



Photo by — Butch Baxter  
WHERE'S THE ENGINE? Students at the new Harrison Vocational Center work on school bus during auto mechanics course.

## New vocational school necessitates time, course changes for students

Earlier classes, loss of vocational courses offered here due to opening of the new Harrison Vocational Center, and new students mark the beginning of Central's school year.

Dr. Dale Carter, superintendent of Hamilton County Schools, announced that due to opening of the new vocational center and the necessity of transporting students there for a two and one-half hour block of studies, Central's school hours would be changed from 9:00 to 7:25 a.m.

Many students are finding it difficult to get to school on time be-

cause of long traffic lines piling up as a result of J. B. Brown and Central starting at the same time. "I used to get to school early; now I find myself leaving home with just barely enough time to make it. I guess everyone else is doing the same thing because I've waited ten minutes just to get from the Chevron Station to a parking place," stated student Connie Jackson.

Complaints have been registered with the school board by parents concerning the earlier time schedule. A recent article in the Times stated that one solution to the traffic problems may be the purchase of more buses so that fewer students would have to drive and shorter bus runs could provide a more flexible schedule.

The Harrison Bay Vocational School has a present enrollment of 425 students; 176 of these are from Central. Mr. Roy Crabtree, manager of the school, stated that basically students are pleased with the program. Although there are a few problems, "we are working them out," he said.

The opening of the vocational school has created a change in the number and kinds of courses offered at Central in the Business and Industrial Arts Departments. Printing and automechanics, which last year had an approximate enrollment of 225 students, are no longer offered. Since most of the courses at the center are designed

for juniors and seniors, freshmen and sophomores have been left no course options in this area except mechanical drawing and woodshop. "Right now we are short on pre-vocational courses which would create interest in advanced vocational courses offered at the center," said Mr. Ed Hoover, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department.

Business Department courses, other than first year, offered at the vocational center, with the exception of Typing II, cannot be offered at Central this year. "We had thought we could offer a course in office training for those who did not want to spend so much time at the center, but this had to be cancelled," said Mrs. Virginia Summerour, chairman of the Business Department.

Several teachers feel that lack of these type courses here has led to overcrowded study halls. Mr. John Ramage, who is in charge of 119 students seventh period, stated that many could leave at this time, but they ride a bus or are freshmen and sophomores who don't have jobs and, therefore, can't be excused early.

The addition of Birchwood students, brought about by the closing of that secondary program, has created for them the necessity of adjusting to a new school environment and longer distances to travel.

## Dr. W. Hobart Millsaps retires after 26 years at Central

"He is Mr. Central," according to Mr. Stanley Farmer, former assistant principal, such a declaration should refer to Dr. W. Hobart Millsaps, former principal. Dr. Millsaps, who began his administration in 1950, retired last August. Appointed to fulfill the offices of principal and assistant principal are Mr. Farmer and Mr. J. D. Carnes, former assistant principal at Oostewah.

William Hobart Millsaps, born and raised on Sockdy Mountain, is a graduate of Daisy High School. During his college years he received a B.S. degree in chemistry. Later he earned a M.S. degree in graduate school. At the high schools of Hixson, Lenoir City, and Central, he has instructed in subjects including chemistry, biology, algebra, and trade and industrial education. He has coached in the sports of basketball, baseball, football, and track. For two years he served as principal of Red Bank High School. Then, in 1950 he succeeded Mr. S. E. Nelson as principal at Central High School.

"He has been Central's fourth principal since 1906, and I don't know of anybody who has contributed more — locally or nationally — to education, particularly at Central," Mr. Farmer commented.

In 1963, Dr. Millsaps was instrumental in Central's receiving the National Bellamy Flag Award, an award given annually to a distinguished school in a designated state. Under his administration Central has been the recipient of thirty-nine Freedom's Foundation awards.

As a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Dr. Millsaps helped conduct two evaluative studies of Central. Such evaluations are designed to make a

"good school become a better school."

Through his membership in educational organizations on local, state, and national levels, Dr. Millsaps brought distinction to Central. He has served as president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals, East Tennessee Education Association, Hamilton County Education Association, and Lookout Schoolmasters Club. He was also a member of Headmasters

Association of America.

Highlighting his years at Central have been the changing of the school location in 1969 and the addition of numerous athletic and academic facilities.

During his retirement, Dr. Millsaps plans to do some traveling which will include a trip to Europe in the spring. Presently, his hobbies are collecting early American glass and antiques and golfing.

Mr. Farmer concluded, "At Central, he's everything. Filling his shoes won't be an easy task."

## Teacher, alumni star in comedy, 'Lion in Winter'

A member of the faculty at Central and two Central alumni recently performed in "The Lion in Winter," a domestic comedy. Presented September 14-17 in the cafeteria at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the play was the first dinner-theatre presentation on the UTC campus.

Miss Priscilla Stone, speech and drama teacher, held one of the starring roles as Eleanor of Aquitaine. Playing the part of her husband, King Henry II, was Central alumnus Hal Pierce. Richie Hatchett, another Central graduate, played the part of their son Geoffrey.

Miss Stone says of her character Eleanor, "There is one quality that I most admire about Eleanor, and that is her ability to overcome defeat. She never loses her sense of humor nor is her spirit ever broken. She is truly a woman to be admired."

Conflict between King Henry II of England and his wife, Eleanor, over which of their sons will succeed their father to the throne constitutes the plot of the play.

Not only was the script full of humor, but several unexpected incidents also occurred during the play. At one time, a candle fell out of the candleabra. After Miss Stone picked the candle up and returned it to the candleabra, it fell again. Still another time, Miss Stone noticed that several people on the front row were staring intently at something on the floor of the stage. Realizing it was a roach they were watching, she killed it with one quick stomp of her foot.

Other members of the cast were Bob Moseley, as Richard, the Lionhearted; Dave Roberts, as son John; Charles Frydrynski as Philip, the King of France; and Lisa Yeager, as Princess Alice. The play was directed by UTC student Bob Selcer.



Photo by — Edward Colston  
BREAKING A LEG — Miss Priscilla Stone, drama teacher, cracks her toes (next to Hal Moseley, Richie Hatchett, and Dave Roberts, for plotting against their father's kingdom).

# Digest sets editorial policy, encourages student support

We, the members of the 1976-77 Digest Staff, believe that communication of student events and opinions through the press is a vital part of our school life. To achieve this goal, the Digest sets forth the following editorial policies:

1. All unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the Digest Editorial Board. They do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the student body as a whole, nor of the entire staff of the Digest.
2. All signed editorials are the opinion of the author only.
3. Our editors recognize their responsibility to print a variety of views; we, therefore, encourage all students and faculty members to submit letters to the editor, editorials or articles for possible publication.

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5. All school and community events will be given fair coverage based on importance and interest to the student body. However coverage must be limited due to the amount of space available in the paper.

6. All material placed in the paper will adhere to the standards of good journalism, be free of libel and in good taste.

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# Sunrise semester strictly for nerds

Remember when the average Central student could arise (preferably after the sun) to an invigorating hot shower? Well... cherish the memory.

Getting up at five o'clock a.m. has led several to discover that water heaters do not wake till at least seven. Another observation — Thought: Mom loved you getting up early to have breakfast on the table? Consider yourself unloved. Early does not mean five o'clock.

Winter forcing down last night's cold scraps, one may begin the excursion to school — if the car can be found. Slit eyes glaring from a stooping anatomy into darkness toward the rear of someone else's car — a fine way to put snap, crackle, and "Pop" into your morning.

Central students may be amazed at the incredible number of people driving before sunrise, and more so, at how many wind up sitting immobile in the school zone.

Waiting there has its advantages. It provides time to check one's clothing, put one's pants on correctly, watch the person in the car next to you doing the same thing, remember everything you forgot to bring, worry, and the most time consuming — count your sins. (Surely you will not have that much time.)

Sometimes the counting of sins brings on intense preoccupation. This invariably causes the driver to forget he is in control of a vehicle capable of doing extensive damage to the car in front.

An accident of this sort may be avoided by a frantic slam of the brakes or by throwing said vehicle into reverse, which is usually followed by an unforgetable noise and a long walk to school.

If you make it on time tomorrow is grand; fifteen minutes of peace and quiet in which a splendid sunrise may be viewed — if you attend school in China.

What are some of the major differences in your job as principal as compared to being an assistant principal?

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Farmer: I care for those who don't like school as much as I do for those who succeed in school. They are both my responsibility.

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Photo by Eric Keller STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT — Traffic piles up at Central and Brown students rush to meet early morning school hours.

# New principals discuss views, philosophies

Digest recently held an interview with Coach Stan Farmer, principal, and Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal. Here are excerpts from their discussions.

**Coach Farmer**

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Digest: When you were named Dr. Millsap's successor at a School Board meeting over the summer, a statement was said that Central should join the system. Why was this said?

Farmer: Central's have always stuck together and have tried to do their best. This statement was not made in the sense that it was taken by some people.

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who go to Central.

**Mr. Carnes**

Digest: What effect does the Vocational School have on Central?

Carnes: I think the school is going to enable the potential dropout with renewed hope in regard to training and vocational areas.

Digest: Have you seen any major differences in Central compared to the other schools you've associated with?

Carnes: Yes, the most apparent difference is within the student body. Unquestionably, the students at Central have a tremendous amount of pride in their school. They have personal goals and aspirations in life that serve as a strong motivating force. I have been most impressed with the attitude of the student body. It's a great bunch of kids.

Digest: What is your personal philosophy on students and education?

Carnes: My personal philosophy on education is a simple one. To me education is a process of learning to be a life-long learner.

My general philosophy on students is this: Students are at that age in life where it affords a lot of excitement, adventure and curiosity. Being led by this, some student may step out of line.

Basically, I look upon the teen years as the ideal years. It's exciting to be around people at this age level. It's kind of an effort through the "back doors" of keeping young myself.



Photo by Butch Baxter NEW LEADERS — Coach Stan Farmer, principal, and Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal, discuss plans for new school year.

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# Sh-h! Too Funny for words

Mel Brooks, creator of "Young Frankenstein" and "Blazing Saddles," has once more produced a movie in which everyone has a good time — on both sides of the screen. "Slent Movie" is the name of his latest endeavor, and as usual, Brooks gives his all as he produces, directs, and generally clown's his way through the entire thing.

This time his name is Mel Fun, an erratic ex-director who decides to make a comeback from the long Hollywood career of being a dissembler. Fun, with friends Marty Eggs (Marty Feldman) and Don Bell (Don Deluise) attempts to pull together his Picture Studio out of a hole by making a silent movie. Planning to thwart Fun's last effort as a director and take over the studio in the villain, in this case, Egg and Devoer, a greedy corporation run by a Mafia-type establishment.

Except for the soundtrack, sound effects, and riotous laughter from the audience, "Slent Movie" is just what the title says — a silent movie. But don't get the idea that Brooks' new creation is a throwback to the old days. Voices are muted, with simple dialogue flashed on title cards. "Hi, I have a glandular condition. I'd like you to see my phone!"

Sound effects are appropriate and exaggerated, as in the magnified crunch of a foot squashed in a doorway, or the loose sound of Egg's scrambled brains upon receiving a clot from friends. Humor is derived from the antics of the characters. From Brooks' department of crass jokes comes a lot of a nurse reading a paperback entitled "My Filthy Dreams," a game of T.V. ping pong played on a screen that happens to be making a silent movie.

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# Cheerleading not all glory; dedication, money required

Considering the time and money cheerleaders spend in an average year, could one really say that cheerleading is all "fame and glory?"

"No," stated head cheerleader, Robin Rozzell. "It's a lot of time and effort, but because we love Central so much it's worth it."

During an average year, each cheerleader spends approximately \$400. This includes a camp fee of \$50 with the remainder being spent on uniforms, pom-poms, and other miscellaneous items. A typical outfit can cost as much as \$75, but to lower the expense the squad uses the "stitch-your-own" plan.

"The school's athletic fund, unfortunately, doesn't pay for any of our expenses," said Ed Hammer, co-head cheerleader. "However, we do sponsor numerous fund-raising activities to defray the cost." Included in these activities are car washes, sock-hops and raffles.

"Total profit, however, doesn't go solely to the squad. School policy demands for any school organization to submit six percent of their total gross to the school account."

Time is another factor that is spent in abundance by cheerleaders. During August 9-13, the squad attended a cheerleaders' clinic at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In preparation the cheerleaders reported to the school at 9 o'clock a.m. for a two hour practice everyday during the week prior to camp. Their work resulted in their receiving four superior ribbons, two spear sticks, and a superstar ribbon.

Other duties of cheerleading include making signs, giving breakfast for different athletic teams, and decorating for banquets. The time put into these activities equals the amount of time spent in practice.

Leam remarked, "It becomes worth it when all the students show response and appreciation in the athletic events."

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**BEAR HUG** — Sophomore Greg Humphrey makes final effort to score touchdown in Bradley game. The Bears defeated Central 7-0.

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## Winning, unity stressed for Pounders in 76-77

The 1977 edition of the Pounder football team is making a strong challenge to write a new chapter in recent Central football history entitled "Winning Football," and the key figure in that plot is something called team unity.

New head mentor, Coach Mike Townsend contends, "We have no all-stars on our team. Every individual on this team plays for the other. We consider ourselves as one big family."

This move toward complete team unity began at the first practice, two months ago on July 30. Since that date, the coaches have worked toward building team spirit by setting an example through themselves.

Main emphasis in practice has been centered on the basic fundamentals of blocking and tackling. Evaluating enthusiasm displayed during practice, Coach Townsend remarked, "We have received a 100 percent effort from everyone in this organization and that includes the as-

sistant coaches who deserve credit for every win." "The Central attack features what Townsend calls a "simple defense and offense." Highlighting the Slot-I offense is a backfield which includes at least seven people who are capable of moving the football. Coach Townsend considers one of the weaker spots to be a lack of depth in the line.

Although the starting lineup includes 7 seniors, and the roster includes 17 lettermen, Coach Townsend still considers the team young. "Several of our returning lettermen earned their letters in back-up roles and are still inexperienced. A lot of our success will depend on how fast these players and our underclassmen mature."

