

## Coronation to highlight homecoming festivities

Coronation of Central's 1978 homecoming queen will be held during the halftime festivities of the Rhea County football game Friday night, October 6.

Candidates are seniors Sherri Bankston, Luane Davis, Donna Leamon, Rhonda Lehman, and Cheryl Newman.

Candidates were nominated by the senior class but the entire student body will be given a chance to cast their vote for the final choice.

Mr. Larry Clingan, president of the Central High Alumni Association, will be assisted by last year's queen, Miss Kim Ellis, in the crowning ceremonies.

The traditional homecoming dance, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held immediately following the game in the commons. The band, Blaze, will begin to play at 10 p.m.

Tickets for the dance will cost \$3 per couple. Money should be turned in no later than October 2 to a Student Council homecoming representative. Date forms, required for those who wish to bring a date from another school, are due September 29.

Pictures will cost \$5.50 and will be taken starting at 9:30 by Olan Mills.

Corsages may be purchased from gym staff members. The cost will be \$2.50.



Homecoming Queen candidates (clockwise) are Sherri Bankston, Donna Leamon, Rhonda Lehman, Cheryl Newman, and Luane Davis. Photo by James Gilbert

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## Drivers assigned parking spaces; pay telephone installed for students

Assigned parking spaces and a pay phone will be two of the major changes for students this year.

A numbered parking space has been assigned to each student driver for the entire year at a cost of \$3.

Any student using a campus lot must drive four days per week, be insured and licensed, and sign a statement agreeing to have his car towed away at his expense if his car is parked in a no parking zone, or

another person's space, according to Mr. J. D. Carnes, principal. A driver cannot return to the parking lot until he is dismissed from school.

The reason for these rules, Mr. Carnes explained, is twofold. "There has been a great deal of vandalism in the parking lot," he stated. "With this more controlled atmosphere, we will be better able to combat this. We'll learn to recognize what cars belong where, and any strange autos

will arouse suspicion."

The \$3 fee will be used to build a gate at one end of the parking lot, thus making it less accessible to the public. This, too, will help cut vandalism since the majority of vandals last year were from "outside the school," Mr. Carnes stated.

Misconduct will also be cut. Mr. Carnes hopes, since "unexplained absence of any form" would result in "immediate suspension of all parking privileges."

Misconduct with an automobile, on or off campus, will not be tolerated either. "Unless a student is mature and responsible enough to handle a car, he will not be allowed on campus where he might damage other student's automobiles," Mr. Carnes stated.

"These regulations are designed as protection for the student body as a whole," Mr. Carnes said. "We're not trying to make anyone feel like a prisoner."

A free phone will no longer be available because of student abuse in the past.

"Much of the problems came from the advanced service of South Central Bell," Mr. Carnes explained. "With the growing use of station to station long-distance calls, without the assistance of the operator, it became impossible to regulate the use of the phones. Our phone will last year

must now use a pay phone located in the hall next to the book office.

## Keith, Payne named as new administrators

Mrs. Grace Keith and Coach Larry Payne are the newest additions to Central's administrative staff for the 1978-79 school year.

Both Mrs. Keith and Coach Payne hold the position of administrative assistant to Mr. J. D. Carnes, principal. According to Coach Payne, the reason the school board appointed both to the position was to allow more people to receive experience in administrative duties. This will provide a better selection when an opening comes up at another school.

"I wanted to be involved with older kids since most of my teaching and coaching was on the secondary school level," stated Mrs. Keith. "She teaches two health classes. She will also assist Mrs. Sarah Fairies, girls' head basketball coach in leading the girls' team."

Mrs. Keith has 12 years coaching experience on the high school level and two years on the college level at UTC. She also helped organize the women's basketball team there.

As a newcomer to Central, she said, "My goals are to make myself available to the students and set a good example. I feel Central has one of the broadest curricula I've seen in high school. I'm particularly amazed at the electives."

Coach Payne was at Lakeview High School before coming to Central in 1974 to teach civics and to be head coach of the boys' basketball team.

"My goals as administrative assistant are generally to provide a good academic atmosphere and to make improvements where needed," stated Coach Payne.

## New entertainment spot described as 'knockout'

Chattanooga's newest entertainment spot, the Greater Chattanooga Music Hall and Theater, is the brainchild of owners Hank McMahon and Chuck Williams.

"Everybody that has come in has really been 'knocked out,'" stated Mr. McMahon in referring to the Music Hall, which occupies the old River's Edge restaurant. Open Tuesdays through Sunday, the Hall features a wide variety of public entertainment.

Opening at 10:00 a.m. for lunch, and 5 p.m. for dinner, the Hall enjoys a brisk trade. The selection of food is wide. The lunch includes many different kinds of sandwiches, while the dinner menu offers food like one might expect from an expensive restaurant. Yet meals are not priced exorbitantly.

Tuesday through Friday, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Two dollars will buy admission to the movies and free

popcorn. Saturday night instead of movies, features music by live performers.

An interesting side to the Hall is that it provides the performers a much more intimate relationship with the audience than would a larger concert.

Major concerts have thousands attending, while the Music Hall only seats about 500. The smaller crowd allows the performer to keep eye-to-eye contact with his audience.

New or rising stars also have a chance to perform without having to deal with extremely large crowds. Thus the audience is treated to fresh, new musicians in addition to already famous ones.

One particularly unusual feature of the Music Hall is that eating and drinking is permitted during any of the features.

As Mr. McMahon states, "The Hall is a great place to come without spending a fortune. Not only that, but the selection of entertainment is better than anywhere else."

## News Briefs

### Digest sales special

Digest sales will begin October 1. Subscription rate will be \$3 for 16 issues. Purchase of the Digest will entitle the subscriber to free admission to the "Powder-Puff" football game, October 6. Subscriptions will be sold in homepages September 29 through October 6.

### "Powder-Puff" football game

A "Powder-Puff" football game with senior girls pitted against junior girls will be held during school, Friday afternoon, October 6. Subscription to the school newspaper will entitle a student to free admission to the game; otherwise, the cost will be \$1.

### NMS semi-finalists

Three Central seniors were named semi-finalists for 1979 in the National Merit Scholarship Contest. They are Bill Gibson, physics; Susan Howard, literature; Mike Power, pre-law.

### Immunications

Immunications deadline is set for October 2. Only students meeting the requirements will be allowed to continue in school.







## Pounders to duel Bears

With a 1-2 record, the Central Panthers in their fourth home game of the season will battle the Bradley County Bears, tonight at 8 p.m.

Head Coach Joel Brewster said he expects the Pounders to do well against the Bears. "Bradley probably has the best offense in the area with 3 all-count performers and 1 all-count returner. Our defense will really have to perform to defeat them."

Brewster hopes that the sophomores and juniors will look to the seniors for guidance and help in gaining game experience.

Senior quarterback, Allen Fine stated that the offense ought to be able to hold its own against the Bear defense. "The mistakes we made against Notre Dame won't happen again," Fine commented.

Fine's lineup of offensive plays include some outside veers, straight options, and lead options, and possibly a few trap plays.

If forced into the air, Fine plans to throw mostly strait drop passes to his backs.

As to the victor in tonight's game Fine stated, "I believe if the offense can put 21 points on the board and the

defense holds its own, we can win the game."

The Pounders will rely heavily on seniors and plenty of experience this year, with seven starters returning on offense and nine on defense.

Along with Fine, leading Central's scoring threat will be seniors Mike Zimmerman, 6 feet 1 inch, 185 pounds, who averages 4 yards per carry, and Devin Highsmith, 6 feet, 180 pounds.

Juniors Steve Helton and Greg Hatler are also expected to help out.

Defensive standouts for the Pounders are senior linebacker Bart Hicks, who led Central last year in most tackles and senior tackles Keith Crowley and Bill House.

The Bears will also rely on experience, returning six starters on offense and five on defense. Their arsenal includes two top area players returning at running backs: seniors Frank Elmore and speedster Kinny Hooper, leading ground gainer for the Bears in 1977.

The Central-Bradley matchup is an important game for both teams because it is not only a SETAC conference game, it is also a District 5-A-AA battle, so winning is a must for the Pounders and the Bears.

## Girls' volleyball team captures two, loses one

Girls' volleyball got off to a good start this season racking up wins against St. Andrews and Tyler High; losing only to Kirkman Technical School.

Cissa Raulston, co-captain, commented, "This year's team should be really good. We have ten girls returning from last year and three new freshmen."

The team is led by three seniors, Susan Brewer, and Jana Headden, captain, and Cissa Raulston co-captain. There are also two juniors, Shirley Bentley, and Gina Nowell, and five returning sophomores, Pam Barnett, Kim Chilton, Cathy Russell, Charlotte Welton and Tracy West. Freshmen are Lisa Burrs, Chari Cross, and Donna Lowery.

"We've been practicing since June and you can really see the improvement in our games," stated Jana Headden. "We have practices after school, and we're getting our basic plays down."

The team's next match will be Monday at Kirkman, and junior Gina Nowell feels that "we are better than they are, but in our first match we were a bit nervous. This match should be a close game; our only problem will be with Kirkman's height. They can really spike the ball."

The season, which began in June, will run through the second week in October. Then the team will participate in the SETAC Tournament at East Ridge.

Mrs. Vickie Dunn, head volleyball coach, believes, "We should have a good season because we have so many girls returning; each one should be ready for the tournament."



**Spike It**—Senior Jana Headden defends the net in game against Howard High School.

Photo by Gina Nowell

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## GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 7	Kirkman, Tyler, St. Andrews	Kirkman
Sept. 12	Howard, Brainerd, Lookout Valley	Central
Sept. 14	Cleveland, Ooltewah	Ooltewah
Sept. 19	Kirkman, East Ridge	East Ridge
Sept. 21	GPS, East Ridge, Lookout Valley	GPS
Sept. 26	GPS, Red Bank, Notre Dame	GPS
Sept. 28	Ooltewah, Swane	Central
Oct. 2	Kirkman, Notre Dame, Sale Creek	Kirkman
Oct. 7	SETAC Tournament	East Ridge

## Ninth Grade Football

Sept. 19	Signal Mountain	There
Sept. 26	Soddy-Daisy	Home
Oct. 3	East Ridge	Home
Oct. 10	Red Bank	Home
Oct. 17	Cleveland	There
Oct. 24	Open	
Nov. 1	Open	
Oct. 31	Notre Dame	Home
Nov. 7	Baylor	There

## Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Aug. 25	Tyler	Home
Sept. 1	McMinn	Home
Sept. 8	Notre Dame	Home
Sept. 15	Open	
Sept. 22	Hixson	Home
Sept. 29	Bradley	Home
Oct. 6	Rhea	Home
Oct. 13	Red Bank	Away
Oct. 20	Cleveland	Away
Oct. 27	East Ridge	Away
Nov. 3	Ooltewah	Away

## Cross-country team opens season

Central's cross-country team, returning with a successful 7-4 record, opened its season against Hamilton County Occupation Training Center at the Chickamauga Dam course September 21.

Coach Steve Highlander believes that if the team has a winning season this year it will be the direct result of the dedication and enthusiasm of each member of the team. "It takes a young man or woman of great character to be a competitive distance runner because there are seldom cheering grandstands and because it requires personal discipline and stamina. Running is as much mental as physical, and each runner develops his own thought patterns to maintain rhythmic pace," he said.

The runners work out one or two hours each evening, often covering a distance of five to six miles. Much of the running is done on their own after regular practice.

Meets will be every Thursday until late November ending with the SETAC conference meet and possibly a shot at the state titles.

Nearly all the events will take place at Chickamauga Dam. The course follows three and one half miles of

obstacles such as ditches, trees, a field that is usually ankle deep in water and mud, and ending with the ever popular "Suicide Hill."

The team returns six junior lettermen to make up the all senior squad.

Senior Charlie Steinmetz states, "We need more underclassmen on the team and more support from the student body..."

credit or publicity for the hard work we put in each day."

"It is a senior organization this year, but we need underclassmen if we hope to have a winning season in the future," stated runner Paul Gouge.

Members of the 1978-79 team are seniors Bill Gibson, Paul Gouge, Dwayne Rife, Robert Sasser, Charlie Steinmetz, and Marc Williams.

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**Royalty** — Senior Sheri Barkston was crowned homecoming queen during halftime activities last Friday night. Staff photo

## Tri-Hi-Y, Y-Teens to assist in 'haunted hotel' project

Tri-Hi-Y and Y-Teen members are giving out treats this year by getting together to help the March of Dimes sponsor a haunted hotel which will be held at the Grand Hotel beginning October 13 and ending on Halloween night.

All proceeds will go directly to the March of Dimes to help the handicapped or disabled.

Tri-Hi-Y and Y-Teens will work at the haunted house playing the roles of ghouls, goblins, monsters, and other night-time vermin. They will also sell and take up tickets.

Y-Teens member Jill Salisbury remarked, "It's volunteer work and it will take up much time, but I feel it's a good cause, and I'm willing to back it 100 percent."

Faith Wirum, Tri-Hi-Y member, agreed with Jill and stated, "It also

gives you much self-satisfaction to know that you've helped someone less fortunate than yourself."

The March of Dimes feels that high school students will make up the majority of the turnout because many of their schools are participating in the activities. They also believe that the haunted house will be a big money raising project because similar programs have been very successful and students have seemed to enjoy them. They encourage any group, school, club, or church organization to take part.

The Grand Hotel Association is donating its facilities. Everything else will also be donated by other organizations such as area businesses, radio stations, and the Chattanooga Jaycees.

## Williams wins first place in state, fourth in national trade contest

James Michael Williams, a Central High senior and Harrison Bay Vocational School student, snatched district, state, and national honors over the summer in a vocational electrical trades contest.

The vocational school entered Mike as a member of their first group to compete in the Hamilton County district contest for electrical trade students.

Mike took second in the district where each contestant was required to wire the lighting system of a scale model house. Contestants were judged on knowledge of wiring, accuracy, and completion time.

In May, 1978, Mike won first place honors in the State Electrical Trades Contest, held in Nashville, Tennessee. "The requirements were the same in the state contest as in the district," Mike stated, "but everything was a little harder. It took five hours to complete."

After the state, Mike tackled the nationals held in Birmingham, Alabama, in June. First place contestants from each state in the United States



**Turn It On** — Senior Mike Williams checks fuse box as part of his electrical trade course. Photo by James Gilbert

and first place finishers from the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia competed with one another for the national ratings.

In the nationals, they were quizzed from the Electrical Code and required to wire still another model house.

Mike placed fourth out of the fifty-three contestants.

Mike's instructor, Ken Harmon, was not his only aid in helping him "learn the ropes," his father, James Williams, is also a part-time electrician and has also assisted Mike in his chosen career.

## Gownsmen Award presented to Williams

Doug Williams, a 1977 graduate and former editor-in-chief of the Digest, was recently honored with the Gownsmen Award during exercises at Sewanee University.

Steeped in tradition similar to that of Oxford, Sewanee presents this title to those students who have achieved a high academic record, in addition to outstanding character.

Doug is one of the few college sophomores to receive this award. Membership in the Society of Gownsmen carries with it several privileges, including a part in school government, first choice of dorms and unlimited class cuts.

Mr. J.D. Carnes, principal, recalls

Doug as "a person who knew where he was going, knew how to get there and was going to make it."

Senior Derrick Eaton states, "He was a great leader and an inspiration to others."

During his senior year at Central,

Doug was elected Torch-bearer by his class and faculty representative for the Commencement Day exercises.

He was also a member of the Senior Day Court, president of the National Honor Society and participated in track and wrestling.

## Bellamy program cancelled

The Bellamy Award commemorative program, scheduled for October 25, has been cancelled according to Mr. Sam Stoner, general chairman.

A decision to cancel the event followed an announcement by Dr. Margarette S. Miller, executive direc-

tor of National Bellamy Award, Inc., that the 36-year-old school presentation program would be terminated for financial reasons.

Dr. Miller explained that fundraising efforts in recent years had been partially successful, but "contributors simply did not cover all our administrative expenditures."

The Bellamy Award, established in 1942 to honor the memory of Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, has been presented to 34 outstanding and representative high schools in various states. The next award had been slated for the state of Hawaii in 1979.

Dr. Miller also stated that schools throughout the country are operating under educational difficulties. "During the last two years, I have contacted various school systems in the states which have not yet received the award, and they just do not have the time and the thought to give to the program," she said.

Even though schools will no longer be involved in the award program, Dr. Miller indicated that her forty-two year effort to identify Bellamy and promote his ideas will continue.

Central was the 1963 recipient and the only school in Tennessee to win the national award.

## Miss Gross hosts educational television show

"Lights, camera, . . . English!" Wait a minute — don't you mean lights, camera, action? Usually it is but not if it is used in referring to Miss Cathy Gross, sophomore English teacher, and her involvement with WTCF Channel 45 "News-in-Review."

"News-in-Review" is a fifteen minute, color, educational program aimed to assist fifth through eighth graders and their teachers in classroom utilization of in-school programming. It is taped every Thursday and aired twice each Friday at 9 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

Miss Gross is the producer, writer, and the host of every program, so her afternoon time is strictly devoted to constructing this program.

She has to obtain news articles and current events that are shaping the world, and prepare intelligent scripts for three student guests.

Topics of News-in-Review cover human interest stories, local, international and national news, and areas of interest in a typical student's life.

Freshman Michelle Holder made her debut on the September 22 broadcast while freshman Marc Malone and sophomore Tracy West are two "hopefuls."

The student guests are chosen from local schools, drama class files, or through expressed interest, and by a final audition.



Miss Cathy Gross discusses the script for her show with her students. Staff photo



# Club memberships creating problems for over-reachers

Too many high school students are club-oriented, out of over 25 clubs and staffs available at Central, many upperclassmen are involved in 50 percent or more of them.

During the course of an average week, this poses no problem other than the fact that homework and sleep could suffer as the multi-club member arises early each morning for 7:20 a.m. meetings, stays for late-afternoon meetings, and returns to someone's home *en route* for supper or signing-meetings.

Life really gets hectic during spirit week. Homecoming week, certain Fridays, and holidays. Any time a school-wide competition is held, the luckless students involved in over three or four clubs are forced to compete against themselves-therapy neutralizing any effect their work could have had.

