sight of the youth sprawling on the floor. He lay motionless, blood gushing from the wound, a splinted bone protruding from the torn and jagged flesh. He was bleeding profusely in a very short time. Something had to be done immediately. If it were not for the efficient action of fellow students, the youth might have died.

The preceding account is not totally true, but it could have occurred in any elementary school woodshop across the nation. But zoning in on Central, our present students participated in the sign-making project, and Mr. Mayfield's printing classes spent time working on the signs.

Recently, Coach Gordon Ma-



PLANE AWAY THE DAY—Danny Crosland squares up a board during woodshop class.

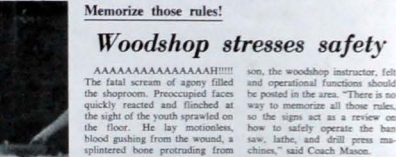
Martians invade in famous radio play; drama students perform for freshmen

Central was invaded by Martians on November 14 in a dramatic play presentation by the drama class.

"Invasion from Mars" by Orson Wells was chosen to encourage freshman English classes to appreciate and to participate in drama.

The play is a two act radio play which was first broadcast in October of 1938. It is an imaginative story containing events which occur when Martians landed on earth.

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Delta 'Pearl' Brogden proven versatile star

By Mitchell Hailstone

Delta "Pearl" Brogden who is described as "one of the better athletes in this area" by Coach Larry Payne, as "a one-man track team" by Coach Joel Brewster, and as a basketball player who can "jump right out of the gym" by a professional sportswriter, is definitely a leading figure in Central's sports program.

Delta was born in Wichita, Kansas in 1958 into a sports oriented family with his father playing professional baseball for the Royals. He grew up traveling around before finally settling

down in Chattanooga. The unusual name of "Delta" is a family name and, contrary to popular belief, so is his nickname, "Pearl." Most people believe that Delta was named after the smooth shooting Knickerbocker, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, but in actuality he received his nickname from his mother.

Entering from J. B. Brown as an All-County basketball player, he then went on to obtain an Honorable-Mention in the County ratings during his sophomore year and All-County along with Honorable Mention in the All-State

category last year. In regard to this year's team, Brogden said, "I feel that whatever we want to do, we can do it." Delta and another senior, Tim Chavis, were selected as captains for this season's squad.

"Pearl" is also credited with many track achievements such as the school records for the broad-jump and high-jump. In addition, he runs the 220-yard dash and is a member of the 880-yard relay team. "I believe Delta has as much track ability as anybody that I've ever seen in all my coaching years. I'm really impressed by him," complimented Coach Brewster.

Brogden has also played baseball for the Pounders and laughingly claimed that football is too rough, although he does enjoy playing it. He presently has no definite plans for the future, but no matter what he chooses to do, he has the ability to do it well.



—Photo by Tony Vey of the basketball team.
SWOOSH!—Delta 'Pearl' Brogden dunks it in during a practice session

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

In the last issue I discussed a few of the problems that plagued the basketball teams. Now I would like to discuss the insufficient number of athletes going out for wrestling this year.

Most junior high schools which we compete against have wrestling teams composed of seventh, eighth, and ninth grade athletes. Central must depend solely on freshmen to compose the ninth-grade wrestling team; is one reason for the lack of wrestlers this year.

Coach Highlander seems a bit annoyed about the lack of freshmen competing in the wrestling program. Freshmen are needed not only for team depth and for filling vacant weight classes, but to gain experience and training for their varsity years.

Another reason for the shortage of participants this year is that football players seem to prefer to use seventh period to lift weights, rather than participate in the wrestling program. Many of these athletes are potentially good wrestlers and should come out and support the wrestling squad.

Next year could present an even larger problem for Coach Highlander if freshmen still fail to participate. This is why I encourage every freshman to take part in the athletic program at Central. I hope this motivates those who would qualify as a wrestler and stimulate them to join the team.

Wood collectors

Sitting on the bench—no joke

Sitting on the bench has been described as playing end, guard, and tackle. But the guys sitting on the "end" of the bench, and "guarding" the water bucket don't always think of their position as a joke.

What does it feel like to sit on the bench?

One second stringer said, "When I sit on the bench, I get depressed. After working hard in practice, it's a let-down to be just watching. Sometimes I wonder if it is really worth it."

A lot of support comes from those who aren't playing. "I some-

times feel left out," said one member of the football B-team, "but I still scream until I'm hoarse every game."

Some members of a team may practice every day of the season and never play one game minute. "I want to be out there, and it really hurts," said a freshman basketball player, "I have scores on my rear-end from sitting so long!"

Ever starters have to sit on the sidelines occasionally, and it's hard to accept after having played. A first string player for the girls team said, "I was embarrassed! When I was sitting on the bench,

I was determined to get back in the game and get my position back."

One ex-first stringer and novice bench-sitter expressed his opinion before quitting the team, "I've never sat on the bench before, and I'm not about to start now!"

Sitting on the bench is working hard in practice and dressing out for every game. It's feeling a little down, but still cheering for the team. And most of all it's hope that the next game will be the one in which you play, and that the coach will look your way.



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Underprivileged children receive Christmas toys

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

Or so the familiar Christmas tale begins. In one not so familiar Christmas story, however, there is no fire cozily blazing in the grate, there are no stockings hung neatly from the mantle. The children are not snuggled in their beds, and no visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.

No, in this story, the house is a small and truck converted into a make-do home. The two shivering children are huddled together against the icy December cold. For them there is no Santa Claus; no festive holiday dinner will be served the next day. To them December 24 means just another cold winter day.

Suddenly, the truck is surrounded by fire trucks and police cars, the air is filled with laughter and "Merry Christmas" and jolly ole Santa is presenting the children with 2 gaily wrapped packages with a smile on his face.

There are millions of children all over the United States living in such conditions, who never have a Christmas.

Fortunately, this story is not a fairy tale, and, luckily, there is an organization called the "Forgotten Child Fund" that works for the benefit of these "forgotten" children.

This organization is composed of policemen and firemen and is headed by the school patrol mothers.

The organization was formed in 1963 when police officers made an arrest. Upon entering the house, they found the mother and father

could not afford to buy presents for their children's Christmas. It was too late to help those children, but the policeman decided to take up funds among themselves to buy a few toys for needy children.

Now each year the school patrol mothers sponsor the "Mother's Walk." Two weeks before Christmas these ladies walk through neighborhoods ringing doorbells for money in order to buy the needed toys.

Each patrol mother is allowed to choose seven families that she thinks needs help for Christmas. She makes these choices from observing the children whose she comes into contact with each day while directing traffic at the schools.

These "mothers" oversee the wrapping of these gifts and encourage different clubs around the Chattanooga area to donate gifts. They request that the sex and age of the child and to whom the gift will be presented be written on the outside of the package. They also request that the toys be new ones. Chief Wilkerson, a school patrol mother, stated, "The toys must be new ones. The children are smart; they know Santa Claus only brings new shiny toys, not ones that have been chewed on or that are dirty. We feel that every child should go "first-class."

Any Central students or teachers who wish to donate toys or money to the "Forgotten Children Fund," should call Chief Wilkerson at the Chattanooga Police Department on Amnicola Highway.

The promoters of the "Forgotten Child Fund" believe that Christmas is for ALL children.



SANTA'S HELPERS—Members of the Chattanooga Police Department get ready to deliver toys.



BEARING THE CENTRAL TORCH—Rick Hansard and Cheryl Williams have been chosen by their senior classmates as torchbearers.

Torch bearers Williams, Hansard leading Central's Senior Superlatives of 1976

Cheryl Williams, head cheerleader, and Rick Hansard, senior class president, head the 1975 Senior Superlatives as this year's Torchbearers, the **Champion** staff has revealed.

Other Senior Superlatives are Leadership — Joel Smith and Karen Kile. Service — Ray Esslinger and Suellen Rodgers. Dependability — Bruce Moore and Karen Gilley. Most Likely to Succeed — Sanford Wilson and Pam Humphreys. Most Athletic—Delta Brodgen and Andy Thomas.

Best All Around—Rod Croft and Cindy Gaddis. Most Courteous — Mitchell Haultone and Jackie Neighbors. Wittiest — Mitch Wooten and Lee Pierce. Most Talented—Doug Ward and Suzanna Timberlake. Neatest in Appearance — Jeff Burns and Teresa Seaborn, and Friendliest—Randy Teague and Lesli Durall.

Voting for the superlatives was done by the seniors through the English classes on November 24.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Maxine Williams, **Champion** adviser, the ballots were counted by Suzanna Timberlake, Suellen Rodgers, Allison Redd, and Johnny Kazy, senior editors of the **Champion** staff.

Dr. Hobart Millsaps, principal, approved the choice of superlatives as representative of the school on De-

ember 18 to inform the winners of their selection.

The scholarship superlatives, valedictorian and salutatorian, will be announced during second semester after the four year honor students have been determined. These honors go to the two students with the highest grade average in the class.

As is traditional, all the superlatives will be featured in the Senior Hall of Fame of the **Champion**.

Pictures for this section of the yearbook were made at various places around Chattanooga.

Superlatives were chosen on the basis of the favorable qualities of character and personality they exemplify.



—Photo by Tony Ivey

CANDIDATES FOR DANCE MONARCHS—Members of the Student Council up for Christmas Prom king and queen are back row, left to right, Ray Esslinger, Port Raulston, and Tom Lantry. Front row, same order, Karen Kile and Teresa Seaborn. The dance was held December 12, following the Central-Notre Dame game. (Not pictured, Bruce Moore, Suellen Rodgers and Cindy Gaddis.)

Three Centralists overcome competition in district debates

Central debaters have surpassed district opposition to proceed to sectional competition in the Bicentennial Youth Debates. Two seniors and a sophomore each won a \$100 savings bond and a gold medal.

Seniors Tina Brooks, Bruce Moore, and sophomore Pat Neyman defeated Tyner students in district competition held in B-pop on December 2. Dr. Sam Yarnell, chairman of the board of American National Bank, presented the winners with their bonds. The United States Treasury Department provided the gold medals.

From the district meet the debaters will advance to sectional competition in Athens, Tennessee, on December 20. First place winners there will receive \$1000 each.

Contestants are required to prepare different topics for each debate. Senior Tina Brooks said, "The main problem in the debates is defining the terms." Tina competes in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate category.

Persuasive speaker Pat Neyman will have the topic, "The evolution of America's work ethic: A change for the better?" Senior Bruce Moore will speak on an extemporaneous topic.

Share your love by giving

The tradition of giving gifts began many centuries ago in the city of Bethlehem when God gave to the world His Son, and the wise men and shepherds brought gifts in the child's honor. Today, Christmas for most people is still child centered. Plans are made early for letters to Santa Claus, and visions of stacks of toys under the tree make it hard for little ones to sleep on Christmas Eve. Their wonder, expectation and simple joy bring gladness to the heart of even the worst Scrooge.

For many children, however, there will be no wonder, joy, or expectation because these have been shattered in a cold world of reality where there is no money for toys, and in many cases, no parents who care.

As young people it is not too early for us to begin to see the world as it is and to do our part to help those who are less fortunate.

There are many organizations in the Chattanooga area which provide clothes, toys, and food for needy children during the Christmas season. Find one of these groups and make a contribution to their efforts.

Make your Christmas brighter and happier this year by sharing with a child who needs to know that someone cares.

You can make differences

This year to find the real spirit of Christmas: Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Diminish suspicion and replace it with trust. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep a promise. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate what you have. Be kind. Laugh a little. Tie up arms against violence. Express your love. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak of your love. Speak it again and let words become actions: for in this one word lies the total meaning of Christmas.



American Christmas trees, Santa Claus contributed by traditions of many cultures

Every Christmas Eve, millions of bright-eyed children all around the world anticipate the arrival of Santa Claus. They decorate their trees with ornaments and lights, they wait to hear reindeers pawing on the roof. Then Santa slides down the chimney. How did all these traditions begin?

Santa Claus is an all-American character, but he actually came from symbolic characters in Europe. A man called Saint Nicholas served as bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the A.D. 300's, and he was famous for his generosity. After while, people came to believe that any surprise gift came from him. The Netherlands chose Saint Nicholas as the patron saint of children, and his name gradually spread. Dutch settlers in New York called him "Sinter Klaas," and American children soon called him Santa Claus.

An American minister and poet, Clement C. Moore, first described the roly-poly, jolly, white-bearded man with his bundle of toys in the poem "A Visit From Saint Nick." Today, children still riding in a sleigh pulled by airborne reindeers.

An old Norse legend is the basis for the belief

that Santa Claus enters through the chimney. The Norse believed the godless Hertha appeared in the fireplace and brought good luck to the home. Today, Santa Claus comes down all chimneys, no matter how tight the squeak.

It is not certain how the first Christmas tree came about. One legend is that the first Christmas tree was shown in a miracle to an English missionary called Saint Boniface, who went to Germany to teach of Christ. While walking through the woods on Christmas Eve, he found several people huddled around an oak tree. He cut down the tree, and an evergreen tree grew in its place immediately. Saint Boniface told them that the new tree was the true life, representing Christ.

Another German legend tells of a man who was traveling home one night before Christmas. He looked up at the stars from several miles below the stars and thought it was so beautiful that he'd like to have a tree at home to show his wife. He cut down a small pine tree and decorated it with lighted candles to look like the stars he had seen.

Some say Martin Luther was the first to trim the tree with lights. He found several people huddled and beauty of the stars above Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth.



ON GUARD!—Soprano Pat Neyman demonstrates his interest in swords. —Photo by Tony Ivey

Yeido anyone? Sophomore draws his sword

By Jeanie Holman
An acute interest in ancient Japanese swords is not what anyone would call an ordinary, everyday, run-of-the-mill hobby. In fact, this avocation could only belong to one unusual and different person, soprano Pat Neyman.

Yeido, the art of drawing and cutting with a Samurai sword, is a system of the martial arts. The Japanese Samurai, feudal warriors, carried a long sword on the left side and a short one worn tucked into the front sash. The Samurai felt that swords were their souls. The warriors wore long pleated skirts, called wakama. Their clothes might be nearly in rags and tatters, but their sword would be lacquered and shiny.

On his interest in Yeido, Pat said, "I've always been interested in the martial arts. I really just read up on these arts, but I've recently borrowed a friend's sword and am doing some restoration work on it. I hope to buy one someday."

Besides his interest in swords, Pat has other rather offbeat diversions, such as studying the religious aspects of Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings." Dramatics is perhaps the tamest of all the interests Pat has. "Even when I was little, I used to pretend I was

various characters and act out inventions of my own," he said. Pat has won his name and fame at Central by being the only sophomore to win the Bicentennial Youth Debates in both the local and regional competition. Since he is planning a career in radio broadcasting, Pat feels that the debates "are an excellent opportunity as far as writing and expressing myself is concerned."

When asked how he felt about defeating upperclassmen in the debates, Pat replied, "I was very surprised. I didn't think in my world, because no one in my family's history has ever been recognized for outstanding behavior except for a distant relative who was hanging for being a horse thief."

Through the annals of Pat's life have come some rather unusual incidents. At an unrecalled

age he received an honorable discharge from the Boy Scouts. The reason is still in this day locked in the top secret files of this disingenuous organization, never to be revealed.

He attended Boy Buchanan last year where he was involved in speech tournaments and the school play. Pat is now a member of the French and Drama clubs.

Aside from a long range goal of becoming a radio broadcaster, Pat is planning to go to Europe this summer and visit France, Belgium, and Great Britain.

The fact cannot be disputed that Pat is one of the most unique people at Central (a deep-voiced soprano is uncommon anywhere). With Tolkien, dramatics, and swords as his interest, Central, he "en garde."

Stereo Sound Talk Go "westie" rock fans

By Linda Alley
Strike up another one for Elton John! He's just released his eleventh album—"Rock of the Westies."

"Rock of the Westies" is different from Elton's last album in that two of the original four band members are no longer a part of the group. It is produced without the talent of Nigel Olsson on the drums or Dee Murray on the guitar. Still present, however, is the fantastic Davey Johnstone who plays guitar, and the astounding Ray Cooper who can play almost anything.

The four new additions are as follows: James Howard, electric piano; Kenny Passarelli, guitar; Roger Payne, drums; and Caleb Quaye, guitar.

Howard was formerly with Melissa Manchester and Passarelli was previously with Joe Walsh.

The music of "Rock of the Westies" ranges from a fast, uptempo melody to a slow moving song. Three different guitars, an ovation, an acoustic, and a slick electric—make up part of the background music for "Idiot's Girl." Other instruments used to create the fast, jazzy mood of this song are congas, tambourine, and marimbas. On the other hand, only the basics are used to create the sad, meaningful "I Feel Like a Bullet (In the Gun of Robert Ford)."

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TRIBUTE TO GRID STARS—Various members of the football squad were honored at the annual football banquet. Front row, left to right, Steve Thomas, Alan Pressley, Port Raulston and Ray Eslinger. Back row, same order, Terry Payne and Stan Owens. (Not pictured: Kevin Dove)

Athletes honored at banquet; superior players recognized

In recognition of their hard work and dedication, a total of 36 athletes were honored at the annual Central Football Banquet held on December 4 in the commons.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of trophies to outstanding members of the team. Senior Port Raulston was chosen as the recipient of the Mike Perkins Award. It is given each year to the player showing strength in character and determination. Ray Eslinger was presented the Scholastic Award. His grade point average for which he received the award is 3.53. The Coaches Player

Award was given to senior Alan Pressley.