Coach Townsend declined to make any predictions for the rest of the season, but he did comment, "Most of these boys have never witnessed a winning season, and a lot of our success will rest on how well the coaching staff can convince the team that they can win."

## Pounders to clash with Brainerd on Rebel field next Friday night

When Central and Brainerd clash at the Rebel battleground October 8, and the dust has finally cleared, one of the teams will have proven something that may be vital to the final outcome of their season.

While Central, last year 1-9, will be looking to revive its "Pounder" image, Brainerd, last year 7-3, is out to show that a team with little experience isn't a pushover.

Assistant coach Joel Brewster believes the Pounders have the potential to "stay with anyone on our schedule." Greatly improved from last season, Central features a balanced offense with sophomore Greg Humphrey and senior quarterback Chuck Cronan leading the attack.

Brainerd head coach, Carey Henley, notes Central's improvement. "I expect a better football team and the Pounders will be even tougher with momentum from winning some games."

Interestingly, Central's offensive line outweighs Brainerd's defensive front by about 30 pounds. A lack of speed in the Rebel's defensive backfield is compensated for by extremely quick linemen and line-backers.

The Brainerd offense is built around the only returning starter, senior Tony Ball, and it's offense depends heavily upon Ball's running ability.

Defensively, Central will also start a relatively small line. Strength is evident at linebacker and this may prove to be critical as the Brainerd offense has rolled up over four times as many yards on the ground than in the air.



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Girl's Cross Country

If present trends continue, girl's cross-country may be a reality when this column is published. Although it took something like Title IX, a federal regulation which states that males and females are to be treated equally, girl's cross-country, as well as track should be added to Central long ago. According to Mr. Carnes, the exclusion of girl's athletic teams has resulted from a lack of interest and funds. With at least 10 girls out for the seven open positions, the interest problem has been met. Now, the only obstacle seems to be a lack of funds, and if that's correct, Central is indeed a reality. There's a good chance that the girls will be running in gym uniforms or the equivalent. This is not synonymous with Central pride or tradition. If these needs cannot be met by the school, other alternatives must be taken. This is a worthy cause and should be considered as a possible project by the many service clubs at Central. Central tradition has always pointed towards being the best. Let's keep it that way.

### School Spirit

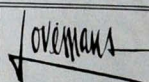
School spirit is defined by the World Book Dictionary as "enthusiasm and loyalty." Although this definition of spirit was not too evident at the beginning of the year, it seems to be spiraling upward at a rapid rate. This upsurge has in part been brought on by our enthusiastic sign-making clubs and our hard-working cheerleaders, but the major motivation for this revival has been the "loyalty and enthusiasm" initiated by the football team. This is where school spirit begins and ends.

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## Homecoming Queen to be crowned next Friday

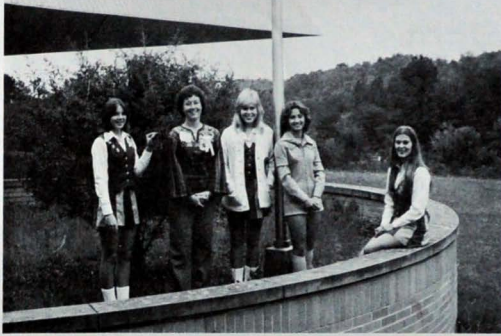


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ONE MORE WEEK TO GO — Homecoming queen candidates, (left to right), Pam McNutt, Suzanne Bradford, Lee Hammer, Mickie Hartman, Robin Rozzell anticipate next weeks results.

## Champion announces plans for yearbook

The 1976-77 Champion Staff has announced plans for yearbook sales beginning October 25.

According to Mrs. Maxine Williams, Champion adviser, this year's yearbook will be sold at an increased price of \$10. The rise in cost is due to higher publication rates, lack of advertisements, and an increase of color pictures and new graphic effects.

Taylor Publishing Company has been selected to print the yearbook this year because the staff was displeased with the quality of the books in the past.

During the summer, 16 members of the staff attended a workshop at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta. The students learned about layouts, photography, and advertisement display techniques.

This summer the Champion received first place award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a national rating service.

This year's staff includes 9 senior members and 12 junior members. The editors are Lee Hammer, editor-in-chief; Suzanne Bradford, associate editor; and Brian Smart, creative editor. Other members include Gwen Atkins, Janette Dickey, Kevin Dove, Kim Dryman, Heather Dunn, Yvonne Gulas, David Hale, Karen Henegar, Eric Keller, Martha Lundy, Susan Malone, Jimmy Manis, Missy Martin, Laura Norris, Tracie Priddy, Jeff Ross, Leslie Summar, Kim Theford, and Dorenda Wilson.

With the coronation of the 1976-77 Homecoming Queen and the dance to follow, homecoming festivities will draw to a close.

Awaiting the announcement of Homecoming Queen are candidates Suzanne Bradford, Lee Hammer, Mickie Hartman, Pam McNutt, and Robin Rozzell.

The candidates were nominated in senior English classes. Out of the top five nominees, the Homecoming Queen is selected by the entire student body.

Mr. Larry Clingan, president of the Alumni Associations, will crown the queen assisted by Cheryl Williams, 1975-76 Homecoming Queen.

Following the Central-Soddy-Daisy game and continuing until 12 o'clock p.m. will be the Homecoming dance, to be held in the school commons. The band will be "Perfect Baby" and discs for the dance is informal. Refreshment will be provided by the Student Council.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased for \$3 from Student Council homeroom representatives and will be on sale until Monday, October 18. Those wishing to bring students from other area high schools or graduates from Central must complete a date form which is given to the homeroom representative. Date forms are due Friday, October 15.

Coverages may be purchased from gym staff members. The price is expected to be \$3.50.

Pictures will be made by Olan Mills Studio. The cost is \$5 and should be paid at the dance.

## Parents protest move of Birchwood students

The recent move of Birchwood High School students to Central and Ooltewah has caused some concerned Birchwood parents to protest. Mrs. Geneva Statton, Birchwood parent, said that a petition of 828 names from people in the Birchwood community was presented to the Hamilton County Board of Education Thursday, March 11, 1976. In the meeting Dr. Dale Carter, superintendent of county schools, said that the reason for the transfer is educational, emphasizing that there are better programs for the students at Central and Ooltewah, including the Harrison Bay Vocational School.

As a result of the transfer from Birchwood, many students have dropped out according to Mrs. Statton. When asked about this decreasing number of students, Mr. J. D. Barnes, assistant principal, stated, "There has been no official withdrawal of Birchwood students from Central." The Digest was unable to obtain the original number of students, grades 8 through 12, attending Birchwood last year. Of the original number at Birchwood, most are attending Central, Ooltewah, Meigs and Cleveland schools. Some juniors attended summer school in order to graduate early.

There is also a problem concerning the bus schedule. "Some of the students are being picked up as early as 5:45 a.m. and are still arriving late to school," stated Mrs. Statton.

There has been some talk that all Birchwood students dislike Central; however, Allan Roark, a former Birchwood student said, "I guess there are a few who are still dissatisfied. But, most all of the ones I've talked with say that they only like Central better than Birchwood and would not want to return to their old school."

## Ben Hampton to donate 'Nancy Ward - Cherokee Nation' to Central

Ben Hampton, a leading Chattanooga artist, whose prints are selling faster than they can be made, will present an artist proof of his latest painting, "Nancy Ward - Cherokee Nation," to Central High School.

Often referred to as the "Pocahontas of the West," Nancy Ward is the focal point of a montage depicting scenes from her life and her Cherokee people.

Highly respected by the Cherokee, she was allowed to participate and vote in all tribal council meetings. Her wise advice enabled the Cherokee, at their principal town of Echota on the Tennessee (Tenassee) River near Chattanooga, to become the most powerful and influential tribe in the East.

In 1776, poor treatment of the Cherokee through broken treaties incited them to take the war path against the Watagah, Holston frontier settlement. Nancy Ward sent a warning to her white friends of the impending attacks. The battles in and near the settlements were fierce and bloody, but Nancy Ward's warnings allowed the settlers preparation of their defenses, and many white lives were saved.

She continued to strive for peace. If not for her the time spent settling the Tennessee country would certainly have been delayed. She died in 1824 and lies buried near Benton, Tennessee.

Primary colors of the painting are of late autumn and the white of winter to emphasize the time of year and plight of the Cherokee nations when ordered to leave their homes for western reservations.

Besides painting, Mr. Hampton is also a collector of Indian artifacts. It was partly his love of Indian heritage which led him to paint the Nancy Ward picture for the Benton, Tennessee Historical Society.

Approximately 200 plates will be donated to that organization. "It is my hope that they can use the money they make from the sale to start an Indian artifacts museum on or near the site of Nancy's grave," he said. The original painting is now valued at approximately \$20,000.

Although Mr. Hampton began his career as a commercial artist, his primary concern now is painting scenes which emphasize Tennessee-Hamilton County heritage and the beauties of our natural surroundings.

"Since settings in autumn and winter provide his favorite subjects, he uses primarily the muted tones of these seasons. "I paint scenes as I see them in their natural surroundings. I believe that most painters exaggerate colors," he said.

Although he makes money from his work, he emphasizes that he paints for pleasure and his desire to preserve or canvas the beauties of nature. "I want to make people aware that although much is being destroyed, there is much that can be preserved," he said.

Last year Mr. Hampton received the "Friend of Education Award" from the Hamilton County Education Association for his many educational contributions in the young people and schools of this area.



Photo by Butch Baxter

MASTERPIECE — Artist Ben Hampton displays his latest work of art.

# Death of a language

In an age of science when learning of technical skills is being emphasized more and more, the skill of speaking correctly seems to be becoming obsolete.

"I ain't got no..." "Nah..." "Yeh..." and similar phrases are often heard around Central.

Not only have slang and curse words become universally accepted, little attention is paid anymore to bad speech patterns.

Students are drilled for years on proper use of words when placed on paper, but little seems to be accomplished when these same words are spoken.

It is any wonder that this is happening to students when adults, in the media, politicians, commercials and popular songs reinforce these errors. Does "Since I got my weed eater, I ain't got a weed anywhere," really reflect an educated society?

The desire to talk like everyone else, lack of correction by teachers and parents, and lack of desire to talk any better are other reasons.

Perhaps we should reconsider what the process of education is all about and renew our pride in our national language.

# Six percent - is it fair?

Much has always been said at Central about six percent. Six percent is the amount taken from all the money deposited into the bank from the various athletics, candy sales, clubs and plays.

Should we do away with six percent? Who would scrape up the money to buy a fence for the baseball field or the fence surrounding the campus? Who would foot the \$3,300 bill for telephone expenses? Of that total, \$300 pays for the student's phone. Other services include office supplies, special diplomas, postage, \$100 for Senior Day activities, and audio-visual equipment.

But we must look at the source of the income - clubs, organizations, candy sales. The money raised by these organizations is in no way used for personal gain or betterment. It is used to benefit the students and make Central the most outstanding school, much the same as the six percent. Thus, we have two good causes serving one purpose but opposing each other.

Perhaps this is why many organizations must limit their activities. For example, the junior senior candy sale made approximately \$9100 and owed \$5900 in bills; that leaves \$3200 in profit. But before they receive the money or pay the bills, six percent is taken out of the \$9100. This equals \$550, which decreases their profit to \$2550. Some clubs don't raise huge sums of money; for instance, a club which made \$300 would only have an \$18 loss. However, the six percent is again taken out before expenses are met, cutting down considerably on the profit margin.

Perhaps the percentage was taken out of the net profit of the organizations instead of the total gross income, they could pay their bills and still feel as if their hard work was justified.

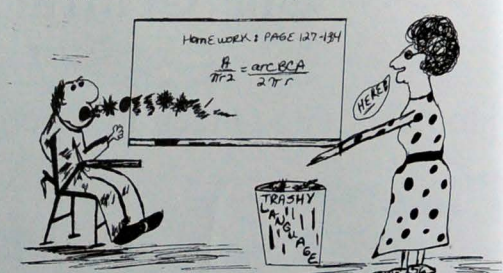
Dear Editor,  
Many thanks to the coaches, team, and students for one of the most wonderful weeks of my life. The week of the Hixon game was a very important one for me. I appreciate all the pride and dedication shown by our team in our win over the Wildcats. Again, thanks for a most wonderful moment of my life.

Coch Joel Brewster

# Mail

overeasy  
by Anthony

# Put Litter in its place...



# Lasting treasure for a stormy day

Fogelburg - by Jeanie Holman

A mellow blend of country and rock is the kind of music that Fogelburg has created with a rare specialty that sets him apart from most musical artists today.

His songs come simply and definitely from the heart. Easily, without the slightest effort, the listener is transported into the indescribable world of Dan Fogelburg.

He has recorded only three albums to date, each one a delightfully different and genuine real.

"Homefree," his first album, was released in 1971. Most of the songs in this collection are sad, laid-back love ballads. Listening to this album is like finding a lasting treasure to keep for a stormy day.

Dating - by Monica Evans

# High cost, low cost, no cost hangouts

Sitting home in the prime of your life watching Danny Partridge? We have some solutions.

If the money belt is a bit tight these days, there are still several places a guy can take a date.

Plenty of excitement and no food are required. The Brass Register, Timothy's and The Chattanooga Choo-Choo are exceedingly recommended.

Famished? Take your date to McDonald's. The atmosphere may not be quite the same, but two beef patties... is a sizable treat on an emaciated body.

Football games are a great way to show spirit and find a date, or find a date by showing spirit. Who would resist a dash of Centralite bold cheering for his (her) team?

For different surroundings, attempt a bike ride. The picturesque country tryside goes totally unequalled and never be quite the same, but two beef patties... is a sizable treat on an emaciated body.

South Africa, a racial time bomb?

The racial situation in South Africa is like a time bomb ready to explode at any moment.

Last June, black students demonstrated in Johannesburg against being taught Afrikaans, the major language of white-race South Africa.

In my opinion, that demonstration is only part of the growing racial unrest in South Africa. If a great deal of this unrest's help to do with the racist and deplorable "Apartheid" policy. Under apartheid, the separation of the races, black South Africans do not have the right to assemble, vote, own land, or even live in a city like Johannesburg.