For instance, during spirit week, there will be much emphasis placed on the most spirited club, group, or class. Y-teens, Tri Hi Y, F.H.A., French and Spanish clubs, senior class, junior class, Student Council, Art Club, etc., will all be involved. Fifty per the poor student who spends the weeknights with thoughts of clubs, buttons, signs, slogans, and something "really thoughtful" for four separate groups as well as tests, book reports, homework, outside jobs, and personal relationships.

After all, for the average members working for five different clubs on the same award, what have they got to lose? The law of averages dictates that they will almost certainly win one!

Of course, the argument comes up that if a student cannot handle the pressures, they should not become involved.

This is true, but it is still up to the individual as to which clubs to try. With so much emphasis being put on the social aspect of high school and with all their friends doing the same, they continue to apply and reapply often without stopping to think of the work involved.

A possible solution would be to limit the memberships allowed to each student. This, however, is impractical. Some members are more willing and able to devote more time and energy than others.

It is obvious that the average student is not capable of handling all of club memberships in addition to simply competing between the presidents or leaders of the organization.

The only practical possible method, then, would have to be chosen by the clubs themselves. Careful screening of each applicant would determine whether or not the prospective member had time and ideas enough for each activity in which they are involved.

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# Parking plan called 'unfair'

*Fairness:* it seems to be a fast-fading tradition. Every new program that comes along should be put to this test: is it fair?

Let's pause just a moment and apply this test to the new parking plan initiated at this school.

Is it fair to discriminate against underclassmen, giving seniors top priority? Sure, seniors should get a few extra privileges, but when students turn 16 everyone should have the same right to drive an automobile.

Is it fair to put some students in the low parking lot, where most of the freshmen take their place, to get a few extra spots of moving up?

Is it fair to charge students (and not teachers) to park? If vandalism decreases and unauthorized leaving of campus is eliminated as the administration hopes, then perhaps we can take another look at the change in terms of equality for all.

# Marion Dill finds racing exciting

by Tom Nolewender

Tires screech, a horn honks, and suddenly from a cloud of smoke a yellow and brown '64 Chevy II emerges tearing around the track. It is Richard Petty? Mario Andretti? No, it's Central's Marion "Sports" Dill, junior, enjoying a Saturday night race on Cleveland Speedway where you can find Marion every Saturday night during the summer.

Marion, one of the youngest drivers in Tennessee, became interested in racing when he was 8 years old. Several of his cousins own race cars and he helped them prepare their cars for the dragstrip. One cousin, Levon Dill, is the present owner of the car that Marion races.

"I've only driven in four stockcar races," says Marion, "because for the first two years of racing a beginning driver has to learn how to handle a car."

During his first race, Marion, accompanied by fellow junior, Chris Goza had a very close call on the track.

"We came around a curve," Chris remembered, "and Marion hit a patch of water. We drove through a mud bank and almost a wall here and there. Luckily, Marion pulled us through just in time."

Since he is enrolled in a driver's education class, Marion feels that his driving skills are above average.

"I've only been pulled over nine times, received two tickets, and one warning," laughs Marion. In a more serious tone, Marion said that he thinks drag racing on the city streets is stupid.

"Racing should be kept on the track alone," says Marion.

Excitement and a way of releasing anger, are the main reasons why Marion enjoys drag racing. He plans to continue his hobby and eventually go into professional racing.

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# Disco fever hits world; area dance club opens

by Liz Sadegren

As a result of publicity created by "Saturday Night Fever," "Thank God It's Friday," "Be-Be-Gees," K.C. and the Sunshine Band, and still other acts, disco mania has hit the world.

The disco singles soared to the top of the charts, and local department stores made scandalous sales of satin "disco pants," "disco dresses," and just about anything else that was tagged disco garb.

In Chattanooga, clubs like The Night Deposit offer entertainment for disco fans from 10:00 to 1:00 a.m.

Most high school students found themselves feeling secluded from the disco movement, because with the exception of school dances, there wasn't really a place to disco dance.

Finally, the first area teen disco opened in Cleveland. The club located 2750 Keith Street was respectively named the 2750 Club.

Mr. Sid Mrs. Jim McClain, owners of the disco, explain that the age limit is 13 to 18, mainly because "We don't want everyone over 18 had places to go, but those under that age didn't have anywhere."

The club, tastefully decorated, reminds a person of any average night club except that it doesn't serve alcoholic beverages. Even though there is a bar, it serves nothing stronger than coffee.

The McClains say that prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages doesn't really hurt the disco. The club has been able to pay its bills, and besides, "We're just pleased that we don't have to serve alcohol."

Although many people to be found at the club are "regulars" from Cleveland area schools, groups from Hixson and Central also frequent it.

According to Debby Strunk, senior, a group of Central's "wild and crazy" students recently decided to check out the new disco.

"Carefully packed into a single car, ten enthusiastic dancers arrived in Cleveland during the week and offers special

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Finally, the first area teen disco opened in Cleveland. The club located 2750 Keith Street was respectively named the 2750 Club.

Mr. Sid Mrs. Jim McClain, owners of the disco, explain that the age limit is 13 to 18, mainly because "We don't want everyone over 18 had places to go, but those under that age didn't have anywhere."

The club, tastefully decorated, reminds a person of any average night club except that it doesn't serve alcoholic beverages. Even though there is a bar, it serves nothing stronger than coffee.

The McClains say that prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages doesn't really hurt the disco. The club has been able to pay its bills, and besides, "We're just pleased that we don't have to serve alcohol."

Although many people to be found at the club are "regulars" from Cleveland area schools, groups from Hixson and Central also frequent it.

According to Debby Strunk, senior, a group of Central's "wild and crazy" students recently decided to check out the new disco.

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No longer will Highway 58 and Hillon roller skating fans have to travel across town to pursue their hobby.

The floor, according to the club's owner Michael Shirley, will be 'close to the biggest in Chattanooga.'

Michael also said that the rink will have a disco feeling and includes a built-in dance floor. Visitors skate around the lights and starbursts which light up to the beat of the music.

Senior Kim Harris enthusiastically commented. "We need some fun places like Rolling Ridge where we can get in without an ID."

First night plans include an all-night skate, 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. which will be held on Friday or Saturday for \$5.

Still in the works are plans for \$1 Monday night skating.

Life-sized Big Birds, Snoopys, Cookie Monsters and other large and

lovable animals will almost definitely be present on Saturday mornings.

Dale Jackson, sophomore, positively declared. "I like it. I'm glad that they're putting a skating rink there because it gives us something to do on Saturday nights."

Senior sophomore Lynn Eslinger whole-heartedly agrees, adding, "There is something fun for this area, now."

Probable skating schedules will be Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday. 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Friday, 7 until 10 p.m. and 10 until 12 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., 7 until 10 p.m. and 10 until 12 p.m.

Toga does have its bad points however. As Diana Spencer, senior states, "If people haven't seen the movie, they don't understand why we wear sheets. Somebody thought we were a revival of the Ku Klux Klan."

So far the seniors are the only people who openly toga, with the exception of a few teachers who shall remain nameless.

Toga's wear and now they are in a life-time again.

The reasons for dressing in toga style may be numerous across the country, but at Central "We do it for the fun of it," laughed Sherry Bannock, toga-er.

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Tom Watts Kits will be sold by the Bank Staff beginning October 20. The kits contain inexpensive items ranging in price from \$1 to \$3. Prizes will be returned in time for purchasers to give them as Christmas presents.

The Central Sound of Chattanooga recently received seven superior ratings during competition in Huntsville, Alabama.

PTSO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Annual membership drive for the PTSO began Monday, October 2 and will end Monday, October 16. Dues are \$1.50 per parent. Prizes will be awarded to homerooms obtaining the highest percentage of memberships.

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## Central bows to Rhea looks to Red Bank

Despite a gallant first half effort by Central's defense, a tough, undefeated Rhea County team led by senior speedster Alonzo Banks, upset the Pounders' hope for a homecoming victory last Friday, 20-6. The Pounders will look for a victory tonight against Red Bank.

Banks, with only 54 yards at the half, twisted and turned for three long runs of 30, 42, and 50 yards and 2 touchdowns gaining 178 yards. Teaming up with Banks was senior quarterback Tim Garrin, who passed for 54 yards and rushed for 79. Linebacker Tracy Houston led the Eagles defense with 2 interceptions and 14 tackles.

Senior quarterback Allen Fine, after missing the Bradley Co. game with a knee injury, came in late in the game for injury-stricken replacement Mike Bradshaw and marched the Pounders some 65 yards, finally going over the one yard out for the score. Fine also averaged 45 yards in three punts. Also leading the Pounders was senior running-back, Mike Zimmerman who early in the second quarter burst out for a 54-yard gain and ended

the night with 82 yards on the ground.

Rhea had 12 first downs to Central's 18, but led in total offense with 346 yards to Central's 225.

Rhea is now 3-0 in a 3-way tie for the district and 6-0 overall; will play tonight once beaten Bradley County, tonight, Central's record dropped to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in district play.

### Red Bank

Coach Joel Brewster and company will be looking for their third victory tonight in the infamous 'Lions Den' against Red Bank.

"I feel if we play together as a team with sound defense, tonight's game will be ours," commented senior tackle Keith Crawley.

Red Bank's head coach Tom Weathers has two big scoring threats in quarterback Bill Price and split end Gary Partick who have already combined for over 50 points. Also leading the Red Bank attack is Gene Stephens, a senior running-back and defensive end.

The Lions will be after their sixth win of the season after losing only to City. They are also in a three-way tie in district 5.



Rhea defenders stop Mike Bradshaw short of first down.

Times Photo

## Girls' fast-pitch softball to start in spring

Girls' fast-pitch softball will be introduced in February under the coaching prowess of SMG Robert Hall. Only one team will be organized, but the ninth grade girls will be eligible to play for the varsity team.

The girls will begin their seasons by trying to raise money for uniforms and

equipment. They will then begin to practice for the up-coming season with other SETAC teams.

Unlike other sports that seem to stand in the background, girls softball seems to already be catching on. Whereas the boys baseball team usually has 25 to 30 boys show up for first practice, 47 girls dropped in for the opening softball practice and ten more indicated they would like to try out for the team. Of these 57 girls, the final team will consist of only 16 girls.

"The enthusiasm girls place in competition seemingly guarantees a

good contest," stated Principal J.D. Carnes.

Problems facing the young team include a place to practice, and whether or not the girls who run track can participate in both sports. One problem has been avoided by the baseball coaches who scheduled both baseball and softball games concurrently. During, or after the baseball game, depending on the number of fields, the girls' game will be played at the same location. So, with the coming of spring, Central will add one more sport to its growing athletic program.

## Feminine football effort ends in tie

The school's first junior-senior Powder Puff football game ended in a tense 8-8 tie last Friday afternoon.

Scoring on a quick pass to Lisa Turner, the seniors were the first to tally points, but failed to in their conversion attempt. The score remained 6-0 until the third quarter when junior Shirley Bentley intercepted a pass intended for Lisa Cook and scored on an 80-yard run. Their point conversion was successful, and the juniors took an 8-6 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the senior defense nailed Shirley Bentley in the end zone for a safety and tied the score at 8-8.

The game was sponsored by the Student Council to raise money as well as to promote homecoming festivities.

Referees were Coach Steve Highlander and senior Greg Humphries. Coaches for the senior team were seniors Mike Bradshaw, Jack Vinn, and Mr. Robert Stone and Mr. Frank Strunk, fathers of team members. Junior coaches were seniors Alan Fine and Bill Howe.

Half time activities included a foot race for any junior or senior boy who wished to try his luck. The event sponsored by the Y-Teens was won by senior Brad Nowell.

Highlighting halftime activities was the crowning of the Homecoming King, senior Billy Compton. The contest was sponsored by Tri-Hi-Y and Y-Teens. Compton's court included seniors Robert Evans, Ben Holt, Joel Kennedy and Alex Williamson.



Quarterback Pam Rice (38) attempts a pass to senior Lisa Turner (12).

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## Ninth grade football finds freshman support

Of all the many activities in which freshmen involve themselves, they are most active in supporting the ninth grade football team.

The junior varsity began their early September season by trampling Signal Mountain Junior High School in a 16-0 game, but have lost their last three games with Soddy Daisy, East Ridge and Red Bank coming out on top.

Kyle Keity leads the junior Pounders at quarterback, behind him are running backs Phillip Davis and John Jones. Center Greg Holder leads the linemen and plays linebacker on defense.

Holding the reins of the freshman team is Coach Harry Summers, general science teacher.

"All of the players perform equally well. . . . With a little help I think we can overcome some of our major difficulties," Coach Summers stated.

Coach Summers came to Central two years ago, after 17 years at Red Bank Junior High School.

## Boys, Girls B-Team Basketball Schedules

Nov. 14	McMinn Co.	Away	12	McMinn Co.	Home
17	Hixson	Home	15	Hixson	Away
21	Baylor	Home	16	Cleveland	Away
24	Rhea Co.	Away	19	Bradley Co.	Away
28	Red Bank	Home	23	Soddy Daisy	Home
Dec. 1	Tyner	Away	26	Notre Dame	Home
5	East Ridge	Home	30	Brainerd	Away
8	Cleveland	Away	Feb. 2	Red Bank	Home
12	Soddy Daisy	Away	6	Bradley Co.	Home
16	Brainerd	Home	9	East Ridge	Home
19	Notre Dame	Away	12	Rhea Co.	Home
Jan. 2	Ooltewah	Home	13	Ooltewah	Away
5	Soddy Daisy	Away	16	City	Home
9	Tyner	Home	20	McCallie	Away
				GPIS	Away



Quarterback Allen Fine is brought down by a group of Raiders in the game which Cleveland won 21-13.

Photo by Andy Brown

## End of season game with Owls

Ooltewah's homecoming will mark the end of the 1978 football season for both the Owls and the Purple Pounders, but will ironically be played on Central's field. This will be the first time the Pounders play at home as visitors. This is due to the incomplete Ooltewah Stadium.

After a disappointing 1-9 season last year, Ooltewah comes into this game having lost all eight of their previous outings.

The Owls running a 5-2 defense and

a new offense, are led by junior speedster Joe Williams at running back and linebacker, and David Peak a 6 foot 1 inch, 200 pound tackle.

For many players, Friday will be the last time to put on a football uniform, unless of course, they are recruited into the collegiate ranks. This puts a special meaning on the game for all the seniors, knowing this will be their last game.

"I feel the success we have had this season, not in the win-loss column,

but as a team, can be attributed to our seniors," Pounder Head Coach Joel Brewster explains. "They have really shown their leadership, probably better than any group of seniors I have coached."

The Pounder seniors are Mike Bradshaw, Keith Crawley, Allen Fine, Bart Hicks, Kevin Highsmith, Bill House, Anthony Jackson, Joel Kennedy, Mike Marable, Mike Mazeika, Brad Nowell, Paul Thomas, Jack Vann, and Mike Zimmerman.

## Faires, Keith take coaching positions

by Lynn Rogers

The girls' varsity basketball team has done it again. For the third time in four years the head 'man' will be a newswriter.

Holding the reins for the lady Pounders this season will be Mrs. Sarah Faires, Digest adviser and English teacher, and her assistant will be Mrs. Grace Keith, sophomore health teacher and administrative assistant.

Why has the job of head coach changed hands so many times? Well — Mike Ricketts, one time physical education and drivers training teacher, held the position for two years, then he got an offer to go to Soddy Daisy to take over the job as boys' head coach. Mr. John Ramage, sociology and psychology instructor last year, moved in to take Ricketts' job. Then, Ricketts got an offer to coach college ball at Birmingham Southern, and Ramage, once again, moved to take Ricketts' job. This left the girls' team once more without a coach. After meeting with the girls on

the team over the summer, Mr. Carnes, principal, offered the job to Mrs. Faires, who accepted.

"Coach" Faires was captain of her high school team and after graduating from college helped Coach Hutch Lewis at Red Bank High School. Mrs. Keith played ball at UTC, coached at Hixson High School and conducts basketball clinics during the summer. She spends much of her 'spare' time refereeing for TSSA.

But the addition of coaches isn't all the girls have to celebrate. In 1975 a girls' basketball team was re-established. The class of '79 were only freshmen then and now, four seasons later, those first freshmen on the team can celebrate their fourth and last birthday with the Pounderettes.

Th graduating members of the team have been through the three colleges and four seasons of turmoil. The first season was rough because it was the

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## NHS to install members in gym

The Annie May Shelton Chapter of the National Honor Society will induct new members chosen from the senior class Wednesday, November 22. The induction ceremony has been moved back to the gym this year, but this is not the only change made in the program.

The program began at Central with a very formal taping ceremony, but has since been made less formal. Last year it was held in the library and was limited to faculty, parents and inductees because some teachers felt the student body wasn't interested. Now with each speaker preparing his or her speech instead of being read from the society's book, the faculty hopes ceremony will be more interesting to the student and a little less formal. Of course the speeches will contain the same points, but the presentation and wording will be different. "We're not making any

swEEPing reforms, just slight changes to make it seem less stilted to the students," stated president Bill Gibson.

The speeches on the four cardinal principles, leadership, character, scholarship and services will be presented by present members but in a less formal approach.

To become a member of the National Honor Society one must have a B average and be selected and voted on by the faculty. Five percent of the eligible juniors are inducted in the spring. Then in November of the following school year, ten percent of the remaining seniors are chosen.

Present members are Cheryl Bettis, Bill Gibson, Mike Goldston, Graham Griffith, Ben Holt, Jolly Jeffers, Rhonda Lehman, Belinda Sanders, Tina Slaburg, Diana Spencer, Susan Wallis and Joanne Webb.



New Governor—Republican Lamar Alexander became the head of Tennessee's state government Tuesday following an intense "grass roots" campaign. He defeated Democrat Jake Butcher. Times Photo

## American hang gliding championship taken by British; Americans second

American Cup world team hang gliding championships, held the week of October 18 thru 23, gave British team members the chance to show just how good they really were.

The championships held in nearby Dade County began October 18 with a flight by famed balloonist Larry Newman in what he called a boost for the image of professional hang gliding.

Mr. Newman was one of three men who made history last August 16 by being the first balloonists in history to cross the Atlantic.

The American Cup was scheduled as a six day event in which eight-man teams from Canada, Great Britain, Japan, and the United States competed.

Final standings, which were based on approximately three and a half days of actual competition, showed Great Britain in the lead. The British led with 350.70 points, but the United States was close behind with a score of 383.