Chosen as the Best Defensive Linebacker was Stan Owen. The Best Offensive Linebacker award was given to Steve Thomas.

Terry Payne was the recipient of the Best Defensive Back award and Kevin Dove was chosen as the Best Offensive Back.

The Johnson & Johnson Award is presented by the managers to the player who used the most tape during the season. The winner was Danny Crossland.

First year lettermen received a letter jacket. They included Eric Carroll, Tommy Pope, Stan Curvin, David Hale, Tracey Hay,

Dennis Holder, Rusty Kendall, Mike King, Terry Payne, Jimmy Perry, Ron Robbs, Jimmy Rominger, Steve Thomas, Jeff Wallace, and Frank Zimmerman.

Second year lettermen who received a certificate included Byron Bush, Myron Bush, Chuck Cronon, Randy Davis, Kevin Dove, Bucky Gowan, Steve Haning, Ji in many Ledford, Jimmy Main, Stan Owen, and Mark Pelham.

Senior awards were given to Ted Broyles, Randy Clark, Ray Croft, Danny Crossland, Ray Eslinger, Mark Groetz, Rick Hand, Eric Carroll, Tommy Pope, Stan Curvin, David Hale, Tracey Hay,

Book report due?

Mrs. Allison urges classics

"Oh no, my book report is due in three days. What am I going to read? I wish I knew of a good short classic."

To help students with this problem Mrs. Pansy Allison, librarian, recommends the following classics, as good and short: "The Great Gatsby," Fitzgerald; "Of Mice and Men," Steinbeck; "The Pearl," Steinbeck; "Red Pony," Steinbeck and Ethan Frome," Wharton.

The most popular books in the library are the Tolkien series.

The most popular subject at the moment is the "Devil's Triangle." The library contains three books on this subject.

Another popular subject is the Manson Family. No books about the family are in the library. Al-

though there are two books on the subject, Mrs. Allison does not intend to order any book about Manson and his followers.

Although she does not want to name any particular titles, Mrs. Allison recommends reading books by recognized American authors such as Nobel Prize winners Eric Carrol, Tom Sawyer, Stan Curvin, David Hale, Tracey Hay, and John Steinbeck.

Mrs. Allison feels that everyone should be familiar with books by Mark Twain, Ernest Hemingway, and John Steinbeck.

In looking for good books students can look at the library's lists of classics or a booklist, which Mrs. Allison has called "What to Read Before College."

Mrs. Allison said that students will need a good background in classic literature when they go to college.

Clubs plan for Christmas; will host parties, give toys

Collecting toys, giving parties, and hosting teas are just a few of the plans involved in club projects for Christmas this year.

Y-Teens will participate in a program called the "Hanging of the Greens." Various clubs from area high schools will decorate different parts of the YWCA so that the girls living there have a merrier Christmas season.

Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y will have a Christmas party for the children at Good Shepherd Fold. Hi-Y members are planning to collect donated toys from the various department stores for the children.

Tri-Hi-Y members will make small toys as favors for the children. FFA held a Christmas Tea for the teachers on December 17. The tea had a colonial theme, to go along with the Bicentennial celebration. The food was similar to that used in colonial times. The tea was held all day in the reception room so that teachers could come during their conference period.

FFA will hold a party for children at the Vine Street Orphanage. Club members will play games and sing with the children. They will also make favors to give the children.

News Briefs

Leslie Summar attends seminar
Leslie Summar has been chosen to represent Central in state competition to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Seminar in America's Bicentennial celebration.

Annually, the Foundation enables selected high school sophomores to participate in a week-long, all expense paid program designed to promote the development of leadership qualities.

The 1976 program will be an in-depth leadership seminar on our nation's horizons. It will be held April 3-13 in Washington, D.C.

Hello Central

Tri-Hi-Y has been planning the sale of the 1976 Central directory, "Hello Central."

They will be sold January 12-16 and the price is \$1.25.

"Hello Central" is an aid to Central students and is sold non-profit by the Tri-Hi-Y.

The directory contains a list of all Central students with their addresses and phone numbers. It also contains a list of all clubs and staffs and their officers.



CALORIES DON'T COUNT—Wynn Gilgo and Mike Hall made a good many people a few pounds heavier by selling the most candy in the Junior-Senior Candy Sale.

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Sports up-date

Cagers in holiday tournament

Central, looking for revenge, paired off last night with East Ridge's Pioneers in the second game of the SETAC Tournament being held at Bradley County High. Earlier the Pounders were handed their third loss of the season by the Pioneers in front

of the Central student body on December 9, the final score being 79-72.

The results of yesterday's action was not known at the time of this printing; however, the winner of the Central-East Ridge bout will face off with the victor of the

Red Bank-Soddy Daisy game to-night, and Bradley County will take on either McMinn County or Rhea County, depending on who came out on top of their match. These winners will then advance to finals tomorrow night.

In the girls' competition yesterday, the Pounderettes went up against the Red Bank team, whom they had lost to earlier in the year. One of these two teams will play either East Ridge or Soddy-Daisy tonight with the winner going on to the finals.

East Ridge

East Ridge, led by senior Byron Mulligan, pulled out a victory in the final minutes of the game over Central as the buzzer sounded a 79-72 end.

Delta Brogren, captain, topped the Central scoring list hitting 22 points from the floor and totaling 28 points. Next was senior Butch Walls finishing with 18 points and Tim Chavis, co-captain, concluded the double figure scoring with 10 points. Brogren and Walls together pulled down a total of 20 rebounds.



UP FOR GRABS—Central and Tyner players battle for the rebound. Central won the contest.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Backyard football has perhaps become the most popular after school and weekend sport this fall. But being a non-school sport, it is unorganized in that it has no adult supervision, and Central students must plan the games themselves.

Since this sport is not associated with any school or organization, different teams and fields have to be chosen each time. Participants play mainly for the fun of it. During these games, a lot of excitement goes on and sometimes skill is displayed, but more recognized this year than excitement and skill were the numerous injuries.

Along with the usual small cuts and bruises of football went many serious injuries, including emergency room treatments, and in some cases hospitalization. Among Central students, there were two broken arms, two broken noses, a separated shoulder, and even a concussion.

When asked what he thought about backyard football, Coach Runyon stated, "More people are injured and more deaths occur in backyard football than in organized football." He concluded by saying, "Yes, I feel it is very dangerous."

Mrs. Dara Gouge, R.N., also added, "It is a lot of fun, but terribly dangerous without protection. I've seen many injuries on Monday morning as a result of Sunday afternoon football."

Backyard football is dangerous as many Central students have observed; therefore, caution should be used when playing.

Shooting Stars

Central rifle squad compiles 6-2 record

The "75-76" rifle team led by seniors Wayne Dickson and Dean Sandlin are off to a good start this year and have compiled a 6-2 record so far.

The team started its season on

October 6 with a win over Red Bank followed by three victories over Bradley County. Later, on two occasions they beat Red Bank again. Their only losses came at the hands of Science Hill and East Ridge.

Sgt. Luttrell, rifle team coach, says his best shooters would have to be the two seniors on the team which include the team captain Wayne Dickson and Dean Sandlin. The other three positions for the five-man squad are being filled by juniors Mike Hall, John Kelly, Bill McPherson, Randy Ricketts, Keith Sands, and George Smith.

Scoring is one of the most interesting aspects of this sport.

Each individual may score a possible 300 points from three positions of kneeling, prone, and standing. The four top individual scores from each team are then totaled, and the team with the highest number of points is declared the winner.

Tryouts for the team are held at the beginning of each school year with workouts held after school. A normal practice for a rifle team member consists of working on his weakest position.

At the end of each season, the member with the highest scores throughout the year is awarded a trophy. Like other sports, the other competing members of the team are given letters and jackets.



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BACKYARD BUMPS AND BRUISES—Football in the backyard often causes serious injuries but provides much enjoyment.

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SENIOR DAY COURT—Members of the Senior Class up for the title of Mr. and Miss Central are back row, left to right, Cheryl Williams, Amy Thomas, Jackie Neighbors, Cindy Gaddis, and Karen Kile. First row, same order, Joel Smith, Ray Estinger, Rick Hansard, Doug Ward, and Randy Teague.

Senior Day court, attendants chosen

Ten candidates for Mr. and Miss Central and eighteen court attendants have been chosen by the senior class and student body. Mr. and Miss Central will be crowned on March 5 during the annual Senior Day program.

Candidates are Ray Estinger, Cindy Gaddis, Rick Hansard, Karen Kile, Jackie Neighbors, Joel Smith, Randy Teague, Amy Thomas, Doug Ward, and Cheryl Williams.

Attendants are Belinda Bates, Chloe Booker, Debbie Claiborne, Cathy Coe, Lesli Durrall, Karen Gilley, Russ King, Akie McDaniel, Bruce Moore, Jeff Fair, Allison Redd, Suelen Rodgers, John Sargent, Suzanna Timberlake, Harold Wallis, Clarence Wilson, Sanford Wilson, and Mitch Woodson.

This year's voting procedures for the court and attendants differed from that of the past. In the past, the seniors voted for their choice for Mr. and Miss Central from the top half of the class. The top 28 students who received the most votes went in front of the student body to list their activities. The whole student body then voted from the candidates for the 10 court members. The remaining 18 served as at-

endants. Then the student body voted for Mr. and Miss Central. This year was different because the seniors elected the court and attendants. The student body then voted on Mr. and Miss Central.

In charge of the elections was the steering committee, composed of the past general chairman and the senior class sponsor.

SOGM Hall will serve as general chairman for the program. Mr. James Rogers is assistant general chairman. Other committee chairmen are Miss Brenda Chauncey, program; Mrs. Vickie Dunn, costumes; Mrs. Christina Campbell, stage; Mr. Sam Stoner, house; Mr. Roger Wolfe, music; Mrs. Virginia Summerour, invitations; Mrs. Louise Canfield, welcome; Miss Marjorie Ogle, reception; Mr. Paul Barnett, traffic; Mr. Hilman Mayfield, publicity; and Mrs. J. C. Robbins, speeches.

Central's band under the direction of Mr. Roger Wolfe, and the Choral Department under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, will provide the music for the program to be held in the gym.

Decorations will be provided by the Art Club, art classes, and volunteers.

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English coffee-house skits presented by senior classes

In remembrance of England during the eighteenth century, and as part of the bicentennial celebration, senior English classes presented Old English Coffee House skits.

All seniors in Miss Marjorie Ogle's and Mrs. J. C. Robbins' classes participated in the project. The purpose of the project was to show how the English have influenced the American way of life.

Coffee-houses were chosen for the project because of their wide popularity in the eighteenth century. These public houses catered to many levels of taste, and anyone who could pay the price of a cup of coffee, usually a penny, was welcomed.

News of the day, gossip, as

well as literary and scientific discussions attracted many customers. Such periodicals as "The Tatler" and "The Spectator" became famous as people met to agree or disagree with the writers' opinions. Businessmen even met to conduct transactions. Prominent literary and political figures such as Dryden and Addison became associated with particular coffee-houses. By the end of the century, there were over 500 coffee-houses in existence.

The project took place following Christmas vacation. In preparation for the project, students were organized into groups, each studying some contribution of the time period such as art, music, medicine, science, literature and drama. Research was then changed

into dialogues for presentation.

Classrooms were transformed into appropriate settings complete with a variety of antiques, antiques and furniture arranged restaurant style. Fresh commee was available for visitors.

A fireplace, murals, and costumes heightened interest as students assumed the characters of famous persons meeting to discuss events of the day. One group even baked pastries to share with the audience.

Miss Ogle stated her opinion of the project by saying, "I like to see students undertake independent study and learn the influence of different times and periods of life. It also helps break the monotony of the classroom setting and gives each student an opportunity to use his talents."

Traditional Pounder name and symbols contributed by manager and reporters

"We are the Pounders, and we are the best!" and "Go Pounders!" are just two of the familiar chants that Central fans yell as the "Purple Pounders" run onto the football fields, the basketball court, the cinder track, or the wrestling mats.

Whether the fans are members of the class of 1938 or the class of 1978, they seem to have a sense of school loyalty and a love for the Central High Pounders.

However, if those same fans were asked how the name Pounders originated and how the hammer and anvil became the symbol of the Central High School Purple Pounders, how many could give the answers?

Originally, Central's football team was called the "Purple Warriors" and the "Purples." The name "Pounders" was bestowed upon Central by local sportswriters. In their coverage of Central's football games, the reporters wrote about the pounding Central's teams gave their opponents and how they "pounded" their way in their gridiron con-

quests. The writers began calling the team "Pounders" instead of the "Warriors."

It is unclear the exact year that "Pounders" became the official name of Central's football team. Research showed that "Pounders" and "Warriors" were used interchangeably in back issues of the Digest until the mid-thirties, but from the year 1938, the team was referred to as the "Purple Pounders."

Another symbol which is familiar to students is the hammer and anvil. The first sketch of the hammer and anvil upheld by a muscular arm was drawn by a student football manager, Ben Sparks, sometime in the mid 1930's.

Former Pounder football coach, S. Dean Peterson, said, "The symbol of the hammer and anvil is a symbol of power. Like the power that a blacksmith uses when he pounds on his anvil. The strong, muscular arm and hand clatching the hammer also represents the strength behind the Pounder football team."

The Pounders record shows their strength. The Pounders have won several state championships.



—Photo by Bob Ebdand
SIGNS OF CENTRAL—The pounder man appears to be hurdling the hammer and anvil. These symbols have over the years become trademarks of Central.

Not enough facts to be legal

"It's no worse than alcohol or tobacco; everybody does it," are the main excuses for using marijuana. These are no arguments for "pot." A mature intelligent person knows that these cannot be defended with valid arguments and that they are just smoke screens given to excuse a guilty conscience.

At this time it is impossible to predict the effects of marijuana for long periods of use, and many studies are still at an experimental stage. However, there is definite evidence that smokers have an inability to think clearly and logically, and suffer temporary loss of memory and growing paranoia. Small amounts of marijuana interfere with the sense of time, and memory storage. Heavy users lose their will to do anything worthwhile.

Since so little is still known about this drug, it seems highly impractical to encourage its use or to advocate its legalization. To remove penalties for its use would only encourage many easily influenced young people to experiment with potential dynamic. A few hours of pleasure worth a possible future of mental or physical damage? Can we as young people afford to take that chance?

Changes needed in laws

Marijuana is considered one of the greater evils in society, but because it is such a controversial subject, persons are taking second looks concerning its legalization.

It has been proven that alcohol and cigarettes are detrimental to a person's health, yet there are no laws against them. However, there is no such evidence against marijuana, but it is still not legal.

Studies prove that marijuana is less addictive than alcohol. No one has been able to come up with such medical facts that marijuana has a physical addiction. There also has not been any sure proof that marijuana has long range harmful results.

It is still illegal to possess or use marijuana in any way, while it is perfectly acceptable and within the law to use alcohol and cigarettes as often as one wishes. Those who oppose the legalization of marijuana should take another look at the facts, or the lack of facts. Laws decriminalizing its use would save many teenagers the embarrassment of arrest and a criminal record for something they don't believe is wrong.

Freedom's Foundation theme to stress America's greatness from idea to reality

"We study the greatness of America from an idea to a reality — 1776-1976" is this year's theme for the Freedom's Foundation.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Dargan of world history classes will be making a study of "America and the Free Enterprise System" by doing surveys, having speakers, do-

ing research work, and making illustrations.

Mr. Wayne Huling, history instructor, and Mr. Larry Payne, civics instructor, are having their students to write themes on "Our Basic Freedoms."

Mrs. Dorothy Stoner's sociology and psychology students are making a study of the five enduring social institutions: family, education, religion, economy, and government. The classes will be going

Marijuana—

A merry-go-round trip to nowhere?

Approximately 60 percent of the teenagers in Hamilton County have experimented with some form of drugs, and 20 to 30 percent are regular users, according to the Rev. John Cupp, pastor of the St. Elmo Church of Christ and drug resource person for the Hamilton County Police Department.

The majority of these teenagers smoke marijuana or "pot" which is classified by Mr. Cupp as "probably the most underrated drug on the market today as far as danger."

Although marijuana has been in use for nearly 5,000 years, it is still one of the least understood of all natural drugs.

Unlike other drugs, so far marijuana has no proven use in modern medicine. It is used mainly for its intoxication effects.

The use of marijuana as an intoxicating drug was introduced in the United States in 1920. In 1937, its general use was outlawed by the Federal Marijuana Tax Act.

The most active ingredient in marijuana is man-made THC-tetrahydrocannabinol—which causes the "high" feeling for its users. Just how the drug works in the body and how it produces its effects has not yet been discovered by medical science.

When smoked, it quickly enters the bloodstream and acts on the brain and nervous system. It affects the user's mood and thinking.

A person's reaction to marijuana depends on many factors

including his mood when he uses it. If a user takes marijuana in a secure setting among friends, he will probably experience a pleasant feeling. If he is depressed, the drug tends to cause fear and further depression. The user's mood may swing from great joy to extreme anxiety.