Black South Africans cannot talk to whites, nor can they be seen with whites at a bar, club, sporting event, or any other social activity.

Blacks are under constant surveillance; on their jobs, their salary is a fraction of that paid to whites.

Nevertheless, the events in South Africa are important to the foreign policy between South Africa and the U.S.

South Africa is a nation rich in mineral wealth; they produce almost all the world's gold. The U.S. benefits a

# Watch-out Bankston boogies to a woozy beat

by Desiree Daniels

"Woo-zy!" an expression often spoken by senior Mitch Bankston, can be heard as the boogies down the corridors of Central during his everyday "thing."

Truly describing Mitch's character, "woo-zy" fits him "to a tee." Being both versatile and different, he has many "weird" hobbies and various interests.

One of his most impressive hobbies is his collection of plants. If a person were to walk into his room, he might think he had entered a jungle! Mitch has collected over sixty various types of plants, including a seven foot banana tree!

Some of his other interests include art and discos, swimming and discos, movies and discos, and discos and discos!

"I love to dance and listen to music. My favorite singers are Marvin Gaye and Diana Ross," explains Mitch.

Mitch is a member of the Art Club and Drama Club. He has also participated in a number of plays throughout

his high school years. "Some of these include "The Lottery," "Black Comedy," and "Calamity Jane."

Participation in these plays has proved quite challenging. Just before the rehearsal for "Black Comedy," Mitch had gone to eat at Piccadilly and decided to try his "perfect" English accent on his waitress.

"She actually believed I was from England! She informed one of the best tourist attractions in Chattanooga. I even had her showing me how the cash register worked, because I had never seen money fall down the change slot like that," explains Mitch.

What the future holds for Mitch is questionable. However, according to him, traveling will definitely be in the picture.

"I'd like to go everywhere and see everything," Mitch goes on to explain. "I've thought about becoming a steward on a cruiser. This way I would be able to see a lot of the country."

Wherever Mitch may journey during his life time, he has a philosophy he will always follow: "Set your goals higher than you expect to reach. Then strive your hardest for that goal and you will make a name for yourself."



Photo by Blanca BANCHE BOOGING WITH A BANANA - Mitch Bankston demonstrating a "lost art" - "The Banana Tree Bump"

PLANNING AHEAD - Class presidents Pam McNeill, Greg Clark, Tori Newstetter, and Derrick Eaton discuss future plans.

Photo by Blutch Basher

# Coca-Cola, Levis, Ford to give away mod vans

Hurry! Hurry! Step right up! Ten of these "fantastic-creations" to be given away.

If by chance this jungle is heard, it is probably that the Denimachine is the subject of the contest.

Coca-Cola, Levi Strauss, and Ford Motor Company are co-sponsoring this "super-vehicle" as an advertising appeal to the youth of America.

When deciding to have this sweepstake, company officials wanted a "special" prize for today's generation. Because denim and vans are two of the most popular items on today's market, officials of Hot Rod magazine decided to combine them. As a result they invented the ideal van - the Denimachine.

The Denimachine, a long wheel base Ford at Red Bank, is a flashy red, white, and blue van equipped with the "essential" sun-roofed top!

Because this machine is built to the utmost of perfection, it comes equipped with flared extension fenders, Goodyear GT radials, headers, thrush sidepipes, spoilers and a Super Scoop (try to figure that one out!) plus many extras.

The inside is just as plush as the outside. It is upholstered with denim and metal buttons.

The drawing for the giveaway of the Denimachine will be held December 10.

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- October 15 - Football-Central vs. Red Bank at Red Bank
October 29 - Student Vacation: ETEA Meeting in Knoxville, Tenn.; Band Association dance in Columbus; Central vs. McMinn County, here.
November 15 - Spirit Week; Spirit Chase on sale by Student Council; Central vs. City at Brainerd.

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ONE MORE HILL! Cross-country runner Ronnie Durham leads the crowd as they come to the last leg of a three mile course.

Photo by Bulch Baxler

## Coaches predict exciting contest; Lion mentor praises enthusiasm

"Comparing statistics and records, I believe it will be a very even ball game, and the fans should see some very exciting action," stated Red Bank's head coach Tom Weathers.

This statement referring to the Central-Red Bank game is a feeling shared by both coaching staffs. Weathers further stated, "Central seems to be playing with a lot of spirit and enthusiasm, and the game should be a toss-up."

Assistant Central coach Mike Frazier feels that defense will play a major part in the outcome of the game. He remarked, "Although our defensive linemen lack size, they should make up for it in quickness and speed and should hold Red Bank's strong running game. Red Bank's defense is also extremely quick."

"I think our defense has really improved since the first game against Franklin County, and I believe our defense can stop the Lion's ground game," said Ned Cofer, varsity defensive end.

The Pounder offense, attempting to put a thorn in the Lion's paw, will be led on the ground by Greg Humphreys. Only a sophomore, Humphreys is averaging 4.6 yards per carry. In the air, the duo of seniors Chuck Cronson and Jim Ledford should constitute a major scoring threat. Cronson leads the area in passing with 41 completed passes out of 81 attempts and 528 yards. Ledford is second in pass receiving with 10 receptions for 177 yards.

The Lions, losing their experienced quarterback David Jordan due to a

physical handicap, now depend on

sophomore Bill Price. As a result the Lions have turned more to their running game. In the running department, Red Bank's backfield is one of the finest with Ken Sivley and Tommy Smith, who ranks fourth in the area averaging 5.1 yards in 71 carries and 435 yards. The aerial attack is led by receiver Stan Thurman. He has caught eight passes for 101 yards and an average of 17.6 yards per catch.

Since coach Mike Townsend took over as head football coach, the Pounders have been steadily improving. At the time of this writing, Central's record stands at 2-2, much improved over last year's season record of 1-9.

than just during the season. Some of our seniors have been running since June."

Coach Highlander contends that this year's team should be among the best in the SETAC. "I believe that we will be battling it out with East Ridge for the conference title." He further predicted that "with lots of hard work, we could win it."

Leading the squad this year is the current record holder, Steve "Wildman" Smith and Ronnie Durham. Other seniors expected to have good seasons are Mike Solis and Phillip Headen. More runners have turned out than ever before, but there is a need for more freshmen.

Giving a new look to this year's

program is the addition of a girl's team. The girls compete on the same course, but run a mile and one-half instead of the three miles run by the boys. Their training is also much the same, but is lighter because of the shorter distance.

According to Coach Highlander, the exclusion of girl's cross-country has resulted from a lack of interest and funds. Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal, stated, "Title IX has caused us to look into new programs for girls."

Commenting on the addition of girl's cross-country, senior Sonja White remarked, "I enjoy running and since other schools have teams, I believe we should also as long as there is enough interest."



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Cooperation

Recently talking to one of our coaches, I asked him what he saw that had mostly improved in our athletic program. He commented that it seemed to him that coaches in every phase of the program were making a bigger effort to cooperate with each other. In order for the entire athletic program to prosper, this must be accomplished. In past years, there have been too many instances where athletes were kept from participating in other sports in order to train for one particular sport all-year around. This is not only unfair to the athlete to be restricted to one sport, but this type of selfishness also degrades the whole athletic program. The coaches who are leaning toward this trend should be commended.

### FCA

Ever wondered what the letters FCA mean? They stand for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes which is a movement "to confront athletes and coaches—and through them the youth of the nation—with the challenge and adventure of following Christ and serving him through the fellowship of the church and in their vocations." This is not a local organization but is affiliated with such athletes as Paul Anderson, Roger Stauback, and Tim Foley. All athletes regardless of their sport are invited to attend meetings every Thursday night. These meetings are not run like church but consist of a group discussion, refreshment, and sometimes an athletic event. For more information, contact Coach Frazier.

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## Student Council begins new year; dances, film to highlight activities

Highlighting this year's Student Council activities are the Homecoming Dance, October 22; the Christmas Dance, December 11; and the Sadie Hawkins Dance, March 17.

Plans have also been made to show a movie. The film is scheduled for November 9 and is entitled "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" with a Pink Panther cartoon for the matinee. A new activity for this year is the selection of "Mr. Teen Angel" during the week of the McMin game. Candidates will be chosen by the seniors through their English classes. The five with the highest number of votes will be eligible for the "Mr. Teen Angel" title. These candidates will be dressed as girls by the Student Council. The winner will be announced at the pep rally.

For Spirit Week, the Student Council will have spirit chains for each class as in the previous year. The class with the longest chain will receive a trophy. A Best Cheer Contest between all the clubs will also be sponsored. In this contest, each club will make up a cheer about Central or against City. Another activity scheduled for Spirit Week is "Backwards Day." On this day, everyone will wear their clothes — backwards!

The beginning of the school year provided several endeavors for the Student Council. Among these was the traditional freshman orientation designed to acquaint the freshmen with all the clubs and staffs at Central. Another was a special banquet at Fehn's Restaurant for Dr. and Mrs. Millsaps, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.

The Student Council raises funds through the dances and the movies. All funds that are raised are given to other organizations that need money.

In light of the activities planned for the year, Lee

Hammer, Student Council president, concluded, "This year's Student Council has several people who are willing to work hard."

Mrs. J. D. Robbins, Student Council sponsor, remarked, "I am well pleased with the membership selection this year. They seem to be responsible representatives."

## Kilgore, Farmer present gift, see sights at annual Bellamy presentation in Montana

Senior Jack Kilgore and Principal Stanley Farmer recently represented Central at the annual presentation of the National Bellamy Award at Billings Senior High School in Billings, Montana.

Jack was among 16 representatives from 34 schools that have received the Bellamy award in the past. Central was a recipient in 1963 and has participated in the winning school's program since that date.

From his experiences Jack remarked, "I am grateful for the chance to have the time of my life and learn about the other parts of the United States as well."

The actual presentation occurred October 15. It opened with an ROTC program followed by a speech by Governor Tom Judge of Montana and Dr. Margarette S. Miller,

director and founder of the Bellamy Award. The presentation of the National Bellamy Award plaque and Bellamy flag climaxed the week-long program.

Each of the schools represented at the ceremony also presented an appropriate gift from their state. Central sent a book of prints by an artist and former Central graduate, Hubert Shuptrine, an artist's proof of Ben Hampton's painting "Nancy Ward — Cherokee Nation," a bicentennial issue and this year's first issue of the *Digest*, a copy of this year's *Champion*, and the traditional "coon-skin" cap. Along with the gifts, each representative from the visiting schools delivered a congratulatory speech.

While in Billings, the representatives participated in many activities. Among

these included a state dinner, a "kick-off" banquet, a faculty reception, and a "rag session." The guests were taken on a tour of Custer Battlefield and Yellowstone National Park.

Initiated in 1942 to honor Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Bellamy Award is given each year to an outstanding secondary school in a designated state. The state in which the award will be given is picked at random. A school which has been in correspondence with the Bellamy Board is chosen from that state to receive the award. The school is chosen on the basis of accomplishments of alumni, administrators' proficiency and service to the community.



Photo by Judy Anderson

TAPE PLEASE — Student Council officers attempt to build spirit as they hang signs before recent football game.

Candy here, candy there, candy, candy, everywhere.

Such is what one may expect during November 4-19, the dates set for the annual junior-senior candy sale.

Interviewing representatives and sampling candy from various companies to determine what kind of

candy will be sold have been the jobs of the junior and senior class officers thus far. In making the decisions, the officers must take into consideration how much profit the class will make and the candy that the majority of the students will like.

Students selling \$15 worth of candy will be eligible for several \$10 draw-

ings to be held throughout the candy sale. At the end of the sale, the overall top salesman will be awarded \$100, and the second prize winner will receive \$50.

Profits from the sale will be used by the juniors for prom expenses, while the seniors will use their earnings to

purchase the class gift.

Pam McNutt, senior class president, commented on the selling contest between juniors and seniors.

"Because of the dedication and enthusiasm possessed by each member of the senior class, I am sure there will be no contest as to who the winner will be; the seniors will run away with

it." Junior class president, Greg Clark, responded, "It would be redundant to say that the juniors will outsell the seniors once again; however, it is our aim to bring each dedicated and enthusiastic member of the senior class to total discomfiture."

## Dr. Millsaps to be honored at reception, November 7

Former principal of Central High School, Dr. Hobart Millsaps, will be honored at a reception on Sunday, November 7 at Central High School from 3 to 5 o'clock p.m.

The reception will honor Dr. Millsaps as Central's fourth principal since the school's establishment in 1917 and also for his 26 years service as principal. A gift will be presented to him for these years he devoted to Central.

Faculty members, retired Central teachers, personal friends, and family members will be invited to the reception. A public invitation will be in the Chattanooga News-Free Press.

"We would hope students and patrons would come to the reception to honor Dr. Millsaps, since he has done

so much for Central and for education on local, state, and national levels," stated Miss Marjorie Ogle, a member of the steering committee for the reception.

Mrs. Midge Indermill, former president of the Hamilton County Council of PTA and parent of several Central alumni, will be catering food for the reception.

Committees have been planning for the reception since early September. Chairmen of the committees are Mr. Stanley Farmer, steering; SGM Robert Hall, house; Mrs. Louise Caudle, publicity; Mrs. Clarone Hughes, invitations; Mrs. Patsy Williamson, refreshment and decorations; Mrs. Margaret Hammack, finance; and SFC Warren Luttrell, traffic.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN — Senior class officers prepare for Candy Sale.

# Oswald - innocent or guilty?

by Jeanie Holman  
On November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy, 35th president of the United States was shot and killed. The Warren Commission concluded that there was definitely one assassin - Lee Harvey Oswald.

Until recently, this report was accepted as unadulterated proof - a closed case.

Americans were disillusioned and lost after the death of our youngest president. The Warren Commission only served as a means to glue back the pieces of a distraught nation. It formed its conclusions long after all the evidence could be fully investigated.

With this acknowledged, it seems that the FBI and CIA both had something to do with this great obstruction of justice.

The Select Committee on Intelligence Operations has investigated long-secret documents recently made public and has come up with some rather surprising results.