Prizes for the event included the American cup trophy, a sterling silver trophy attached to a black marble base, and a check for \$5,000. The cup, engraved with the names of the British team members, will remain at the Chattanooga Club.

The tournament is the first of its kind to be held here but next year's competition, again to be held atop McCarty's Bluff in Dade County, is being looked towards as "bigger and better in every way."

Air Space Flight Park in Dade County, the site of the championships, managed to attract over three thousand spectators in a single day of competition.

Scoring for the event was based on time, how well the described maneuvers were performed, and the landing.

"We won this tournament largely because we cared about it a very great deal for a very long time," said British captain Brian Milton.

Tracy Knauss, publisher of *Glider Rider* magazine and part owner of Air Space Inc., said the site was purchased and designed for "Maximum spectator enjoyment."

Since launching the hang gliding apparatus was often dependent on the winds, gliding was often postponed until conditions improved. Most of the pilots selected the bluff that the ramp atop McCarty's Bluff makes gaining balance a "difficult task."

But, the launching ramp wasn't alone. Many pilots criticized the landing site noting that the conditions were "too turbulent" or that it should be located somewhere else in the valley.

"This is a very good place for soaring," said British team member Robert Bailey, "but the winds which come over the small hill behind the landing area make it very difficult once you come down to about 400 ft."



What a view—Professional Hang Glider Paul Porter participates in competition near Lookout Mountain.

## Student Council invests money in school

Spirit chains, dances, and movies are only a few sources of income for the Student Council which invests practically all its proceeds back into student life.

In 1977, their money raising projects enabled them to supply the school with a \$529 movie screen, and magic markers for the Art Department.

A balance of \$292 was brought forward to begin the 1978-1979 school year. Student Council has thus far, sponsored the "Welcome Wagon," the Powder Puff football game, and the Homecoming dance, which had a \$20 deficit.

A \$272 profit was realized from the Powder Puff game and this was

deposited into the Pep Club fund to purchase sign paper, ink and markers, etc.

Laura Stone, president of Student Council, advises, "If anyone has questions or suggestions regarding how this money should be utilized, they should submit them to their Student Council representatives."

They also had the library chairs recovered at a cost of \$250. Furthermore, the Council donated \$1000 to aid in completing the tennis courts, \$100 for the tennis team uniforms, \$100 for the girls' track team uniforms and equipment, a \$254 duplicating machine for use in the office, and \$500 to the school's general fund.

The expenditures of Student Council last year totaled over \$3000.

## Election of class officers held

Class officers were recently elected by the student body.

New senior class officers are Debby Strunk, president; Betsy Johnson, vice-president; Diana Spencer, secretary; Susan Brewer, treasurer.

Junior class officers are Roger Bush, president; Kay Williamson, vice-president; Jill Salisbury, secretary; Sherri Bradford, treasurer.

Sophomore class officers are Cole Mullis, president; Dawn Osborn, vice-president; Susie Harris, secretary; Trinka Daniels, treasurer.

Freshman class officers are Chris Hood, president; Angela Clark, vice-president; Trisha Smith, secretary; Myrna Barton, treasurer.

The annual football banquet will be held Wednesday, November 22 at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented after the meal.

## News Briefs

### E.T.E.A. chorus clinic

Four students were selected to attend the East Tennessee Education Association Chorus October 25-27 in Knoxville. They were Tim Basham, sophomore; Chris Farris, junior; Kim Harris, senior; and Beth Woodruff, senior.

### American Education Week

American Education Week will be held in both Eastgate and Northgate Malls November 12-19. Central will have exhibits and performances from each department.

### Football banquet

The annual football banquet will be held Wednesday, November 22 at 6 p.m. Awards will be presented after the meal.

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## Pounders, Pounderettes optimistic

After school for the past few weeks Central students have been giving up their leisure time to sweat and strain for the honor of being one of the soldiers to defend the pride of the Pounder team on the rectangular battlefield, the basketball court.

Coach Larry Payne, leader of the Pounder team, is looking for good things from his fighting Purple Pounders. "Beware," is the word of caution he sends to other roundball teams. "Our performance this season should be better than before."

"Payne's Purple Gang" has three returning seniors on the troupe. They are Robert Evans and Ben Holt, captains, and Charlie Steinmetz. There is also a first year senior, Gerry McCuthison. Expected to help carry some of the weight are juniors Darryl Brayley, David Daniel, Chuck Denham, Scott Hedden, Bryan Kile, William McClesky, Randy Massengill, and Robby Ray. Sophomore team members are Tom Bradshaw, Bobby Byerly, Ken Daugherty, Clarence Harris, Don Kilgore, David Massengill, Victor Taylor and Barry Turner.

The Purple Pounderettes also show hope for the upcoming season. The female Pounders, led Mrs. Sarah Faires, junior English teacher, and Mrs. Grace Keith, administrative assistant, are a young team with only three seniors returning.

"We will concentrate on gaining experience and maturing into a well organized team."

"The team is average in height, but some of the girls, especially the guards, are going to have to develop some speed. We have a group that is willing to learn, so we will be working hard to overcome weaknesses. Even with lots of hard work and dedication, competition will probably still be rough," Mrs. Faires explained.

Mrs. Keith commented, "We have 14 girls trying out, and we will probably keep only 10 or 12. Our first regular season game will be against McMinn Central, November 14. I hope the crowd will support us because we're looking for a really good game."



Senior Mike Zimmerman scrambles for Owls defense. Central won 20 to 6.  
Photo by Andy Breen

## From the Bleachers

by Mike Marable

Although, in the terms of winning, the 1978 Purple Pounders football team has been less than what was to be expected this year, the team has nothing to be ashamed of.

Playing other high schools in district 5-AAA, Central is at a great disadvantage, not only in football but in all sports. Out of a total enrollment of 1,024 students 253 are freshmen, leaving a total of 771 eligible to play varsity sports. This should qualify Central for class AA ranking according to TSSAA standards.

Schools such as Red Bank, East Ridge, Hixson, and Tyrer have an enrollment of around 1,500, without a 9th grade. Bradley County has around 3,000 students with over 1,000 athletes (100 of these being football players).

In the State of Tennessee, the TSSAA has made no provisions for the larger and consolidated schools,

maybe the answer is to make a rating of AAAA. There are about 20 to 30 high schools in our state with enrollments of over 1,500 students who compete with schools of half their enrollment. As time passes maybe TSSAA officials will see the light.

A very special thanks are in order for the varsity football coaches who have put in a lot of valuable time and effort this season all the way back into the summer. Joel Brewster, head coach; John Crawford, offensive line; Wilkie Green, defensive coordinator; and Gary Rundles, defensive backs.

Also a special thanks to the varsity cheerleaders, Luane Davis (head), Rhonda Lehman, Cheryl Newman, Sherry Bradford, Ran Dargan, Tony Neiswander, Debbie Ship, Kay Williamson, Risa Carroll, Alison Davis, Dee Denham, Jayne Garth, Toinette Hardy, and Bonnie Sinclair for their time, effort and support of the football team.

## Wrestlers return with devotion, hope

Under the direction of Coach Steve Highlander, Central's wrestling team is returning to the scene this year, expecting a victorious season. Most of the members realize they have a reputation of being one of the best squads in the state.

According to Coach Highlander, "Central has always had the privilege of boasting an excellent wrestling team, and it's not unusual for another team to forfeit matches." The reason for their success can be traced back to the amount of work Highlander requires of his men. Practices are mandatory and college is not excused.

Practices start early in the fall and are held every day after school. A typical workout begins with the basic exercises to limber the wrestlers up. Then, the newcomers are separated from the varsity members, and Coach Highlander begins teaching the basic moves to the younger boys.

One of the problems faced by the team is regular attendance. It is important, especially for new members, to attend practice. "The varsity team realizes the importance of attending all practices. They know that without continual practice they can't work well as a team," Highlander stressed.

The practices last from three to four hours and squad member Roger Bush feels that this fact "along with Coach Highlander's prowess in wrestling, the is backed by years of experience in high school and college) is the teams main reason for success."

Wrestlers can be injured in any number of ways, either during a match or at practice. Proper gear

is required at all times to cut down on the risk.

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# National Beta Club planned; to begin second semester

Plans are presently under way to establish a local chapter of the National Beta Club during the second semester of Central.

The National Beta Club is a non-profit, leadership-service organization for high school students whose purpose is "the promotion of ideas of honesty, service, and leadership among high school students of America, to reward meritorious achievement and to encourage and assist students to continue their education after high school."

Mr. J. D. Carnes, principal, came up with the idea for a chapter at Central and he asked Mrs. Maxine Williams, senior English teacher, to begin the planning.

The Beta Club is designed to recognize as many people as possible who have shown credible achievement," stated Mrs. Williams. The Club's handbook states, "there are no quantitative limitations. Every student is potentially eligible, provided he meets the gen-

eral qualifications in the constitution and the local scholastic standards. A local chapter is at all times subject to the direct supervision of the principal."

General qualifications for membership are worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude. vary in different states and in various schools within the same state, the local chapter and school head determine what local scholastic standards will prevail.

Membership is, then, determined by the administration acting within the national standards.

Each member will receive a certificate of membership, a membership card, a membership pin, a copy of the Beta Journal each month, and a gold seal for his diploma.

He, also, has the opportunity to attend state convective institutes, receives the benefit of Club programs sent to the chapters.



Tina Salabaugh pins new member Lisa Walker

## NHS inducts new members

Eighteen seniors were recently inducted into the Annie May Shelton Chapter of the National Honor Society Wednesday, November 29 during sixth period in the gym.

New inductees were Susan Brewer, Pam Clark, Lisa Cooke, Luane Davis, Paul Gouge, Susan Howard, Becky Jackson, Betty Johnson, Donna Leazmon, Timmy Ledford, Robbin Nabors, Sandy Poney, Laura Rogers, Sherri Smith, Charlie Steinmetz, Debby Strunk, Lisa Walker, and Mike Williams.

The induction ceremony was held in the library last year. It was closed to the students body due to publicity that the formalities didn't mean anything to the students. But this year, at the urging of the Student Council, a portion of the ceremony was seen by the entire student body.

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## Band, choral groups present program of Christmas music

Central's annual Christmas concert was presented by the band and chorus December 14 in the gym.

In the past, both the band and the chorus have had separate concerts. This year the two branches of the music department joined to present one large, song-filled concert under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director, and Mr. Stanley Snyder, band director.

Popular Christmas tunes and some arrangements not so common to the yule season were listed to entertain the students and guests.

Opening with "Fanfare for Christmas Day," the Variety Chorus was accompanied by a small group of drums and trumpets.

Both the band and the chorus had their own lively medleys of popular Christmas tunes.

The band performed "Christmas Music for Winds" which featured many traditional songs including "Silent Night."

Also presented was a "Yuletide Festival" which contained many Christmas novelty tunes—"Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and "Jingle Bells."

Central's Freshman Chorus joined the act in singing Christmas medleys with the Variety Chorus. Songs consisted of many old favorite melodies including "Silver Bells," "Chestnuts Roasting," and "Blue Christmas." Featured soloists added variety to the ever popular songs.

Part of the concert, devoted to the young children in the audience, involved the chorus' rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

This traditional Christmas Eve story, put to music, was "told" by the chorus and the drama was recreated on stage. Children watched Papa as he saw Saint Nick come down the chimney with a bound to fill the stockings.

The concert ended in a combined performance of the popular Christmas tune, "White Christmas."

Program participants were utilized in long gowns and suits. Chorus members were backed by a living room scene complete with foil wrapped gifts placed under a green Christmas tree.

A reception open to all guests was given immediately following the concert in the commons.

"The concert was terrific! It really reminded you that Christmas is closing in fast," stated freshman Stan Braly.

## Seniors in 1982 must pass proficiency examination in order to graduate

Beginning in 1982, all Tennessee students will be required to pass a proficiency examination before they can receive a high school diploma.

The test which will be geared to a sixth grade achievement level will cover four academic areas: spelling, language, reading and math. A score of 70 percent must be made on each section to pass.

Any student planning to graduate in 1982 will be given the test in the spring of 1981. If any or all parts are failed, a student will be given two opportunities to pass before the spring of 1982.

If a student fails to pass all parts of the test, he will not receive a diploma and will not be allowed to retake the test.

If no changes in plans are made by the State Board of Education by 1982, then the student's only alternative would be to take the GED if he desired to graduate. The Board

has stated that there is a possibility of two types of diplomas being given—one for those who pass the exam and an attendance certificate for those who fail.

According to Mr. Hugh McDade, a member of the State Board of Education for 10 years, the decision for state-wide testing came about because they felt the need to set minimal standards applicable to every student and school in Tennessee.

"We have been getting away from the basics, and social promotion is too widely used. In some schools students don't really have to pass to move from one grade to the next—just be there," he said.

Mr. McDade went on to say that, in his opinion, the problem with education has been too much experimentation. "Educators have a tendency to want to try every new fad that comes along, and students are rapidly losing their ability to master simple skills. Teaching students how to get along with each other and social awareness have become too important to educators. They are important but should not take precedent over teaching basic skills." He emphasized that academic skills rather than "frills" must be the concern of teachers if young people are to be able to function in today's society.

This year's freshmen were given

superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, stated, "As bad as these figures may seem, our county still ranked 26th out of 146 systems state-wide. Only one other metropolitan system ranked higher than Hamilton."

... students will be forced to realize that they must achieve ...

Since the Board's decision on testing, there has been much criticism and controversy among educators. Mrs. Mildred Doyle, former superintendent of Knox County Schools, stated, "The test will measure academic ability but will certainly not take into consideration students enrolled in vocational schools or students with mental handicaps. I believe the test needs to be looked at very carefully in light of social conditions in which students live and operate."

"State and federal guidelines for exceptional students force us to meet the individual differences, but the test throws everyone right back into the same mold," she said.

Dr. Carter indicated that the department is approaching the test operation; except that they will not be limited to vocabulary tests. We are doing all we can to improve students' achievement levels before the 1982 tests begin to be given.

Mrs. Grace Keith, Central administration assistant, believes that education will see some positive re-

sults from the required test. "It will put pressure on teachers who have not been doing their jobs, on parents who should have taken a more active part in the child's learning process, and on students who will be forced to realize that they must achieve and that school is not just a social fraternity," she said.

Most of the faculty members at Central were contacted concerning the test. Some of their comments are as follows:

1. Improvement needs to begin with the first grade. A student should not be moved to another grade level without the required knowledge. When he gets to high school it's too late.

2. Parents need to work with children more. Teachers can't do everything needed with 30 or 35 students one hour a day.

3. Students should definitely have sixth grade skills to operate in society, but to test for that level is an insult to the student.

"We will be testing for mediocrity ..."

4. Why test for sixth grade when they ought to know twelfth grade material? We are testing for mediocrity.

The state should consider letting students substitute the ACT for the proficiency examination.

pre-proficiency exams last year at Brown Middle School. Out of the 196 students who took the test, 142 or 72 percent failed one or more parts. Review of scores showed that the area of greatest weakness was spelling.

Based on the Hamilton County Department of Education statistics, 68 percent of the students system-wide failed one or more parts of the test. However, Dr. Dale Carter

has stated that there is a possibility of two types of diplomas being given—one for those who pass the exam and an attendance certificate for those who fail.

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# Point Blank

by David Little

## Second look needed at honor group choices

Inductions to the National Honor Society for seniors this year were held in front of the student body again. The new senior members, for the most part a group that can be called nothing more than average in my opinion, proved conclusively just how ridiculous the society has become.

Being a member may be helpful in filling out college applications, but it doesn't approximate the importance of a good test score on either the ACT or the SAT. Nor does it insure the student's success at a university, if you have taken easy classes to get higher grades, chances are you won't be ready for college and—oh, sweet justice!—you might flunk out, deservingly so.

Examples of easy A's for the ambitious but lazy: four years of regular English, business courses, basic Math, applied science, and anything offered at the vocational school. Warning—do not take any advanced math, English, or science; not only will you risk making a low grade, but you also face the danger of actually learning something. Just cruise on through high school, take it easy, avoid homework, make good grades, please your parents, and—if you are consistent—you just might make the Honor Society. Isn't that wonderful?

Obviously, this program is a farce and will remain as such until some method to encourage students into advanced classes can be found. Giving regular English an equivalent rating to college bound English (or applied science equality to biology) is obscene! This injustice could be corrected by giving an extra grade point (five instead of four for an "A," but on the same scale) for advanced courses, making it fairer for those students who attend high school and study for science credits. This preference might cause other students to enter the advanced classes that would have taken the basic ones to protect their GPA.

Also, I feel that the Society should adopt a policy requiring that its inductees must have taken college bound English, Algebra I and geometry for math credits, and biology for science credits. True, this would tend to make the Honor Society somewhat exclusive, but isn't it supposed to be?



Short of cash?

## Digest presents 'cheap gifts' ideas

Christmas time can involve quite a bit of expense. During December, many students will realize that there just isn't enough money for trips, parties, presents, and occasional dates.

In a sincere effort to help Central students save cash during the holiday season, the Digest staff has devised a current list of inexpensive Christmas gift ideas:

• Cut out a picture of that rocking chair your grandmother has always wanted and give it to her. It's the very least you can do.

• Leave home for a few days and mail your parents a Florida postcard. Explain that you would have bought them a present if you were in town.

• Tell your girlfriend that you'll give her your heart. It's free.

• For your friends at work, dis-

tribute home-made cassettes of the Coneheads singing "Jingle Bells."

• Wrap up a Central Digest for your candy.

• Show school spirit by offering to pose for the Key Club calendar free-of-charge.

• Give your favorite tennis player a dead cat to rest his racket.

• Give Mrs. Dunn a taped recitation of her favorite poem in your "Mr. Bill" voice.

• Frame a yellow card for the front office.

• Give away down-filled baggies labeled "pocket-warmer."

• Demagnetize your kid brother's compass and send him on a free trip to the Smokies.

• Invent your own imaginary business and mail your in-laws gift certificates.

• Go to the picture booth at K-

mart and have five pictures made for a quarter. Frame with cardboard and present to your closest friends.

• Take your favorite vegetarian to a Christmas dinner at Ponderosa.

• Take a date to Baskin-Robbins and hope she fills up on free tastes.

• Present that biciferous uncle with an art farm.