Typical psychological effects of marijuana are space and time distortion. Time seems to pass slowly, and the user has problems judging distance. He often feels

more creative, but research has shown that although the attitude exists, the ability to produce is not enhanced. Hunger and sleepiness are increased, and the user occasionally laughs or cries uncontrollably.

An estimated two million young people use marijuana daily; seven million smoke it once or more a week, and approximately 25 million Americans have tried it.

There are some major causes

of concern in the use of "pot." Recent studies indicate damage to chromosomes and genes, which are vital in transmitting hereditary characteristics. Dr. Galelei Nahas of California University found that marijuana weakens the body's capability to ward off disease. It produces levels of male sex hormones which may lead to a variety of actual problems such as decreased sex drives and sterility.

A Department of Health, Education and Welfare report said that marijuana could disrupt cell growth by interfering with the cell's ability to produce DNA—the chemical substance in the cell nucleus which carries growth information. This could keep cells from reproducing altogether and could possibly lead to birth defects.

"Much of the medical information circulated today is not worth reading because it was completed before 1966, and much has been discovered since that time," said Mr. Cupp. One problem in research is that a controlled study necessary for scientific proof is not possible. One of the best sources of up-to-date information concerning the effects of this drug is the report made by Senator Easting to the senate hearings on drugs in May 1974.

"Young people who are really interested in knowing about marijuana's harmful effects should acquaint themselves with this material," said Mr. Cupp.

According to Mr. Cupp, the greater danger to teenage users is not knowing exactly what they are buying. Most marijuana sold in Chattanooga is not pure. Buyers sometimes think they are purchasing a synthetic marijuana, but in actuality, they receive PCP, an animal tranquilizer, which can not only cause death but can produce extreme schizophrenia. Also, much local marijuana is cut or laced with cow manure. What this produces is still not known.

Conflicting medical reports about its use, attempts by some legislators to legalize it, and lack of uniformity of laws, has made the role of law enforcement agencies, in their attempts to control its sale and use, more complex and frustrating.

Mr. Tate of the Chattanooga Police Department said, "If mari-

juaena became legalized, it probably will be abused like alcohol." He also added that although it has not been proved that "pot" leads to harder drugs, 85 percent of persons now on hard drugs were introduced to marijuana at one time.

"Many users began looking for a higher 'high' which can only be found in the more powerful drugs such as heroin," he said.

Mr. Cupp stated that he did not think marijuana should be legalized because it is an addictive just like alcohol, and therefore, dangerous. But he does think that laws should be passed to decriminalize its use. He emphasized that countless hours are spent by law enforcement officers arresting users. If decriminalization was put into effect, more effort could be made to arrest and prosecute the sellers of marijuana and hard drugs.

Most studies show that although there are no signs that a person becomes physically dependent on marijuana, many users become psychologically dependent, especially those who had mental problems before.

Mrs. Kathy Hale of the Hamilton County Health Department said, "Used as an escape mechanism, marijuana could be mentally addicting."

They do it all for you!

McDonald's is Central's kind of place

What eating place on Highway 58 has good food, virtually no lines, and is frequently packed with socializing Centralists? Let's see... Hardee's? Wrong. 'n' Waffle House? No. Oh, I got it, Oscar's? No, No, No! All Central's "studs" and even most Central "buds" know that McDonald's is where it's at!!!

Truly the place behind the golden arches has become a sort of magic word around Central. When mentioned, minds begin to click—"Cheap food, boyz, burrito, boyz, burrito, no pay toilets, food, boyz, burrito..."

For many, McDonald's has become a second home. Oh, but it's so much more than a building... It has a personality all its own and serves almost anyone's purpose. To the class (or lunch) skipper or the "school service"

individual it's a sort of "promised land"; to the lightweight boy, it's a cheap meal for his date; to the oblivious Centralite, it's a place that will tolerate all sorts of outrageous antics following athletic events; to the "socialite," it's a place where one can gossip for free; for the "spit-wadders" it's a practice range with free ammunition—napkins and straws; and to the "boly rollers" it's the headquarters for planning their religious rites of "exterior decorating."

Other Centralites were asked, "Just why do you go?"

"Boyz...," sighed the love struck girls. "Gurrls..." replied the lustre-struck guys. Other less passionate individuals painted, "Food's better than the cafeteria's."

Yes... endless pleasure and satisfaction for all may be found at McDonald's. Even the former "crusaders" have discovered a new pastime which has proven even more gratifying than cranking—"McDonald's/beech (parking lot) warming." By smiling, waving,

and wherever happens to pass by, one can make scads of new friends. Who knows? Soon McDonald's popularity might even make the Highway 58 package stores go bankrupt.

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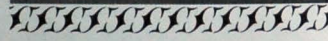
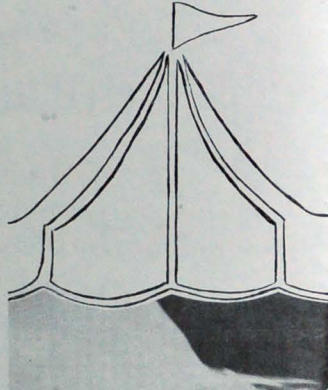
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A popular topic of discussion...

In recent months, the number of marijuana users receiving counseling through the Juvenile Court has sharply decreased. Glenn Hughes, juvenile delinquency counselor, said that this was because there has been less emphasis on users and more on pushers.

"Of the people being counseled, there are more males than females," Mr. Hughes said that one reason might be that people do not get out of girls as criminals as they do out of boys. Police officers are more reluctant to arrest them.

The people counseled at the

Marijuana—a Juvenile Court Interview

juvenile home smoke pot for many reasons. Some have started smoking out of curiosity. Others have been told that pot made them feel good. Pot had the effect on them that a few drinks normally would have.

Some users started smoking because their friends taught them. To avoid being teased they tried marijuana.

Most marijuana users now smoke with friends or at parties. This keeps the cost down. The few who can afford to buy some

of the pills, there is a possibility that he will prefer them to pot. This is one reason in favor of legalizing marijuana.

If marijuana was legalized, a user would not have to go to the black market to buy it. The user would then not be exposed to the harder drugs.

Dr. Samuel Ingers wrote a report for the Juvenile Court, listing the most dangerous drugs in order from greatest to least. They are amphetamines, alcohol, cigarettes, barbiturates, heroin and morphine, LSD and hallucinogens.

Many of the boys counseled by Mr. Hughes have told him that marijuana helps them to enjoy life's experiences more.

Although most heroin addicts started with marijuana, not all marijuana users will become heroin addicts.

Marijuana users go on to harder drugs when their supplier is out of pot. The supplier may offer the user some pills, telling him that the pills are as good as the marijuana. If the user takes

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Go jump off a cliff

Rappelling big at Central

Although rappelling is not recognized as a sport in the encyclopedia, it is rapidly becoming a popular pastime around Chattanooga and with some Central students. Rappelling is simply jumping off a cliff and using the legs to bounce away from the side of the mountain.

There are four pieces of necessary equipment needed in rappelling: a rope; a carabeneer, which is a type of clip that prevents the rappeller from sliding down the cliff too fast; a harness, which is used to attach the rappeller to the rope; and a pair of gloves, which prevent the rope from burning the rappeller's hands.

The cost of rappelling is fairly expensive; an average rope of 150 feet costs approximately 35 cents per foot; a carabeneer costs an average of \$4; the cost of the harness depends on the material from which it is made; and the same holds true for the gloves.

The art of rappelling is fairly simple. First, the rope is properly anchored at the top of a cliff and thrown over the side. The harness is

then securely tied to the rappeller, and the carabeneer is attached to the harness. Next, the rope is threaded through the carabeneer with a form of a slipknot. The rappeller is then ready to put on his gloves and get into the proper rappelling position.

The proper rappelling position is probably more important than the equipment. The hand that is used to stop the rappeller's decline down the cliff, or the "brake hand," is placed behind the back with the rope grasped lightly. The rappeller then gets his legs and upper torso perpendicular, and gets the cliff parallel to his upper torso. The rappeller is then ready to either walk or jump down the cliff.

Even though rappelling is fun, it requires common sense to avoid danger. Rappelling should never be done after a rain, or in an area of falling rock, or alone. Some dangers are rope burns, smashing against the rocks, or falling off the cliff.



—Photo by Bob Edlund
EASY DOES IT—Ricky Bolles glides down the wall of the Eagle's Nest on Lookout Mountain.

Grapplers shoot for District; trio will vie for top position

Central's wrestling Pounders kept their names respectable this past month by staying in the middle of two major tournaments which included some heavy competition. They were the Central Invitational and the Father Ryan Invitational held in Nashville.

Also, Central will host this year's District meet starting tomorrow in which any team, whether or not they posted a good seasonal record, will have a chance to make a name for itself.

District
Out of the eight schools that will be represented, Central's wrestling coach, Steve Highlander, is anticipating a finish for his team in the top four in the annual District championships.

As far as individuals are concerned, Coach Highlander thinks

that three of his wrestlers, Johnny Bradford, Jeff Pair, and Kevin Theford, have good chances of advancing to the finals.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class of the District will proceed to the Regional tournament at Notre Dame on February 6 and 7.

Central Invitational
Defending state champion East Ridge showed up well on the second day of the new year, but by the third day it was the Red Bank's Lions who ran away with the title in the Central wrestling clinic.

Hosting Central placed seventh in the team standings by putting four men into the championship semifinals. These were Bradford, Pair, and Theford, along with Steve Howard, of which Bradford

and Pair, team captain, went on to win.

Behind Red Bank were East Ridge, Hixsonville Lee, Hixson, Birmingham Erwin, Tyner, Central, Knox Halls, Jonesboro Daniel Boone, Kirkman, Murfreesboro Oakland, Knox Carter, and Saddy-Daisy respectively.

Father Ryan
Central finished sixth out of twelve teams in Nashville almost three weeks ago in the Father Ryan Invitational.

The Pounders again landed four men into the championship finals; however, they failed to gain a title. Bradford, Pair, and Theford were joined this time by Ronnie Durham.

Tyner, the only other Chattanooga area squad, surprisingly pulled out a second place in the tourney.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
IT TAKES TWO TO TANGLE—Johnny Bradford is close to a pin that contributed to a win over Kirkman.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

As another year begins, both wrestling and basketball teams have near the end of their seasonal schedule. Thus far, both teams have comprised good records and should be congratulated.

Basketball

At the time of this writing, the basketball team record stands at 7-7, with their losses at the hands of City, Bradley County, Brainerd, East Ridge, and Notre Dame. So far, the earlier mentioned height problem has not hindered the team; however, the team's train has had no such luck. The height problem, combined with the lack of experience, has cost them every game except two thus far. Both teams should be complimented for their sportsmanship.

Wrestling

Halfway through their season, the wrestling team has only one loss compared to their five wins. Their goal was to go undefeated, but at the worst, five losses.

Their sole loss was to Hixson, when the Wildcats were also undefeated. But with the wrestling team composed of many fine wrestlers, who are willing to exert extra effort to win, their season should prove successful.

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Suicides increase among teenagers

By Janet Mighton

Steve, at 19, appeared to be a normal and healthy teen-ager. He was a sophomore in college, his grades were average, and his home life was apparently happy. Steve walked into his mother's bedroom, took a gun, and shot himself through the head.

Lisa, a high school junior, had everything she could possibly want: a new car, stereo, friends and the freedom to come and go as pleased. After a heated argument with her parents, her mother opened Lisa's bedroom door to find her daughter sprawled unconscious on the floor with a bottle of sleeping pills clutched in her hand. An ambulance came and she was saved, but she will go down in the records as an attempted suicide.

Teen-age suicide has become a major concern across the United States. In the last five years it has moved from fifth to third place as the leading cause of death among teens, ranking after accidents and cancer.

In 1973, according to best estimates available, approximately 250,000 Americans tried to kill themselves, at least 25,000 succeeded and more than 1,000 of them were teen-agers. According to the Hamilton

County Health Department, 11 males between the ages of 14 and 24 committed suicide between 1972 and 1974, and three females between the ages of 14 and 24 committed suicide between 1972 and 1974.

Experts say that many teen-agers feel that no one cares, or they harbor feelings of guilt or frustration. Some of the more common feelings that lead to suicide attempts by teens include: fear of pressure from family, disharmony in parent's marriage, and loneliness. Teens are more vulnerable than adults, and they lack the experience and emotional maturity to solve their problems. Many feel that death is an escape from a problem that he or she thinks is virtually insoluble.

It has been found that girls are more apt to threaten or attempt suicide. Dr. Pamela Cantor, a Boston University psychologist, reported that girls attempting suicide outnumber the boys anywhere from seven to one to 50 to one. Yet, among the teens that actually commit suicide, the boys outnumber the girls by a ratio of three to one.

According to Dr. Cantor, the girls who attempt suicide do not really want to kill themselves. Girls usually will swallow pills as there is usually time for

them to be saved. By trying suicide, however, they are attempting a "cry for help, a reaching out for human contact, love and attention."

A boy's problem, on the other hand, can be linked to his doubts of his sexual prowess and career prospects.

Psychologist Cantor also observes that married teen-agers are more prone to attempt suicide than unmarried teen-agers, and that college students are more apt to attempt suicide than non-students of the same age. Dr. Cantor listed several of the warning signals of a suicidal teen as insomnia, neglect of personal appearance, giving away of prized possessions, and long lasting depression. However, Dr. Cantor feels that when the long lasting depression has ended that the crisis is not over. The new energy that comes over the child could give him the energy and motivation to inflict personal injury upon himself.

In Chattanooga, as well as all across the country, there are suicide prevention telephone lines. Here volunteers wait to talk to callers in trouble and to give them information on where they can receive professional help. They each have a common goal, "a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

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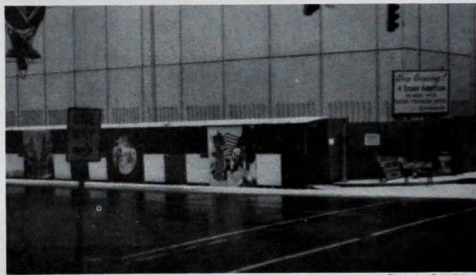
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—Photo by Bob Eudind

BICENTENNIAL MURALS—Lining the Ninth Street wall of the new South Central Bell Building are murals submitted by several area schools. The Art Department at Central entered the first painting on the right.

Band, chorus rehearse Winter Concert; preparation for music festivals underway

Sour notes are now being sweetened as the band and chorus prepare for their combined Winter Concert, to be held on February 27 at 8 p.m. in the gym.

The concert, which will be free to those attending, will include "serious music of a challenging nature," stated Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director.

The band and the chorus will alternate numbers for a one hour performance.

Plans for the band include the All-State East Tennessee Band Clinic to be held January 30 through February 1, the Honors Band, March 5-7, and the Brainerd Band Festival March 13.

If accepted, the band plans to go to the American Music Festival in Opryland April 21-25. Bands entering the festival are required to perform one concert piece by an American composer. There

will be one day of competition and one day of fun.

If the band isn't accepted, they will try for the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville April 6-9.

The Chorus' plans are auditions for All-State Chorus in which 11 students will enter, January 24. Those who make it will attend All-State Chorus April 8-10. On February 15, the advanced chorus will present a short concert at Oakwood Baptist Church. The ninth graders in the chorus will participate in the Lower East Tennessee Junior High Clinic at Kirkman Tech High School February 6-7. Also, the UT Singers plan to visit Central.

The Chorus is debating two possibilities for performances. The first is an American Broadway musical that takes place in the 30's called "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter. The second is

Six Flags Over Georgia Festival at Six Flags in Atlanta.

Both the band and the chorus will perform at the bicentennial kick-off assembly to be held during school on February 2.

Senior trips not allowed by County Board; school liable for any damage or accidents

Many Central seniors have been asking why they are not allowed to take senior trips.

It has been found that many of the city schools are allowed to take trips, while county students are not allowed to take these trips.

Mr. Stanley Farmer, assistant principal, gave a very simple explanation. The Hamilton County Board of Education simply does not allow these kinds of trips.

Several of the city schools are allowed to take trips if the trip is to a local area. The school

Art projects include bicentennial mural

Abstract designs, "op art," and leather crafts are a part of Central's Art Department work for this year.

Participation in the South Central Bell Bicentennial Mural Competition marked the beginning of Central's Art Department Bicentennial celebration. The mural was done by the advanced art classes.

"Symbols of Freedom" was the theme chosen by Central. Each student suggested a theme which was judged by Mrs. Christina Campbell, Art Department head.

Senior Boyd Helton's sketch was chosen to be enlarged to mural proportions, eight feet by eight feet. The mural was a collage consisting of the Presidential seal, the United States flag, the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam, a church, Lincoln, the printing press and a public speaker.

The mural is now on display outside the South Central Bell Company located on Ninth Street.

Ellen Hebrich, sophomore, and Gina Schillaci, junior, entered "The Spirit of the '76 Art Show" at Eastgate Mall. Ellen's entry

"The Immigrant" was an oil painting of immigrants' faces, which surrounded the Statue of Liberty. Gina's entry, Thomas Jefferson, was a portrait drawn in pencil of Thomas Jefferson and the flip sides of a nickel.

In the spring, art students will depict Colonial America. Students will dress in the styles worn during this time in history and will also recreate some of the art work of the period.