A page in Oswald's address book has the name, phone number, and address of an FBI agent, James Hosty, a rather strange acquaintance for a Russian defector to have in his circle of friends. To add to this fact - the FBI tore out that page before they handed the book over to the Warren Commission. Their reason for doing this they said was "irrelevant."

The CIA connection rests on the case with which Oswald was discharged from the Marines, allowed to return to Russia, and then come back to the U.S. without any hassle, in fact, with a government loan in his pocket.

The innumerable contradictions in the Kennedy case that keep pouring in, and the unexplained actions of millions of Americans, all warrant a re-investigation of this important case if we are to ever be able to trust the veracity of our own government and its functions again.

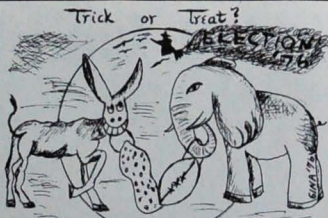
# overeasy New song sung by Dixie

Below the Mason-Dixon line has emerged Jimmy Carter. This former governor of Georgia and democratic presidential candidate is a product of the deep South. His presence on the American political scene is being pointed out to an electrifying change occurring in southern politics - a change reflecting a new role for southern blacks in the political arena.

What brought about this change? First, the Voter Registration Act of 1965 gave black citizens political power in a region where their voice was practically nil. When the act became law, only about 2 million blacks were registered to vote. By last year that figure had risen to 3.8 million, and it seems certain to pass 4 million by Election Day 1976 - and this figure should not be taken lightly.

Secondly, the increase in black voter registration has increased the number of black elected officials in the South. Even though these positions are at low local levels, it is still an impressive achievement.

Likewise, a few southern blacks have attained higher office. Only three - Georgia's Andrew Young, Tennessee's Harold Ford, and



# ELECTION '76

## Campaigns cost money

Running for the Presidency involves so much more than most students realize, especially concerning the amount of money needed to carry out a successful campaign. Here are some figures from the 1972 campaign race. Note: These figures are shown in millions.

TV and radio spots	Time	Cost
Magazine Advertisements	1-7.5	15.4
Phone calls to voters	1.3	1.1
Direct mail to voters	2.2	1.1
Campaign meetings	1.1	1.1
News releases and press conferences	0.7	1.1
Trucks and staff payroll	0.7	1.1
Public appearances	1.2	1.1
Travel expenses	0.9	1.1
Staff of campaign	0.9	1.1
Voter registration drive	1.2	1.1

Source	Amount (in millions)
Bumper stickers	\$400,000
Door-to-door	450,000
Leaflets	77,480
Handbills	40,000
T-shirts	20,000
Brochures	80,000
Signs	100,000
Mail	45,000
Posters	100,000
Trucks	11,250,000
Travel	1,500,000

These figures are based on the large amount of money spent by the candidates, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1972 was passed. Under the law, the federal government now taxes money to pay for this "buy" of exposure for candidates.

# Opinions, issues important as '76 election draws near

by Jeanie Holman  
As election day draws near, it is important to take a look at the issues which will be prominent factors in the making of this year's Presidential election.

Although Jimmy Carter and President Ford's different political backgrounds make for many differences of opinion, there are some policies on which they agree.

One of these is the issue of unemployment. Carter, if elected, will stress job creation in private business rather than use government as a mass employer. However, he would resist to federal jobs to employ welfare-recipients and young people. Ford, too, prefers private business employment to public-service jobs.

Concerning the problem of budgeting, both candidates to some extent, agree. Ford opposes court-ordered busing to achieve racial balance. However, his alternatives for such measures are somewhat less clear. His plans include lower pupil-teacher ratios and improvement of the neighborhood. Both are a little difficult to achieve through governmental appropriations. Carter, speaking on the issue, suggests voluntary pupil transfers and minority representation in school management.

Both candidates feel that abortion is the wrong alternative to unwanted pregnancies. Yet, both disagree with a constitutional amendment that would totally ban this procedure. Carter would combat the problem with sex education, family planning, and improved adoption procedures. Ford, on the other hand, would leave the action to each individual state.

Boo!

# Spook'n up the street for a candy treat

Lighted jack-o-lanterns, sacks filled with candy, and children disguised as ghosts and goblins are all a part of the traditional celebration we call "Halloween." The average American is familiar with the holiday and the customs associated with it; yet, how many of these Americans could explain when and how this celebration originated?

In truth, this "American" holiday has its beginning among the Druids of ancient Britain. Celebrated as their New Year, this day was called "Samhain." According to pagan history, this time of year was a cold and spooky time - a time when the spirits of the dead returned seeking warmth at domestic fires. Those roaming about at night were often grabbed by witches. To avoid these witches, it became a general practice to carry a torch and disguise oneself with masks and costumes. Together, these masked people went from house to house trying to drive out evil spirits.

When Christianity gained a foothold in ancient England, the pagan religions were outlawed; however, because of the people's stubbornness, the celebration of Samhain remained.

In 1834 A.D., Pope Gregory IV at the Movies

attaining (stealing) plans from Worth for the ultimate bank robbery, they met their escape, which seems too easy, and head for New York and the bank.

What follows is chaos, highlighted by several long-winded speeches, a little slapstick, a Thru Stoooges, some not-so-dramatic dramatics, and dialogue with all the spine-tingling excitement of a day at the hardware store.

With a predictable plot that is almost unbelievable enough for "Mission Impossible," and little substance to fill the time between stage productions, mad dashes, and explosions, the performers in this film have greater appeal than the story itself. Only a true movie fan can walk away from "Harry and Walter Go to New York" with a feeling of being genuinely entertained.

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# Harry and Walter go . . . going, gone

by Tim Kendall  
James Caan and Elliott Gould are established actors, but their latest film "Harry and Walter Go to New York" may set them back.

A clear indication of what's to come is the opening - a vaudeville routine that is just what the name implies - routine. Impossible though it may seem, things get worse.

As Harry Digby and Walter Hill, Caan and Gould portray a pair of unattractive, middle-class vaudevillians looking to move into a higher tax bracket. When members of their audience express disapproval over being robbed during the performance, Harry and Walter go to jail.

There, they join forces with Adam Worth (Michael Caine), renounced millionaire turned bank robber. After attaining (stealing) plans from Worth for the ultimate bank robbery, they met their escape, which seems too easy, and head for New York and the bank.

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diverted Samhain into a day for honoring all saints, rather than eliminating the festival. This new holiday was called All Hallows or Halloweams, since "hallow" means "saint." Thus, the Halloween-on that we celebrate today was originally the night before All Hallows day.

The tradition of Halloween came to America's shores with the arrival of the English culture. Children began celebrating it by disguising themselves and "trick or treating" from door to door. For many years this custom has been widespread. However, during the past few years the practice of "trick or treating" has begun to dwindle for several reasons. During 1974 and previous years, several children died and many narrowly escaped serious injury from drugs, razor blades, sewing needles and shards of glass which were placed in the "goodies" they collected from neighboring families.

Mr. John A. Copp of the Hamilton County Police Department accounted for the small number of "trick or treaters" in 1975 by saying, "The holiday sadists" have caused no many scares in the past; their parents are simply afraid to let their children go out."

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# Pounder finds 'Gryllus assimilis' interesting, edible

by Tommy Coler  
"I'd walk a mile for a good cricket," says Central's cricket-eating junior, Mike King.  
Bizarre, you say? Perhaps - but Mike believes in eating crickets for good luck before football games.

This pre-game activity began on the practice field before the East Ridge-Central game. Mike found a cricket and said he was going to eat it. Coach Frazier dared him, so he popped it into his mouth and found crickets to be a sweet tasting candy-like food. He now consumes two or three a week for good fortune on the gridiron.

Mike said that the proper procedure for cricket eating is: 1) Bite off the head, 2) Pull off the legs, 3) Place in your mouth and enjoy.

Mike's habit is slowly becoming a trend. Sophomore Mike Mazzella also finds he's been consuming our insect "just for fun."  
"I've noticed their value," Mike declares, "Crickets eat vegetables, and since vegetables are good for you, crickets must be good for you, too." As a fan of "only the best," Mike stated that he does not care for the domestic style crickets in the bait stores, but prefers the wild kind in the grass because of their "sweet taste."

Mike has recently embarked a soon-to-become fad of eating yellow jackets. Several people said he would not like it, so he found one, removed the stinger, and engulfed it. He says they are good, but not like crickets. Grasshoppers are not satisfying either.

Insect eating is not Mike's only interest. He is a member of the softball team, a member of FCA, and C-Club. Mike says that he plans to attend college after graduation, but he doesn't know what field he will "jump" into.

The next time you have a few crickets to spare, find Mike King and he can educate you on the fine points of consuming the *Gryllus assimilis*.



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## Cross-country

**'Wildman' Smith rated as top runner**

by Vanessa Browning

It's a bird, a plane — no, it's "Wildman!" A mass of flying hair, pumping arms and churning legs, senior Steve Smith is again Central's number one cross-country runner.

"Cross-country coach Steve Highlander remarks, "Steve's determination and will to work will take him a long way. Steve was twelfth in East Tennessee cross-country last year but should rank a lot higher this year, state-wide." One of Steve's goals is to do just that. As captain of the cross-country team this year, he holds the school record for the three mile course at 16:31.

Being a distance runner, Steve runs from 2:30 to 5 o'clock each evening. Most of his time on Saturday is spent in practice. He believes that dedicated training is necessary for any athlete to succeed. "Cross-country and track are mostly individual sports, and whether the runner wins or helps his team win depends on his own personal desire and determination," he said.

Steve has been interested in track since the ninth grade. When asked why he picked track over other sports, he replied, "I was always built too small to do anything else well, and I think that small people can excel in track."

He feels that endurance is just as important as speed and that a good cross-country runner will push himself to the point of exhaustion to achieve greater distance. This summer, he stayed in shape by running from Vincent Road to McDonald's and back.

The nickname "Wildman" comes not only from his appearance but from some of his "socially unacceptable" activities such as barking at cars, letting out blood-curdling, hair raising wildman screams, and eating gunpowder at McDonald's.

So if you happen to see a smoking running machine, you'll know it will be Steve "Wildman" Smith "turning it on" for Central.



Photos by — Judy Anderson

SMOKE 'EM — Steve Smith participates in Cross country track meet.

**Girls, boys basketball, wrestling begin practice as seasons near**

With wrestling and basketball practice now underway, it looks as if their winning ways of the past will continue in the upcoming season.

**Basketball**

Losing four starters off last year's SETAC championship team, the main concern for this year's boys' basketball squad will be the "D" fence. Coach Larry Payne, head basketball coach, believes that if the team is to have a successful season, they must work together as a team. Payne also stated, "This team has the best attitude about playing since I came to Central three years ago." He contends that they have quite a lot of talent but there are no specific individual standouts. Although the team has no specific stars, it does have some leadership in seniors Brian Howard and Wayne Winston who were starters off and on during the last season.

With this being Central's second year in fielding a girls' team, head coach Mike Ricketts stated, "I believe the girls should improve in the win-loss column, but main improvement should be in quality of play. The girls' potential is unlimited. It all depends on how hard they are willing to work."

The Pounderettes will be experienced with all of their starting players back from last year. Senior Terese Hixon, veteran forward, should be a candidate for SETAC honors. She should get help from teammate Jana Headen and Cissa Rauston in the forward position.

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timore and sophomore Robin Nabors. Coach Ricketts commented that senior Rose Lyles and freshman Rhonda Brewer should give the defense the depth it needs.

**Wrestling**

The wrestling team, ninth in the state last year, should once again be state contenders. Head coach Steve Highlander stated, "We have a pretty strong team, and strong wrestlers in seniors Johnny Bradford, defending state champion, captain Ronnie Durham, co-captain Doug Williams and sophomore Greg Humphreys. Coach Highlander also commented that he could use more experienced wrestlers in certain weight classes.

The matmen will have a pretty tough schedule this season as they are wrestling some of the strongest teams in the Chattanooga area and are also going to wrestle two of the top four teams in Alabama at Huntsville.



by Doug Williams

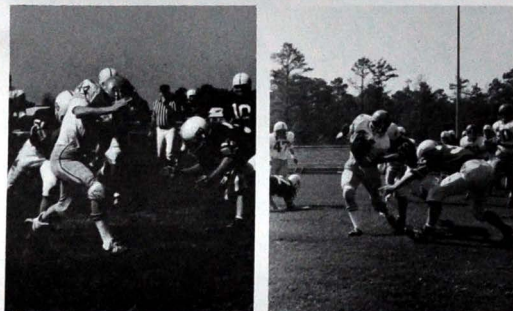
**SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS****Volleyball**

A virtually unpublicized sport is volleyball. Newly recognized this year as an official sanctioned TSSAA sport, members will for the first time be entitled to a varsity letter. The new coach is Mike Ricketts. He describes the sport as exciting and says he plans to do a lot of off-season work to get prepared for next year. He explains that due to this being his first year as a volleyball coach that most of practice time was spent on fundamentals whereas other teams concentrate more on power by using techniques such as spiking.

At the time of this writing, the team record stood at 7-8. Coach Ricketts maintains that among his top players are three year starter, junior Kim Dryman and former Birchwood student Rose Lyles.

**Managers**

Of all the members of the football team, the managers are probably given the least attention. Their main duties consist of cleaning the locker room, getting up at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning to wash uniforms, supplying the players with water, keeping up with equipment, and accomplishing other necessary tasks. There is no possible way this hard work could be for "fame and glory." It is done out of an attitude of service to Central. The following members of the managerial staff should be commended: Myron and Byron Bush, David Cox, Charlie Hall, Mark Pelham and Mike Thomas.



BABY POUNDERS IN ACTION — Steve Helton (44), runs for daylight in 12-7 loss to Soddy Daisy. — Photos by Erik Keller and Jeff Ross

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'See How They Run'

# Junior play to premier tonight

"See How They Run," a farce in three acts, will be performed by members of the junior class tonight and tomorrow night in the commons at 8 o'clock.

The story of the play involves just what the title states. It's fast-moving action, complicated situations, and hilarious plot are the ingredients which have made it a hit comedy.