• Mail out gift certificates to Central's cafeteria.

• For the kiddies on your list try a Star Wars uniform inexpensively made from Hefty bags.

• Hand out free passes to next year's pep rallies.

• If all else fails and you really get in a jam, don't be ashamed to give pet rocks. It's the thought that counts.

## Mail

Dear Editor,

Your recent publication of an opinion on votes from D. S. was not only uncalled for it was down right insulting. Do you honestly think the juniors and seniors don't vote for their "boyfriend's brother," etc.?

If a "candidate works hard on speeches and campaigns" then there should be no "uninformed voters."

During the years we were at school, the sophomore class spent an entire school year under most of this year's graduating class, so most of us know a majority of them. As for the freshmen, maybe they shouldn't vote, but it isn't fair to leave informed people out of school votes.

If "nominating people for these positions is pointless" then don't do it. It seems the underclassmen lose either way...

Our class took a poll in the sophomore home rooms. Tenth-grade members of the student council made the following questions about Homecoming Candidates.

Out of 164 sophomore students polled—

93 people knew all of the candidates.

64 people knew two or more

2 knew none

5 were undecided

This just goes to show that only a very few people (7 out of 164) are uninformed. Our class likes to play an active part in school events, and we hope this privilege will continue to be shared with us.

Thank you,  
Sophomore Class

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to the student body and teachers who supported me in my trying times. Just knowing that I had such friends made me more determined to be reinstated at Central. I made a mistake and am paying dearly for it but to be back with friends makes the punishment easier to live with. Thank-you for everything!

Frank Womack

Dear Editor,

The way things are being banned by the government these days, I wonder how long Christmas will be with us.

The FDA today released a report which shows that Christmas causes cancer. Rats raised in green and red cages with pep-in-carols fed on eggnog, tinsel, and wrapping paper showed a 25 percent higher rate of cancer than rats raised under ahsist conditions. In addition, several rats killed themselves by leaping from their cages, apparently because they believed they were reincarned.

The FDA has not ruled whether or not Christmas will have to be taken from the market.

Sincerely,  
JBG

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on the recent cancellation of Senior Day for the class of 1979. It is not fair for the entire senior class to be reprimanded for the mismanagement of two excellent sales by the class officers and sponsors. If more time and effort in the planning of these projects by the officers and student body was spent, the sales most certainly would have been a great deal more successful.

Instead of being told how much was paid to each individual, a large sum of money needed for "Cadillac activities" was dumped into our laps for us to comprehend. Why weren't we told at our class meeting exactly how much money each person needed to make by selling products?

Also, why wasn't our fund raising project pushed by our officers? (making announcements by officers, races, etc.)

Why can't our class gift, which is another traditional ceremony, be cancelled instead of Senior Day? I, along with many other concerned students, would definitely get more out of Senior Day instead of a gift which is seldom used by the underclassmen or graduating seniors.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Walker

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard for us during the 1978 football season. Our faculty and administration, our band, cheerleaders, Booster Club, pep squad, football team and coaching staff.

Again, my thanks,  
Joel Brewer

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# Bible study questioned

by David Little

Bible Study Programs in city and county schools went on trial Tuesday, October 10, to determine whether or not they include religious indoctrination and violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

The defendants in the case, the school boards of Hamilton County and the city of Chattanooga, maintained that the instruction entailed teaching the Bible from historical, literary, and sociological perspectives only, in accordance with the policies of the Public School Bible Study Committee; the plaintiffs, a group of parents whose children attend city and county elementary schools, claimed the instruction was "unconscionable religious indoctrination."

Voluntary Bible study in this area has been carried on continuously since its introduction in 1922. Enrollment in the program in city and county schools during the 1977-1978 school year numbered some 22,000 students. The teachers involved are selected and paid by the PSBSC.

Dr. Thor Hall, Professor of Religious Studies at UTC, stated in a deposition that the PSBSC program "is a program of religious education similar to those offered in church schools and Sunday Schools. In its intention to teach the Bible without interpretation" the committee is in fact promoting a particular interpretation, namely that which holds that the Bible is literally the word of God."

Defending the program, Attorney Robert Kirk Walker—a former PSBSC board member—pointed out that various changes have been made in the curriculum. The committee had "thoroughly revised" the pro-

gram, he asserted, urging District Judge Wilson to adopt a motion excluding testimony and evidence about all that had occurred prior to the adoption of the new policies. The motion was denied.

To establish the religious orientation of the PSBSC, plaintiff attorney John Alley inquired into the source of funds which finance the program. This money comes from school-collected contributions (formerly called "Love Offerings"), foundations, and from various area churches, according to Miss Bairde McClure, director of the committee. These churches include the First Baptist Church, the First Presbyterian Church, the First-Century United Methodist Church, and "quite a few" others. No non-Christian religious groups were revealed in testimony as having contributed funds to the program.

When asked whether she considers that a prospective teacher in the program must be a Christian, Miss McClure answered "No." However, in a deposition session last July, she answered the same question affirmatively. Mr. Alley introduced this which she admitted to while on the witness stand. Further testimony on the exclusive nature of the committee revealed that there were no non-Christian, Jewish, or even Catholic representatives—proving that it is drawn only from the Protestant Christian segment of the community.

At this writing, the outcome of the case is unknown. Judge Wilson's decision should be made public early this winter.

# Students give opinions on Bible issue

by Sherri Bradford

Whether or not to have Bible in public schools has always been a controversial issue. With a renewed interest recently caused by a proposal to alleviate Bible from schools, a student interview was conducted at Central.

The question asked was, "Do you think Bible should be taught in school?"



Mike Power

Philip Davis, freshman, said, "I feel that the opportunity should be there for anyone who wants to take Bible."

**Mike Power**, senior, commented, "At a high school level, people are mature enough to make their own decisions . . . but Bible shouldn't be forced on students like it is in elementary school. Legally, of course, I feel it is unconstitutional."

**Lisa Bartholomew**, junior, answered, "Bible classes are good for students. Although they should not force Bible upon students, they should not try to remove it completely."

**Starr Giley**, sophomore, relates, "Whether or not to take Bible should be a choice of all students. Hopefully, with enough participation it will help students."



Phil Davis

**Carla Schwartz**, senior, stated, "If people are interested they should take Bible, but not be forced into taking something they could care less about. Some children do not go to church with their family and this is the only way they have of knowing God."

**Willie Durrall**, junior, stated, "I really do not favor either side, but if it is offered, you won't find many students who are really interested in taking Bible."



Robert Murray

**Robert Murray**, sophomore, sums up, "The Bible is of great importance to the student and we should not be deprived of it."

**Susan Jones**, senior, replied, "Education should be limited to academics, and not religious beliefs. Religion should be emphasized in home and church, and not at school."

**Linda Hisey**, junior, believes, "Bible should be just as important as American History. The Bible tells of our past."

**Gloria Hamby**,

Junior, feels

"Bible is of great importance to us all, and people need to realize its importance. The Bible should be



Gloria Hamby

taught in school, and its importance should be stressed. The school is a place where all children can be reached."

# Judicial wisdom requested

At last, this issue of Bible study in public schools has come to a head, and it seems the court will demonstrate judicial wisdom by ruling against it. Those of us who realize the unfairness of disseminating one-sided Judeo-Christian doctrine have remained steadfast, as have the opposition, and it looks like we're going to win this time.

Meanwhile, those favoring Bible study still continue to make that much-echoed cry of "religious freedom"; they fail to realize that, to keep that constitutional right, all religions must be taught—no non-Biblical Christianity and its variants have held an unfair monopoly in this area's public schools, and unless the Islamic, Buddhist, and other religions are offered equal time, it can't legally be taught.

Comprehending the impracticality of confronting area students with a variety of opposing theologies, the only logical and right course of action to take is to eliminate all religious training from public schools. Religions and beliefs are personal choices; doctrine can not be taught as factual, especially when only one side is presented.

When the United States came into being, our founding fathers had the wisdom and insight to insure a separation between church and state. If the government (through teaching religion in its public schools) violates this division, everybody—Christian, Jew, Moslem, whatever—is in danger of losing that precious religious freedom we value so highly.

Most important, though, is the fact that religious instruction has other, better places to be voiced. Those wishing to study the Bible have multitudes of churches to choose from, as well as being able to practice their faith within the sanctity of their own homes.

Plainly, a public school is not an appropriate setting for indoctrination; when it is legally prohibited—as it must be—then educators can return the classroom to its true function: the teaching of academics.

# Bible valuable to students

The forces of Judeo-Christian literature have, like it or not, played a primary role in molding Western culture. To deprive a student of the opportunity to see those Judeo-Christian cultures—their customs, doctrines, beliefs, teachers and attitudes—in an academic setting is an error.

To argue that these courses could be better taught in the church is a misjudgment of the purpose of that institution. The church exists as a place of spiritual enlightenment—not historic or cultural enrichment. The subject belongs in the school, just as American history belongs in the school.

Many claim that if the Bible is taught, so must the writings which other religions consider sacred (the Koran, for example). While one cannot deny the constitutionality of this principle, one must place the matter in proper perspective. When the Koran (or any other sacred writing) exerts the cultural influence upon our nation which the Holy Bible has exerted, then it too should be taught.

It would also do well for those who wish to remove this opportunity from the students to remember that *Bible is not a required course* at any public school in America.

Interest is also a major factor in favor of keeping the Bible courses. This speaks for itself. If there were not enough persons interested in taking the courses, there would be no courses. The interest is there, and, thus, the opportunity should be there also.

The Bible is an intricate part of the Western train of thought. It has its place in our academics just as surely as economics, or a study of the judicial system (much of which is based on the law of the Pentuch).

Those who wish to study the Bible academically should not be deprived of the chance to do so.





# Clubs bring Christmas cheer

Christmas has traditionally been the month for giving, sharing and charity. Therefore, December club meetings have always concerned themselves with Christmas parties and projects for the less fortunate.

"Y-teens is planning a Christmas party at Laura Stone's house for its Christmas activity," stated president Susie Baker. The club has assigned members to committees which help plan the party.

Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y have been collecting favors for a different type of party to be given at Good Shepherd's Fold. Seventy children between the ages of three and five will receive gifts which the two clubs will collect around local shopping centers. Tri-Hi-Y member Kathy Brady feels that "taking gifts to the children gives them something to look forward to. Christmas is a holiday for children."

Another project to be undertaken by Tri-Hi-Y, according to president Lynn Rogers, will be Christmas caroling at several Chattanooga nursing homes over Christmas vacation.

Another Central club will remember elders this year. Future Homemakers visited the Hamilton County Nursing Home December 7. Valkyrie Goldston, member, explains, "At the home, we handed out Christmas ornaments and sang carols." President Lisa Walker also revealed plans for a Christmas party for members.

Future Business Leaders are planning a banquet to



Bill shows baseball coach Gary Dies repairs that need to be made.

Members of FHA rehearse with their puppets before going to entertain at a local nursing home. Photo by Andy Breon

celebrate the Christmas season.

Central's band and chorus presented the Christmas concert together this year.

A concert has been performed for the Red Bank government by the Jazz Ensemble December 15. The ensemble also has dates set for a concert at YMCA and at the Harrison Ruritan Club.

## Ballinger takes active role in Central

by Carol Walker

As the fans sit impatiently waiting for the game to begin, an announcer's voice begins over the loudspeaker, "Tonight the starting lineup for the Central Pounders will be as follows..."

The voice, that of Central alumnus Mr. Bill Ballinger, has become quite common to many Central students.

Having been an announcer, handy man, and avid sports fan at Central, Mr. Ballinger takes great pride in his association with the school. He can often be found at Central's athletic events, cheering the team to victory or offering a consoling word when they are defeated. Through his support of the various teams, he is able to know most athletes by name.

Mr. Ballinger, who graduated from the "Old" Central on Dodds Avenue in 1927, comes to Central approximately once a week. Often, he will spend this time doing repair work around the school or simply talking to students. He is well known to many students, some of whom jokingly refer to him as "Brother Bill."

"He has a deep concern for our entire program here at Central" Coach Payne said of Mr. Ballinger, "and I truly appreciate his interest."

He explained that he enjoys his involvement in these activities because he feels that students should be encouraged to participate in sports "because," he said, "sports keep kids out of trouble."

Yet, Mr. Ballinger is not without things to do, because his gardening, which is one of his favorite pastimes, takes much of his time and attention. Besides his gardening, he also enjoys pro and college sports and can often be found attending to such an event.

One of seven boys living with their widowed mother, Mr. Ballinger was an active supporter of Central when he was a student. He played both basketball and baseball and was the manager of the football team.

Why does a retired man, who graduated from the "Old" Central more than 50 years ago still make regular visits to the school? Mr. Ballinger said simply, "Because I love my school."

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# Injuries loom as growing problem

By Debbie Wilson

Possibility of injuries has always been the major drawback of playing any type of high school sport. Almost any Friday night, parents can be found sitting in the bleachers or stands anxiously watching their sons or daughter compete . . . reflecting skills learned during hours of after school practice, or gained after years of competition.

One recent survey projected that a million high school football players, at approximately 20,000 schools, would be injured in some way this year; however, Central has had no major injuries, only a few minor ones.

"There is always a chance of injury with any sport," stated Steve Highlander, cross country and wrestling head coach.

The most common cross-country injury is shin-splints, which results from running a long period of time on a hard surface. It is probably the most agonizing of injuries. The muscle pulls away from a

Service ambulance are on hand in case of an emergency on the field.

"If a player is properly conditioned and trained, he is less likely to have any injuries," stated assistant football coach Wilkey Green.

Another essential part of participating in any sport is the use of safe equipment.

"I wrestled competitively for six years, and the only time I ever broke a bone was while wrestling on improper mats," Coach Highlander commented.

If a wrestler has a tendency toward a certain problem, protective equipment can cut out almost all chance of injury.

"Pulled muscles, strains, and knee problems are common wrestling injuries according to Jimmy Whitlow, junior competitor.

Common injuries for football, which is one of America's favorite sports, are sprains, jammed fingers, and knee injuries. In many knee injury cases surgery is necessary.

During the football games, a doctor and a Volunteer Rescue

bone; because of the constant pounding, the lower left suffers. This injury can be prevented by running on grass or dirt, rather than the roads.

Another typical running injury is sprained ankles, which are sometimes more painful than a break and usually continue to bother the athlete in later years. "If any athlete takes proper care of his injuries, they should heal and not reoccur," stated Coach Green.



Football coach Joel Brewster checks over a "charley horse" in sophomore Tim Remo's leg. Photo by Andy Breon

## Pounders duel Owls in Dome

The Varsity basketball teams hope to boost their records and gain some experience by playing over the Christmas break. The Central Pounders and Ponderettes play the Ooltewah Owls on January 2 in the CHS dome.

Payne's Purple Gang have, at the time of this writing defeated two teams, Rhea County and Tyner.

### Rhea County

Sophomore guard David Massengill paced the Pounders to an easy win over Rhea County, David tallied 18 points of Central's 71-48 win. Senior guard Charlie Steinmetz and junior forward Chuck Denham added 12 points a piece and Denham pulled down 12 rebounds.

### Tyner

In an action packed game against Tyner the Pounders came out on top of the 65-60 score. Chuck Denham and senior center Gerry McCubison both racked up 20 points a piece for Payne's Purple Gang, and Matthew Dixon tallied 17 points for Tyner's lifting effort.

### Girls

The Lady Pounders have come

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out on top only one time so far this season. They soundly defeated the Tyner Kamettes in the CHS double defeat of Tyner December 1.

### Tyner

The Ponderettes chalked up their first win on home court. Jana Headen, senior forward, lead all scoring with 34 points and senior forward Kim Garren added 12 more for the Ponderettes. Tyner's leading scorer was Lynn McDonald with 23 points.

### B-Team

Although the varsity teams have not come out on top of the win column too much this year, the B-Team marches on. They have won four out of their first seven games. They defeated Rhea County, Red Bank, Tyner, and East Ridge. The B-Team is made up mainly of sophomores and a few juniors, and all seem to have basketball prowess and ability.

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## CSTCC offers classes to seniors

Taking a college class before graduation from high school once seemed impossible; however, this year 11 seniors are doing just that through a new English program offered by Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

This program permits a student to take a college English course in lieu of the traditional senior year English. At the same time, seniors choosing this option will receive five quarters of college credit which will be transferable to any college in Tennessee.

"This program is ideal for any student wishing to get some of his English finished before going off to college," stated Dr. Vernon Ball, instructor for the course at Central.

Discussion is the key to learning in the college class. The entire hour is spent in debating and arguing over literature as well as other topics of interest.

"We are free to talk about anything," stated Teresa Standifer, senior. "We have clashes of opinion as

well as deep conversations. Nothing ever happens twice."

A lot of reading is essential as each student is required to write one theme per week on a story, poem, or play he has read during that week. These papers must be on some specific aspect from the reading and be backed up with quotes from the material. Dr. Ball relates that this course is more or less a "freshman composition class," because the students are graded only on their themes.

Themes aren't the only things these "college students" have written; they are all co-authors of a gothic novel. Each person wrote one chapter in the book using the surrounding Chattanooga area as the setting.

Another unusual activity in which the class participates is having class occasionally in a local restaurant for a change of environment. Discussions over lunch in such places as the Piccadilly Cafeteria and Buck's Pit Barbecue are limited to days of

in-service or early dismissals from school.

Advantages of this class over the high school English class includes a smaller class which provides for individual attention. Many of the students feel that they are receiving good experience for college with the emphasis on writing and studying literature, rather than grammatical skills.

"I feel this class is a lot better, because we break out of the grammar and the history of literature, to work on the literature itself," commented Mike Power, senior.

Requirements for the class are a 3.0 grade point average and simply an interest. According to Dr. Ball, "They must apply themselves and do the required work. It takes a lot of reading, also."

Teresa Standifer added, "It's up to the person to do the work; it's worth it though."

"This program is a positive thing, and I hope more students will take advantage of it," concluded Dr. Ball.

## 'Showboat' to be presented in March

"Showboat," a musical about life on a Mississippi riverboat, will be presented March 23 and 24.

According to Mrs. Judy Reich, chorus director, anyone was allowed to audition for the musical and no experience was required.

Mrs. Reich explained that the play is set in the late 1800's and covers a span of 20 years.