During bicentennial week at Central, the art classes will exhibit projects dealing with the Bicentennial. Paintings, latch hooking, tinseling, batik, and pen and ink drawings will be included in the special exhibit.

Advanced seminar students are working to develop their own skills by working alone. They choose the medium which suits them best, such as painting in different mediums and working in different crafts.

Abstract designs, geometric figures, and "op" art have been tackled by the basic art students. They were done in acrylics.

Dr. Herbert Millsaps, principal, said that Central students took trips to Washington, D.C. until 1960.

Many problems arose which caused the trips to stop. "Washington has become an unsafe place for students to travel," said Dr. Millsaps. Disciplinary problems such as property destruction in motels and unwillingness of students to cooperate with chaperones also led to the trips being discontinued.

School sponsored trips leave the school liable for any accidents that might happen or any damage to property by students.

Students are allowed to make trips during spring vacations which include foreign tours. These trips, however, are paid for by the students which relieve the school of any legal responsibility.

Other trips planned for groups such as sports, band and chorus groups have to be approved by the Board of Education and school principal.

Quick wit saves 'Funnyface'; Pierce's antics amuse CHS

by Lesli Durall

Surely no one could be stopped by the police twice in one day and escape without at least one ticket. It's not impossible, according to senior Lee Pierce.

With blue lights flashing in her rearview mirror, Lee was forced to pull off the road for running a stop sign. When the policeman asked her for her license, she rummaged through her purse in vain. He then called headquarters to check her license, and when she called back, the officer informed her that she didn't have a license. "I just told him to call back again," Lee said. He threatened to give her a ticket for running a stop sign and for not having a license, but he found that she

was actually qualified to drive when he called the second time. The man in blue let her go with just a warning that morning.

Later on that same day, Lee and her sister, Pat, had another encounter with a policeman, this time for speeding. Pat was driving. Another officer walked to the car to issue a ticket for reckless driving. Lee laid down in the back seat and began to groan and roll with pain. Pat explained that Lee was awfully sick and had to go home immediately. Would a policeman believe a story like that? "I just told him to go home," she said.

Her antics have led her to many crazy adventures. When Lee was in seventh grade, she got a chance to meet the man of her dreams—with big pink curls in her hair. She was in Nashville for the Omens' concert with a friend, and they happened to see the singers unloading their bus the day before the concert. Lee ran to the bus and began jumping up and down trying to see Donnie, with her hair still rolled.

Lee talks often on CB radio and goes by the handle "Fannyface." "I don't even have a CB," she said.

Since then Lee has changed her plans not to include marriage to Danny and migration to Utah. She has many activities to fill her schedule. She is working at McDonald's this winter, and she works as a lifeguard at Hamilton County Park during the summer. "I've never had to save anyone, I usually don't pay attention to the kids who scream for help all the time, and there's never been anyone in trouble," she relates.

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A few of Lee's favorite things to do are going to Clancy's, rolling yards, and doing the jump. "And I like earth shoes!" she continued.

At Central, Lee was voted Wittiest in the senior class, and she holds the office of Parliamentarian in the Senate. She's a member of the Vets and began jumping up and down trying to see Donnie, with her hair still rolled.

Her future plans include attending UTC and opening her own hair shop. She exclaims, "It would be a great way to meet guys!"

On the radio 'Windsong'—not perfume

Like the most memorable of Christmas mornings, John Denver's *Windsong* can make you smile, laugh outright, and perhaps even cry.

Every song in this collection of Denver hits tells a story. A tale either of heartbreak, sadness, or simple, unmasked happiness.

As always, Denver's open and easy-going manner adds a special ingredient of charm to deep-felt and meaningful tunes.

Each song as "Love is Everywhere" and "Living on a Prayer" have a cheerful, tie-tapping rhythm while others such as "Song of Wyoming" and "Windsong" have the ability to weave a blanket of warmth and security around you.

A big part of the effectiveness of the album comes from the instruments that are played. Dobros, fiddles, and mandolins all complement the style of lyrics that John Denver is famous for.

Like the title of the album, the continuing theme throughout the album is one of the light airiness that is in the wind.

Windsong has a certain quality and lifting effect that shows the obvious happiness of the author. John Denver is a man who gives the life and beauty in all things, and is so overwhelmed by it. He wants to share it with others.

As in all his previous efforts, Denver is able to convey in this album the absolute joy he receives from living.

It's refreshing to find that there is still someone around recording music that can simply make a person feel good.

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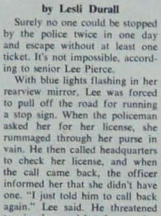
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half-way down to the knees, because now the skirts already come half-way down the calves.

Although the styles change every year, some girls refuse to conform to today's fashion. Apparently, they intend to keep on pleasing the boys.

When the styles change to what is most of mine? Oh well, don't get depressed boys, summer's coming soon!



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
EL TORO—Lee Pierce demonstrates the bump during her interview with the Digest.

Ending life solves nothing

Every year since 1960, suicide, as a cause of death among teen-agers, has increased fantastically. Why?

Heartache, pain, and the stress and strain of everyday life can lead to depression and a feeling that no one cares. Many young people reach the point where they want to give up and die. Ever felt this way? Everyone experiences this to some degree at one time or another in his lifetime. It's normal until the feeling starts to block out everything else in life. Maybe the realization that everyone does feel this way at some time or another, and that it is not an isolated feeling could make it a little easier to cope with.

Our world grows more complex, more serious everyday. Young people seem to believe that they have more worries than the person of 10 or more years ago. However, each generation has had its own problems and has had to learn to deal with them.

Depression is often the result of not being able or willing to cope with life's problems. This supports the theory that suicide becomes more common as life grows more complex. Life has never been easier for any generation, but maybe this easy road has contributed to our inability to face and solve our problems whenever they arise.

A person who commits suicide thinks only of himself not of the family he leaves behind, or the permanent hurt that he leaves for others to bear.

We need to look at life realistically regarding that happiness, success, failure and hardships are all part of living and that problems are never solved by running away. Think positively, act positively, and if help is needed, there is always someone who cares.

Suicide is not the answer.

The Fonzie—aaa . . .

Thumbs-up greaser cools 'Happy Days'

A program that never grows old, "Happy Days" is becoming more exciting every week. Who's starting up the excitement? Henry Winkler, of course.

Henry Winkler is "the Fonzie," America's portrait of a real greaser.

Fonzie has become the third best-known character on TV, right behind "All in the Family's" Archie Bunker, (Carroll O'Connor) and "M*A*S*H's" Hawkeye (Alan Alda).

"Happy Days" began with a typical all-American family of the 50's, the Cunninghams, complete with Mom, Pop, Richie, Janice, and the older brother. Things weren't too hectic around the Cunningham home, at least not until the Fonzie moved in.

Since then, changes have come to the Cunninghams. Fonzie is giving the entire family "cool" lessons, with or without their consent. There has even been heard an occasional "son-of-it" from Mrs. C.

Fonzie projects an image. He is within himself, the status of "cool," and is virtually incapable of a "non-cool" act.

"Henry Winkler had an unusual talent for total stardom.

He grew up in New York City. His parents came from Germany to escape the Nazis. All the rest of his family were killed in concentration camps.

"His father was strict and wanted Henry to do so well that he missed just the reverse. He was a failure

in school and was mocked by the other kids. It was not until his sophomore year of college that he realized he was special.

Henry studied acting at Emerson College and at Yale. Right after school he went on a job at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C.

Henry flopped. They asked someone else to take over his role before the play opened.

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'She wears long long'

Current dress styles reveal less leg

A year-trend male sport throughout the United States is the ever popular sport of girl watching.

Girls everywhere enjoy admiring girls. Certain styles of fashion designers make require a certain extent of looking.

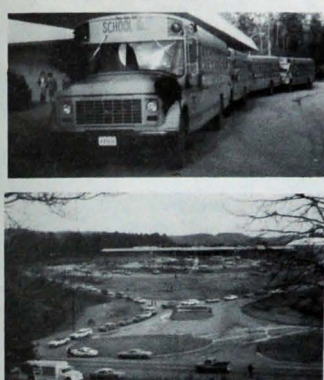
When the designers made miniskirts, not much looking was needed.

But, when fashion designers made this year's styles, they didn't realize that they were agonizing the window leasers here at Central. Because with the new style of skirts, just below the knee, much looking is needed.

According to the guys, calves and ankles just aren't as interesting as thighs and knees.

Now the chart, "She wears short shorts" can no longer be sung. It is now, "She wears long long long."

Imagination may not be a re-



CONGESTED AREA AHEAD—Between the buses and the many student-driven cars, traffic quickly backs up in the afternoon rush to get home.

Juniors claim highest position in first semester honor report

With 143 Central students receiving honor reports for the first semester, the juniors again claimed the highest position with 37, edging the freshmen by one.

Of the 13 senior honor students, 10 ranked star roll. Star roll representatives for underclassmen numbered 12 juniors, 12 sophomores, and eight freshmen.

Seniors
Star Role—Ed Cole, Cheryl Clark, Pam Humphreys, Suzanna Timbertake, Cheryl Williams, Sanford Wilson, Leslie Wood, and Sherri Wright.

Honor Roll—Linda Aley, Be-Jinda Bates, Chloé Booker, Leslie Durall, Karen Gilley, Sharon Goff, Phil Gross, Mitchell Hallstone, Boyd Helton, Karen Hundt, Ginger Kazy, Pam Marler, Jeanne Mathison, Sherry McBrayer, Jeanie McCormick, Janet Migh-ton, Ruthie Moss, Charles Overly, Jeff Pair, Suelen Rodgers, Caroline Roper, Joel Smith, Lisa Spell, Charla Steinmetz, Amy Thomas, Mike Walker, Doug Ward, Beth Worman, Frances Williams, Luanna Willcombe, and Mike Wyse.

Sophomores
Star Roll—Vanessa Browning, John Bryson, Cathy Clark, Tommy Cole, Harold Elkins, Carole Highlander, Carla Hilbert, Tim Kendall, Vincent Langford, Lisa Lundy, Bonnie Sanders, and Rob Wilson.

Honor Roll — Carole Ann Barnett, Mike Brandon, Bryan Borden, Mark Brucker, Suzanne Burger, Debbie Daniel, Desiree Daniel, Denise Daugherty, Kim Dryman, Kim Ellis, Jeff Hoge,

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Give me the keys Cars outrank other vehicles

Approximately 1070 Central students arrive daily at school by walking, thumbing or riding buses, but the majority ride with someone or drive their own cars.

These students come from the areas of Harrison, Lake Hills, Murray Hills, East Brainerd, and Ooltewah.

Recently, the Digest Staff sent questionnaires out to each home-room asking how many students drive to school, what model and year their car drive.

Out of each class 76 percent of the seniors, 65 percent of the juniors, 16 percent of the sophomores indicated they drive. Freshmen were not included in the poll because they legally cannot drive. Approximately 340 students ride the six county buses and two privately operated buses. Most of the remaining students ride in car pools, walk, or are brought by their parents.

The staff also took a count of the number of vehicles in the

school parking lot. There were 370 cars, three vans, five pick-up trucks, and two motorcycles.

Of all the vehicles driven to school, Chevrolts outnumbered other makes by 59 percent.



—Photos by Tony Jey
CENTRAL ON WHEELS—The means by which students get to and from school are many and varied. They range from a retired mail truck to the popular Chevrolet.

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Central, Red Bank clash today; game vital for SETAC spot

The Central "5" is preparing for a tough game against Red Bank today at a point in the season where every game counts because so many teams in SETAC are tied for first and second place.

Red Bank will have revenge on their minds not forgetting the 52-41 loss suffered to the Pounders earlier in the season. Red Bank has a host of tall players led by Lynn Sammons, who is 6'6". Coach Payne hopes to counter this height with Central's speed and quickness, but to win he claims we will have to out-round the Lions and play good defense.

At the time of this writing, Central has rebounded from a four-game losing streak and what appeared to be a dismal season. They won five of their last six games which included wins against McMinn County, Tyner, and Soddy-Daisy.

McMINN COUNTY

Delta Brogden and Jimmy Garren combined for 41 points to blast McMinn County out of their own gym 57-49.

Garren led all scorers with 21 points, while Brogden was right behind with 20.

TYNER

Coming back with a six-point deficit going into the final period, Central put on a swarming last-quarter press that forced Tyner into several key turnovers, which allowed Central to come back for the 51-48 win.

Delta Brogden wound up with 20 points, followed by Bobby Moye who added nine to the winning effort.

SODDY-DAISY

The Pounders made it two in a row against the Trojans with a 55-44 victory in the dome. Brogden once again had an outstanding game as he poured in 19 points to lead all scorers. Although the Trojans tied the game up with 6:48 remaining, that's as close as they came when Tim Chavis and Brian Howard scored five crucial baskets to wrap up the game.



—Photo by Tony Ivy
CLIPPING THE OWLS—Pounder Jimmy Garren sets up a play in a recent game against Ooltewah.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

State Champions

In the past few years, the Chattanooga area has contributed more athletic teams to state championship competition than any other district or city in Tennessee.

This contribution to tournaments includes the sports areas of football, basketball, and wrestling. Although Chattanooga has contributed greatly, Central has not had a state champion contender in these areas for a few years.

Baylor has been a contender in football for the past few years and last year was elected the AP National Championship for high school football. As for basketball, Howard is rated as number one this year, although Riverside has beaten them. State wrestling champion defender is East Ridge, but they too were beaten by another team.

Coaches

The area champions could not have been winners without the help of their coach. A team may have the potential, but without a good coach they may never win a game.

Last year, Coaches Payne and Ricketts led our basketball team to the Region playoffs; therefore, they should be congratulated on their success last year for their 12-9 record.

Coach Highlander may also be classified as a leading coach. Coach Highlander has trained his wrestlers well, and this will help as the team makes its way to the championship competition. The team record stands at 8-3.

Central sends six to Region; Bradford, Pair claim District

Baylor repeated itself this year as it snatched the District 4 wrestling title for the second straight season from the reaching hands of Red Bank's Lions.

Following the top two were Hixson, hosting Central, Tyner, Brainerd, Kirkman, Soddy-Daisy, and Rhea County respectively.

Central, while in its efforts to place fourth in the District match, is sending six of its team members to the Regional Tournament beginning this afternoon at Notre Dame.

The Pounders earning berths in the Regional were Johnny Bradford, David Cox, Ronny Durham, Steve Howard, Greg Humphreys, and team captain, Jeff Pair.

As of late last Saturday afternoon, three of the previously men-

tioned, Bradford, Humphreys, and Pair, had fought their ways to the championship finals. By later that evening, Bradford and Pair walked away with titles.

Pair, after winning last year's Regional, posted a 24-1 record this season as did Bradford. It was the latter, however, who came out not only as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler, but with the most pins awarded. Both of them are expected to finish high in this weekend's action.

With the exception of Humphreys, the remaining Pounders

bound for the Regional found their ways to the consolation finals.

In other area meets, McCallie eased by defending state champion East Ridge to win the District 5 crown for the fifth consecutive season. The top four wrestlers from each weight division in the two district meets will make up the crowd for the Regional tourney. The top four men from the Region will then advance to the state championships February 12-14 at Nashville's Overton.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
GOING FOR A PIN—Johnny Bradford presses for one of the nine pins the wrestling team made against Rhea County.

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TOP SCHOLARS IN '76—Pam Humphreys and Sanford Wilson have been announced as salutatorian and valedictorian, respectively, of the Senior Class.—Mrs. Pauline Ellis offers her congratulations.

Wilson, Humphreys head list of four year honor students

Valedictorian, salutatorian, and four year honor students of the senior class has been announced, by Dr. W. Hobart Millsaps, principal.

The valedictorian is Sanford Lloyd Wilson, and Pamela Jean Humphreys is the salutatorian. Four year honor students are Patricia Anne Abney, Tika Maria Brooks, Cheryl Annette Clark, Cathy Anne Coe, Karen Lynne Daniel, Lesli Elizabeth Dural, Robert Alan Edlund, Clarence Ray Eslinger, Leland Ray Goldston, Jr., Phillip Jack Gross, Jr., Rebecca Rose Hoge, Karen Ann Hundt, Johnnie Marie Kazy, Helen Little-Smith Lowe, Sherry Ann McBrayer, Virginia Ann McCormick, Teresa Anne Newton, Charles Richard Overby, Allison

Lynn Redd, Caroline Wilburn Roper, James Paul Surtain, Jr., Joel Lee Smith, Lisa Dianne Spell, Charla Jo Steinmetz, Suzanne Timberlake, Michael Jerome Walker, Douglas Lynton Ward, Cheryl Lynn Williams, Frances Marie Williams, Luanne Elaine Wilkombe, Nancy Elizabeth Womack, Mitchell Ward Wooten, Sherri Renee Wright, and Robert Michael Wyse.

To be a four year honor student, one must have a 3.5 grade average, and an A in conduct in all classes. Mrs. Pauline Ellis, registrar, is responsible for averaging the grades.

Grade averages are figured on a scale which allows four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, and one point

for a D. She adds the semester grades for the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and the first semester of the twelfth grade.

The total points are added and then divided by two because there are two semesters each year. Mrs. Ellis then divides by the number of credits the student has.

She averages each student's grade twice.

An honor student must have attended Central for two semesters while the valedictorian and salutatorian must have attended Central for five semesters.