With an English vicarage as the setting, the action begins with an untimely visit to the vicarage by Corporal Clive Winston, an American who is stationed with the Air Force in England. He stops by to see an old friend, Penelope Toop, (now the vicar's wife) with whom he toured in a play. The Reverend Toop is out of town, and Clive and Penelope decide to go see the play which they toured in together now showing at the local theater. Before they even leave the vicarage, the hilarity starts. Unexpected guests such

as a bishop, a reverend, and a Russian spy enter the madcap farce. There is also the love sick maid, Ida, and Miss Skillion, an old spinster "who touches alcohol for the first time."

The cast and crew are as follows: Penelope, Rhonda Stophel; Clive, Terry Clowdas; Ida, Sabrina Swope; Miss Skillion, Ellen Hendrix; The Reverend Toop, Pat Neyman; the Russian, Tom Daniel; The Bishop of Lax, Kevin McKenna; the Reverend Humphrey, Wilson Manceaux; Sergeant Towers, Tim Kendall; student director, Beth Kemper; stage manager, sterrel Manceaux; properties chairman, Janice Rich and Cindy Hartline; publicity chairman, Dottie Elmore; costume chairman, Carla Hilbert.

Tickets are on sale today for \$1 and \$1.25 at the door tonight.

SEE HOW THEY RUN—From left, Terry Clowdas, Kevin McKenna, Rhonda Stophel, Tim Kendall, Tom Daniel, and Wilson Manceaux practice for tonight's play.

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## ROTC cadets to present sponsors for 1976-77

Sponsors for the 1976-77 senior ROTC officers have been announced and will be presented before the student body in an assembly Friday, November 25.

Cadets and their sponsors are as follows:

- Colonel Kevin Dove, Battalion commander — Mickie Hartman, Lt. Col. Jack Kilgore, Battalion Executive — Tracie Priddy; First Lt. Jeff Cooke, A Company Commander — Rene Buckner; First Lt. Bucky Gonyea, B Company Commander — Pam Harmon; First Lt. Ed Kemper, C Company Commander — Nancy Everett; First Lt. Gil Highlander, Band Commander — Suzanne Bradford; First Lt. Dennis Henry, Drill Team Commander — Robin Rozzell; First Lt. David Roy, Color Guard

- Commander — Debbie Davis; Lt. Tim Gurren, platoon leader — Becky Blackwell; Lt. Bill Owenby, platoon leader — Lisa Wells; Lt. James Gibson, platoon leader — Connie Jackson; Lt. David Norrell, platoon leader — Jeannie Rockholt; Lt. Rusty Kendall, platoon leader — Sandra Harrow; Lt. Jimmy Martin, platoon leader — Terese Hixon; First Lt. Steve Swift, operations, plans, and training — Lee Hammer; Lt. Reggie Spence, assistant operations, plans, and training — Terese Lindsay; First Lt. David Starbuck, adjutant — Donna Dayton; Lt. Brian Smart, assistant adjutant — Janette Decker; First Lt. Keith Sands, Logistics Officer — Tina Blackburn; Lt. Chuck Schneider, publicity and information — Donna Knowles.



GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS — Senior candidates participating in the Mr. Teen Angel contest and their make-up artists are, from left, David Starbuck, junior Laura Norris; Tonya Cope, junior Janice Rich; top, Stan Owen, junior Deshree Daniels, student Vicki McEvean; Tracy Hay, Johnny Bradford, and sophomore Shellie Davis. The contest was sponsored by the Student Council to promote school spirit during homecoming week.

—Photos by Bush Baxter



SING A SONG — Chorus members who participated in this year's ETEA program in Knoxville are, sitting, junior Rhonda Stophel; soprano; standing, senior Mike Alkins, bass; and senior Gil Highlander, tenor; not pictured, junior Donna Cate, alto. Mrs. David Reich, chorus instructor, selected participants from 15 auditioning students.

—Photo by Judy Anderson

## PTSA membership drive takes in 300; improving educational programs its goal

The Parents, Teachers, and Students Association, an organization designed to strengthen educational programs that will produce citizens who are productive and capable of self-occupation both spiritually and intellectually as well as mentally, has recently completed its membership drive with a total of 300 joining.

Awards were given to the homeowners with the greatest number of persons joining. Mr. Steve Highlander's tenth grade homeowner won first place with Miss Majorie Ogle's coming in second.

"The interest seems to be greater this year and we encourage students and parents to join with us in a united effort to support Central. We want ideas from students or their parents that will be brought up in our board meet-

"I think we have the best group of officers and workers we have ever had. They worked together in a membership drive to involve every student and parent toward achieving our goals," remarked Mr. Luke Buckner, PTSA President.

PTSA held its first meeting October 12. Guests included the candidates for U.S. Congress. A discussion of the issues facing our nation was conducted.

ings," said Mrs. Peggy Nabors, PTSA registrar.

Four students were elected from the homeowner representatives to attend the board meetings. These students are Carol Lowe, freshman; Robbin Nabors, sophomore; Mark Buckner, junior; and Deborah Howard, senior.

# Are senior trips possible?

Central seniors took school sponsored trips to Washington D. C. until 1960. Since that year, senior trips have been discontinued completely.

One reason for this is that the Hamilton County Board of Education does not allow such trips. Many cities have become unsafe places for students to visit. However, city schools are allowed to do so if the students want to and enough money is available.

Secondly, many disciplinary problems arose such as the destruction of motels and student's unwillingness to cooperate with chaperones. Since the Board is responsible for any accidents or property damage, many teachers hesitate when asked to chaperone trips.

Nevertheless, students could benefit educationally from such excursions, and being away from home with others could promote maturity and responsibility.

A senior trip would also help bring together seniors before they are separated by graduation and college. This would help Central to have a strong, united alumni which is important for any school to be great and not merely good.

Since the Board of Education does not allow senior trips, a possible solution would be for the seniors to take a trip together after graduation with parents as chaperones.

# Communism - still a threat

by Donna Dayton

Communism, initiated in the early 1930's, presently controls one-third of the world's population.

We are definitely aware of the existence of Communism in foreign countries. Yet what impact, if any, does this so-called "evil" have in our own country?

With false promises to alleviate economic problems, the Communist party attracted 100,000 members during the depression. Although this number dwindled to 1,000 by 1961, party officials reported a membership of 20,000 in 1972.

Presently, the Communist party is in no way inhibited by American laws. It is free to lecture on open campuses, and open meetings are being held. The presidential candidates have received recognition on television. Publications such as the Daily World and the People's World are in circulation. Efforts are particularly being made by the party to reach today's youth.

Many contend that the U.S. Communist party will never be of significance because it is "too small." Yet, in China we surprisingly find that the total number of party members accounts for only two percent of the entire population. Similarly, the party in Russia represents only six percent of the population.

How can they achieve such control? A copy of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution" was seized by the Allied Forces in 1919. Today, over fifty years later, the Reds still follow the same rules. They read as follows:

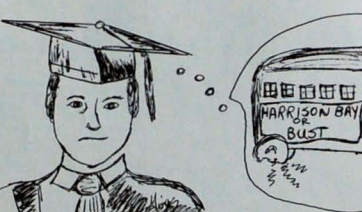
1. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.
  2. Get control of all major publications.
  3. A. Get the people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books, plays and other trivialities.
  - B. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
  4. Destroy the people's faith in their national leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.
  5. Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.
  6. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
  7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence and faith in the pledged word.
  8. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view of confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.
- Will America ever be under Communist control?

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# Wishful Thinking...



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by Anthony Hendrix

# It's S-a-t-u-r-d-a-y Night

'I'm Chevy Chase and you're not. Live from New York, it's 'Saturday Night'."

So begins the wild, wacky late-night comedy show appropriately titled "NBC's Saturday Night."

"Saturday Night," winner of four Emmy Awards, has quietly and quickly become the "new kid on the block" in late-night television. The program is zany, funny, and spicy, and believe me, Saturday night television needed some spice.

A refreshing comedy show with music, "NBC's Saturday Night," has at its hub a talented group of performers. Not ready for Prime Time Players Danny Aykroyd, John Belushi, Chevy Chase, Jane Carrington, Garrett Morris, Laraine Newman and Gilda Radner. A different and interesting host headlines each show.

This comedy-music series handles simple, controversial, and at times, even vulgar topics with creativity, but little or no tact. The actors and writers bring controversial humor into something which we all can relate to and laugh about without feeling embarrassed. In fact, nothing is

immune to the "Saturday Night" comedy grip, politics at home and abroad, celebrities, movies and commercials all get hit with "Saturday Night" humor.

Although, the comedians of the show have made "NBC" famous, most of the creative and innovative talents have come from the show's producer, Lorne Michaels, and a staff of 10 writers. I personally think this is an important key to "NBC's" success. Most of the time good shows fall flat on their faces because of poor scripts.

In my opinion, "Saturday Night" is a refreshing and bright change on the late-night scene, and I think it will catch on.

In Chattanooga, "Night" should restore life in weekend late-night programming, and the show should have no problems snatching young viewers from such lackluster shows as "Shock Theatre" and "Million Dollar Movie."

But, if "Saturday Night's" liberal humor is not your "cup of tea," and you are tired of watching Shock Theatre, then — Go to bed!

teddy jay to keep warm. However, there are a few ways to keep body and soul together during these cold, cold months. To remedy the shivers that even turtlesnek and coots cannot cure, one suggestion is to start your day with some warm country music. Don't laugh! Dolly Parton is a sure-fire way to assure you that things can't be all that bad.

If you get desperate, there is a way to get that twinkle back in your eye.

At the movies . . .

# 'Obsession' sends chills down spine

by Monica Evans

Director Brian DePalma shows their victims plunging to their deaths. Sixteen years later, on a business trip in Italy, the stivying man meets a girl who bears a mysterious resemblance to his dead wife. (French Canadian actor Genevieve Bujoil takes both parts.)

What happens next is like a puzzle box. No matter how many boxes you open, there's another hidden inside. Like Hitchcock, Brian DePalma is tops at creating a special world where the dead take on new life, and characters are condemned to relive their worst experiences.

There's dirty work afoot in this

# Child abuse increases; many killed, injured yearly

by Vanessa Browning

Several weeks ago citizens of Chattanooga were shocked by the death of a four-year-old Cleveland child due to physical abuse by her parents. This is only one case out of the hundreds of thousands of American children who will be killed or injured by their parents this year.

Men and women in every walk of life, in every social class, and from many types of backgrounds form the army of child abusers. However, according to Mr. Jim Hammond, of the Hamilton County Juvenile Center, "Most abuse cases are from more educated or higher income parents."

The most commonly recognized forms of child abuse are physical abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, and emotional abuse and neglect.

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There are many causes of abuse. A child may be handicapped, unwanted, or he may cause frustrations to the parent by being hyperactive. Statistics show that 90 percent of parents who commit child abuse were abused as children. They may also be on drugs or alcohol or may have mental problems. Economic problems and the inability to cope with the pressures of society cause parents to take out their frustrations on a source which cannot fight back according to Dr. Minnie Joyce, pediatrician.

Ms. Joyce Godsey, Director of Parents Anonymous, stated that perhaps one of the biggest problems is that parents who abuse do not realize that they have a problem. If they can understand that they are abusing and want to seek help — help is available.

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About 10 to 15 cases monthly are brought before the Juvenile Court in Chattanooga. The court works in cooperation with the Protective Services Division of the Tennessee State Welfare Office. When a case is reported, the abused child is usually placed in the Chambers Home, a foster home, or with relatives. After the abusing parent or parents have been legally punished and have received counseling, the child is sometimes the child is returned to the parent.

The placement of abused parents on the case, but after trial, "parents usually spend 11 months and 29 days in the workhouse," said Mr. Hammond. "Right now child abuse is a misdemeanor, but it should be a felony," stated Mr. Vance Wilson, child

psychologist at Harrison Elementary School. Mr. Gary Gerber, district attorney, has stated in recent media interviews that his office will work for stiffer penalties for convicted child abusers.

One way of catching abuse before it gets out of hand is for teachers to watch for bruises, cuts, or anything else that can prove the child is being abused. School counselors, social workers, nurses and doctors at emergency entrances should be familiar with signs of child abuse.

Any person who has knowledge of a parent abusing his child is urged to report to some of the authorities. Failure to do so can result in a jail sentence or fine.

Persons suspecting abuse can look for some of the following factors: the child is generally overly fearful; there is evidence of repeated injuries; the child appears to be undernourished or is not properly dressed for severe weather; the child is extremely passive, withdrawn or is notably destructive and aggressive.

Dr. Minnie Joyce said, "It goes on; it will go on unless parents and society get interested, it will get worse."

It's now growing up in a situation of indifference to his well being and violence which affects his physical and mental welfare cannot become productive and healthy member of our society.

Somewhere today a child is crying. The screams carry beyond boarded doors and closed windows, but to the child, the sound isn't carried far enough or to the right people.

# Hup-Two

# 'Sarge' keeps Centralites in line

by Cathy Dargatzis

Bucks straight . . . heads up . . . feet together. . . MARCH!

And so goes the command of Mrs. Gloria Grier, physical education and health instructor at Central.

Patrolling the halls with a paddle by her side, Mrs. Grier definitely upholds the nickname bestowed upon her by her seventh period class — "Sarge."

"I'm really not so tough," laughingly confesses Mrs. Grier. "I just look that way." She goes on to explain, "When you find yourself teaching co-ed gym classes for the first

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time, you have to be a little more stern."

Besides physical education, Mrs. Grier also teaches health. "I love to talk," she explains, "and teaching health gives me the chance to talk about almost everything."

"One of her favorite topics is 'guckery.'" She said, "I try to expose my health classes to things they will need later on in life — and one of the most important things that they'll need to know is how to tell a good doctor from a — QUACK!"

"Once I was studying for an exam and had every word in the chapter memorized. When my teacher gave me the test, it was entirely different from what I had read." Mrs. Grier goes on to explain, "It really made me sympathize with my students."

In spite of her nickname "Sarge," Mrs. Grier ages classes. "I'm not so tough on my classes . . . I was just too young, you know!"



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GETTING HER POINT ACROSS — Mrs. Gloria Grier talks with newest gym staff member, Jimmy Webb.