A strange company of variety actors sails twice a year down the

Mississippi River on Captain Andy Hawk's floating theatre, *Cotton Blossom*. At various stops between St. Louis and New Orleans, they perform and present their performances.

After Julie, the leading lady, is discovered to be mulatto, she and her husband are thrown off the boat. The troupe's leading lady then becomes Magnolia, the Captain's daughter.

Later, Gaylord Ravenal, a Mississippi gambler, joins the troupe and becomes its leading man. Magnolia then falls in love with Gaylord, and they leave the troupe to go to Chicago. In Chicago, Gaylord loses all of their money gambling and, finally, deserts Magnolia.

Members of the cast include Cheryl Harris, Queenie; Debbie Wilson, Parthy Ann Hawk; Lee Miller, Captain Andy; Angela Wofford, Ellie; Paul Kirkley, Frank; Sherri Bankston, Julie; Tim Basham, Gaylord Ravenal; and Rhonda Lehman, Magnolia.

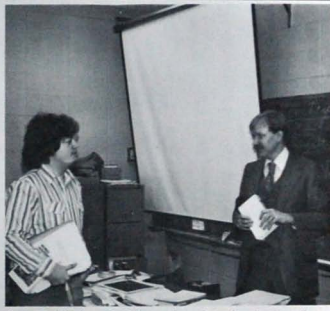
Mrs. Reich remarked, "I do not pick the cast. I always ask a panel of judges to audition the students."

The judges were Mrs. Gwendolyn Dargon, economics teacher; Mrs. Vicki Dunfi, math teacher; Miss Cathy Gross, English teacher; and Coach Larry Payne, assistant principal.

"They were all honored to help in a student production. Coach Payne enjoyed it so much that he wanted to know why he couldn't audition for the part of Gaylord Ravenal," she added.

According to Mrs. Reich, the only problem encountered thus far in the production is that she has no one to play the part of Joe, the black actor who sings one of the show hits, "Old Man River."

"This production is made up of not only players and actresses, but a lot of dancers, singers, and extras. All of them could be replaced unless a lot of people were working together on it."



Senior David Little and Dr. Ball pause for a minute after class to continue a discussion.

## Laser-sighted automatic rifle acquired by ROTC

The ROTC department has recently acquired nine laser-sighted rifles. Though not the futuristic energy blasters pictured in the movies, these guns still employ the principle of laser energy in their sighting techniques.

The laser-sighted rifles were issued to the ROTC department by the United States Army Training Command for use in target practice sessions.

The weapon is a .22 automatic rifle which sights with the laser apparatus. While aiming, the gun emits a visible red dot on the target which shows where the bullet will strike.

The guns, which are already being used in over 300 police departments in the United States and several foreign countries, fire up to 30 rounds per second. They are accurate at 270 meters. This laser-sighted mechanism is the latest advancement in small arms.

"Taking into account the fact that conventional rifles require not only

a constant supply of shells but also frequent replacement of range facilities, the guns will prove to be cheaper in the long run," according to Sgm Robert Hall. "The main idea, as I see it, is to provide a cheap way of marksmanship training," he went on to say.

Four of the nine guns are now operational. These are being used to train the ROTC cadets how to properly handle the weapon.

Over a 111 response to the firearms has been good, according to Cadet Col. Paul Gouge. "Most of the people who have worked with the gun liked it much better than the conventional .22," he said.

The automatic setting allows the marksman to fire a single shot or a burst of rounds, like a machine gun. "If you have to concentrate fire, it shoots like a spray of water," boasted manufacturer Charles Goff in an interview with *Newswreck* magazine.

The weapons sell for approximately \$1,000 each.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SAT Deadline

The registration deadline for anyone wishing to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is to be given March 31 or February 23.

### ACT Test

Applications for the ACT test to be given Saturday, April 7 are due Friday, March 9.

### European Tour

Anyone interested in touring Europe from June 19-July 5 should contact Miss Brenda Chausney, French teacher, by March 1.



Bill House and Cissa Raalston were crowned king and queen during the Y-Teen's Valentine Dance, February 9.







## Jogging inspires renewed interest; termed beneficial and inexpensive

By Diana Spencer

Since literally no expense is involved, and the potential runner can be any age and in any physical condition to begin, jogging has become a fitness fad.

Senior cross-country runner Charlie Steinmetz defines running as "beneficial because it relaxes you totally, clears your mind, allows you to think clearly and keeps you in good physical condition."

According to a report in "Psychology Today," a test conducted by Physiologist Harley Hartung seems to show that groups of runners were clearly in better overall health than nonrunners. Hartung concluded, "A minimum threshold of physical activity may be necessary for cardiovascular benefit."

Another point in favor of the sport is convenience. Running enthusiasts can be seen on neighborhood roads, public streets, school tracks, around city buildings and inside local shopping malls before business hours.

"Jogging is a great asset for getting in shape for other varsity sports," comments senior wrestler Eric Zemanh.

Though this form of exercise may be healthful, some degree of danger is involved. Over-enthusiastic beginners have commonly experienced the not so pleasant shin splints, fallen arches and sore feet. Proper shoes, and a paced program can correct these and similar problems.

Also, most runners leave wallets and other identification at home while running long distances. If an accident should occur, doctors have no way of notifying family members.

Running fashions can range from every-day blue jeans or shorts with sweat-shirts or jackets to more expensive jogging warm-up suits and track short sets. Shoes for the serious runner range in price from \$20 to \$80, with a large variety of styles and brands available.

Books, magazines, pamphlets, and classes on the "art of running" have made large profits.



Cold weather fails to discourage enthusiastic student and adult joggers.

## Intramural program initiated

Under the leadership of athletic director Coach Joel Brewster, Central has initiated an intramural program including such sports as basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and tennis.

The basketball program, which started early in December, was completed in the last week of January, only stopping for Christmas break. Over 60 students, both boys and girls, participated.

Each team was picked by matching two homerooms on the same grade level, thus giving each grade four boys' teams and four girls' teams.

In the girls' bracket, Johnson and Oglet (10-2), downed Williamson and Highlander (12-1), 16-12. Grier and Summerour (11-3) defeated Rundles and Snyder (9-3) by a margin of 6-4. In the finals 11-3 forfeited to 10-2.

"We are real pleased with our new programs," stated Coach Brewster. "I feel that it will give those students not associated with the school's athletic programs a chance to participate and compete on a level with

their peers." he went on to say. Brewster also stated that he was pleased with the response and support of the student body.

Two 15 minute games were played each morning starting at 7 a.m. The winner of each game continued to the semi-finals, then on to the finals. Overall winners in each grade played for the championship.

In the semi-finals, played before the student body, 12-1, Williamson and Highlander's boys, defeated 10-1, Casale and Hammack's boys 16-14. Dargan and Mowery (11-3) won over Lee and Green's 9-1 boys, 25-2. In the finals, 12-1 dropped 11-2, 23-2.

Volleyball, which is already in progress, will be played on the same system as was the basketball. Later sports such as tennis and horseshoes will be played as individual efforts of the students themselves, not as teams.

The champions in each sport will receive a trophy at the end of the year.

## Baylor wins tournament

Defending state wrestling champion, Baylor Preparatory School, placed first in the District 4 Wrestling Tournament held February 1 and 2 in the Central Dome. Baylor scored 173 points; Hixson took second with 145 points; Red Bank held third place honors with 137 points, and Central captured fourth with 103 points.

Champion in the 98 pound weight class was Baylor's Craig Tindall. Other class winners are 105, Red Bank's Terry Massangle; 112 Baylor's Bill Barbee; 119, Red Bank's Tab Billingsley; 126, Hixson's Wes Arnold.

The 132 pound class went to Roger Bash of Central, Mark Dyer, 138, of Tyner, Central's Greg Humphries won the 155 pound title and Baylor's Marc Lyle and Bill

Stephenson walked away as champions of the 167 and 185 weight classes respectively. The heavy weight champ for the tournament, Hixson's Pat Murphy.

The next match for high school wrestlers will be the Regional Tournament to be held at Notre Dame Friday, February 9. Five pounds will be on hand for this event, and other schools in the Chattanooga area attending will be Baylor with nine men; Hixson and Red Bank with six each; Tyner and Kirkman will send five a piece; Brainerd with three grapplers; Dossy Sady and Tennessee Temple will have two.

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**We're With You**

By Andrea Davis

Chris was called into the den by his parents. "We want to tell you something," his mother said. "Your father and I have decided to get a divorce."

These words or similar ones have been heard by approximately 18 million young people under 18 years of age in the United States.

With one out of every three marriages failing in the Chattanooga area and America today, divorce has become a common and relatively simple procedure. Although easily obtained, it is not always easy for those involved to adjust — particularly the teenager.

Parents involved in divorce often are too concerned with their own problems to see or know what to do for the children. According to Dr. Arlene Richards, child psychologist and author of *How To Get It Together When Your Parents Are Coming Apart*, teenagers often become the pawns in the battle and feel pressured to choose sides. The result is guilt and conflict which often leaves them feeling helpless and scared.

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## Divorce: harmful to teens?

The immediate problems vary with each individual situation and the people involved. The effects may vary just as sharply as the circumstances. "A big factor in what results is the age of the teenager involved," related Dr. David Solovey, a psychologist at the Chattanooga Psychiatric Clinic whose case load deals 80 percent with the children of divorced or separated parents in the inner city area.

"Teenagers, already at an insecure time in their lives, often fear abandonment and loss of one or both parents' love," stated Dr. Richards.

As one Central junior said, "My greatest problem when my parents divorced last year was confusion. I felt forced to take my mom's side, and this made me feel terrible — like I was letting my dad down."

Dr. Solovey indicated that early adolescence is the most traumatic age for a divorce to take place. "It is at this age that a child is beginning to define himself. A divorce at this point causes added anger and confusion because the young teen's life is turned around, and guilt results from this anger," he said.

Dr. J. L. Cory, psychologist at Valley Psychiatric Hospital, related that he has dealt with a few teenagers who wanted the parents to stay together so much that they harmed themselves. Some even attempted suicide. They are inadvertently saying, "Hey look, I'm too sick for you to get a divorce."

Delinquent behavior such as trouble in school or with the police are more frequently used methods of trying to force the parents to stay together.

According to Dr. Cory, a deep fear of the teenager is that he may be responsible for the divorce. He may feel that he came between his parents or that he pushed them farther apart. He may feel like a failure. This, of course, is seldom the case.

Dr. Solovey and Cory agree, however, that one of the worst things a couple can do is stay together "for the sake of the children." Teenagers can sense tension between the parents. "Tension may be in the form of non-communication or in outright battles, verbal or physical. This can cause the teenager to feel guilty that his parents are unhappy because of him; he may also be resentful because he doesn't have a settled home life."

There is such a thing as a healthy divorce, but it requires the cooperation of all family members. There are still problems, but these are minor ones. It is only in select cases that the teenager feels that his problems are too much for him to handle," said Dr. Cory.

In an unhappy divorce the results can affect the teenager in later life. He may shy away from personal relationships, especially marriage. "I have had extreme cases," reported Dr. Cory, "where the child has grown up hating the opposite sex. In others, men and women may strike out at the opposite sex by setting them up and dropping them." He said that they may repeat this pattern until their looks and health begin to fade; then they don't know how to handle it.

One of the worst things that a teenager can be put through is the parents trying to win him over from the other. This is usually done by cutting down the other parent or by being overly indulgent in order to "make up" for deciding to get a divorce. Both doctors believe there are many ways in which the teen may deal with the problems resulting from his parents' broken marriage. Some may choose to stay with close friends or relatives until their parents have worked out the order of custody.

The teen may direct his energy toward athletics, a new job, or his studies in order to compensate for his feelings of anger and loneliness.

Both doctors also agreed that in divorce or remarriage situations the teen should be told which parent he is to live with. Not only does it put the teen in a difficult position to have to choose, but it gives him "too much power." He may consciously or unconsciously use this power to get what he wants. He should live with the more stable parent and home.

"It is a mistake of society for the teenager to automatically live with his mother even though that is whom he (the teenager) generally chooses. Mothers, to most adolescents represent caring and security," said Dr. Cory. He believes it is good to have joint custody as long as the circumstances are healthy for the child in both parents' homes.

In most cases the actual divorce is less traumatic than expected and a mentally healthy teenager can, with time, handle the adjustments, according to Dr. Richards.



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## Homeroom time moved; yellow cards eliminated

A change in schedule was initiated Friday, February 23. Homeroom, which had previously begun at 7:35 a.m., was switched to 10:45 a.m. — between third and fourth periods, and students were instructed to report directly to their first period class at 7:35.

"This was really the only place on the schedule where we could get all the students together at one time," Mr. J. D. Carnes, principal, stated.

With the buses leaving to transport the vocational students between 7:40 and 7:45 a.m., it was very difficult for many of the students who had to leave to do more than merely check into homeroom and then go directly to their buses. "Many of the morning (vocational) students were missing the homeroom announcements," Mr. Carnes noted.

The buses return from the morning vocational classes at 10:45 a.m. and leave for the afternoon classes at 11 a.m. This homeroom was moved to this time, and the announcements were given. "We considered the various alternatives that were open to us, try-

ing to find the most efficient way to restructure the system," Mr. Carnes explained. "I feel that we have developed on the best approach." The change, Mr. Carnes explained, would insure the overall efficiency of the time used in homeroom.

Time was not the only change in homeroom. Students will no longer be issued yellow cards as a method of being admitted to class after an absence, or tardy according to Mr. Carnes.

A greater emphasis will be placed on the note of the parent or guardian.

Stricter attention will be paid to the four state-recognized excuses for absence. These include death of the family, recognized religious holidays, illness, and a doctor's dental appointment.

"The yellow card idea simply was not working," Mr. Carnes stated.

He also explained that eliminating yellow cards would help decrease paper work and create more efficient means of keeping track of unexcused absences.

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## Social Studies Department receives Washington Medal

The George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania was awarded to the Social Studies Department for their entry during the 1977-1978 school year. Central was chosen as one of 21 recipients in the state of Tennessee.

According to Mr. Sam Stoner, social studies teacher, the award shows that Central is one of the most patriotic schools in America and that good citizenship is practiced in all phases of the school. Last year American history classes created projects for a historical museum, as well as prepared material on how to preserve the American way of life. Economic classes also undertook the study of the free enterprise system and its application to American living.

The Social Studies Department is already in the process of planning for next year's contest.

School individuals and organizations are eligible to enter projects for evaluation. Each project or program must follow the creed and guidelines set by the Freedom Foundation. Excellence in the field of patriotism is the criteria for honors. The projects must also show that the student is an active participant in the project.

Williamston, junior, has been selected to attend a seminar at Valley Forge. Her selection was based on the recommendation of Mr. Stoner.

Students are selected from different high schools across the United States to attend the seminar. They will hear some of the

most outstanding speakers in the country," according to Mr. Stoner.

Tours are planned for the students in the area surrounding Philadelphia and Valley Forge.

They will also take part in panel discussions and have an opportunity to examine important historical documents.



Kay Williamson and Mr. Sam Stoner go over the itinerary for her trip to Valley Forge.







# Coach Brewster 'knows football'

by Carol Walker

Joel Brewster entered Central High School four years ago with the class of 1979. During this time he's been the only coach to stick with the football team for more than three seasons. Having seen six coaches come and go, he has been the only steady force to the team entering with him in 1975.

"Coach Brewster really makes you work, but in the long run it's worth it," stated senior tackle Keith Crowley. "He really knows football."

Brewster has had 15 years coaching experience in football. Eleven and a half of these years were spent at Hixson High School where he

held the assistant coach position in football and head coach in track. "I love kids and education; I'd have to have to thirty or more years," Coach Brewster laughed.

Yet as much as Coach Brewster loves school and kids; there was a time in his life when he wasn't in school. After completing one disastrous year in college he went to work in the coal mines. After two years of this he realized he wanted more out of life and enlisted in the Marine Corps. After three years in the Corp he enrolled, once again, in college. He then graduated with "flying colors" and began his coaching career.

But coaching isn't Joel Brew-

ster's only ability. He has taught a variety of subjects including health, physical education, biology, physiology, economics and general science.

Among his many hobbies are his gun and knife collections, but most of his spare time is spent with his family. He has one son, Joel Paul, who is a "real Purple Pounder" according to his dad.

Mrs. Patti Brewster, his wife, says, "Joel Paul and his dad are great buddies, even though they don't spend as much time together as Joel would like."

Coaching does have its drawbacks though. "Coaching hurts raising kids: You spend more time with other peoples' kids than you do with your own," Coach Brewster said, "but I enjoy it all — the coaching and the teaching."



Coach Brewster utilizes his head phone to plan plays during games.

## Scoreboard

Boy's Basketball		Girl's Basketball	
Central	55 City	71	59
66	McMinn	68	50
49	Hixson	61	40
41	Baylor	71	37
71	Rhea	48	52
69	Red Bank	79	63
65	Tyner	60	74
54	East Ridge	65	58
69	Cleveland	52	59
63	Soddy Daisy	56	47
60	Brainerd	81	58
62	Notre Dame	65	61
58	Oakview	83	70
70	McMinn	66	50
54	Cleveland	50	52
60	Bradley Co.	56	74
74	Soddy Daisy	65	49
45	Notre Dame	57	79
62	Red Bank	56	43
47	Bradley Co.	92	65
62	East Ridge	76	55
54	Rhea	74	65
56	Oakview	OT	59
47	City	64	44
45	McCallie	43	46

Jana Headen 21 points per game  
Rhonda Brewer 14 points per game

## Track and field season to open against Trojans

The girls' and boys' regular track and field season opens March 22 with a home meet against Soddy Daisy.

"We are getting every boy back except for three who graduated," stated Coach Wilkey Green, head mentor of the boys' track team. "Last season we had a 3-3 record and I expect a great improvement this year," he went on to say.

Coach John Crawford will aid Coach Green in the team's practice and training which began on February 21, although some runners began training earlier.

Seven boys traveled to UTK for a pre-season indoor meet at Stokely Athletic Center February 24.

Junior Ann McPherson placed fifth in both long jump and 110 yard high hurdles.

Coach Roger Ingis will be in charge of the girls' team with assistant coach Vicki Dunn assisting him.

The girls' events differ from the boys' in two respects: they do not pole vault or run the two mile race, and will follow the same schedule as the boys.

Last year the girls were undefeated in the regular season, first in SETAC, and fifth in the district.