The valedictorian and salutatorian have the two highest grade averages in the senior class.

The 3.5 honor student selection began in 1950 or 1951.

McCallie praises American freedoms, opportunities

During the Revolutionary War period, the freedoms and privileges which Americans enjoy today were gained by a minority of citizens. "We are indebted to that minority who caught the vision of a country based on liberty and the consent of the governed and were willing to sacrifice their lives and fortunes to make that dream a reality," said Dr. McCallie.

This minority, he added, and men such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams worked not for personal power or glory, but so that liberty and freedom could be enjoyed by future generations. Dr. McCallie concluded by saying that democracy demands responsibility and that it is up to each generation to preserve the democracy won for them by their forefathers.

Central's theme for the Bicentennial celebration is "Central High salutes the Bicentennial." Climax of the years activities will be May 16-18. Possible guests are Roger Staubach, Fran Tarkenton, and John Wayne.

"I would rather live in this time today with its privileges and opportunities than in any other time in our nation's history."

That is the opinion of Dr. Spencer J. McCallie, chairman of the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission. Dr. McCallie was the guest speaker at Central's Bicentennial kickoff, which began Central's official celebration of America's 200th birthday.

Dr. McCallie went on to say that only one out of every five people have the opportunity to live in a country like ours, and

approximately 45 percent of the world's population live in countries with little or no freedom.

America is unique in that we are the oldest country in the world under a democratic constitution, and that we continue to grow and improve our country by laws based on the consent of the governed. He emphasized that although our system of government is not perfect, we are continuously striving for the ideal.

Twenty-two seniors comprise list of departmental winners

Twenty-two seniors were recently announced as departmental award winners for outstanding achievement in their particular field.

Students and their departments are: Art, Boyd Helton; Athletics, Ray Eslinger; Business Education, Sherry McBrayer; English, Sherry Wright; Foreign Language-French, Cathy Coe; Spanish, Phil Gross; Home Economics, Lesli Wood.

Industrial Arts - Architectural Drawing, Boyd Helton; Auto Mechanics, Lesley Cantrell; Blueprint Reading, Clarence Wilson; Cabinet making, Carl Vicars; General Woodworking, Randy Rockholt; Mechanical Drawing, Charles Overby; Printing, Harold Whitlow.

Mathematics, Sanford Wilson, Band-Instrumental, Jeannie Mashburn; Service, Donny Brock; Chorus, Doug Ward; Physical Education - Girls, Josephine Scruggs; ROTC, Mitchell Hallstone; Science, Sanford Wilson, and Social Studies, Charla Steinmetz.

To be eligible for a departmental award, these seniors had to maintain an "A" average in their particular area. They were chosen on the basis of their qualities of responsibility, service, character, and dependability.

These honor students will be recognized in a section in the yearbook and will receive further recognition at Commencement by Dr. W. Hobart Millsaps, principal.



Sharon Williams wins Chattanooga Jr. Miss

Senior Sharon Williams has been chosen Chattanooga Junior Miss for 1976.

Sharon was selected from a group of eleven girls on the basis of poise, appearance, talent, physical fitness, and scholastic achievements.

She later went on to the State competition where she placed third runner-up and won the talent contest for which she played the marimba, a Spanish instrument similar to the xylophone.

"Surprised is the only word I can think of! I really couldn't believe I had won," stated Sharon.

The All-State Talent contest sponsored by the Red Bank Jaycees, was judged by a panel of out-of-town judges and Ms. Jackie Shulton of Channel 3 News.

Sharon is chaplain of the FBLA, a color guard, a member of Y-Teens, the Concert Band, The Senate, Gym Staff, Guidance Staff, and Usher Staff.

Sharon also holds the title of first runner-up for Miss Teenage Tennessee, which she won last year.

The ultimate punishment

The last death sentence was carried out in 1967. Every year the crime rate rises, with murder becoming an everyday occurrence. Yet, more and more states are abolishing capital punishment.

In 1972 the Supreme Court ruled that the death-penalty laws, which were court tested, were unconstitutional because they were equally applied. Specifically, the court ruled that the right to condemn some defendants while sparing others, with no rational explanation for the differences. Today, most juries will not give the ultimate death penalty. They do not want to play God and do not want the decision of whether to take a person's life out of their conscience.

In Tennessee, one division of the Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled the state's capital punishment law unconstitutional. Another division says the law is enforceable. So it's up to the State Supreme Court to decide whether Tennessee will have a death law or not.

Governor Jay Brantley says he will not enforce the capital punishment law. He said he felt that Tennessee citizens do not want the death penalty since this was a major issue in his campaign, and the people elected him.

We are now beginning to question our right to sentence another person to death for his actions.

Instead of sentencing another person to death, now there is a solution. It is to completely eliminate the death sentence and substitute life imprisonment as punishment for the most serious crimes with very sharply limited chances for parole. Convicted murderers must be removed from society, but the ultimate penalty of death need not be the only way of doing so.

Bi-centennial commercialism promotes student skepticism

By **Butch Baxter**
There is a bi-centennial epidemic that is, to say the least, playing our school.

This red, white, and blue hysteria has manifested many Centralites to the point of saying that our over-commercialized "bi-centennial" has lost its true meaning.

Furthering this lost meaning, we are now finding that from "freedom" fencers to the 200th anniversary seems to have constituted a new method of gaining sympathy rather than remembering liberty.

This ancient birthday's importance seems to have been overshadowed by the markets of America.

"I see no significance in a bi-centennial war pick," said Forest West.

Ms. Priscilla Turbo, ninth grade English teacher, adds, "I will be seeing stars and stripes forever."

Some students believe that the bi-centennial shouldn't be thrown upon us all at once. It should be



—Photos by Chuck Schneider and Tony Levy
SAVE THE DRUMSTICK FOR ME—Mike Keene cuts loose on the drums in front of his unique wall paper.

Keene cheers with Key Club, hopes for drumming career

By **Linda Alley**
"Motor boat, motor boat, putt-putt, we've got a team that's...!" This cheer, along with several others, is frequently heard at basketball games. These cheers generally arise from the Key Club, of which senior Mike Keene is president.

Serving as president of the Key Club can be quite challenging. Mike has learned an especially useful talent of dodging bullets. He and several Key Club members have been shot at various drumming contests.

Mike has many interests of which the main one is drumming. He has won ten medals, including five first place ones, at various drumming contests.

"You'll never believe how I became interested in drumming. Well, back when I was eight years old, I watched 'Little Drummer Boy' on TV, and that's how it all started!" explained Mike.

Mike has never taken any form of drum lessons. He taught himself by playing along with records. He tried out for the school band in the seventh grade and has been a member every year since.

Mike enjoys all sports. Among his favorites are tennis, racquet ball, rappelling, and backyard football. Of one backyard football game played on Thanksgiving Day, Mike excitedly said, "I won Best Defensive Back at the Turkey Bowl for averaging four interceptions per game."

As for future plans, Mike hopes to attend MTSU. He wants to major in business.

"Even though I plan to be a college business major, I will still always dream and hope of someday becoming a professional drummer," said Mike with his mouth grim covering his face.

Job opportunities improve; competition remains very stiff

By **Jeanie Holman**
Because the majority of jobs available in the near future will be centered in and around technical skills, more and more vocational-technical centers are being opened in the Chattanooga area.

The Central will see the results of this next year when students will be able to attend classes at one of these centers being opened on Mahan Gap Road approximately eight miles north of Chattanooga.

Students who enroll in the center will be transported to and from classes by county bus. Time spent in class will be approximately equal to half of each school day in the occupational preparation of the student's choice.

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Teen-age turn-out!

Alcohol is part of a boozing society

By **Donna Williams**
This is a drinking society and the teenage drinker is part of it.

At the local lake park, two boys—one perhaps 14, the other 16—are playing pool. It is a young man, however, who is the focus of attention. He is a young man arrested for drunken driving. Each one is handed a beer from one of their drinking friends. "Nothing more happens, and they move on quietly to listen to their favorite rock-and-roll concert."

More and more teen-agers, under legal age, are drinking more than reported. More often than not they are practicing what they have seen in their own homes. The social environment in which alcohol is placed is a greater push toward the alcohol problems. Many American drink liquor as they live—usually under tense circumstances.

About one-third of high school students nationwide get drunk at least once a month. Between the ages of 12-17, 1.3 million teenagers have serious drinking problems. These estimates all come from the National Institution on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, or the NIAAA. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states that one-quarter of

high school students who get drunk say they have been drunk three or more times while driving cars.

Sixty per cent of those killed in drunken-driving accidents are young people. The number of young people arrested for drunken driving has tripled in the past decade. The young person who goes habitually to the drinking alone in inch or so from several bottles of liquor in the family shelf is found drunk when the parents return home.

Also school custodians find beer cans and empty liquor bottles in trash cans at schools. In lockers teen-agers stash away the day's liquor supply for themselves and their friends. Reports show that more students go regularly to school because they will find their drink of liquor that day. The measure of serious drinking is rapidly increasing. Alcohol is the No. 1 drug among teen-agers. It may be more common to 'fail'; nevertheless, it is a serious matter, for addiction can lead to serious consequences.

What exactly does it affect? Drinking alcohol goes immediately into the bloodstream and directly to the brain and to the central nervous system. In addition to other organs, also gastrointestinal system can become irritated by large sums of alcohol; further, it lowers resistance to infectious disease, such as pneumonia.

"Mental functions such as memory, judgment, and learning ability can rapidly deteriorate," the NIAAA states, "and an individual's personality structure and group or social behavior may result following large sums drinking over many years."

It is true that drinking alcohol in moderation and with food is not harmful and does good in some cases. In prolonged excess, it can be physically disastrous. When should a parent or

teacher step in about his child's problem and how should they approach them about it? Specialists in dealing with teen-age alcohol abuse offer this general guideline for adults:

- Don't panic.
- First, find out if there is a serious drinking problem.
- Learn the facts about alcohol and the general accepted medical view that alcohol in moderation is not harmful.
- Realize that excessive drinking may be a call for help. This is certainly no time for moralizing, or calling the teen-ager weak or stupid.
- Listen and understand what he is saying.
- Alcoholism is treatable.
- Look to your own drinking habits. What kind of an example are you setting?
- Know that the use of alcohol is here to stay.
- If a teen-ager appears to be drinking and getting into trouble from being drunk, talk with him, ask if there is some reason behind his problem. Show that you care.

Gage'em in!

Fences built along entrance

Five hundred fifty feet of fencing along with five gates are presently being constructed along the entrance to Central High School and J. B. Brown Middle School.

The main purpose of this project is to control vehicular traffic during non-school hours. This in turn will help prevent acts of vandalism and unnecessary loitering.

The fences will also help control unwanted attendance from those who prefer to purchase tickets for baseball games and other athletic activities.

"Gates will be open during school day but will be closed after all activities have ceased. It is not to keep people in but unwanted people out," stated Coach Stan Farmer, assistant principal.

Under supervision of the staff and faculty, fences will be open to those participating in school activities.

The entire project is being planned and supervised by the administrations of Central High School and J. B. Brown Middle School.

Because the location of the fences is on the state right of way, special permission had to be obtained from the State Highway Department and the Federal Highway authorities before construction could begin.

SGM Robert Hall, ROTC instructor, stated, "contrary to a popular belief, the purpose of these fences is not to make a captive group of the student body."



—Photo by Tony Levy
GAGE OR PROTECTION?—A fence now lines the Central campus along the Highway.

Vocational Center opens in fall; technical training skills offered

Among the many programs offered are Agri-business Occupations. Courses offered under this title are agricultural science, ornamental horticulture, and greenhouse.

The Health Occupations Department offers introduction to health occupations, including nursing, dental, and community health. Also offered are health specialties and nursing.

Clothing management and foods management production and service will be transported to and from classes by county bus.

Time spent in class will be approximately equal to half of each school day in the occupational preparation of the student's choice.

The many courses covered in the Trade and Industrial occupations are environmental controls, air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, appliance service and repair, auto body repair, auto mechanics, bus and truck mechanics, building trades and masonry, commercial photography, electrical mechanics, drafting, electricity, electronics, general metal trades, general shop, graphic arts, industrial chemistry, industrial machine maintenance mechanics, small engine repair, and welding.

These Occupations include market and distribution.

The Harrison Bay Vocational Technical Center will be put in operation in the fall of 1976.

Massacre makes best seller

By **Laura Gonyea**
Believing that in order to kill so many innocent people with such brutality that they had to have real love in their hearts for their victims and was killing a part of their corrupt selves which slaying.

"Helter Skelter" takes the reader through the months of investigation, family history, and sentencing of those involved. It is shocking to realize that by our standards of justice the punishment given to them by no means eliminates these people as a menace to our society. Compromises by the police and government officials become apparent to the reader since Bigliani and Curt Genry's bestseller "Helter Skelter."

"Helter Skelter" is the carefully researched story of the Manson family and the murders they committed. It is also the story of the family that Charles Manson brought together and their mission to go throughout the world, pick out people at random from the public eye, and execute them in order to release them from earth.

Manson actually convinced his followers that they were doing the right thing. Using the name of religion in its worst way, he had his followers compete one to finish his book.

Mr. Wallace McGill, Central guidance counselor, agrees that jobs are tight at the present but adds, "There should be more openings in the building industry and the business administration area over the next few months."

The survey also gathered the factors that employers look for when hiring a graduate. Personal characteristics, such as maturity, initiative, enthusiasm, poise, appearance, and the ability to work with others were the most important. Grades were next in line, followed by special courses taken in the particular job field.

Liberal arts graduates are valued by the company heads to take their own courses in special courses. They should also get work experience in the business related areas, to improve their chances for finding employment.

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FREE SHOT—Brian Howard takes a free shot in the game against Ooltewah. Central later cinched the SETAG race by beating East Ridge and will advance to the District tournament.

—Photo by Chuck Schneider

Central finishes ninth; Bradford first in state

By Mitchell Halstone
Controversy played an important role in Central's two-act play at the state wrestling championships held in Nashville on the second weekend of this past month. In the end though, Pounder coach Steve Highlander still came out with one definite state champion in the form of junior Johnny Bradford, and what many people felt should have been another in the shape of senior Jeff Pair.

Both men fought hard to land themselves in the final competition of Saturday night, and it was there that the spectators expressed their views of the referee's calls by booing.

Johnny Bradford

"Saved by the bell," was not the case of Bradford's opponent, Kevin Lamb of Nashville Overton. The match was down to its final seconds of the regular time period when the referee awarded

Bradford the tying point because of stalling on Lamb's behalf. The score now stood at 3-3.

Immediately the crowd loudly showed its disapproval of the decision, but to no avail. The match would now have to be decided in overtime, double overtime to be specific.

Already beaten by Lamb this year in his only loss, Bradford set out for revenge as he then outmaneuvered Lamb for the 3-1 victory to secure the state championship.

Jeff Pair

The most disputed call of the entire tournament must have occurred in the bout between Jeff

Pair, Central's team captain, and Milton Thompson of Bishop-Byrne.

The Bishop-Byrne lad was awarded with the points needed to tie the match 5-5 at the end of regulation time and, thus, they would have to battle it out in overtime.

Again, the officiating was questioned by the on-lookers as Thompson received the three points for a near fall to take the match and title.

As a team, Central finished a very respectable ninth. And, to show just how well Bradford and Pair did, they combined more points than did all ten members of Cleveland's squad.

A 'lifting' experience

Henry places second in national contest

By Lesli Durall

When junior Dennis Henry began going to the YMCA regularly to work out with weights, he wasn't thinking about competitive weight-lifting. He did curls and bench pressed to build up his body. Now, two years later, he holds the title of second in the nation in the teen-age division for power lifting.

His interest in competition began one day when Jim Taylor, who claims the world record for the dead lift of 720 pounds, asked Dennis to compete in an open meet in Memphis, Tennessee. "I only had two weeks to train in," Dennis said. Regardless, he took home the first place trophy for power lifting.

In the category of power lifting are three different divisions which are the bench press, the dead lift, and the squat lift.

To bench press, the contender lies on a bench under a bar with weights. A referee calls to signal the lifter to bring the bar to his chest, then he gives a signal to bring the bar up in the air until he says "down." Dennis holds the Tennessee state record for bench pressing 265 pounds in the 15 year old division.

The dead lift involves bringing the weights from the floor with the arms straight and then locking the shoulders. Dennis dead lifts 425 pounds.

The term squat lift is so called because the lifter takes the weights from a bar and squats parallel to the ground. On the clap from the referee, he replaces the bar on the racks. A 340 pound squat lift is Dennis's best.

Dennis is the Regional Champion for Olympic lifting. Olympic lifters must participate in two categories. They are the snatch and the clean-and-jerk.

The term snatch refers to a complete move from the ground to over the head. "It's the most difficult of all the lifts," Dennis informed. "In all the Olym-

pics, it's the fastest movement made in any sport."

His best snatch is 170 pounds. For the clean-and-jerk, Dennis lifts 240 pounds. The weights are pulled from the floor smoothly to the chest, then the lifter jerks and splits under the bar to bring it over his head.

After claiming the titles of Regional Champion for Olympic lifting and Tennessee State Champion for power lifting, Dennis entered the national competition in Arkansas in the 132 pound weight class. The total of his three best lifts won second place for him, and he was offered a chance to go to Spain with the top three lifters in the nation.