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On side one, we have the father of T.V. Rock, Dick Clark. The tunes of his life are endless. Before becoming a millionaire at the age of 30, one of Mr. Clark's vocations was involvement with the campus radio in upper New York.

He has also helped a number of people to "twist" their way into the "business," such as Ernest Evans, an obscure chicken plucker, better known today as Charley Checker.

Today Mr. Clark is producer-director of many music oriented shows, game shows, and is the co-host of "The Dick Clark Show" and "American Bandstand."

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## Versatile Coach Jim Watts receives warm greeting from Central students

by Tommy Coffey

Get ready folks! It's time to play "Name that Star." Okay, here is the big question—Who is a former All-American defensive back, a certified scuba diver, a participant in motocross and trailriding, and a skiing and tennis enthusiast? Time's up—Your answer please. Buzzzzz. No, I'm sorry, it's not the "six million dollar

man." It is none other than our own Coach Jim Watts.

The likable and straightforward Coach Watts has adapted well to his new surroundings at Central. He remarked, "I like the people, and I'm glad I came. I think Chattanooga is a nice place."



LOOKIN' GOOD — Coach Jim Watts instructs science classes. —Photo by Judy Anderson

A growing fad

## 'Boards' gain popularity

Remember when a skateboard was usually thought of as a simple, inexpensive two-by-four on wheels that was sometimes devised from a piece of scrap lumber and an old skate? Well, this simple "kid's" toy has recently evolved into one of the fastest growing hobbies on the sports scene.

Today, any true die-hard skateboarding enthusiast can perform wheelies and full circle pivots, 360's — but a real ace will execute such acrobatics as climbing curbs, doing handstands, jumping over objects and returning to his board, and performing various other "death-defying" feats of skill.

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There are more serious than minor bruises and sprains, but broken wrists and ankles were not uncommon.

In its primitive stage a skateboard could be bought for a meager sum at the local five-and-ten store and was nothing more than a miniature wooden surfboard on steel wheels. In time, skateboarding lost its appeal, and the fad cooled, — like most fads. Yet, as rapidly as they disappeared, they've come back to haunt innocent persons throughout the country.

Skateboarding's rebirth is due largely to improvements in materials. Boards are now made out of plastic, Fiberglas, and aluminum. Polyurethane has replaced steel in the wheels. Polyurethane's big advantage over other materials is its ability to displace and roll over small objects such as pebbles.

Suddenly, everyone who isn't riding skateboards is making them. There are more than 200 manufacturers in the business today. Of these, many sponsor competitions and teams of touring pros who conduct safety clinics and demonstrations of new equipment.

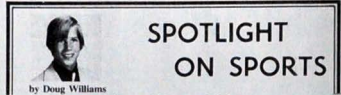
Naturally, better skateboards mean bigger prices with the cost ranging from \$15 to \$100 plus. Skateboard fashions, helmets, gloves, posters, carrying cases and protective pads, as well as movies and magazines, have flooded the market.

Students at Central have also adapted quite well to Coach Watts. Senior Kevin Dove stated, "He's the kind of person who relates well with the students."

A star defensive back at UTK, Coach Watts is in charge of receivers and defensive backs. Two varsity football players commented on Watt's value to the team. "With his experience as a defensive back, he knows how they react in a game situation, and he teaches receivers to take advantage of it," said senior Tracy Hay, Junior Jim Perry added, "I feel we are lucky to have him working with us because he has a lot of experience at that position."

Expressing his feelings, Coach Watts commented, "I really have enjoyed working with the team."

While at UTK, Watts received All-American and All-SEC honors and was captain his senior year. Before coming to Central, he spent a year playing for the Atlanta Falcons and served as a graduate assistant coach at UTK.



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Central Booster Club

There has been much said about Central's having superior facilities in comparison to most high schools around the state. By looking around, one can view much evidence to back up this statement. A group having a major part in these improvements is the Central High Booster Club. This organization is made up of patrons, friends, and alumni of Central High School. Their basic aim is to help Central in any way possible and this they have done. From time to time, you've probably seen some of these men working on their various projects around campus.

By donating their labor, raising funds, and by obtaining contributions and materials from others, the Booster Club has made Central a school with some of the best athletic facilities available. Among the many projects they are responsible for or have had a part in, include the football stadium—estimated at a cost of \$300,000, the baseball field—\$25,000 back topping for the tennis courts—\$3,000, and the lighting of the track—\$15,000-\$20,000. The Booster Club has not restricted themselves to athletic organizations only, but have made various contributions to such organizations as the band.

Present and future projects include completing the baseball field, carpenter the football locker room, and finishing the lighting on the track.

This fine group of men has done a lot for Central and should be given more recognition for all the time and labor they have freely given.

### Seasons Approach

Both basketball and wrestling seasons are now about to get underway. The basketball squad's first game is slated for November 15, while the grapplers have scheduled their first match for December 3. Both of these teams have established a winning tradition and deserve our support.

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## National Honor Society taps 30 senior members

Thirty seniors were inducted into Annie May Shelton Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 17.

New inductees are Dorothy Basham, Butch Baxter, John Bryson, Linda Carroll, Donna Dayton, Janette Dickey, Monica Evans, James Gibson, Karen Harris, Mackie Hartman, Terese Hixon, Jeanie Holman, Deborah Howard, Deanna Kirk, Rose Liles, Deane McClure, Sally McCall, Tracie Priddy, Mary Purnell, Robin Rozzell, Gina Schillaci, David Starbuck, Beth Stone, Cindy Strunk, Steve Swift, Kim Theoford, Paula Thompson, Lisa Wells, Dorenda Wilson, and Cindy Wright.

After the induction, students and parents heard a speech in the library by Mrs. Dorothy Stone, history and psychology instructor. A reception in the Home Economics Department followed.

Fifteen percent of the senior class who have a B or a 3.0 average are eligible to be inducted into the National Honor Society each year. Five percent are inducted in the spring and ten percent are taken in the fall.

The purpose of the National Honor Society is to recognize students who have obtained superior scholastic records. A list of eligible students is taken by Mrs. Louise Caudle, Honor Society sponsor, to the faculty who rate students on the basis of the four cardinal principles of the emblem—character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Out of these four, the main emphasis is placed on scholarship. Grade averages and the ratings by the teachers are then used by the Honor Society Council to make final selections.

Each year, the Honor Society gives a service award to one person from each class who is nominated by the faculty and voted on by the society. Members also participate in a District Conference in the spring at the Girl's Preparatory School.



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SENIORS HONORED — Participating in Honor Society Induction ceremony are from left to right: Monica Evans, Doug Williams, Mickie Hartman, Susan Vines and Lisa Hisey.

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## Graduates faced with complex career choices

Each year the question of what career to choose becomes more varied and complex as graduating high school students find that many professions have become overcrowded while others require additional education or training.

Several factors should be considered in trying to reach a final decision.

First, what fields look promising for employment opportunities? Studies show that thousands of openings will be available each year for electronic programmers. Demand for physicians will outnumber the supply, while in the teaching career, the supply will be greater than the demand. Government employment will be a major source of jobs through the mid-1980's.

Students should not eliminate possible careers just because they will not be among the most rapidly growing. More jobs will be created by 1985 from deaths, retirements, and other labor force separations than from employment growth.

Second, what type and how much training do these fields require? Since many jobs are complex and require greater skill, employers are seeking higher educated personnel. For this reason, a youth's top priority should be receiving as much education as his abilities permit.

Many students will not attend college to prepare for their professions. Mrs. Mirvive Okrasinski, guidance counselor, stated, "If able, students should attend college in order to learn

to live an enriching life by dealing with various people and situations. I do not feel that anyone should be pushed to attend college if it is not their will, for there are other ways to receive training for lucrative jobs."

Finally, how do wages compare with the earnings in other jobs requiring similar training? Today the main criteria in the business world is that the more education a person gets, the better job he will obtain and the more money he will make.

Interest, aptitude, and achievement also play a role in any career. An employee must possess a genuine interest for his job. By taking aptitude tests, students may determine what type of work is best for their individual skills. High school achieve-

ments are major factors for college applications. Many colleges place emphasis on students' past records than on entrance exams.

Students interested in pursuing career information can write the U.S.

Labor Department for their booklet entitled "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (Burr, 1976-77). This booklet surveys job prospects in over 300 white and blue collar occupations.

## Students plan for future; education, training needed

As the school year progresses, many juniors and seniors are beginning to make plans for further education or training in preparation for future employment.

College and vocational training are areas to explore. Colleges offer degrees in such professions as medicine, science, business and social science to students seeking careers.

College-bound students must take either the American College Testing examination (ACT), or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or both. "Generally speaking, most schools require an ACT score of approximately 17 or a high school grade-point average of 2.25," stated Mrs. Mirvive Okrasinski, guidance counselor.

The ACT is composed of English, social studies, mathematics, and natural science. The SAT contains areas of math skills and verbal aptitude. Juniors and seniors are eligible to take both tests.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is studying the effectiveness of such tests to determine

their value in relation to college-bound students. "The most accurate estimate of your abilities is your daily, quarter, and semester grades," commented Mr. Wallace McCall, guidance counselor.

Students obtain vocational training by means of apprenticeship, high school programs, business colleges, on-the-job training, or technical schools. Such programs are designed to increase skill and knowledge in technical areas such as radio, television, business machinery, and dental and medical technology. According to *College Board*, written by Samuel C. Brownstein, "the technical institute is primarily designed to teach one or more related semi-professional or technical skills."

Mr. McCall advised, "Whatever it takes to fulfill your desire to make a contribution to your fellowman should be on the basis of future education."

"After high school I look forward to a career that will satisfy my desires and add to my independence," stated Junior Debbie Daniel.

## Band plans winter, spring concerts; to attend music festival in Florida

Performing in concerts, playing at home basketball games, attending a music festival in Florida, and marching in a parade are just a few of the activities that the band has planned for this year.

"Our Concert Band should be better and stronger this year than last year," stated Mr. Roger Wolfe, band instructor. Two concerts, a Christmas Concert scheduled for December 7 and a Spring Concert April 26, are planned. Both will be held in the gymnasium at a cost of \$1 and will feature Brown Middle School's band as well as Central's band. "This gives the younger kids an opportunity to perform," said Mr. Wolfe. The money raised by the concerts will pay for the music.

The pep band will play at all the home basketball games. "The band will help our basketball team by creating the atmosphere, and the atmosphere makes the team what it is," commented Coach Larry Payne, head basketball coach.

In February, the band will participate in competition that will be held at Brainerd High School. They will also march in the annual Annual Forces Day Parade which takes place in downtown Chattanooga.

The concert and marching band will attend the Florida World Music Festival in Orlando from April 12-15 and will march in a parade at Disney World while there. In order to raise money for the trip, band members sold citrus fruits and are now selling rifle tickets.

Flag girl and color guard tryouts will be held in early April. Girls trying out for these activities will be instructed by the present members of the flag and rifle corps.

Band officers, elected this summer, are Sonja White, president; Mike McKenna, vice president; Terese Hixon, secretary-treasurer; Mark Buckner, head of the pep band; and Tommie White, head of the rifle corps.

Although marching band members will be in Florida for a lot of work the rest of the year, they will also have a lot of fun.



# Central 'five' to duel Lions tonight; tourney to culminate mat marathon

## Basketball

Central and Red Bank, top contenders for the SETAC basketball championship, square off tonight in what could prove to be a text-book example of offense vs. defense.

While Central, defending SETAC champion, will concentrate on defense, Red Bank will rely heavily on its offense.

Central head coach Larry Payne describes his team as being without "all stars" and adds, "Our players have complimenting styles. Everyone will contribute in a team effort."

Since four of Red Bank's starting five are well over six feet tall, offsetting this height advantage will be one of Central's goals. The Pounders will use a man-to-man defense and concentrate on shutting down Red Bank's "wheel" offense.

According to head Lion coach Paul Ball, Red Bank has practiced some new twists on the "wheel." He believes that given the opportunity, the Lions can shoot with anybody. "We'll have to outscore our opponents rather than just give up fewer points," remarked Coach Ball.

Four of Red Bank's starters from last year will be returning. Leading the pack is Lynn Sammons, a six foot, nine inch forward. Joining Sammons will be the three other returnees, Jack Rooks, Greg O'Haven and Mark Manor.

Both coaches agree that the contest will be a close one. Coach Payne

evaluates Red Bank as "more experienced and at an advantage because of their height." Coach Ball stated, "Central is always a tough team to beat."

Both Central and Red Bank are picked to be contenders for the SETAC championship. The Pounders will be defending their title with stiff opposition expected from Red Bank as well as East Ridge.

## Wrestling

On December 2, Central grapplers will meet Soddy-Daisy, and then will hardly have time to catch their breath as they'll pack their bags and head for Knoxville.

After the match with Soddy-Daisy, the Pounders will culminate a grueling three-day wrestling marathon at the Carter Invitational in Knoxville. As defending tournament champions, they'll compete against some of the best teams in Knoxville.

Because of the heavy schedule, the wrestlers will have to stay on weight for two days longer than they normally would.

Pounder head coach Steve Highlander feels that his team will be well prepared for the ordeal, saying, "We've spent more time on supplementary conditioning this year. Coach Jim Warts has helped in supervising the running and weight-lifting programs."

"Soddy-Daisy should give us our first real test. They've got a strong team, and should have some wrestlers who will do well in the State."

added Coach Highlander.

The Trojans will oppose a Central team led by state champion Johnny Bradford with outstanding performances predicted for seniors Ronnie Durham and Doug Williams, juniors Kevin Theilford and sophomore Greg Humphrey. Coach Highlander feels that "this year's team is more aggressive and pin conscious than previous teams. They'll be going for more spectacular moves than ever before. This should mean a more exciting brand of wrestling than we've seen before at Central."



Photo by Judy Anderson  
IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO — Sophomore Derrick Elton and Senior Clay Hamby, of Central's wrestling team work hard preparing for the upcoming session on the mat.

## Definitions for 'psyching up' vary; different methods used by athletes

"What is psyching up?"

This question received a variety of answers when posed to different athletes in the various sports at Central.