"I think we can really have a good team this year if we are serious and work hard," stated Ann McPherson.

The track team is financed by money raising projects, the school fund, and donations from the football fund.

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## Diamondmen to face Rams in opening game of season

The baseball team will begin its 1979 season against Tyner High School, March 20 at Cobble Field.

"We're going to really have a good team, and if things go as scheduled we will be in the state competition this year. We need everyone's support," stated senior captain Kevin Highsmith.

Sixteen returning players and five rookies will make up this year's team. Pitchers will consist of seniors Kevin Highsmith and Robert Evans, along with juniors Carl Bolton, Jack Harper, Dwayne Hines, Mike Pitceet, and Tim Reno. Catching for the Diamonders will be either Highsmith or senior John White. Harper will be on first base, with junior Grey Hurley or senior Paul Thomas at second. The other captain, senior Mike Kelly, will play third base and junior Jamie Crawford will play centerfield. Other positions are yet to be filled. Coach Gary Rundles, second year head coach, will lead Central along with Sgt. Major Robert Hall as assistant.

"The success of this year's team is left on the shoulders of those who participate," stated Coach Rundles. He went on to say that the team has definitely improved since last season.

Although captain's practice started in the last part of January, the official first day of practice began February 19. "We really want to be in shape for Tyner," stated Mike Pitceet.

This year fans will see something new at Cobble Field. Advertisement signs will hang from the fences in centerfield to help raise money for the team, along with the regular sale of tickets, \$1.50 for adults, and \$1 for students.

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# Combined talent, 'Gong' show nets \$700 for seniors



Wanda Wolfe becomes a member of Village People.

Combining real talent with the "Gong Show" variety, representatives from each class entertained the student body March 9. The raised \$700 needed to finance senior activities this year.

Lisa Cooke, a bluegrass group, and the Village People were top winners.

Participants in the program included Weekend Update-Rhonda Lehman, Cheryl Newman, YMCA-Joanne Webb, Danette Durham, Wanda Wolfe, Lynn Rogger, Robbie Robbins, Laura Rogers, guitar songs-Tim Hobbs; song-Sandra Cooley-Bluegrass-Paul Gouge, Bruce Bentley, Sherri Bankston; Kiss-Keith Vaughn, Joel Kennedy, Brad Nowell, Billy Compton; Hee-Haw-sophomore girls; Gene, Gene, Dancing Machine-Lamar Jones and Jazz Band; Soul

Man-Steve Newboold, Mike Marable; Commercial-Mike Kelley, Renee Randolph, Fanny Bones; Humant Birthday Cake and Gauffring Gourmet-Derrick Eaton, Curtis Jenkins; Song-Kim Harris, Paul Kirkley, Jody Brown, Beth Woodruff; Laune Davis; Debra Strunk, Laura Stone, Jan Cook, Pam Clark, Susan Wallis, Diana Spencer; Betty Johnson; Boxes-junior class officers; ballet dance-Lisa Cooke; fat ladies dance-Debra Strunk, Jan Cook, Lisa Cooke; and songs by Teddy Lewis and band.

Derrick Eaton was the emcee. Alex Williamson, Laura Stone, Sherri Bradford and Mike Thomas were judges.

The event was planned and carried out by officers of the senior class.



Mike Kelley and Fanny Bones advocate crash dieting in a Gong Show commercial.

## Beta taps 15 juniors, 33 seniors

Fifteen juniors and 33 seniors were inducted into the newly formed Beta Club, March 2.

Those inducted into the Beta Club have requirements similar to those of National Honor Society members. They must possess high grades in both conduct and in scholarship. They are also chosen for their service to the school.

Students belonging to the National Honor Society are those with the highest grade point average. The Beta Club considers the courses that a student takes along with the grades. For instance, one student may have a higher grade point average than another but may not be taking courses of comparable difficulty.

Junior Pam Festress states, "It was quite an honor to be selected into the club and I feel that the formation of this club may help to improve students initiative toward their studies and school activities."

The officers for the Beta Club include seniors Bill Gibson, president; Ben Holt, vice-president; Robin Nabors, secretary; Eric Zeanah, treasurer; David Belcher, sergeant-at-arms; and Lynn Rogers, chaplain.

Other senior members include Sherri Bankston, Kathy Brady, Brian Cannon, Tommy Carroll, Jan Cook, Keith Crawley, Jackie Davis, Laune Davis, Caryn Dentham, Edwin Dill, Rhonda Duff, Mike Goldston, Paul Gouge, Teresa Hennessee, Jolly Jeffers, Betsy Johnson, Rhonda Lehman, Cheryl Newman, Lisa Power, Pam Rice, Laura Rogers, Robert Sartin, Diana Spencer, Charlie Steinmetz, Debbie Strick, Bill Wheat, and Wanda Wolfe.

Juniors members include Sherri Bradford, Roger Bush, Denis Cross, Bran Dargam, Andria Davis, Willie Durall, Pam Fendry, Cheryl Harris, Kylene Killian, Greg Lewis, David Lundt, Ann McPherson, Eric Watson, Cathy Williams, and Kay Williamson.

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The major ideals of Beta Club are presented during the induction ceremony.

## Alcohol, drugs becoming more common place in teenagers' lives

by Gay Taylor and Valerie Goldstone

Alcohol and drugs are as much a part of a teen's everyday life as homework, french fries, and the toilet," says Atlanta psychologist Edmund Tyler.

Alcohol is produced and consumed in greater quantity in the world today, and because of its easy availability, the use of alcohol has become one of the biggest problems among teens today.

A national survey shows that some 24 million high school students, girls and boys—drink and that three out of four teens do so regularly. Eight percent of those surveyed drink heavily at least once a week. It is also reported that most teenagers had had their first alcoholic beverage by age 13.

### Most teenagers have their first alcoholic beverage by age 13.

A third of the teen drinkers get into alcoholic related trouble at home, at school, or with the police.

According to the same survey, although all teens don't drink, chances are that a girl will get drunk before she learns to drive. It was also revealed that drinking plays a major role in the social lives of many teens.

However, the most recent survey, conducted in California, shows that fewer than 5 percent of all teenagers drink heavily enough to make them problem drinkers.

Statistically, teenagers appear to handle drinking problems much better than their elders, among whom al-

coholism is an epidemic. The fact is that one out of every 15 people is a chronic alcoholic and an estimated 70 to 80 percent of all Americans over 21 drink.

Officials at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism believe that a majority of teens want to learn to drink responsibly. Unfortunately, they are unprepared for the dangers of alcohol.

For example, 65 percent of those questioned by the Institute believed that drinking alcohol is a normal and natural and that some felt they could drive better because they were more relaxed and less tense.

The United States Department of Transportation stated that nearly 8,000 teenagers are killed each year in ac-

tombies while they are under the influence of alcohol. It has been proven that alcohol can limit full physical and mental awareness, thus impeding a teenager to function his or her best.

Many teenagers also believe that having a beer or two can't hurt a driver. In moderate amounts, alcohol alters reflexes and hinders judgement and concentration.

Aside from not being fully educated on the effects of alcohol, many teens choose to experiment with drinking. About 15 percent in the Chattanooga area were questioned as to why they drank, the most frequent quoted answers were

in trouble. The danger of becoming a chronic drug user is there.

Mrs. Leigh Gordon, registered nurse because they were exposed to many tensions and problems in our high pressured society, and that we are now living in an alcohol drinking, drug taking culture.

Even though many teens drink to ease pressures, others drink for the same reasons most responsible adults do—for recreation, enjoyment, and relaxation.

Dr. Tyler explained that teenagers consider drinking an initiation into adulthood and that they often consider alcohol a harmless drink.

Many teenagers often feel it is okay if they stick to wine or beer; this is a myth," he said.

Teens who drink tend to follow patterns: they drink in a group, not alone, and drink with a meal; most of them definitely disapprove of drunken behavior; they also say that there is no special status in drinking or not drinking; it is not exceptional to decline a drink and there is no pressure that one must drink.

Another major problem in a young adolescent's life is drugs. This problem may be brought about by a physician's attention or it may progress into its worst stages which will be much too late.

A common belief among teenagers is that a little experimenting with drugs can't hurt.

Surveys throughout the United States have shown that teenage drug users are experimenting with drugs by the drop to

at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, pointed out that the use of drugs—even marijuana—can seriously impair the physical and mental growth of a teenager.

The common goals and problems in a youngster's life are reasons given for drug use. But it is no logical answer, for drug use only creates more problems for them and their parents according to psychologists.

Mind-altering drugs seem to put the person's thoughts in charge instead of the person in charge of his thoughts.

Mrs. Gordon stated, "To the youth who think life is meaningless, they should remember that life is an opportunity, not a meaning."

One specific drug most commonly used is marijuana. New findings on "pot" indicate that it can harm the lungs, pulmonary system, reproductive system, genes and chromosomes, white blood cells, and certain areas of the brain.

### "Marijuana clearly interferes with a child's ability to learn."

Lee Daghoff, White House advisor on drug abuse stated that marijuana, "clearly interferes with a child's ability to learn."

The director of the national Institute on Drug Abuse, Karen Bosterman, said more than one out of every nine seniors in high school smokes marijuana regularly.

Surveys show a sharp increase in the use of marijuana among persons between the ages of 12 and 17.

The following questions were asked of 125 Central students. Their responses are shown below. The questionnaires were distributed arbitrarily to honoraries and all grades (freshmen, sophomore, junior, and seniors) were represented as equally as possible. The DIGEST, of course, cannot calculate the honesty of the answers.

1. Do you believe in drinking as a teenager under 18?

Yes — 87 no — 38

2. If your answer is "yes," how often?

a. Every weekend — 16  
b. Very often — 22  
c. Once in a great while — 49

3. Why do you drink?

a. To relieve pressure — 8  
b. To go along with the crowd — 12  
c. It is fun — 44  
d. Other — 22

4. Would you want your future family to drink?

Yes — 59 no — 66  
b. Very often ever tried "pot?"  
Yes — 50 no — 75

6. Do you feel that there is anything wrong with "pot"?

Yes — 79 no — 35  
Where numbers do not total, questionnaires were left unanswered.









David Massengill goes up for two against McMinn County

### Boys' team takes third in district

The boys' basketball team took third place in district 5-AAA and conclude their full season with a 14-18 record.

Led by senior guard Charlie Steinmetz, with 15 points, and senior forward Robert Evans with 12, the Pounders slammed McMinn County, 47-31 in the first round of tournament play at Red Bank. Hixson then defeated them in the semi-final round 57-45. In the consolation game the Pounders came back to defeat Cleveland 68-60, for advancement to the region 5 tournament at Bradley County, where Howard High blasted them 86-43. Chuck Denham and Charlie Steinmetz were named to the all-tournament team in the district.

The girls, led by all-county Jana Headden, defeated Tyner in the first game in district 5. Then, to the dislike of many Bradley County fans, stalled the heatreets to only 26 points compared to 13. The lady-Pounders ended their regular season play with a 4-27 record.

## From the-Bleachers

by Mike Marable

### Basketball, golf, wrestling reviewed

#### Basketball: looking toward next year

The 1978-79 basketball teams, coaches, players, and managers should be commended for their play this season. The boys, ending their season with a 14-18 record and third place finish in district 5, played well throughout the year. Although losing four seniors in Robert Evans, Ben Holt, Gerry McCutchinson, and Charlie Steinmetz, next year the Pounders will return regulars, Chuck Denham and David Massingill, with David Daniels who also saw a lot of action.

The girls after a disappointing 4-27 record, will lose only three seniors Susan Brewer, Jana Headden, and Joanne Webb, with Brewer and Headden being regular starters. The big question on the team is who will fill Jana Headden's place after a sensational 21 point per game average next year? Rhonda Brewer and Kim Chilton are certainly the most likely candidates.

#### Golf Begins

The 1979 golf team, under direction of Sgt. Warren Luttrell, will begin their season March 27 against Red Bank at Monclair. There are a total of 15 matches during the course of spring which will be played at various golf courses around the Chattanooga area. Good luck to the team.

#### Wrestling: team victorious

After finishing eleventh in the

state tournament, the Pounder wrestling team should be commended on their outstanding season losing only four dual meets. Central has a total of four wrestlers who represented us in the state tournament. Out of these four, Greg Humphries captured second place in the 155-pound division and Roger Bush placed fourth at 138 pounds. Congratulations to Coach Steve Highlander and the team for their hard work in making Central a state contender.

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# Bike-A-Thon, Walk-A-Thon raise money

by Carol Walker

The small boy vigorously pumped the pedals of his shiny red bike, put his head down and gave one last determined effort towards his destination. Driving hard and fast he looked one last time toward the table in the parking lot ahead. Racing into the homestretch he abruptly stopped and toppled off his bike.

Slowly picking himself off the pavement he wearily grips himself to the table and hands over a ragged slip of paper. The woman, smiling broadly, handed back the paper and said, "Congratulations, you just completed your twenty-five mile ride!"

It seems that in the last couple of years the rage in America and Chattanooga are "a-thons." As spring

turns the corner so do many "A-thons," sponsored in Chattanooga. Yet not only do just the big name organizations hold "a-thons" but also schools, churches, and clubs. Dance-a-thons, rock-a-thons and any other far out ideas which will earn more are enlisted by organizations.

One annual event to soon take place is the Multiple Sclerosis Bike-A-Thon scheduled to begin at the Zayre parking lot in the Golden Gateway Sunday, May 6.

Roy Exum, M.S. Bike-A-Thon chairman, stressed the great fun a bike-a-thon is and at the same time the help that would be given to the victims of Multiple Sclerosis.

Junior Connie Rudder, a volun-

teer worked for the M.S. Bike-A-Thon, stated, "I participate, because it gives me a chance to help people who have been afflicted with M.S. and need special help."

A trip for two to Disney World in Florida is being given to the rider who collects the most money. Among the other prizes are 10-speed bicycles and \$100 shopping sprees.

Another event to be held soon is the Appalachian Arthritis Center's Walk-A-Jog-A-Thon to be held March 31 at Chickamauga Park.

Junior Jennifer Jordan, a three time walker for the "a-thon," stated, "I enjoy to raise money for the kids, and I work for it. It's also a good way to meet people and make new friends."



Some of the Cadet officers and sponsors who greeted visiting officers judging the unit were (front row) Darrell Pritchard, Paul Gouge, Susie Baker (back row) Debra Thompson, Alex Williamson, Mark Brannon, Frank Womack and Cheryl Newman.

## Officers view ROTC units

The general inspection and parade of the ROTC brigade was held March 27 during sixth period.

The purpose of the inspection was to see how Central's ROTC brigade "measures up to the high standards of the U.S. Army," stated Colonel Robert E. Lee.

LT. Col. Joel Parker, Master Sgt. Clarence B. Jones, and Captain John R. Knightly were the three guest officers who carried out the inspection.

"They judged the brigade as either honor unit with distinction, honor unit, or no rating at all.

The inspection began at 8:30 a.m. when the drill team, serving as an honor guard, met the three officers at the school entrance. The national anthem was played by the marching band and the cannon was fired.

Senior cadets then briefed the inspectors on the ROTC program at Central and an inspection in ranks followed.

During the inspection in ranks each cadet's uniform and overall appearance was inspected. Each was also asked questions on subject material covered this year, feelings about the program, and what they

have learned through the program. The brigade formed for a parade on the football field during sixth period. Cadet LT. Col. Paul Gouge was responsible for directing the parade and inspection.

Central brigade's have received two honor unit with distinction and 47 honor unit ratings since its founding.

The rating will not be known until later in the year. When the awards are announced, the recipient will be allowed to nominate any student in the school to a military academy.

"The ROTC program began after World War I when the armed forces established junior officers training corps in certain schools in the U.S.," informed Cadet Colonel Darrell Pritchard. Central was selected in 1919, and the program has been continuous since then.

Colonel Lee believes ROTC prepares and gives the student insight into many things. "The program develops leadership, a love for our country, self discipline, and a sense of duty."

The ROTC program is now completely volunteer and freshmen were allowed into the program this year for the first time.

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## Mental illness among teens rises; stems from increased awareness

by Carol Walker

Six students sit laughing together in a classroom of a small private school. An observer would naturally assume that these students are like all other students. Yet, these students are only a few of many that are plagued by mental disorders and have been placed in a special school to help them achieve normalcy.

Mental illness among teenagers has recently seemed to escalate. Contrary to the popular belief that this increase is due to the pressures of our society, the result of this escalation is due to the increasing awareness of the existence of this problem.

Along with gay liberation, alcoholism, and drug addiction, mental illness is also creeping out of the closet. Hopefully, as people become more aware, people who are plagued with this illness may no longer be looked upon as horrible creatures, but as those who, for one reason or another, are unable to cope with everyday pressures.

"Mental illness is a very broad term," stated Dr. Douglas A. Farr, assistant supervisor of Moccasin Bend Psychiatric Hospital. "If you look in the dictionary it can be simply defined as a disorder of the mind or intellect."

"These disorders of the mind have been broken down into several categories. The first of these, and usually thought to be the most severe, is the conditions manifested by psychosis," added Dr. Farr.

A teenager suffering from psychosis lives in an imaginary world all his own. Even though he is locked in his dream world, which no one else can enter, he can usually recognize something of what is happening around him. Those who are psychotic are very sensitive, as

commonly believed. Many suffer intensely and most respond gratefully to kindness and attention.

Psychomania, or neurosis, is considered less severe than psychosis, but it can seriously injure a person, impair his efficiency, and cause great unhappiness. Neurosis varies in the degree of severity. Some who are affected with this illness require hospitalization, while others may be able to function in the community by maintaining their daily routine with some form of psychiatric treatment.

A neurotic teenager usually has an unusual amount of fears and anxieties that keep him from functioning normally. Everyone experiences fears, anxieties, and feelings of inadequacy, but not to the degree a neurotic person experiences them.

Personality disorders, another facet of mental illness, are those who have severe behavioral problems such as antisocial behavior.

"Many don't realize mental illnesses are only extensions of normal processes. Every person experiences mentally ill symptoms. Normally a person is not considered mentally ill because he or she experiences the symptoms at the appropriate time. It is normal to have anxiety and fear, but not to the point where a person can't function in society normally," commented Dr. Farr.