But, within a few weeks, he was in the hospital with hepatitis. "The doctors said I probably caught it from the dirty washrooms in Arkansas," said Dennis. His two week stay in the hospital and the recovery period afterward brought his lifts down, and his trip to Spain had to be cancelled.

Now, Dennis is working again to bring his lifts up. He doesn't know if he will enter any contests soon. "It's according to how my lifts go after recovering from hepatitis. My lifts are down now, but I will start competing again if they come back up," Dennis said.

If he does decide to compete, he doesn't plan to power lift. "You can only be champion in one division," he said, "and I would rather compete in Olympic lifting."

"I may go to Newnan, Georgia, for a meet in Olympic lifting in March."

As for his future plans, Dennis would like to manage a health spa. "What I'd really like to do is go into body building," he said. According to Dennis, it's as simple as it sounds. "I want to build a perfect body, just like an artist is always trying to paint a perfect picture and a race car driver wants to drive a perfect car."

But can it ever be perfect? "No, that's right," he smiled, "I'll always keep trying to make it bigger and better."



AN EASY LIFE—Dennis Henry presses Digest Sports Editor, Rick Owens.

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Sadie Hawkins tonight; red necks is welcome!

By Connie Jackson

Tenshun, all red necks of Central High! (You greaser, hood, an' upstandin' decent folk kin pay some tenshun too, cuz yall ain't gonna be secluded none from this here good time event.)

Tonight, under th' luminashun of a half moon wit' a tad of 'sistance from electric lites, will be th' night you people, 'specially them wimmin folk, been waitin' fer. Drag out yer best choggin' shoot an' yer Liberty overhauls becuz tonight is th' event of th' 1976 SADIE HAWKINS DANCE!

For all you strangerz, thick-witted revenuers, an' mebbe a few freshmen, this here jig is diffrent from the rest of the stomps 'bout this territory. A respectable tradition long befer them Wimmin Libbers, this here Sadie Hawkins dance is when gals has the opportunity t' ast or to ketch any feller of her pleasin' and tek him to it. Tain't no ways outta goug fellers, lessen you play deaf or run purdy fast.

Culminatin' this here stomp will be the crownin' of the 1976 King of Dogpatch. Four right uncommonly ugly fellers are competin' fer this here glorious title. They is seniors Ray Eslinger, Tom Landry, Bruce Moore, an' Port Raulston.

Don't you be stuffin' yerselves wit' too much food befer this here dance becuz senior Cheryl

Williams along wit' th' sistance of junior Janice Rich is gonna have a table laid out wit' sum mighty fine vittles. An' member now, leave yer white lightnin' to home. They's got plenny o' clean punch fer everybody.

Decorations promise t' be an eye pleasin' sight, seeins how council members Lee Hammer, Teresa Tate, an' Kay White, wit' Suzanna Timberlake overseen', been sprucin' our own Central commons up.

For you'uns who want yer pitcher took as an everlastin' mem'ty, you can count on Ray Eslinger an' his buddies Suzanne Bradford, Karen Kile an' Laura Norris to have a right comfortable an' natcher lookin' backdrop fer you an' yere honey to pose in front of. Mr. Delbert Hale is gonna be takin' these here pitchers, but since they ain't gonna be tintypes and is gonna be in hodacious color, he's gonna be chargin' \$5.

Marryin' Sam is gonna be there tonight, too. For 25 cents, you wimmin kin get hitched to the feller you been waitin' fer.

Three dollars is the price for all this whoopin'-it-up. It all begins at 8 o'clock tonight with Bacchus providin' their usual good foot-stompin' muzik. So get a move on, an' clomp on down to the Sadie Hawkins Dance, TONIGHT!



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
SADIE'S HUSBANDS—
Anticipating tonight's annual
hoe down are the candidates
up for the King of Dog Patch.
They are from top, Bruce
Moore, Tom Landry, Ray
Eslinger, and Port Raulston.

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Patriotic Senior Day theme honors Central High royalty

With the skyline of New York City and the Statue of Liberty silhouetting the stage, Dr. W. Hobart Millsaps, principal, crowned Mr. and Miss Central at the annual Senior Day program on Friday, March 5.

Members of Mr. and Miss Central's court were Ray Eslinger, Cindy Gaddis, Rick Hansard, Karen Kile, Jackie Neighbors, Joel Smith, Randy Teague, Amy Thomas, Doug Ward, and Cheryl Williams.

The theme of this year's Senior Day was "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" in honor of the bicentennial. The idea for the background was the result of a contest between the advanced art students. Each student designed one set. The art students voted on the best one and chose senior Boyd Helton's basic design.

To correspond with the bicentennial theme, red, white, and blue were the dominant colors. The girls on the court wore blue chiffon formals and carried baskets of blue irises, baby mums and baby's breath. The female attendants wore white chiffon formals and carried nosegays of mums and baby's breath in assorted colors of blue. The boys on the court wore dark blue tuxedos with light blue shirts, and the male attendants wore dark blue tuxedos with white shirts. All the boys wore a red boutonniere.

Various faculty members who served as heads of the committees for Senior Day were Mr. Paul Barnett, traffic; Mrs. Louise Caudle, welcome; Miss Christine Campbell, refreshments; Miss Brenda Chantanooga, Miss Vickie

Dunn, costumes; Mr. Hillman Mayfield, publicity; Miss Marjorie Ogle, reception; Mrs. J. C. Robbins, speakers; Mr. Sam Stoner, house; Mr. Roger Wolfe, music.

Students who helped with Senior Day were Tonya Banther, Holly Buffet, Ed Cole, Kim Crow-

ley, Karen Gilley, Boyd Helton, Donna Holt, Brian Howard, Donna Knowles, Amy McKenzie, Ruthie Moss, Cheryl Newman, Jeannie Rockholt, Wendy Roy, David Salgo, Jane Tocknell, David Vicars, Bill Walker, Jimmy Webb, Clarence Wilson, and Fred Zimmerman.



—Photo by Tony Ivey

SENIOR SPEAKERS—Representatives who will speak at Class Day and Commencement are back row, from left, Cheryl Williams, Janet Mighton, and Leili Durall. Front row, same order, Joel Smith, and Mitch Wooten. Ed Cole was not present.

Seniors select Class Day, commencement speakers

Six seniors who will serve as guest speakers for Commencement and Class Day were announced at a senior class meeting, February 25. Also recognized as speakers were Sanford Wilson and Pam Humphreys, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Along with Sanford and Pam, Cheryl Williams, faculty representative and Joel Smith, class representative, will speak at Commencement.

Cheryl and Joel were chosen from the four-year honor students on the basis of service, scholarship, and character.

Speakers for Class Day are Janet Mighton, historian; Ed Cole, poet; Mitch Wooten, prophet; and Leili Durall, reader of the will.

Each graduation speaker chose one faculty member to advise him in preparation for his presentation.

Speakers and their advisors are Cheryl Williams, Mrs. Mirvne Okrasinski; Joel Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Stone; Sanford Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Turner; Pam Humphreys, Miss Marjorie Ogle; Janet Mighton, Mrs. Maxine Williams; Ed Cole, Ms. Kate Gerbitz; Mitch Wooten, Mr. Wayne Hulby; and Leili Durall, Mrs. Darling Marble.

Class Day, May 26, is set aside especially for seniors to think back over their past and to contemplate their future. Also, various scholarships and awards are presented to seniors at this time.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider

CENTRAL ROYALTY—Rick Hansard and Cheryl Williams were announced as Mr. and Miss Central during Senior Day activities March 5.

Was a decision made?

If given a choice of whether to live wrong, or to die right, how many people would choose to die right? Patricia Hearst supposedly had a similar choice whether to join her SLA abductors or to be killed. This was clearly a case of self-sacrifice. Patty, because of her involvement with the SLA, is now on trial for the Hibernia bank robbery. The main issue of the trial is whether she participated willingly in the robbery or whether she was forced to participate.

Patty says she lived in constant fear for her life. She allegedly was sexually and psychologically tortured while blindfolded and imprisoned in cell-like closets. Fear for her life, physical and mental abuse, and continued interrogation were supposedly used by her captors in brainwashing Miss Hearst. F. Lee Bailey, her attorney, wants to convince the jury that this was the cause behind Miss Hearst's behavior.

If Patty did willingly participate in the Hibernia bank robbery, why did she position herself in front of the bank cameras which would enable the police to make a positive identification? After the bank robbery, Miss Hearst says she was told by the SLA that the FBI would kill her for her participation in the SLA terrorist activities. If that was the case, she probably lived in constant fear of not only the SLA but also of the FBI. If she did escape, to whom could she have turned? Where could she have gone?

There are many unanswered questions in this contradictory trial. It is impossible to judge Miss Hearst's guilt or innocence when we do not know all the facts involved in the situation.

If Patty was indeed a victim as she claims, then it is understandable that she lived in fear and did anything necessary for her survival outside of the law.

Now Patty has to fight within the boundaries of the law to make sure that she receives her guaranteed constitutional right—that she is innocent until proven guilty.

Boyd Helton 'draws' attention, designs Senior Day backdrop

By Lesli Durall

The Senior Day backdrop with its outstanding white columns and New York City skyline and the sun setting behind the mountains through a rainbow of color for Junior-Senior Prom backdrop. These are both the creations of senior Boyd Helton.

Boyd the master designer of the Senior Day backdrop for this year. It carried out the theme "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." He explained, "The art students competed against one another in designing the best backdrop and Mrs. Campbell decided to use mine."

As a result, Boyd was chosen to be the student chairman of the Senior Day decorating committee. He has a full schedule. "Now, it's getting hectic," he said, while working on the backdrop. "It keeps me busy. Sometimes I go home and draw up to four hours at night, but it's fun."

Boyd has contributed to the celebration of the United States' 200th birthday by designing the Bicentennial Mural which can be seen downtown, and the Bicentennial Program Cover for Central's celebration in May. He has also worked on the Senior Day backdrop and the Armed Forces Float for the past two years. Another example of Boyd's work was the remainder and sleigh which decorated the windows at the Christmas Prom.

As early as he can remember, Boyd has been interested in art. He began to take art courses when in eighth grade, and he received recognition in grammar school for his work. "He's been drawing ever since."

Boyd is an Advanced Art Major, and an Architectural Drawing Major, and he claimed the departmental award in both areas.

For the future, he said, "I'd like to go into commercial art." Boyd informed, "Being more specific, he said "I would like to draw people, or portraits as a profession. That includes magazine front covers, or maybe the back if I'm not good enough."

Boyd's work has been on display in the library during the month of February.



—Photos by Chuck Schneider and Bob Edlund
ANOTHER REMEMBRAND?—Two paintings by Boyd Helton that were on display.

ART IN REVIEW—Two panels in the library recently held numerous examples of Boyd Helton's artwork.

Senior class play set for March 26-27

"Get into character! All right now, I want to see some eye contact, and I want to hear you project!" are just a few of the phrases that will be "blurted out" to the performers of this year's senior play as they prepare to present "The Pen Is Deedler" by Fred Carmichael. The play will be presented in the commons, March 26-27 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. "The Pen Is Deedler" is a three-act mystery which centers around the murder of Clair Clarendon, a Palm Mariner, George Grenoff, Kenny Briggs; Jeff Ouzon, Tony Levy; Virginia Morrow, Suzanna Timberlake; Isabel Halsey, Karen Hundt; Wilma Hood, Chloe Booker; and Lieutenant Maples, Mark Geotz.

The role of Clair Clarendon will be played by Allison Reidl. Other characters are Mrs. Clarendon's daughter Phyllis, Caroline Roper; Horton; Joel Smith; Mrs. Griggs, the housekeeper; Pam Marier; George Grenoff; Kenny Briggs; Jeff Ouzon, Tony Levy; Virginia Morrow, Suzanna Timberlake; Isabel Halsey, Karen Hundt; Wilma Hood, Chloe Booker; and Lieutenant Maples, Mark Geotz.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
DON'T CALL AN AMBULANCE—it is just a rehearsal for the senior play. Joel Smith checks the pulse of Chloe Booker while other cast members look on.

Classes travel to Atlanta's Symphony Hall

Central's Spanish classes will travel to Atlanta's Symphony Hall for a day of films and flamenco music at the Spanish Intercultural Day to be held on March 18.

Three short films on Spanish Culture conflicts will be shown to the students the first part of the program.

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LITTLE SISTERS Susan Jones, left, and Debbie Strunk keep a sharp look out for their big sisters.

Gym, Office Staffs choose new members; nineteen girls selected to be little sisters

Huge green, red, yellow, and blue drooping knee length bow ties, and floppy hair bows adorned the newly selected members of the Gym and Office Staffs. Nineteen girls were chosen to become little sisters.

The little sisters and their big sisters of the Gym Staff are Lisa Cook, Sharon Williams; Dorris Cooper, Peggy Ausley; Luanne Davis, Cheryl Williams; Heather Dann, Rose Walker; Kim Ellis, Sue Hertle; Janie Johnson, Suelen Rogers; Susan Jones, Sandy Davis; Debbie Strunk; Jo Scruggs; Leslie Summers, Bea Stevens; Pam Sumner, Jan Travis; and Susan Wallis, Cindy Goodlin.

"Initiating is the most fun we get from our little sisters, just like our big sisters did before us," commented Sharon Williams.

Gym Staff responsibilities are to help the gym teachers during physical education classes. Each member selected an underclass girl to fulfill their position for the following year.

Office Staff members and their big sisters are Kathy Clark, Dawn Williams; Sandra Harrow, Tina Brooks; Brenda Henson and Carole Highlander; Cathy Coe; Susan Howard; Karen Kilk; Robin Nabors; Jackie Neighbors; Jenny O'Rear, Mary Stephens; Janice Kick; Pam Marier; and Teresa Tate, Becky Hoo.

With the little sister's induction comes the responsibilities of the staff. The newcomers' duties are to run errands, run the copying machine, answer the phone, sort the mail, deliver announcements

At the movies

Opposite 'insane' films attract viewers

By Lesli Durall

Two new "insane" films, one about mental patients in an institution, and the other, a "madly" hilarious detective spoof. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother" have been creating long waiting lines at local theaters.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

In an effort to avoid the harsh work detail of prison, R. P. Murphy, played by Jack Nicholson, takes a flight over "the Cuckoo's Nest" in the movie version of Ken Kesey's 1962 novel. Nicholson is a man serving a sentence for minor offenses in

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Believing that any life would be better than in a jail, he pretends insanity and ends up in a mental institution. Within a short period of time, Nicholson takes the place of the warden and works his way into the lives of all of the patients. He treats them to a little game of his own making, and a sneak-out fishing excursion.

The biggest problem Nicholson encounters is the ward's madman, played by Louise Fletcher. As the movie's most despicable character, she is the part to be pitied, because that makes audiences shudder with hatred. In trying to get the best of her with his antics, he gets the worst of her, which leads him to trouble.

Despite its "R" rating, the movie is relatively clean with the exception of a few bloody scenes. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," an allegory about freedom in the real world, is a movie to touch everyone's heart. All the characters give a performance of strength and tenderness, humor and cruelty. It is a shocking film, and, in the end, heart-breaking. The movie is now showing at Brainerd Village.

The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother
The ever-zany comedy team of Marty Feldman, Madeline Kahn, and Gene Wilder (as seen in the Young Frankenstein), have once

again left audiences rolling in the aisles. Gene Wilder has pulled a three-in-one this time as he wrote, directed, and starred in the hilarious new spoof. "The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother." This flick relates the excursions of Sherlock Holmes' insanely jealous brother, Sigerson, and his side-kick with a "photogenic copy" portrayed by Marty Feldman. Madeline Kahn captures Sigerson's affections with a captivating performance as a battered damsel in distress. This intriguing, funny movie is well worth viewing. It has a PG rating, and is now showing at the Eastgate 2 Theater.

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Athletes 'spring' into training for second semester sports

By Mitchell Hailstone

Warmer weather and longer days make some people do the strangest things. They start running in circles, hitting large white balls across a fish net with their fists, clobbering smaller white balls with big wooden sticks, and last, but not least, they start smacking even smaller white balls with long iron clubs until they lose them in a hole in the ground.

Yes indeed, spring sports have arrived at Central and they include such favorite pastimes as baseball, golf, track, and volleyball.

Central's diamond is looking more like a gem every day as preparations are under way for

the '76 baseball season, which starts March 26 against Ringgold.

The "new" field itself will be dedicated in the first week of April preceding a game which will be held during school.

As for seasonal hopes, Coach Wayne Huling had this to say, "I'm really looking forward to a good year. We've got some good material to work with, since four of our starters are returning."

On the topic of this year's linkers, or golfers, SFC Warren Luttrell admitted, "I have absolutely no idea about this season." Only two of the thirteen people out are from last year's team, which adds to the mystery of this season.

Central's cindermen can now be seen treading their way around

the black oval as they get in shape for the upcoming meets of the year.

According to Coach Joel Brewster, "This will be a rebuilding year, and I hope to get a lot of young people out. I feel that this will be the key to success." Some of the recommended spikers to watch for this season are juniors Tommy Cope, Steve Smith, and Mike Solis.

Although several improvements are being made, no meets will be held at Central.

"I don't really have any expectations about this season," reflected Mrs. Gloria Grier about the girl's volleyball team.