Responses ranged from "building yourself up" and wanting to play" as stated by senior football player, Terry Payne to "slowing myself down because I'm keyed up," as stated by Terese Hixon, a senior member of the girls' varsity basketball team.

The main concern of some players is concentrating totally on the game. "To me, it is getting my mind together and getting everything out except basketball," remarked senior Wayne Winston, guard on the basketball team.

When asked how they psych themselves up for a game, the athletes gave several different methods. Ron-

nie Durham, captain of the wrestling team, said, "I think of the match and go over it in my mind." Gina Nowell, freshman member of the girls' cross-country team, stated, "I like to play basketball before a meet to keep from getting nervous."

None of the athletes related any specific surroundings that were inductive to begin psyching out other than Winston who has been known to stand on his head in the corner of the locker room. Payne said, "My psyching really starts before football games in the locker room."

Times to begin psyching up varied as the athletes stated that they started anywhere from the morning of the event to a few minutes before they competition began.

When the question of "Why do you think getting psyched up is impor-

tant?" was raised, the responses were once again varied. Durham remarked, "If you don't care and you get on the mat with a guy who is psyching up, he will probably tear your head off. It keeps your mind on what you have to do so you don't lose concentration."

Assistant football coach, Mike Frazier stated, "Any time you're emotionally up, you will whip the guy across from you. I think about what I must do to beat the opponent."

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by Doug Williams

## SPOHLIGHT ON SPORTS

With the addition of the ninth grade and the inclusion of a girl's athletic program, many hardships have been forced on the athletic program. Two of the sport's programs that are presently being affected are the basketball and wrestling teams.

There are now four different basketball teams practicing in the gym each day. The necessary practice time needed by these squads has caused several problems. Not only have the late-night practices been inconvenient to the coaches and players, but the constant wear and tear on the floor has made a noticeable difference in its condition.

With no solution presently in sight for these problems, the players and coaches should be commended for their patience exhibited toward these conditions.

The wrestling team has also incurred several problems. Presently practicing in a double classroom, these facilities do not allow enough space for all 40 members of the squad.

A possible solution for this problem would be to use the auto-mechanics room which is now serving as a maintenance room for the country. With this area needed so badly by the school, it seems a shame for the whole county to be the beneficiary of this much needed space.



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## U.S. Office of Education advocates need for change in high school system today

Today's high schools are in need of some type of reform according to a report compiled by the U.S. Office of Education.

Two of the basic methods of reform advocated are modular scheduling meaning shorter days and "getting back to the basics" of the "three-R's."

In the report, the Office of Education recommended gradual shifts to classroom days of only two to four hours. "This would give students more time to spend at such practical pursuits as observing community government and helping to run their own schools." Students would learn to cope with the outside world and would learn adult roles.

In giving justification for the shortened days, the report said, "A two-to-four hour day is a necessary concentration of effort by the musician, football player, dancer, politician, or scientist. The present all-day high school is a costly intrusion on this need for both time and program variety."

Mark Buckner, junior, stated, "I would like shorter school days, but I don't think all the students could cope with the responsibility of not being told what to do."

"Getting back to the basics," another trend in modern education, has also seen rising popularity. Mrs.

## Chorus to give Yuletide concert in commons

Central High School's chorus will present their annual Christmas concert tonight at 7:30 in the commons.

Participating in the concert are the varsity, girls', male, and advanced choruses. Soloists will be Mike Atkins, Douglas Cate, Ellen Hendrix, Terrance Jones, Leah Mashburn, Debbie Morrismore, Rhonda Stophel, and Teresa Tate.

Mrs. Judy Reich, choral director will conduct the program, which will consist of the songs from Harry Simcose's "Sing Me Now of Christmas" The chorus will also sing "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Tickets for the concert will cost \$1 per person. A family of over three can buy a family ticket for \$3.

Mrs. Reich stated, "I hope the faculty, staff, and students will support the Choral Department in their annual Christmas concert. They've spent six weeks in rehearsal and many nights in preparation." She went on to say, "The spirit and enthusiasm of the Choral Department is tops this year!"

Mirvine Okrasinski, guidance counselor, stated, "In a conference by the University of Tennessee system, an admissions officer told us that as a result of lower reading levels, the scores on college entrance exams are dropping." She added, "If you want to do students a favor, get them to take the 'heavy subjects' such as more math, English, and science."

One of the ideas to make a high school diploma have more meaning to future employers is to have a

statewide examination on basic skills that a high school senior must pass before he receives a diploma. This has met much opposition from educators in the state and in the legislature.

Ms. Darby Marable, biology instructor said, "I am tired of trying to teach when kids can't read or write and cannot see the need for correct spelling." She continued, "Reading is in geometric progression. Once you learn, it takes practice to raise your level."



**OH PERFECT LOVE**—Each year, the fourth year home economics classes completely plan and participate in a mock wedding. The bride this year was Sandra Harrow. Members of the wedding party are led in praying the Lord's Prayer by the minister, senior Butch Baxter. —Staff Photo

## Student Council names king, queen of annual Christmas Dance, Dec. 11

The annual Christmas Dance followed the Central-Bradley County basketball game Saturday, December 11, 1976.

Highlighting the 1976 Christmas Dance in the school commons was the announcement of the Christmas King and Queen.

Queen candidates were Suzanne Bradford, Renee Buckner, Lee Hamner, and Terese Hixon. King candidates were Butch Baxter, Kevin Dove, Jimmy Mannis, and Richard Murray.

Senior Student Council members were eligible for nomination and were chosen by the representatives. Persons attending the dance voted for the king

and queen at the dance. After the announcement, the royalty reigned over the remainder of the dance.

The band, "Sneaky Feat," provided music for the dance. Pictures were taken by Olan Mills against a Christmas setting. The price of the pictures was \$5.

Committees for the Christmas Dance and their chairmen were decorations, Kay White and Laura Norris; backdrop, Justice Rich and Desiree Daniels; refreshments, Janice Rich.

Money earned by the dance will be used to benefit organizations and students at Central.

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# Weighted grades needed

It happens every year and this year was no exception. Last month, when the National Honor Society inducted 30 new senior members, there were some well-deserving students who were not included. Respectfully, the heart of the matter does not lie within the NHS but rather with a student's demanding schedule. A demanding schedule can be defined as CP English, advanced mathematics, advanced science, etc., plus the duties of extra-curricular activities.

In the interest of the students, an injustice is done when the student taking advanced courses is not evaluated on a higher point scale than that of a student who takes regular courses in which an "A" is not that difficult to achieve and who may have classes of very little academic nature.

In recent years, many efforts have been made by some members of the faculty and past faculties to establish a weighted grade system. Committees were formed to consider the proposal. The result of a proposal made by two present faculty members: "... grades be set up on two levels with grade point values assigned as:

Grade	Weight
A	4
B	3
C	2
D	1

This system would give all students an opportunity to be evaluated according to their capabilities. Grades "A" and "B" could be made in any type of work. Also, the item could be used in computing class standings. Students majoring in more difficult work would accumulate more points than those carrying less demanding subjects."

Why has Central never adopted a weighted grade system? The faculty could never come to an agreement concerning what courses were considered academic as compared to non-academic courses. However, "academic" is defined by Webster's as "having to do with liberal or classical rather than vocational or technical studies." Although change would require work and reorganization, it seems necessary that the academic line be drawn somewhere, and these proposed changes be made for the benefit of the students.

# Mail

To the Editor: One of the 1973 seniors, Bill Mason, participated in a special "Day program held at the gymnasium. At the conclusion of his performance the students began to applaud to show their appreciation. Then, as if in one accord, all the students stood and continued to applaud in a standing ovation. There was not another sound throughout the gymnasium until no whistling, no yelling, no laughing. The applause continued thunderously for at least a full minute.

On November 2nd of this year a Brass Trio from UTC performed in our gymnasium. At the conclusion of their performance, once again the students stood as they applauded. But this time it was only a few who stood at first, then a few more, and then a few more as the first few laughed and looked around to encourage others to follow suit. These same students whistled, yelled, and laughed.

What was the difference between these two occasions concerning the "standing ovation" part? The first example was a true standing ovation. It was prompted by the sincere recognition of an outstanding performance by a

member of their peer group who had presented them with something that touched their hearts and their emotions. The second incident was a farce. The standing was not done to show the performers but that their program had earned their hearts and emotions of the listeners. It was done to prolong the assembly program and to shorten the class period time. It said in so many words, "We haven't really enjoyed your performance all this much, but keep us here a little longer."

The Bible tells us there is a time for everything. The "standing ovation" has its time also. Please, wherever you might be, in school or in church or in some group meeting, do NOT stand to applaud unless you are certain you are doing it correctly. Do NOT jump up just because some unknowledgeable peer member does so. If you do, the standing ovation loses its meaning. It is only done AFTER the performance and given by someone or by some group who have emotionally affected the greater majority of the audience. Whistling, yelling, and laughing are never a part of a standing ovation.

Mrs. J. C. Robbins

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# Merit Semi-Finalist builds model railroads

by Janice Rich

Building model railroads, making spirit buttons, writing poetry, and enjoying the "great outdoors" are all pastimes of National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist James Gibbon.

A member of the Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club, James either builds railroads at home for fun or joins about seventy other members to work on the present model railroad layout at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.

"I'm presently constructing a rundown, backwoods operation using small locomotives and cars. It is set in the Rocky Mountains about the time of the turn of the century," James stated.

He remarked that the time he is allowed to spend on his prototype is "directly related to the amount of homework I have." He plans to have his operation running by summer, but he added, "Model railroads are never really finished because one continually finds things to improve on."

Custom-designing buttons also occupies his time. With such slogans as "Think Snow" and "I back the Pounders," his buttons had gained nationwide popularity.

Referring to his poetry, James explained, "I write 'shaggy dog' stories in poem form. In 'Helping' to 'keep his sanity,' during summer school, James wrote 'Monday Poet.'"

Blank mind, Blank verse  
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After high school, James plans to seek a career in electrical engineering. Tennessee Technological University and Knoxville Institute of Technology are being considered for his future education.

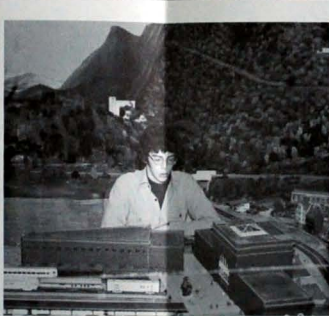
# Overeasiness Personal thoughts about Christmas

by Anthony

I feel Christmas is true a love and love that love that care about people Christmas gives life to everything around Christmas is beautiful music in my mind when I think about Christmas jumbled thoughts come through I think about snow and how much sometimes I would sit near the fireplace and watch the bright-orange flames shoot upward I think under a spell Christmas is full of good times with old friends I hope the good times last forever I think about the poor and the elderly the handicapped I hope their Christmas is filled with joy I remember that Christmas day is HIS birthday

on Christmas I usually reflect on the past and what the future holds for me sometimes I want to watch the sunrise on Christmas day to see if it is any different from other sunrises probably not someday I will be returning home from college for the holidays Christmas will mean so much more to me then the relatives will be there and my Christmas will be filled with laughing crying dancing touching loving celebration revelation

but unfortunately Christmas is commercialized and an commercialized saint will not do this time of the year it is not uncommon to see santa pushing and peddling everything from



—Photo by Judy Anderson HOT ON THE TRACKS—As a member of the Chattanooga Area Model Railroad Club, James Gibbon meets with 60 to 70 other members to constantly improve their model trains. The meetings are held once a month at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo. Members ages range from 12 to 75.

# Soul food adds twist to holidays

by Coby Dargan

Want a culinary change this holiday season? Well, try a brand new experience—soul food cooking.

Hot chitterings, candied yams, ham hocks and greens, pig tails, fried grits, and collard greens—just a few of the delectable dishes that can make the strongest taste buds break down and do the "hustle!"

For a Christmas dinner to long remember, tilt the menu toward these soul food specialties:

**COUNTRY STYLE HAM HOCKS AND GREENS**  
2 lbs. ham hocks 1 c. onions  
1/4 lb. sliced salt pork 1 tsp. sugar  
2 lbs. bunches of collard greens  
Completely cover ham hocks with water in large pot. Bring to boil, then simmer uncovered for 4 hours. Render salt pork in 350° oven until crisp. When hocks are done, stir in salt pork and its fat with finely chopped onions, sugar, and cut-up greens. Cover and simmer 45 minutes.

**CRACKLIN' BREAD**  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. sugar  
1 tsp. salt  
1 c. sour milk  
1 c. cracklins (small, well done, crisp pork fat pieces with fat removed)

Mix and sift soda, sugar, salt, and corn meal. Add milk and cracklins. Form into oblong cakes. Roll in melted fat. Bake in 400° oven in greased baking dish 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Followed carefully by the above recipes will yield successful dishes the first time around.

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# CHINTZINESS IS A VIRTUE

# Hideous rusted junk may take on gold plating

by E. Scrogge

It's eight short days until Christmas and heaven still hasn't opened up to shower the almighty dollars needed to buy those impressive gifts for friends.

Just like adults, youths will be forced to buy inexpensive, grungy presents.

Want to know how to give a cheap gift and look good at the same time? What is the title to walk into a friend's house and see that shoddy gift proudly displayed in a place of prominence instead of in the basement closet? If your answer is yes, then go ahead and buy those tacky tidbits for your comrades, but continue reading for the necessary instructions.

Giving a cheap gift and still receiving a person of worth in the recipient's eyes is a technique that needs little preparation and slight imagination. All that is required is the learning of several simple points.

When presenting said gift, hand it to the person with a confident

thrust. Immediately begin a brief description on the uniqueness of the object and what it symbolizes. Discreetly imply that a more expensive present could easily have been purchased, but the significance would have been lost. Ignore the fact that your friend is gawking at the hideous piece of junk in his hands. Instead, direct his attention

to the beauty and practicality of it which only he can appreciate.

Only one catch is involved; THE GIVER MUST BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF THE GIFT. Otherwise, the recipient does not get to hear the narration planned which makes the benefactor appear to be the chintz that he is actually is.