The causes of teenage mental illness are many. According to Dr. Ken Shepard, program director at a branch of Moccasin Bend that works with adolescents called Pinebreeze, "Family disjointment could be a major reason for the emotional state of some teenagers. Many parents find it hard to accept the fact that their child needs help. They feel guilty that they haven't been able to control and help their kids.

"Environmental pressures is also a contributing factor in mental illness. Children become maladjusted if neglected. It isn't just the affected persons problem, but also the community's."

Mr. Shepard believes that if the disturbed teenager were more readily accepted by the community, problems of this sort would decline somewhat.

Dr. Satya N. Nalamotoo, adolescent psychiatrist at Pinebreeze, compared mental disorders with other diseases. According to Dr. Nalamotoo, mental disorders, like all illnesses, affect those who have become weakened and the disease acts upon this weakness.

Mrs. Dora Gouge, school nurse, also believes that the deterioration of the family is a major cause for disturbed teenagers.

"The home is not what it used to be. Many teens are just looking for advice or someone to love them," Mrs. Gouge said. She also stressed the fact that young people need to set small goals for themselves so they can obtain so they can feel the fulfillment of their accomplishments. Most programs working with disturbed teenagers set small goals for the students to become.

"Everybody needs to feel like they have some worth self-worth; everyone needs to have a good feeling about themselves," concluded Mrs. Gouge.

The age old myth that mentally ill persons are horrible monsters, dangerous to the welfare of the community is slowly being proven false.

Those who suffer this illness are just like any other person except they can't handle the pressures they are faced with everyday. With therapy and understanding of their illness most can lead healthy, productive and normal lives.

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Wrestling

Central's new "No Body Contact" rule has forced the banning of matmen from all high school wrestling matches... Greg Humphries, senior wrestler, states "They could have at least waited until I won the state championship before they made the rule."

Little Point

At this time every year the Digest releases its traditional "Little Point" issue... This I cannot go along with, for to me compromise is the greatest of all sins.

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Greg Cameron practices his serve for an upcoming tennis match.

## Pounders to battle Dynamos today

"I anticipate no problems whatsoever today, we should have few, if any, fielding errors if everything goes as planned," commented Head Baseball Coach Gary Rundles, as the Pounders go up against the City High Dynamos on Cobble Field at 1 p.m.

Central goes into today's twelfth game with a 1-2 mark at this writing. In the first two games of the season, they dropped a 14-4 decision to a tough Tyler Rams team, and lost to Notre Dame, 12-1. Their first win of the season came against the Rhea Co. Eagles, when Dwayne Hines "pitched" the Pounders to a 2-1 victory. City's record is at 1-1, after winning a big game over Kirkman and losing Hixson.

"This year's team has great potential. I feel that after a few of our kinks are smoothed out we will be unstoppable. Also, I feel we will have a good chance to beat City, since I've heard they are not that good," stated infielder Hines.

Leading the way for the Pounders are pitchers Craig Bolton, Robert Evans, and Hines. Left fielder Steve Helton hit a line drive home-

run in the opener against Tyler, along with co-captain Mike Kelly and Center fielder Jamie Crawford who have had several hits in the first three games. Coach Rundles is depending heavily on designated hitter and co-captain Kevin Highsmith who had one of the best averages on

the team last year.

Juniors Laurie Lowe and Rhonda Brewer agreed, "The team worked hard selling tumblers to raise money

for their uniforms. Even if the guys fall behind in runs, they are always ahead in the number of fans."

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With a 1-2 record for the season, the tennis team will meet Notre Dame on the Cumberland Youth Foundation courts today at 4 p.m.

The netters lost their first match to East Ridge 0-11 and their second match to Oshleswath 7-11 because of forfeits in the girls' division. Their first win came against Soddy Daisy 10-7.

In its third year of organized competition, the team is coached by Mrs. Christina Campbell. Assistant coach is Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director. The season will run through April and on into May, with the district and regional tournament to wrap it up.

The teams, made up of six players and one alternate on each team, will be using the newly finished tennis courts for practice. This will be an advantage because it will eliminate having to look for a place to practice and having to wait for an open courts. They can use Central's courts anytime during the daylight hours.

## Tennis team to play Notre Dame today

Official home matches will be played at the Cumberland Youth Foundation courts where six matches can be played concurrently. Eight games make up a match or pro set. Teams such as Tyler, East Ridge, Red Bank and Bradley High School are in the schedule this year.

"Love means nothing to a tennis player, and this year's team should have no problems," stated senior Bart Eaton.

The members of the boys' team in order of seed are sophomore Mike Crossall, senior Bart Eaton, senior Keith Crawley, senior John Scott, freshman Greg Cameron and sophomore Bobby Bridges.

The girls' teams include senior

Angela Bridges, sophomore Cindy Kendall, sophomore Bonnie Sinclair, sophomore Lisa Low, senior Luanne Davis and senior Laura Stone.

"I feel this season we have a lot of room for improvement, and with a little luck we should have some players playing in the tournaments at the end of the season," stated senior Keith Crawley.

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Coach Gary Rundles watches Craig Bolton warm up for a game.

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# Class Day breaks tradition

As with many other changes that have been associated with the Class of '79, tradition has once again been disrupted with the change of the Class Day program today at 9 a.m.

The change is hopefully for the better. Ms. Linda Webb, chairman of the Class Day committee, stated. The program will be held on the football field and will incorporate the presentation of awards and scholarships, as well as announce new ROTC officers and allow the National Honor Society to recognize outstanding sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The senior class gift will also be announced at this

time. The band will provide special music for the occasion.

"I have been extremely impressed by the ideas and cooperation of the ROTC Department. I feel that we have them to thank for a large part of this program," Ms. Webb commented.

In addition to the presentation of awards and recognition, there will be the traditional senior recitation. Sherri Bankston will serve as reader of the will. Ben Holt will read the history of the Class of '79; Marc Williams will speak as the poet; and Frank Womack will prophesy the future of the class members.

Awards and presentations are Alumni Award, Mr. Bill Ballinger; Alumni Scholarship, Mr. Steve Bevil; Art Award, Mrs. Christina Campbell; Bible Award, Mrs. Debbie Perdue; French Award, Miss Brenda Chauncey; Latin Award, Ms. Janice Johnson; Math Award, Mrs. Joe Dunn; PTSSO Award and Scholarship, Mrs. Carolyn Solerger; Spanish Award, Ms. Candice Holt; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Ted Beldoit; Woodsmen of the World, social studies representative; Yearbook Award, Miss Brenda Chauncey.

All students will be dismissed at 11 a.m. following the program.



Class Day speakers, (from left) Ben Holt — historian, Frank Womack — prophet, Sherri Bankston — reader of the will, and Marc Williams — poet.

## 'Arsenic and Old Lace' to be given May 25, 26

Arsenic and Old Lace, the comedy that has tickled scores of audiences, will be presented as the senior play Friday and Saturday evening, May 25 and 26. Curtain is eight o'clock.

The three act play is set in the year 1942 and tells the story of the two elderly Brewster sisters who run a very different sort of household. Seemingly, they are sweet, innocent, little old ladies, but the audience soon finds out that this is not the entire story.

According to Miss Priscilla Stone, director of the play, the play was chosen because of its "classical humor and universal appeal. It gives an excellent opportunity for any actor or actress because each character is fully developed and has unique traits that help to create a total character."

Although there seem to be no major problems as of yet, Miss Stone did say that the set, which includes three doors, three walls, and a french window was a big task.

While the set is being built, the rehearsals continue and cast members cram their heads with lines and stage directions.

Steve Newbould, who plays the part of Mortimer Brewster, stated, "So far I have enjoyed working with everyone. I portray a person with quite a few lines but as they say 'that's business'."

Other members of the cast, in order of appearance, are Susan Wallis, Abby Brewster; Jimmy Young, Dr. Harper; Brad Nowell, Teddy Brewster; Dean Brendall, policeman Brophy; Laura Stone, Emma Klein; Liz Solerger, Martha Brewster; Becky Jackson, Elaine Harper; Steve Newbould, Mortimer Brewster; Mike Bonner, Mr. Gibbs; Marc Williams, jonathan Brewster; Robin Nabors, Dr. Einstein Brewster; Mike Marable, policeman O'Hara; Lisa Walker, Lieutenant Rooney; and Keith Vaughn as Mr. Witherspoon.

Those working on the set include Tim Bryan, Jan Cook, Luane Davis, Derrick Eaton, Graham Griffith, Teresa Hennessee, Susan Howard, Cassandra Hughes, Cheryl Newman, Cisa Rauston, Laura Rogers, Carla Schwartz, Darryl Ward, and Joanie Webb.

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## Four seniors win area essay contests

Seniors Jan Cook, Mike Powner, Diana Spencer, and Marc Williams have won cash prizes submitted in Chattanooga area contests.

Jan and Diana each won prizes for their essays entitled "Youth Involvement in the Community: Does it Make a Significant Difference?" The essays were assigned to them in Miss Margorie Ogle's senior English classes.

Jan and Diana's writings, along with several other essays written by seniors in their English classes, were submitted in the Chattanooga Civitan Essay Contest by Miss Ogle.

Diana received a \$100 savings bond, while Jan received a \$200 savings bond. Jan stated, "I never thought I would appreciate all the work Miss Ogle made us do on the essay, but it turned out to be more than worth it."

Mike Powner was awarded a \$500 scholarship to the college of his choice for his essay, which was entered in the Veterans of Foreign War essay contest by history teacher Mr. Sam Storer.

Mr. Storer replied, "I think the paper Mike wrote should be read by every American. It was one of the most inspiring, interesting, and

patriotic speeches I have ever read."

Marc Williams' essay was entered in the Chattanooga Exchange Club essay contest along with 25 other student essays. The theme of the essays were "What the Documents of the Freedom Shrine Mean to Me."

Marc focused his essay on the "Freedom of Thought." His winning essay brought him a \$300 scholarship to the college of his choice and a \$25 cash prize.

Marc stated, "I sincerely enjoyed writing the essay, and I appreciated the opportunity to express my thoughts."

## Miss Stone attends hockey game, Baptist church on Soviet Union tour

By Debra Cross  
Junior teacher Priscilla Stone, well known for her love of travel, visited the Soviet Union during spring break.

Miss Stone went as a tour host for a travel company in order to plan and set up more tours for Americans. "I guess you could call it a business trip," she stated.

The visit was only business, however, for she and the other tour hosts who

went on the trip were able to go to the world championship hockey game in Moscow.

Very much to her surprise, she saw Leonid Brezhnev, the USSR premier, sitting in a high booth at the game.

Besides Moscow, Miss Stone also got to see the cities of Kallinin and Leningrad. A train ride from Kallinin to Moscow permitted her to see much of the land country side. She observed that much of the terrain was drab, but said she enjoyed seeing the frozen lakes and snow. Miss Stone stated that their climate is much cooler than ours.

"The educational arrangements," noted Miss Stone, "is basically the same as ours until the eleventh year. There all students are required to take a semester of five tests to go to the university." Only those making excellent on all of the exams may continue their education; the others attend a vocational-type school. All of the institutions are free.

While in Moscow, Miss Stone attended the First Baptist Church for Easter service.

"It was so packed that many stood in the aisles. There were seating for 1,500 and there must have been 3,000 people there," she exclaimed.

The people had their own hymn books and a contrary to rumors, they carried Bibles. These couldn't be bought, but the government allowed 27,000 Bibles from England to be distributed through the church. According to Miss Stone, Russians are allowed to worship, and they do so because they want to, not because it looks as if they are not prepared as Americans often are.

There were noticeable differences between their service and a typical American service. First of all, it lasted two hours and consisted of four or five speakers each speaking about 10 minutes.

In church, as well as throughout the whole tour of Russia, Miss Stone faced constant problems with the language. "It was rare to find anyone, besides the tour

guides, who spoke English," she said.

The government system and the lifestyle of the Russian people intertwine to make their nation very unlike the United States. Free institutions, no welfare, free hospitalization, little unemployment, excellent day care centers, and no marijuana are a few.

"It is sad that on some occasions the individual, literally, exists only for the state. People can't own houses, cars, or any business and they don't think that it is unfair. They see that they have it better now than before the days of the Czars and severe wealth distinctions. There is an atmosphere of apathy and ignorance among these people."

Miss Stone added that the Russians cannot buy high quality clothing anywhere. "There quality of goods is a grade lower than some of our cheaper department stores."



Lenin is considered a type of Saviour. Miss Stone stated, "His picture is everywhere."



The people are eager to barter with tourists for gun, denim jeans, leather goods, or other hard-to-get luxuries, but police discourage such deals.



There were no advertisements, but patriotic posters were extremely prevalent. Miss Stone said her posters appeal to the labor of the workers for various causes.



Workers prepare G.U.M.S. Department Store, opposite Lenin's tomb in Red Square, for the famous May Day military parade.



# Editors under court ruling; 'Big Brother' is watching

The Supreme Court recently ruled that if a newspaper (any newspaper) — from a New York Times to a school publication, a news show (such as CBS's 60 Minutes or ABC's 20/20), or a news magazine (such as Time or Newsweek) were under suit for libel, the courts could put the editor of the institution under oath and force him to reveal his thought processes while preparing the questionable material — or be held in contempt of court.

**Big Brother is watching you . . .**

This ruling comes as the capstone to a growing trend of first-amendment rights. In the past few years the courts have said that a journalist must be willing to reveal his source of information — an action which would obviously violate any source of anti-government or scandalous material.

The courts have allowed a reporter's notes to be seized — the equivalent of seizing any other private citizen's diary.

The courts have said that it is constitutional for the police to storm into a news room, search the premises and seize information they find there — all without a warrant!

Now, a journalist cannot even think in private: the long arm of the law can reach into his very mind.

**Big Brother is watching you . . .**

The Government has over-extended itself. They have taken — or can take any time they choose — a reporter's source, notes, office, and now his thoughts. What else is there?

No branch of the media can be allowed, of course, to slander or malign the character of an individual and certain parties should be instituted to insure that does not happen. But what we have seen in the last few years is a blatant disregard for First Amendment rights.

The media informs the people of the actions taken by their government — not of but — and this can never be being at a position of being at the mercy of the government without making its purpose a mockery. It is not this particular ruling by the courts — it is not even this set of rulings we have discussed — that we protest; it is the growing trend of restriction and infringement that we protest.

Our government should shy away from this bit "Big Brother Syndrome."

**Point Blank** by David Link

## No apology, just regret

For a little more than a year I have written this column, criticizing all that transpired in the Central. In what I considered to be a sincere effort to improve the insight and understanding of the student body, I became Central's top reader.

At first, playing the game was a lot of fun; as a relatively unknown junior I was able to trade the anonymity I had during my first year in the area for the seemingly glamorous position of the radical column writer for the school newspaper. So I jumped on that opportunity, seeing only the potential for school-wide notoriety and the ability to poke fun at some of the hypocrisy on which Central thrives.

The situation was a very fulfilling one for a little while but the drawbacks have been many and the hassle great. Far too many times I've tried to be bold or outrageous with something that at worst was ridiculous and at best was factious and slightly cheap. I took a lot of cheap shots backed up by a style that had a terribly bad tendency to sound preachy; I became, against my will, the Radical Clown.

My first impression of the people at Central was that they seemed to need to be forced into thinking. I tried to shock everybody into seeing the shallowness behind ceremony and tradition, failing to realize that they did not want to see and did not need to know. They would have been better left alone. As for myself, it would have been a less hostile two years and I probably could have enjoyed the experience, if I had not played the role of the school created

# French Honor Society induction planned

French Honor Society inductions will be held Tuesday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m., in the library.

The members include Debby Strunk, David Belcher, Eddie Daniel, Mike Goldston, Suzy Harris, Penny Hays, Susan Howard, Cindy Kendall, Jody Stokes, Susan Wallis and Kay Williamson.

Former members of the society include Mark Cline, Jan Cook, Keith Crawford, Bill Gibson, Cheryl Harris, Laura Rogers, Lisa Cooke, Betsy Johnson, Tina Slabugh, and Frank Womack.

"This group is organized to reward student efforts in their scholastic achievement in French and understanding of the French culture and civilization," defines Miss Brenda Chauncy, sponsor for the group. "The members include Debby Strunk, David Belcher, Eddie Daniel, Mike Goldston, Suzy Harris, Penny Hays, Susan Howard, Cindy Kendall, Jody Stokes, Susan Wallis and Kay Williamson.

"The new members, five have maintained a perfect 4.0. These are Mike Goldston, Suzy Harris, Susan Howard, Susan Wallis, and Kay Williamson.

"La Conise du Flambeau" will be the title of the initiation ceremony patterned after the same ceremony held in ancient Greece. In the original form, citizens lined up to form a chain and passed a lighted torch. This symbolized life, wisdom, and truth being passed from one generation to the next.

Miss Chauncy explains, "It is with this ceremony that the society wishes to symbolize the perpetuation of Franco-American friendships and to reward efforts toward furthering its consolidation.

"There are only two such societies in this area, and Central is the only public school to have a Society Honoraire de Francais."

A reception is to be held immediately following the ceremony in the library.

- ### Calendar
- May
  - 18 Armed Forces Day; Class Day awards
  - 27 Baccalaureate service 3:00 p.m.
  - 28 Senior exams 1, 2, 3 periods
  - 29 Senior exams 4, 5, 6, 7 periods; Purple and Gold Game
  - 30 Senior make up
  - 31 Graduation Memorial Auditorium — 8 p.m. Practice at 11 a.m.
  - June
  - 2 Class of 1929 reunion; at Read House
  - 4, 5, 6 Exams
  - 7 Internive day
  - 8 Last day

# Rodeo horses, dogs, rattlesnakes keep Stone farm lively

by Susan Jones

Nestled at the base of White Oak Mountains sits a rustic little house surrounded by about 50 acres of rambling countryside. Not far from the house rests a small red barn with a roping arena, and a fenced area containing five rambunctious dogs. The complete menagerie is owned by Mrs. Dorothy Stone, American history teacher, and her husband, Ben Stone, fifth grade teacher at Snow Hill Elementary School.

"This habitat is the perfect setting for Mr. and Mrs. Stone in light of their unique hobbies. One home from the sometimes hectic classroom, Mr. and Mrs. Stone engage in an equally chaotic recreational life. Raising catohoula leopard dogs, horses, and cattle, and attending the rodeo are among their favorite pastimes.