Much is still in doubt as to whether or not all of last year's season will return. However, the squad will still begin in April.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
THROWING OUT THE FIRST BALL—Alike McDaniel gets the baseball equipment out of moth balls with the beginning of spring training.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Baseball Improvements

Central's baseball field, is finally beginning to look like an official diamond. The coaches along with the Booster Club have done extensive work on the field for this year's season.

The first noticeable improvement was the fencing around the field. The fencing was put up by the coaches to save money, but the cost of fencing was still \$1500.

The current project is the bleachers. The bleachers will have concrete footing and will be 35 feet in length with 15 rows. The cost for the bleachers will be approximately \$1200. They will seat 400 to 500.

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts have been undeveloped for so long no one notices them now. But recently, a 15-foot extension has been added to change the court into three doublet courts. The money for fencing has been attained, and the courts will be completed by spring. However, no plans have been made as of yet for an organized Tennis Team.

Rugby Revolution

Rugby more than just a shirt

By Tom Landry

If not for the rebellious actions of William Webb Ellis, America's number one sport would still be baseball, instead of the popular pastime, football. In 1823 Ellis, a student at Rugby University, failed to conform to the accepted rules of rugby by picking up the ball and running with it, instead of first kicking it. This method of playing the game later developed into football.

Even though football is a derivative of rugby, the two games are different. The field used in rugby is almost twice the size of that used in football. It has a length of 110 yards from goal line to goal line and a width of 75 yards from touch line to touch line.

Playing time is divided into two halves, each of which lasts 40 minutes. Between the halves there is a span of five minutes when the two teams switch goals. There are 15 players on each team in rugby instead of the 11 needed in playing football. Of the 15 players 8 of them are forwards and 7 backs. The backs consist of a full back, scrum back, stand-off back, left and right wing threequarter, and left and right center threequarter. Unlike football, no

substitutions are allowed in rugby; therefore, a team losing a player because of injury must play short-handed.

The object of rugby is the same as in football; the winner of the game is the team that is able to score the most points. In order for a team to score a point they must get the rugby ball over their opponent's goal by kicking it, picking it up, and passing it among themselves. The ball is usually placed between their opponent's goal posts; this gives them three points, or a try which can be compared to football's touchdown. The ball is then brought straight back at any distance from where it crossed the goal line to be kicked again for two points. This can be compared to football's conversion point.

Statistics reveal that even though rugby players compete with less padding, there are fewer injuries as compared to that of football. While rugby and soccer rank number one as the most physical sports, more injuries occur in football, ranked 32 on the physical scale, which is used for determining ability needed to perform in a sport.



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—Photo by Tony Ivy
HERE COMES THE BRIDE—Rose Walker and Bruce Moore were the bride and groom for the wedding ceremony held in the Home-Ec Department.

Wedding ceremony simulated by home economics students

Under the direction of student teacher Christy Goodner and Mrs. Patsy Williamson, Home Economics instructor, fourth year home economics students staged a modeled wedding as similar as possible to the actual ceremony.

Also included in the wedding plans were a shower, a reception following the wedding, complete with a wedding cake.

The purpose of the wedding was "so that the girls will have a better understanding of the responsibility involved in planning

and carrying out a wedding." Mrs. Williamson stated. Along with responsibility, the girls became familiar with the etiquette involved in a marriage ceremony.

Participants in the wedding included: Rod Croft, father of the bride; Lynn Donahoo, bridesmaid; Wynne Gilgo, mother of the bride; Becky Hoge, mother of the groom; Harvey Holland, director of the Methodist Student Center at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, minister; Mark Mallock, head usher; Bruce Moore,

groom; Jimmy Perry, father of the groom; Randy Teague, best man; Amy Thomas, bridesmaid; Rose Walker, bride; and Leslie Wood, maid of honor.

The girls were chosen based on the availability of wedding attire," said Mrs. Williamson. The girls chose the boys that they wanted to have as their partners.

The wedding took place on March 19 during fourth period in the Home Economics reception room.

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Talent show proceeds go to Bates' scholarship fund

On March 11 Central's gymnasium was packed with everything from wild students, Dynamic Drums, Tennessee Weedhoppers, a barbershop quartet, beautiful dolls from the Capitol Theatre, to a special appearance by "Elvis Presley." These acts highlighted a variety talent show given to raise money for the Colonel Creed F. Bates' scholarship.

The scholarship will be given each year to a deserving student in the county or city school system.

Colonel Bates, a well-known and distinguished educator in the Chattanooga area for many years, was a graduate of Central and taught math here for several years. His name is probably most often associated with Chattanooga City High School where he served as principal for 37 years.

Persons performing in the show were Sandra Bradford, freshman, doing a gymnastic routine; seniors David Holder and Mike Keene performing a drum duet; and seniors John Sargent and Doug Ward singing "The Sounds of Silence."

Dancers from the Capitol Theatre featured Mrs. J. C. Robins and her "assistants", Mrs. Pansy Allison, Miss Brenda Chauncey, Mrs. Vickie Dunn, Mrs. Candance Holt, Mrs. Priscilla Turnbo, and Mrs. Sarah

Turner. The group performed a song and dance number to the tune of "Tea for Two."

Sharon Williams, senior, played the marimba; The Ole Barber Shop Quartet featuring sophomore Mike Atkins and seniors Bruce Halfacre, John Sargent, and Doug Ward sang "Goodbye My Coney Island Baby."

Sophomore Tonya McCard did a tap dance number to "Hey Big Spender," and the Tennessee Weedhoppers—seniors John Sargent and Doug Ward and sophomore Terry Waddle performed some Blue Grass music.

Last, but not least, entering with bodyguards, screaming female fans, and singing some of his greatest hits came senior Alan Presley as Elvis.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, choir director, and Mr. Roger Wolfe, band director. Butch Baxter, junior, served as emcee.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider
HOUND DOG—Elvis Alan Presley rocks with the music at the variety show held March 11.

Political group organized by educators

Following unsatisfactory response from state and county officials to last year's education requests, educators have formed a group called H-PACE.

The Hamilton-Political Action Committee for Education is an organization made up of Hamilton County educators with the purpose of improving education state-wide by working at a local level.

H-PACE is attempting to achieve its objectives by using political means. Protection by the State Tenure Law allows teachers to act politically.

Although H-PACE has not yet had the opportunity to accomplish anything in the upcoming elections, they will support candidates who, based on their past performances, have proved to be supportive of education.

The purpose of H-PACE is not simply to improve working conditions for teachers but also to improve education as a whole. Among the many goals that H-PACE is working towards are smaller classes, more equipment, better salaries, and items such as new school books.

To be a member of H-PACE one must be a Hamilton County teacher and must make a donation of \$1. Members are expected to be active in all H-PACE activities.

Tri-Hi-Y, Hi-Y members to attend Youth Legislature

Nashville will be invaded by statewide Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y members on April 15 as they attend the Tennessee Youth Legislature.

The participants present bills to the model House of Representatives and Senate. If their bills are passed in both houses, the bill goes to the youth governor, who was elected by Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y members last year, to be signed.

Patrons, which consist of two people; must first think up an idea, develop it by research, and then write out the bill. They then talk to a representative or any government figure and work on a presentation.

Each bill is debated, and voted on by all members in the Legislature.

Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y members planning to introduce bills are Jackie Neighbors and Karen Gilley, to ensure that any person 65 years or older won't be deprived of their basic electrical needs; Janice Reich and Marcia Cooner, to protect the public from illegible print; Steve Swift, to remove all motor vehicles that are unfit for sale driving in the state of Tennessee; Lisa Wells and Renee Blackner, owner age to apply for a driving license; and Cheryl Williams and Robin Ruzzell, protect the rights of non-smokers. Other members planning to attend include: Suzanne Bradford, Leslie Durall, Lou Hammer, Gilda McIntyre, and Dean Pearson.

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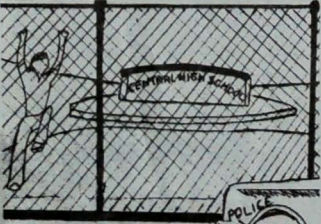
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- 3—PTA—Choral Department chicken dinner
- 6—English Department examinations—
- 7—National Honor Society Induction
- 8—ROTC inspection
- 9—Spring break begins
- 20—Little Orchestra Concert
- 20—Y-Teens banquet
- 21—FHA convention
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They all died. By Lester Dahl

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By Lester Dahl

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Staff selects silly senior superlatives Outstanding leaders? Best Boy—Rick Hancock... Most Obnoxious—Special Junior Award... Most Adorable—Ray Edinger... Most Likely To Leave Her Lights On—Karen Kile... Most Likely To Leave Her Lights On—Karen Kile... Most Likely To Leave Her Lights On—Karen Kile...



April Fools' Riddle

(How smart are you?) The Fools' played don't you first day, on be can day on one's surprised—read of that friends. One this April day! If being fool're is many you is no called jokes are sure—April April are fooled, if Fool.

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Male faculty defeats C-Club; Clark tries for world record

The faculty carved another notch in its "Five-Shooter" last month as they shot past the C-Club by fifteen points to victory in a fund-raising basketball game for spring sports. In a completely different category of activity, one Central senior has hopes of establishing a new world's record in the little known game of coin-snatching.

Basketball

As the buzzer sounded the 57-42 faculty win, the thought of revenge was again slashed in the minds of many students. But, how can you expect to win after a pre-

game warning of, "Either you take a dive tomorrow or your grades will?"

Coaches Mike Ricketts, Larry Payne, Gordon Mason, Paul Barnett, and Mr. Ed Hovser, mechanical drawing instructor, led their team scoring along with Coach Wayne Huling providing the steals and Coach Steve Highlander the airballs.

Senior Rod Croft and Junior Kevin Dove supplied the C-Club with more than half of their total team points but to no avail.

The game's outcome was well predicted by Coach Huling as he

stated prior to the match, "Last night the UTC Mocs won this game by about 30 points; this is a forebush of how the faculty is going to do it. We're called the 'Do-It' faculty."

Coin-Snatching

All that is required for the game of coin-snatching is at least one coin and your own body, with arm attached.

The directions are very simple. Extend one arm parallel to ground, then bend it at the elbow until the hand is beside the corresponding ear. Now, with the other hand, place the coin on the upbeld elbow. In one swift motion bring hand (next to the ear) to where the elbow was, catching the coin palm down.

The senior Centralite trying to set a new goal is George Clark. The world's record, however, was set with dimes, so George will soon break into his piggy-bank in search of a new high.



—Photo by Chuck Schneider

JUMP BALL—Mark Mallock and Coach Barnett leap skyward in a game which the faculty won 57-42.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By Rick Owens

Congratulations

A virtually unrecognized team at Central is the rifle team. Seniors Wayne Dickson and Dean Sandlin led the sharpshooters to a ninth ranked position in the state, and thus far the team has compiled a 13-2 victory.

Congratulations are due both Coach Warren Luttrell and the rifle team. This is the best record achieved by the sharpshooters in a good while. It takes as much skill to be a marksman as any other varsity sport, and recognition is due these athletes as well as all others.

Booster Club

As was mentioned in the last issue, the Booster Club has helped in preparing the baseball complex. But baseball is not the only sport that the Booster Club aids. Although the Booster Club operations are directed more toward athletics, this is not their sole purpose. When the club was organized in the spring of 1970, its objectives were directed toward the improvement of and assistance to all three schools in this area. Other services include aid to the band, financial help for transportation, and the sponsoring of the annual Purple and Gold game, which is one of the club's fund-raising projects.

The most recent undertaking, however, is the work being done on the track. The Booster Club is saving money for the athletic department by constructing the dozen hurdles needed. Other improvements being made on the track include the surveying for exact measurements and the procuring of the form rubber used in long jump and pole vaulting pits.

What Central sport finished ninth in the state and has lost only two matches?

Led by seniors Wayne Dickson and Dean Sandlin the rifle team compiled a 13-2 record, with Dickson serving as captain and Sandlin the top shooter. "This is the best team we've had in a long time," said Coach Warren Luttrell.

Since the season started which was near the beginning of the school year, the riflemen have completed in postal and regular matches. Postal matches were held every month and concluded in February. Central fired their matches here and sent the results to the University of Tennessee at

Martin to be ranked among 36 other teams in the state.

Sandlin finished first in the state for the month of December, and Dickson placed sixth in January. The competition involved 104 other athletes.

Other members of the team are juniors Keith Sands and George Smith. "These two will make up the nucleus of next year's team," said SGT. Luttrell.

Looking further ahead, SGT. Luttrell believes there will be an increase in participation for the rifle team next year.

"I've already had some freshmen that indicated an interest, and there are some real fine shooters among the sophomores,"

said SGT. Luttrell.

But being a member of the rifle team is no easy task, it takes long hours of practice and work. "It's as physically demanding as any other sport," says SGT. Luttrell. "Most of the team fires with a 14 pound rifle, which is difficult to hold very steady other than for a short period of time if you're not in shape."

If this is so, then why is the rifle team such an uncommon name on the Central sports scene?

"People don't understand that it's a varsity sport just like the others, that you can letter in it, and it provides more travel than most sports," said SGT. Luttrell.



—Photo by Tony Ivey

READY, AIM, FIRE—The rifle team gets in a little post-season practice after finishing 13-2 for the year.

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CHS to salute nation's 200th birthday; activities, speeches set for May 16-18

"Central Salutes the Bicentennial," a three day celebration, will culminate 18 months of work by the faculty and students for this occasion. The celebration will begin Sunday, May 16.

On that day, there will be a special program in the gymnasium, beginning at 1:45 p.m. with an organ prelude by Everett O'Neal Jr. a Central alumnus. Dr. Spencer McCallie, chairman of the Hamilton County-Chattanooga Area Bicentennial Commission, will then address the group

at 2 o'clock with emphasis on God and country. From 2:30 to 4 o'clock p.m., each department of the school will be visited, and various exhibits will be displayed. The University of Tennessee Concert Band, conducted by W. J. Julian, will perform at 4 o'clock.

On Monday, May 17, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m., students and visitors, including invited guests from other schools, will view skits, exhibits in each department, and a presentation by the Drama Club. Gary Gober, a Central

alumnus, will speak at 11 o'clock on "Youth and Tomorrow." The entire program will be conducted by students with Anthony Hendrix, junior, as master of ceremonies. Winners in the school contests will be announced at this time. Regular classes will continue until 2:30 p.m. At this time the Central ROTC will present a military parade at the football stadium. That night at 8 o'clock, Dr. Kenneth McFarland, lecturer for General Motors, will speak to the public on "Adults and Tomorrow" at the Tivoli Theatre.

The main celebration will be Tuesday morning, May 18, when Senator Howard H. Baker will be the featured speaker. From 9:30 to 10:15, a special concert will be presented by the Central band and chorus. At 10:30, the Senator will speak in the gym.

Dignitaries such as Senator Bill Brock, Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd, Governor Ray Blanton, Commissioner of Education Sam H. Ingram, and local officials are expected to attend and participate in program activities.

Honor Is Synonymous With Central Spirit

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National Bellamy Award Winner for 1963



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Senator Baker slated as main speaker

United States Senator Howard H. Baker, General Motors guest lecturer Dr. Kenneth McFarland, and Nashville attorney Gary Gober are the major speakers for Central's bicentennial celebration.

Senator Howard H. Baker
Senator Baker, native of Huntsville, Tennessee, was born into a home where public service was very common. His father, the late Howard H. Baker, represented Tennessee's second district in the House of Representatives from 1950 until his death in 1964.

Senator Baker attended schools in both Scott and Hamilton Counties. He attended McCallie here in Chattanooga and then went on to further his education by attending the University of the South at Sewanee and Tulane University at New Orleans. After returning from the Navy, he attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Before being elected to the Senate in 1966, he practiced law in Huntsville and Knoxville.

Senator Baker has achieved nationwide recognition by contributing his abilities to various governmental committees. These

committees include being a member of the senate public works committee where he has sponsored much of the significant environmental legislation and served as senior member of the joint committee on atomic energy. Senator Baker is also a member of the senate foreign relations committee, and he is currently serving as a member of the senate select committee which will investigate the activities of some 60 government agencies.

Senator Baker's achievement considered to be the most important has been the creation of a federal revenue sharing program. He has also co-sponsored voting rights legislation, a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18, and many other programs to help young people to "get involved."

Dr. Kenneth McFarland
Dr. Kenneth McFarland, guest lecturer for General Motors Corporation, has been rated in a nation-wide survey as America's foremost public speaker. His speeches reflect the depth of his broad experience and thorough education. For more than 25 years he has traveled America until he has developed a deep appreciation of what it means to be an all-around American citizen. Dr. McFarland is the recipient of such awards as the Freedoms Foundations National Leadership Award and the Golden Plate Award presented by the American Academy of Achievement. It is the only award of its kind ever made by the Academy.

The demand for Dr. McFarland as a speaker has caused him to be designated as America's Number One Air Passenger. He was presented with a special award by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famous American pilot, for flying more than any other American on our country's domestic air-lines.

On June 13, 1974, Dr. McFarland received the Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation's Award of "Outstanding American for 1974." Previous recipients of this award include such notable figures as J. Edgar Hoover, Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan, and John Wayne.