While Mrs. Stone enjoys tending her garden, Mr. Stone catches the rattlesnakes that sometimes wander into it. "He's caught about 27 in the area of our yard over the last four years," commented Mrs. Stone.

Going to the rodeo is another past-time which Mr. and Mrs. Stone enjoy. Being a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Mr. Stone participates in the calf-roping event. Mrs. Stone assists Mr. Stone in his training by turning his calves out for him in their arena and by untying them for him.

"As payment for this," she laughs, "I get to come along."

"I also help warm up and cool out the horses," she added.

Catohoula leopard dogs, another interest shared by the couple, figure prominently in the rounding up of cattle. "They'll herd up cattle that people have difficulty catching. Sometimes I've had a cow that was so wild it didn't want to stop running. But the dogs can herd them," commented Mr. Stone. Occasionally people will call Mr. Stone asking him if he will round some stray cattle for them. Mr. and Mrs. Stone then lead up their horses and dogs and head for the location. Mr. Stone chases the cattle with what most people do, but mostly I just do what I want to."

"Well, I laughed Mrs. Stone, "not everybody has three snake skins hanging in their living room."

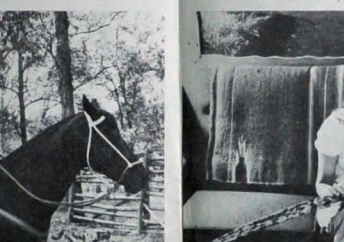
group of running dogs." Thehound-like dogs are spotted like the name implies and have very unusual eyes. They have "a blue eye and a yellow eye, or glassy-colored eyes." To the unknowing onlooker they may even appear to be blind.

When asked if they thought their interests were a little unusual, Mr. Stone answered, "I guess they are a little different from what most people do, but mostly I just do what I want to."

"Well, I laughed Mrs. Stone, "not everybody has three snake skins hanging in their living room."



Ben and Dorothy Stone inspect the skin of the last rattler that crawled into their garden.



Smile — Mrs. Stone shows off two of her favorite calahoula leopard dogs.

By Angi Goodson

"Two bits, four bits, five bits, six, a dollar . . ."

This cheer has been led by an all girl squad of cheerleaders in the past, but next year the tradition will be broken when six male Centraletes will join the group of peepers.

In 1975 the squad had six boys, but the next year returned to an all girl squad. According to Mrs. Gwendolyn Dargan, the faculty sponsor, "This year's girls wanted to do more stunts and that necessitated the need for the boys."

A combination of watching the moving "Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders" and a lack of school spirit this past year encouraged the six guys to try out.

"I wanted to be a cheerleader, because Mr. Carnes encouraged our class to have more spirit next year," stated Pat Camp, junior.

The tryouts were judged by three people from surrounding schools. All of the applicants were selected on their enthusiasm, volume, vocal tone, strength, accuracy, and coordination.

"We had to do one year, two stunts — using one of our best girls, and a series of two jumps. We chose from a spread eagle, a horky,



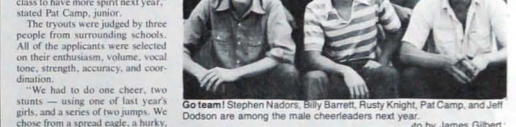
Go team! Stephen Nadoro, Billy Barrett, Rusty Knight, Pat Camp, and Jeff Dodson are among the male cheerleaders next year.

Photo by James Gilbert

# Male cheerleaders break tradition, apathy

fort. Kan Dargan, Tonette Hardy, Debby Sharp, Kay Williamson, Dae Denham, Suzy Harris, Bonnie Sinclair, Tracy West, Tricia Smith, Sophia Yeary, Billy Barrett, Pat Camp, Jeff Dodson, Tip Hoge, Rusty Knight, and Steven Nabor, Chuck Denham, junior, says "I think that the advantage to the boys cheerleaders is going to camp this summer with all the good-looking girls."

The tryouts took place Friday, April 26, in the gym; next year's squad was announced after scores were tallied. They are Sherri Brad-



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Junior Steve Helton winds up to smack a single in the tournament game with McMinn County. The Pounders won the game 7-0, and ended their regular season, including tournaments, with a 13-16 record.

Photo by Andy Breon

## Freshman team on the rise

By Eric Watson

Ninth-grade baseball seems to be in a pitfall presently, as the team record stands 1-3 at this writing. Team players believe thing, should pick-up in the later games.

The players are David Barie, Stan Braley, Stephen Fraley, J.C. Hogan, Greg Holder, John Jones, Allen Kennedy, Patrick Livingston, Marty McDaniel, Larry mowery, Greg Neely, Dana Pierce, Jaime Roy, Jeff Smith, Randall Stanley, and Allen Stroupe.

The toughest competition, Soddy Daisy and Red Bank, is behind according to Coach Harry Summers. "Boys today are harder to coach because of outside interests," stated Summers. "They don't put in the effort that is needed to make a winning team." He went on to say that there is not enough team spirit and enthusiasm, and that the support of parents is not what it should be.

Outfielder Greg Neely noted, "The players aren't serious about this game. We still haven't decided the starting line-up." Pitcher David Barie added, "We need to concen-

trate more in the game." Third baseman Jaime Roy feels that the team support is the main problem.

No major changes have been made this year except that nobody is allowed to fake a ball in order to get the runner to slide. It is also prohibited to run over a player if he has the ball. According to Coach Summers, the only difference between freshman baseball and varsity is the number of inning in which a pitcher can pitch.

Most of the team has had experience from playing at Brown Middle School. David Barie plans to play varsity next along with many others on his team. He commented, "I enjoy pitching, because you can throw the ball a lot of different ways."

First baseman Greg Holder holds the highest averages on the team with a .461 so far this season.

The County Invitational will be held May 14-18.



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## Boys place fourth, girls third in SETAC track competition

Central's boys placed fourth in SETAC track and field competition held at East Ridge while the girls took third.

In the boys' finals, Central's boys took fourth place overall, with sophomore David Massengill placing first in the 220 yd. dash. Massengill also took second place in both the long jump and the high jump.

Seniors Paul Gouge and Bruce Bentley placed second and third respectively in the 120 high hurdles. Bentley also placed second in the 330 intermediate hurdles. Mike Masey, sophomore, placed second in the pole vault.

Senior Mike Zimmerman took third in the shot put.

The 880 and 440 relay teams set new school records of 1:34.5 in the 880, and 4:1.84 in the 440. Central took

second place in both events. Relay team members are Mike Masey, David Massengill, Tim Reno, and Mike Zimmerman.

In the two mile relay, the team set a new record of 9:13.58.

The girls' team took third place, with individual honors to Ann McPherson, junior; Jana Headden, senior; Carla Schwartz, senior and Gina Nowell, junior.

Ann placed first in the high jump and long jump, second in the 100 yd. dash, and fifth in the shot put.

Jana took first in the 440 yd. dash and fourth in the 220.

Carla placed third in the mile run, while Gina took third in the 880 yd. run.

Pam Barnett, sophomore; Shirley Bentley, junior; Jana Headden; and Ann McPherson finished with second place in the 440 relay.

The 880 relay team composed of sophomores Tracy West and Pam Barnett, and freshman Teresa Phelps and Debbie Bentley took fourth place.

The mile relay team composed of Carla Schwartz, Shirley Bentley, Teresa Phelps, and Gina Nowell placed second.

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# Williamson, Davis named Champion, Digest editors



Andria Davis and Kay Williamson, editors of the Digest and Champion, respectively.

## Baccalaureate, graduation scheduled for May 27, 31

Baccalaureate Service has been set for May 27, 3 p.m. at Oakwood Baptist Church. Commencement exercises will be held at the Memorial Auditorium, May 31, 8 p.m., at the graduating exercises. "Give your Biographer a Chance" will be the topic of Dr. Kenneth Hubbard, pastor of the Ridgedale Baptist Church, for Baccalaureate service.

Rev. Jim Gouge, minister of music at East Ridge Baptist Church will present the invocation. The benediction will be given by Rev. R. V. Huff, Harrison United Methodist.

Susan Wallis, salutatorian, will speak on "Exercising our Freedom to Choose." Robin Nabors, student representative, will express ideas on "Fulfilling our Response to Authority." Faculty representative Bill Gib-

son will offer advice on "Coping with Changes." Mike Goldston, valedictorian, will conclude with "Being an Individual." Each presentation will be built around the theme of "The Choice: To Live or to Exist."

Marc Williams, senior, will give the invocation. Mr. J. D. Carnes, principal, will present the class for graduation. Dr. Dale Carter, superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, will accept the graduating seniors.

Once again there will be another change within the regular course of the program. It was decided by Mr. Carnes and the faculty that the homeroom teachers would present the diplomas, since the student have been with the same homeroom teacher for four years.

## Mrs. Caudle to retire in June

After twenty-six years of teaching at Central, Mrs. Louise Caudle will retire at the end of the present school term.

Mrs. Caudle began her teaching career at Hixon High School 40 years ago. She started the Business Department there, but was transferred to Central in 1953 since it was closer to her East Brainerd Home. The business department was in its infancy when Mrs. Caudle became one of its first teachers.

Mrs. Caudle has taught typing, shorthand, and general business this year. She also taught an adult class in shorthand at Edmondson Business College. "My first love is really shorthand and transcription," she stated.

Teaching, as well as the students and Central, is what Mrs. Caudle will miss the most. "It seems that I have been in school all my life. I started when I was six and after going through high school, I went to the University of Chattanooga, and then straight to teaching," she remarked.

Over the years, Mrs. Caudle has gotten to know many interesting students. One in particular, a "real cute boy," set a shiny red apple on her desk one day. "I became suspicious when I saw the sly grin on his face," she recalls.

"I found that there was a worm in it. It turned the joke around and calmly stated to the class that I appreciated the gift and that I was sure that the person giving it had no idea there was a worm in it." She laughed. "Whenever I occasionally see that young man I am reminded of that prank."

Leaving isn't all remembering though, for Mrs. Caudle is looking forward to her retirement. She plans on doing more traveling with her husband and other couples.

Being "out of school" means more time of her own to read, work in her yard, and cooking. She also plans to do some volunteer work at Bethel Bible School, as well as with the Gideon Auxiliary organization. Highlights of Mrs. Caudle's years at Central have been receiving the Evans Award for excellence in teaching, being chosen as delictatory of the Champion in 19 and receiving her ruby pin for 25 years at Central.

She summed her teaching career up by simply stating, "I thoroughly enjoyed it."

Kay Williamson and Andria Davis were named editors of the Champion and Digest, respectively, at the Publication Banquet, May 22, which was highlighted by the announcement of new staff positions and presentation of awards.

Mr. Bill Ballenger, 1978-1979 Digest Dedicatory and the featured speaker, spoke on "Focusing Yourself." One of the main ideas stressed was finding one's proper perspective in life.

The banquet was held at the Pizza Caesar on Brainerd Road.

The new Champion section editors will be Kelly Clark and Kim Stophel, Academics and Honors; Klyer Killian, Rhonda Brewer and Faith Wurm, Clubs and Organizations; Shirley Bentley, Pam Fentress and Lee Ann Hall, Faculty; Faith Wurm, Linda Hisey, Stephen Nabors, Klyer Killian, Kim Stophel and Darnita Moon, Seniors; Rhonda Brewer and Pam Fentress, Girls Sports; Billy

Barrett, Stephen Nabors and Rogers Bush, Boys Sports; Pam Fentress, Angela Chitty, Shirley Bentley and Roger Bush, Student Life; Angela Chitty, Cathy Williams, Kelly Clark, Kim Stophel, Lee Ann Hall, Rhonda Brewer and Darnita Moon, Underclassmen; Andy Broom and Shirley Bentley, Darkroom; Linda Hisey and Billy Barrett, Promotions Managers; Cathy Williams and Stephen Nabors, Business Managers; Faith Wurm and Lee Ann Hall, Art Managers; David Lundy, Stephen Nabors, Klyer Killian and Shirley Bentley, Photo Managers; Roger Bush, Layout and Copy Manager.

The 1979-1980 Digest editors will be Andria Davis, Editor-in-Chief, Debbie Wilson, News; Dena Cross, News-Feature and Feature; David Martin, Column Writer; Jill Salisbury, Sports; Gay Taylor and Carol Walker, Layout; Eric Watson, Business; Angie Goodson, Exchange.

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## Art, music win top awards

Central's Varsity Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, was one of two choral groups in the United States to receive a Gold Medal for First Division rating in the Festival of the Nations held in Washington, D.C., May 11.

Competition, which is sponsored by International Performances Abroad, involved 40 school choruses from across the United States and Europe. Participation is by invitation, and selection is based on the musical group's past performances in festivals and the attainment of superior ratings in state and local competitions.

In seven years over 1,030 and chairs have performed with only 70 receiving a gold medal.

Medals were presented by Col. Gerald, conductor of the Air Force Band.

The Art Department placed second in a city and county competition sponsored by they Chattanooga Allied Arts Council. Judging, held May 9 for secondary level students, seeks to "encourage excellence in student work," according to Mrs. Christina Campbell, art instructor.

Central was awarded for best overall quality of exhibition, and presented with \$50.

Senior Jackie Davis was also judged second place in the Crafts Division of the competition, which carried a \$25 award. Her entry was a hand-woven basket with a tree design. The same work had previously won a first place award in the Eastgate Student Art Show.

Central was the only Hamilton County school to enter. All



Principal J. D. Carnes and Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director, display the plaque and gold medal won by the chorus at the Festival of Nations.

Photo by James Gilbert



Mrs. Chris Campbell, art instructor, congratulates senior Jackie Davis for her second place award in handicrafts from the Allied Arts Association.





# Photographs

## and memories . . .

After twelve years of school, seniors face May 31 with mixed emotions. Remembrances of good and bad times fill the thoughts of the members of the 'Class of '79' as they say good-bye to friends and teachers perhaps the last time. Laughter, friendships, tears, and sometimes trouble, made up the year we'd dreamed of since entering Central as freshmen. Four years of experiencing, learning, and growing up have helped prepare us for the inevitable moment when separation becomes real to each graduating senior.



Pounders, Pounders, one of a kind — we're the class of '79!



Powder Puff football is revived and ends in a tie for junior and senior girls.



UGH! echoes through B-pod during sixth period English class.



Gary Smart donates a pint during the Blood Assurance Drive.



Bill House, Paul Gouge, Sherri Smith and Susie Baker urge Mr. Sam Stoner and Coach Larry Payne to attend their latest toga party.



Practices were held after-and-during school for the class play "Arsenic and Old Lace."



Acts of vandalism marred the 1979 school year.

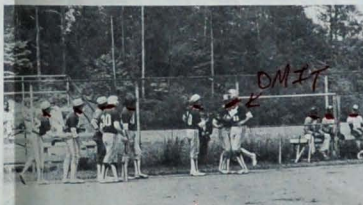
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Senior Day court and attendees nervously await the ceremony.



After four years of high school you've got a right to relax.



Seniors were active in all sports. Here Kevin Highsmith rounds third after smacking a home run.



Mack Williams, Bill Gibson, and Eddy Williams freeze their keepers during Christmas vacation.



Mrs. Christina Campbell devoted her time and talents to provide the backdrop for Senior Day.



Flag girls sacrifice summer vacation for practice of new routines.



Danny Holder and Brad Nowell await their last 2:35 bell.



Mr. Carnes takes the problem of a painted parking lot into his own hands.

### Senior college choices

- Auburn University — Jan Cook, Lisa Rice
- Diana Spencer Emory — Mike Power
- Birmingham Southern University — Susan Jones Florida College — Ben Holt, Betsy Jobron
- Carson-Newman-Lynn Rogers, Hivassee Junior College — Tina Slabaugh
- Deby Strunk Louisiana State University — Jack Vann
- Chattanooga State Technical Community College — Sherri Bankston, Cheryl Bettis, Kathy Brady, Kenny Cox, Robert Evans, Steve Harvey, Jimmy Hayes, Teresa Hennessee, Cindy McNahan, Teresa Mince, Wendy Poe, Marcia Quinn, Karen Smith, Debra Thompson, Cindy Tomlinson, Cleveland State Community College — Renee Branham, Tim Bryan, Timmy Ledford, Gwen Pierce
- Columbia Bible College — Robbin Nabors
- East Tennessee State University — Laura Stone
- Edmondson Business College — Paula Fitch, Carol Reeves, Dean Bendall, Bruce Bentley, Susan Brewer, Tommy Carroll, Angela Clark, Mark Cline, David Cox, Keith Crawley, Kenny Crowe, Jackie Davis, Karen Davis, Edwin Dill, Rhonda Huff, Chip Eason, Derrick Eaton, Alan Fine, Graham Griffith, Charlie Hall, Jana Headden, Curtis Jenkins, Holly King, Rhonda Lehman, Cheryl Newman, Mike Raines, Pam Rice, John Scott, Frankie Shropshire, Gary Smart, Garnet Swope, Kathy Thomas, Susan Wallis, Scott Webb, John White, Frank Womack, Mike Zimmerman
- Tennessee State University at Knoxville — Mike Boyd, Luane Davis, Mike Goldston, Andy McGee, Mike Marable, Roger Martin, Mike Mazonka, Cossa Raulston, Laura Rogers, Carla Schanz, Lisa Walker, Eric Zeauch
- Tennessee Technological University — Robert Sasser
- University of Alabama — David Belcher
- University of Maine — Tony Pruitt
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga — Gary Barnett,



# Digest All-Sports Team

## Coaches name most valuable for each sport

Every year the Digest prints a list of outstanding athletes which comprise the All-Sports Team. Coaches of their prospective sport chose the person they think exemplifies the most valuable player on each team.



Charlie Steinmetz was also named a basketball All-Star.



Kevin Highsmith won honors in both baseball and football.



Greg Humphreys was chosen for his wrestling prowess.



Mike Zimmerman exhibited talent and skill on the track.



Robert Evans was chosen as All-Star for baseball and basketball.



Ann McPherson displayed outstanding ability in track.



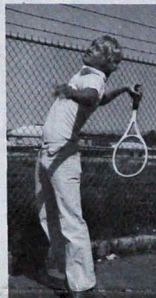
Robert Sasser was elected All-Star for boys cross country.



Mark Cline was voted golf All-Star.



Jana Headden was selected for girls basketball.



Bart Eaton and Angela Bridges were recognized for their tennis skill.



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