An editorial in the Paducah Sun Democrat stated, "Instead of dying for his country, Dr. McFarland is literally living for it by devoting his life to the preservation of its basic values and ideals. . . . He is truly a voice for America."



Dr. Kenneth McFarland

Mr. Gary Gober

Gary Gober, a Nashville lawyer and a 1959 Central graduate, has been described by Dr. W. Hobart Millspass, principal of Central, as "one of the best speakers available to challenge young people!"

"Mr. Gober has been asked to speak to Central students on the subject of "Youth and Tomorrow."

"When he previously spoke at Central, everyone seemed to enjoy his speech tremendously. He was given a standing ovation by the students. I thought they would never be seated. Gary could sell ice cream sitting on the top of the North Pole on January 1," said Dr. Millspass.

After graduation from Central, Mr. Gober attended Harvard College where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1963. He attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville until 1966.



Mr. Gary Gober



Senator Howard Baker

Chairman's message

Stoner cites pride in nation, school

Central High School proudly salutes the birthday of America on May 16, 17, and 18, which coincides with the birthday of Frances Bellamy, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance. Central has been involved in much preparation for these three days and will add it to the list of great achievements of the school. Central High School is known nationwide for her graduates and their accomplishments. Since 1951, Central has won 39 Freedoms Foundation Awards. In 1963, Central received nationwide recognition as the recipient of the National Bellamy Award. Several faculty members, including Dr. W. Hobart Millspass, Central High School principal, have received recognition from this patriotic organization. Dr. Millspass is also past president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

On March 15, 1976, Central High School was declared an official bicentennial institution by the Tennessee American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in Nashville. Since this date, many events and programs have taken place at Central to keep the importance of the birthday of America before the students. Dr. Spencer McCallie, bicentennial chairman for Chattanooga and Hamilton County, emphasized the importance of our great nation during an assembly program. Various departments participated in a Flag Week celebration; outside speakers were invited to speak to the social studies classes. Representative Marilyn Lloyd addressed the students during an assembly program on May 22, speaking on the foundations of our American heritage.

Central High is interested in America and believes in preserving those things that need to be preserved for future generations. We at Central are proud to say, "I am an American and thank you, America, for all the things that you have given us for a happy and enjoyable life. We wish you many more birthdays."

May 1, as chairman of Central's bicentennial celebration, express my thanks to the student body, the faculty, and the members of our community for devoting the time necessary to make this endeavor a success.

Progress requires effort

By Dr. Hobart W. Millsaps

During the period of the American Revolution, Thomas Paine, a writer and an ardent American patriot, wrote the following famous and often quoted philosophy—"These are the times that try men's souls." Even though these words were written two hundred years ago, they are still appropriate today.

Human progress does not come by chance, but it is made through great sacrifice and effort. There is a price we must pay for progress and for the freedoms we enjoy. As we commemorate our nation's bicentennial, let us not forget the sacrificial endeavors of our forefathers in order to secure the heritage that we enjoy today. The signers of the Declaration of Independence mutually pledged "to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." They were willing to give their all. Numerous other American patriots have given the complete sacrifice at such distant places as Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Saint-Mihel, Bastogne, and Iwo Jima.

Can we afford to be willing to do less today? For America to retain her maximum leadership, we as a people must have courage, moral integrity, empathy, and common sense. Many of our founding fathers and early patriots had these virtues, and we are looking today for these qualities to be renewed and re-emphasized in many facets of our national life. The solution to our problems is not in what we own but in what we really believe and for which we are willing to pledge our all.

The prophet Micah wrote in the Old Testament: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Let us rededicate ourselves to the tasks which lie ahead and may "our children rise up and call us blessed."

Steering committee heads May bicentennial planning

The days on the calendar have started winding down slowly to July 4, 1976. So that this historical event would be a real and meaningful event to one and all, a steering committee was organized.

From the work of this committee, and contacting the people in the community for assistance.



BICENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE—Members are pictured from left, first—Miss Marjorie Ogle, program co-chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Stone, program co-chairman; Dr. Hobart Millsaps, principal; Mr. Sam Stomer, bicentennial chairman. Second row—Edward Williams, program chairman; senior; Mrs. Virginia Summers, steering committee chairman; Mr. Ed Hoover, transportation; Miss Rose Ann Connor, committee secretary. Members not pictured are Mr. Bob Burger, past PTA president; Mr. J. Pope Dyer, retired Central teacher; Miss Patricia Williams, curriculum coordinator; Miss Patricia Williams, Department of Education; Mr. Jerry Summers, Central alumnus; and senior Mike Wyse, student photographer.

Library emphasizes state, local history

Emphasis on Tennessee and local history is the library's theme for the bicentennial, according to Mrs. Pansy Allison, librarian.

In keeping with the theme, Mrs. Allison has added books on Tennessee and local history to the present library collection.

The library now has about 400 books on Tennessee and local history. The cost of these, \$500, has been provided by the E. Y. Chapin fund.

Reprints, which are copies of old books, cost as much as \$20 a piece. The library owns several books which are out of print. These books are kept in a cabinet and may be used by students in the library.

Mrs. Allison has been interested in books on history for about two years. Since that time, she has been collecting new books and organizing those contained in the library.



What is an American?

By Connie Jackson (Area winner in NBC essay contest)

Herman Melville, famed novelist, once wrote that Americans "are not a race, but a tribe of men. No, our blood is as the flood of the Amazon, made up of a thousand noble currents all pouring into one."

There lies the secret of America—the fact that she is a nation of immigrants, a society of men from all over who dared to build new lives in a strange country, unhampered by Old World traditions and traditions.

Perhaps to an outsider, Americans may seem cut from one mold. There is virtually no difference in occupations of whites. Obviously, this uniformity is not real. Several striking differences set most Americans off from the other people of the world.

Americans do not organize into massive uniform organizations led by a few few men. In work, life, in government, and in family life, Americans are unobstructed in the ways they choose to express themselves. In this society, men are free to join what groups they wish and to establish what patterns of life they desire.

But America's family tree has its tangled ethnic branches. It was not only at the beginning for our immigrant ancestors to understand and appreciate each other. Raised in different lands, possessing different concepts of right and wrong, and speaking different languages, each great wave of immigrants met resistance from the rising ethnic pride of that time. Apparently they learned to live and work together and to blend into one another. They contributed in some way or another to the development of their adopted country.

Today, in theory, any male-born or naturalized American is "equal." But in real life, as we all realize too well, every new immigrant, and many an "old-timer" whose color or faith "blinds" the other, has had to claw his way to equality. Non-whites have been denied their choice of riches within the system. Groups have stood in open battle, antagonism such as the Know-Nothing against the Catholics and the Klansmen against the Negro. Thankfully, our country's level heads and reason have prevailed, and these conflicts resolved.

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I am an American. I am more ancient than spring's first grasses. My spirit is the color of a Colorado sunrise blended with New England snow. I embrace the throbbing pulse of New York City and the pendulous stillness of an Arizona desert. I believe in the concept of freedom that fostered my country and the first fruits of western democracy that kept my spirit vibrant. I believe in the freedom that fed the fires of my revolution and gave me courage to heed the cryings of humanity.

I am an American. I am not designated by ethnic background. I am not classified as an American by my intelligence and abilities or respected on the basis of my political status. I am not judged according to a merit system established by despotic enemies of freedom. I would wield the pen to be docile and submissive, for my spirit is not one of recession but one of progress. I dare to look tyranny and oppression in the face and to laugh at it, for I cannot pledge allegiance to something I do not believe in. I carol the songs of the aged—wise, diligent, virtuous. I do not mean to flatter myself for I am not good only. I have perhaps suffered as much evil as I have good. I have never claimed to be perfect, but I am perfectly me. I echo the values of the multitudes or of the minority.

I spread my arms as if I would embrace the world with my magical, perhaps somnolent, political ideals that I cherish will sprawl past geographical barriers and the barriers created by the human mind. I hold the fate of the world with the keys to freedom, though I am sometimes too blind to realize it.

I am an American. As an American I belong to myself and to God, and no man can ever convince me that this is wrong. My life is more than just a grain

in the sands of time. I am here; I have a purpose and a future. I was not brought into this world to fulfill the needs of my party. I am not a mold to be replaced routinely if I break. I am not a robot that can be shrewdly discarded or scrutinized. I am here, and my spirit has always been here. I am older than my nation's two hundred years.

I am an American. I am the shadow of God that is hidden deep in the bosom of mankind. I am not infected with the disease of uniform thinking. I open my mind to consider many concepts of living and do not feel threatened by the heretics. My peculiarities is as many-faceted as a diamond. I have not been consumed by the jaws of age because I am built on foundations that age cannot see.

I am an American. I am Manhattan in the morning and the sound of ears on Alabama waters at night. I am rich, poor, and

What is an American?

By Pam Summers (Area winner in NBC essay contest)

I am an American. I am defied of freedom in the swarming jungles of Vietnam, and in the streets of Korea. I have shed my blood on my own soil in freedom's name. Yes, I am an American, consumed in my pain. I am proud, victorious, and exultant. I will exist until time ends if I remain so. I am an American, and I have told you the things that I am. Only if the flame of liberty wanes will I die.

A hero dies; a nation is born

The sun was rising in Colonel Ruger's peach orchard on September 2, 1776. The tide there stood two columns of British soldiers. To the other side stood a crowd of men and women whose whispers and tears circled among them. In the center was an old peach tree.

A heavy dark branch jutted out. On this branch hung a flag, and under the noose stood a pointed wooden execution block. It was Nathan Hale.

On this day Nathan Hale, an American patriot, was hanged by the British as a spy. His conduct and courage have made him one of America's most remembered heroes.

The qualities which made him a hero are evident in the dangerous mission that led to his capture and death. A volunteer was needed to gather intelligence to get urgent information—information that might have meant the difference between independence and defeat. Disguised as a teacher, he crossed British lines only to be betrayed.

Would we, like Nathan Hale, so readily have volunteered for a mission that would possibly lead to our death? Yes, this type of heroics was frequent in 1776. Even in our world today, we can appreciate the bravery for which Hale stood. In 1976, we may not need to give our lives, but we do need courage to accept responsibility, to make decisions, and to stand up for what we believe to be right.

Nathan Hale is a stirring symbol of what this nation's birthday means. His sacrifice was great. And his virtues were the backbone and spirit of America's fight for independence.

We wanted liberty and peace for his country, and he had no hesitation about giving his life for the causes and principals in which he believed. Hale has served as an example for many of the great American patriots who have followed him, such as Stephen Decatur, John Paul Jones, Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, J. Edgar Hoover, General Douglas MacArthur, Martin Luther King, and many others. He is a stirring

symbol and a fitting representative of the true meaning of what this nation's birthday celebration should be—an overview of gimmicks, products and cheap ad campaigns, but a monument to the great men and women who lived and fought for a dream that seemed far from reality.

Many Americans either feel that patriotism does not exist today or that it's values have changed. I firmly believe that the things for which Nathan Hale stood are still alive in our country, and that there still exist Americans who are willing to make great sacrifices to see that democracy remains a reality.

Some Americans may or may not agree with those last words spoken by Nathan Hale, but whatever their opinion, who can forget those stirring words: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

Author's speech was first placed in the local B&B Denison Co. High School yearbook. It was reprinted in the Central Digest Foundation similar to Valley Forge.

Back boxes invade science classes, baffle minds of curious students

"Back boxes" are continually rising in science classes, baffling the minds and are very mysterious, while others are just fun to play with. Back boxes are those boxes that blacken more and more with inquiry and refuse to be opened.

The contents of some of these "boxes" are to be presented by science classes for their bicentennial celebration.

The speech machine is a black box that many people have worked with in the past and present.

Leland Goldsworthy, senior, has assembled a speech machine using electronic equipment.

Hubert Shuptrine, and Ben Hampton. From the Chapin fund, Mrs. Allison was able to purchase a large collection of Omega Little prints for \$100. Ben Hampton donated several, and two of Hubert Shuptrine's prints have been obtained; one was the book *Berkeho* and the other as a Christmas card.

A display of Indian artifacts belonging to Mr. Wallace MacArthur, which will be in the case outside the library. His collection includes tools such as arrow-heads, scrapers, and a mask.

Bicentennial boxes will be along with the exhibited efforts of the projects, express the sentiment of students toward our American heritage.

ment. This box may help give insight to the human process of speaking.

With the understanding of medical expansion and electric circuits, two Central students, Dean Sandlin and Charles Overby, seniors, have assembled a circuit using a bi-metallic strip to control the current flow.

When the "only way" to get into some black boxes is from above, the student, in turn, viewing what is actually causing the effect, theories are used. Physical models can be made to simulate what is going on, while the actual explanation by the gathered evidence.

What a working model of new ideas concerning the atom's structure, has been designed by Darrell Mancova, freshman.

It depicts the regions in space between which electric circuits are believed to move within the atom.

Darrell's model is centered in a display of physical models related to atoms and atomic structures.

Other projects such as clock chambers, the understanding of light waves, television, communication systems, and the idea of induction are being explored by students on this special occasion.

Each exhibited effort is a reminder of the great scientific discoveries in America's history.

Bread, costumes, apple core dolls made in home ec.

Baking breads, sewing authentic colonial costumes, and making apple-core dolls are just a few of the bicentennial projects to be presented by the Home Economics Department.



PILLLOW MAKERS—Home economics students sewing patchwork pillows are clockwise, Sherri Bakenson, Karen Davis, Ivona Hinton, Johny Jeffers, and Jackie Davis.

Home Economics II and III students will make homemade bread. The loaves will be baked in wooden stoves. The breads will then be reheated, sliced, and served with jelly and apple cider to visitors during the bicentennial activities. The girls are also making colonial dresses for the dolls.

Fourth century costumes were made by thirteen students. Before making the costumes, they researched the dress of the colonial period.

Apple-core dolls were made by students in Home Economics I. The purpose of making these dolls was to illustrate that the colonists used what materials they had in unusual ways. The dolls' heads are made from dried apples. The girls also made small colonial dresses for the dolls.

Along with these projects, the Home Economics Department has presented other projects with bicentennial themes.

For the May program, seniors Lynn Donohue, Sue Marie Harris, Amy Thomas, Rose Wood, and Lesley Wood will portray several colonial characters. A table will be set in colonial fashion, and will display typical foods of the colonial period.

Home Economics I also made patchwork pillows from scraps of their sewing projects. Each pillow has a different meaning. All resources available. They also learned the old adage "waste not, want not."

Ed Cole wins top honors at Eastgate Art Show

Competing with students from area high schools and colleges, senior Ed Cole recently swept top honors in the bicentennial division of the annual Eastgate Art Show.

Ed's prize-winning project is an image of the Liberty Bell created by using a speech machine.

Ed's project is a standing about four feet tall and three feet wide, the bell in front of the tower. The gold and red brown, and the tower is a gold and red brown. Christina Campbell, art teacher, commented, "In my opinion, Ed's work of the Liberty Bell is about three times as good as any other project. I think his winning against stiff competition is well deserved."

A batik is created by drawing a charcoal sketch on a tightly stretched piece of muslin cloth. Then, each separate part of the sketch is dyed with a different wax. The "batik effect" is obtained by rolling the wax in a ball which causes it to crack. This allows the dye to seep through the cracks when it is applied to the cloth.

Ed's batik is presently on display at the mayor's office. He plans to eventually donate it to the school. "Working on this project has allowed me to become more aware of our country's bicentennial. It has also given me the chance to become more involved," remarked Ed.

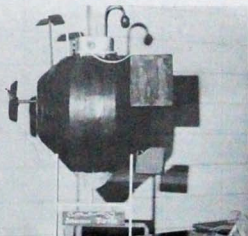
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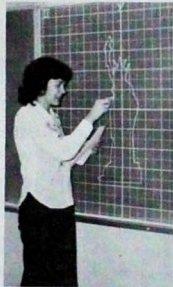
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THE AMERICAN TURTLE—A model of this country's first submarine was built by Susan Malone for her geometry project. Designed by David Bushnell and used for the first time in August 1776, the Turtle was six feet high, made of an oak frame timber in the shape of a clam. Susan's model is constructed of wood, styrofoam and canvas.



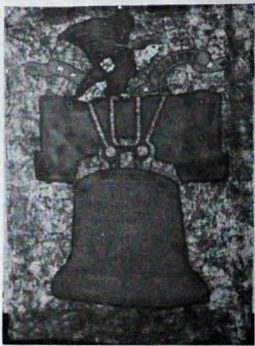
Industrial Art students, Greg Humphreys, Steve Hall, and Mr. Gordon Mason, woodshop instructor, plan a model of the surface of the moon to be displayed in the agora. The model will be 20 feet in diameter and will include a U.S. astronaut saluting the American flag.



Junior Susan Stanley works on a graph of the Statue of Liberty for her Algebra II project.



LIBERTY'S BANNER—The United States' flag waves over Central.



THE RING OF FREEDOM—Senior Ed Cole's American history project, a batik of the Liberty Bell, was chosen by the mayor of Chattanooga for display in his office.



Book jacket covers depicting scenes from novels about the Revolutionary War was one of several projects of the ninth grade English classes. Finished covers were used to decorate bulletin boards in the English pod as illustrated by freshman Lisa Turner.



Hamilton County's official flag on display in the library was made by Mrs. Christina Campbell, art teacher. It is the largest known replica of the flag.