# Daring, different, ridiculous, degrading 'Gong Show' livens American scene

by Carolyn Cox

Today's winner—a teen-ager who balanced a lawmower on his face. That's right, folks, and after that he balanced a 10-speed bike and a stepladder on his chin.

Chuck Barris, designer and host of television's most humiliating program, the "Gong Show" presents his cast of no-talents for judgement. Genius is determined by a "celebrity panel" who vote from 1 to 10 points, or if the act is unbearable

a celebrity may strike the gong and stop it. (Or in the case of a particularly unbearable performance, a gang-gang may vary.) Each act is given a minute or two to do its thing. Occurs is a must and obviously no act is turned down.

In one week—a man played the trumpet with his navel, a woman named Norma played organ and bellows, and was gonged by all three panelists.

Needless to say, the "Gong Show" is for laughs and those of you with a warped imagination may enjoy losing all pride, dignity, and respect as a human being. Auditions are held in Hollywood. Call first, 213-466-9153.

# New rock group makes the scene; audience receives a taste of 'kiss'

by Jeanie Holman

A new breed of rock group has more or less launched themselves onto the music scene recently.

When describing Kiss, words such as "old" and "old-fashioned" often come to mind.

Four male members make up the band, and "make-up" they do—in a very grand fashion. With clown-white faces, and painted stars and whiskers they have won the hearts of many true rock fans. Besides, who can resist a taste of the macabre in an otherwise normal world?

Yet, with all their tortured grimaces and bewildering sound, they have still been able to record songs such as "Beth" a tune about as different as anything could be from their usual metallic rock.

Their most familiar stage performance includes antics of spewing fire and creating smoke shields with a strum of a guitar.

Kiss is just another one of those far-out rock groups, right? Wrong! This group shows marvelous range as serious, experimental musicians. They are not to be underestimated or shrugged off as a flash in the pan as far as rock trends go.

Senior Stan Owen says of Kiss, "they're kind of weird looking."

Another senior, Dave Sargent, remarked, "I really like them because they're wild and strange and odd and..."

Even though the sounds of Kiss may seem a little foreign to a hardcore John Denver fan, it is always good to have a taste of potent decadence... once in a while.



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# Girls' half-court ruled unconstitutional

Requiring high school and junior high girls to play basketball on a half court with six members on a team was ruled unconstitutional in a U.S. District Court November 24.

The ruling was made by Judge Robert Taylor in a suit filed by James Cape on behalf of his daughter, Victoria Ann, a junior at Oak Ridge High School.

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association and the Oak Ridge school system were named as defendants. The suit charged that the six-player, half court rules in Tennessee impaired Victoria's chances of qualifying for a college scholarship.

Ignoring the District Court decision, Tennessee basketball coaches recently voted to retain the half-court, six player system. The issue will now be left to the Supreme Court for the final decision.

Disagreeing with the outcome of the voting, Mike Ricketts, girls' basketball coach stated, "I don't think it's a very good game the way it is now. I believe the girls are capable of playing full court. Full court

basketball would make the game faster and more exciting for both the fans and the girls."

However, Jim Smiddy, girls' basketball coach at Bradley County High School disapproves of the full court because he feels it eliminates the one-on-one situations.

Texas, Iowa, New York, Arkansas, and Oklahoma have similar regulations to those of Tennessee while women's basketball in college is played with five players on a full court.

The full court, five-player system would enable college scouts to get a better look at the girl's abilities. Colleges would not be taking the chance of signing a forward that couldn't play defense or a guard that couldn't shoot.

"I feel if a girl had the proper training she would be qualified to participate in almost any sport a girl can, but not necessarily competing with them," stated senior guard, Stephanie Jones.

# Cold weather hastens skiing season

by Carol Anne Barnes

As the weather grows colder, more people are heading toward the snow-covered slopes to engage in the sport of snow skiing.

"The basics of snow skiing can be learned in two or three one-hour lessons with a good instructor," stated Mr. Ralph Sloan, ski director of the Gatlinburg Ski Resort.

The cost of this sport varies at the different ski resorts. The rates

are cheaper during the week than on holidays and weekends. The Gatlinburg Ski Resort, for example, charges \$13 on weekdays which provides skis and a one-day ticket on the slopes. On weekends and holidays the price is \$19 for each day. Lessons are also available for \$5.

The necessary equipment for snow skiing includes a pair of skis,

ski boots complete with a release binding, and warm clothes.

Worried about getting hurt Mr. Sloan contends, "We have very few injuries, but broken legs are probably the most common."

This sport has attracted several Central students. Senior Sonja White stated, "I'm not very experienced but when I go, it is a very enjoyable sport." Sophomore Chip Archer added, "Snow skiing is easy to learn and lots of fun."

Snow skiing is not only a winter sport. Some resorts use artificial turf while others even have artificial snow-making machines.

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by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Probation Unjustified

On Friday, November 5 of this year, Central played City in a football game at Brainerd High School. To me as it was to many, it was a normal football game between two high emotional teams with the exception of the high number of penalties in the second half.

It was later learned though that the referees had filed a report to the TSSAA which contained serious charges directed against Central High School. Among the charges were those which accused the Central bench of making numerous remarks to referees concerning controversial calls, the Central players of unsportsmanlike conduct, the Central crowd for bombarding the referees with rocks. Receiving this report, the TSSAA then requested letters from the Central administration to answer these charges. These letters were soon sent and received by the TSSAA. Simply on the basis of the letters received, the TSSAA made their decision in favor of the referees with the result—Central High School was placed on probation for one year from the date of the occurrence.

Probation is defined by the TSSAA as the most serious action which may be taken against a school without a penalty. If further serious misconduct is proved in the future, Central could be placed on suspension which might result in the exclusion of our teams from post-season tournaments or the complete loss of the athletics program for one year.

Personally attending the game myself, and talking to students and faculty, it appears that the charges filed are not completely justified. The Central bench was charged with making numerous remarks to referees. Is this behavior not normal in a high-strung situation in which every call seems to be going the wrong way? And if this behavior was excessive to the extent charged by the referees, then why were no penalties called against the Central bench? Another charge was that which accused Central players of unsportsmanlike conduct. It is true that there were some instances where Central players did not conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, but according to Central players, the members of the City team were just as guilty; throwing wild punches, and pinching and biting in pile-ups. Although one Central player was ejected from the game, another was taken out for trying to start a fight which proves that our coaches are believers in sportsmanship. At the end of the game, the City team came all the way across the field and made ugly, derogatory remarks to our players headed for their bus. Why was this poor example of sportsmanship not reported? Probably the most surprising charge was that which accused the Central fans of rocking the referees. This charge seems to be completely overexaggerated and on the basis of interviews with faculty and students seated in strategic sections of the stands, it appears there may have been one isolated incident of rock throwing done by a new student who evidently was unaware of the high standards set by Centralites. It was definitely not as the charge appears to state—a rocking bombardment by the Central cheering section.

In my opinion, the Central-City game was not that unusual in comparison to games of the past. Both sides were guilty of inappropriate conduct which should not be condoned, but could be expected from a highly emotional contest. The probationary action taken by the TSSAA should not have been taken simply on the strength of one letter unless further evidence could have been provided. Without questioning witnesses or actually viewing the contest, it is not possible to sit in Nashville, read a letter, and correctly evaluate the charges.

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## High accident rate in this area results in high insurance rates

by Susan McFall

Chattanooga and Hamilton County have a 17 percent higher accident rate than the national rate, resulting in the fifth highest insurance rates for this county in the United States.

Insurance companies base their rates on the frequency and severity of accidents, and statistics show that this area's accident rate is high. Out of a total of 74 automobile accidents in 1976, 39 occurred in the county and 35 took place in the city. This caused the accident rate to rise 6 percent from 1975.

Fifty-four percent of these traffic accidents were caused by following too closely, driving too fast for conditions and failure to yield right of way.

Lamar Boyd, a member of the Safety Council for the Chattanooga area, also revealed, "Fifty-five percent of all fatal accidents involve drinking and driving." This could result from the fact that out of 122 million drivers in the United States, 96 million of these drivers 18 years old and over drink alcohol, but not necessarily while driving.

More and more accidents are occurring among young people. According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol statistics, 11 percent of all licensed drivers are in the teenage group with 20 percent of the total number of fatalities involving teenagers.

This high accident rate incurs high insurance rates. A boy, 21 and single, in order to insure his car for liability, has to pay \$264 for six months while a girl pays \$125 according to State Farm Insurance rates.

Mrs. Betty Hixson, agent for State Farm, explained, "The rates for a boy are higher because boys are usually in their car more than girls. They are more daring and drive more. An 18-year-old boy will have more freedom than a girl of the same age, stay out later, and be more prone to accidents. Therefore, rates would be higher."

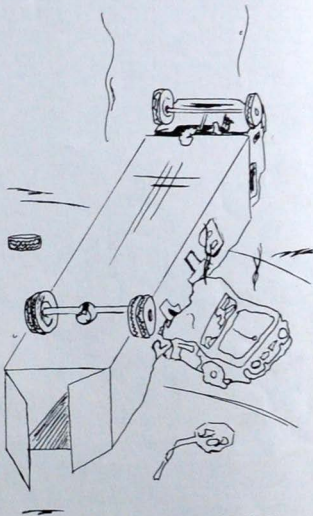
A fairly new invention, airbags are causing insurance companies to reduce their rates for the owner of a car with this safety device. Because All-State has statistics to prove airbags save lives, they will reduce their rates for cars with them.

Many insurance companies will also reduce their rates if the driver has taken a defensive driving course such as drivers education courses in high school. Mr. Boyd stated,

"The Safety Council is a great promoter of defensive driving courses." He also believes, "Generally, driving tests should be harder."

Many accidents could be prevented by the snap of a seat belt. The National Safety Council in Accident Facts says, "Current information on the life-saving potential of lap-type safety belts indicates that if all passenger car occupants used belts at all times, it would save at least 12,000 lives annually."

Each year accidents are the fourth leading cause of death. If factors such as carelessness and uncontrolled emotion could be restrained, many deaths would be prevented and billions of dollars could be saved every year.



## Hammer, Williams chosen to head list of senior superlatives for 1977

Student Council President Lee Hammer and Digest co-editor-in-chief Doug Williams head the 1977 senior superlatives as torchbearers.

Other superlatives are as follows: Leadership — Kevin Dove, Pam McNutt; Service — Jim Manis, Robin Ruzzell; Dependability — Steve Swift, Mckie Hartman; Most Likely to Succeed — James Gibson, Licia

Carroll; Most Athletic — Terry Payne, Terese Hixon; Best All Around — Steve Turner, Sonja White; Most Courteous — Taylor Walker, Renee Buckner, Wittist — Terry Kyle, Suzanne Bradford; Most Talented — Mike Atkins, Deborah Howard; Neatest in Appearance — Jeffrey Morris, Kim Theoford; and Friendliest — Mitch Bankston, Lisa Wells.

Seniors voted for the superlatives in English classes on December 9, 1976. Selections were made on the basis of their outstanding qualities in the area for which they were chosen.

The Champion will feature this year's superlatives in the Senior Hall of Fame. Pictures for this were taken at the Tivoli Theater and at various places in the Highway 58 area.

## Students begin projects for Freedoms Foundation

With the theme, "A Better Understanding of the American Way of Life," the social studies classes have started projects for the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The projects will include themes, editorials, poems, reports on class speakers, and a United Nations Mock Assembly. Also, surveys will be made of governors, U. S. Senators, U. S. Representatives and presidential cabinet members. Outside speakers will be invited to speak to the social studies classes on law, government, citizenship, the judiciary system and the importance of education.

Central has won 39 Freedom Foundations awards since 1951. Each year, Mr. Sam Stoner, chairman of the Social Studies Department, is asked by the local chapter of Free-

doms Foundation to submit two letters for consideration for the seminar at Valley Forge for young people. These students compete with all the schools in the Chattanooga and Hamilton County area. Mr. Stoner stated, "Two students from this area have won trips to Valley Forge in the last two years. Last year, senior Anthony Hendrix was one of the two students selected from this area."

Students in the Social Studies Department are also writing essays. Civic students are writing essays on historical documents which is sponsored by Scottish Rights of America. American History classes are writing essays with the theme, "My Generation's Part in Our Nation's Future." Six scholarships will be offered.



TOPS IN THEIR CLASS — Lee Hammer and Doug Williams were chosen torchbearers for the 1977 senior superlatives.

Photo by Judy Anderson  
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## Frosh teams prepare young athletes for future roles on varsity squads

Though basketball and wrestling seasons are now in full swing, most of the attention seems to be focused on the varsity teams while little is heard about the freshmen teams who are molding the future players of Central.

### Basketball

### Wrestling meet set for Feb. 4-5; Central carries co-favorite role

The District II high school wrestling tournament has been scheduled for February 4-5 at the Central High School Gymnasium.

Teams participating in the tournament include defending champion Baylor, Brainerd, Central, Hixson, Kirkman, McMinn Central, Red Bank, Rhea County, Soddy Daisy and Tyler.

The Pounder matmen with a 6-5 dual meet record will be "one of the favored teams along with Red Bank, Hixson and Baylor," according to Head Wrestling Coach Steve Highlander.

Central will have one defending champion in senior John Bradford, who captured the 167-pound weight class title last year. This year he will be one of the top contenders in the 185-pound class.

"Bradford said, 'I feel like my class is one of the toughest in the tournament, and I feel like I can do well if my elbow doesn't give me any trouble.'"

Other place finishers from last year are Captain Ronnie Durham, a 145-pound senior, sophomore Greg

Freshman basketball is rolling along under the leadership of Tony Manis who is presently averaging 12 points and 11 rebounds per outing. Other outstanding players are Chuck Denham and Randy Massengale who were recently promoted to B-team status.

Humphreys at 155 pounds and junior Kevin Theoford at 138 pounds.

Theoford, who is undefeated to date, will enter the tournament as a favorite after capturing the Central Invitational Tournament in the tough 132-pound weight class.

Tony Alcott, a top seed in the Central Invitational at 98 pounds and Jeff Hoge, a place finisher at 105 pounds in the invitational, will carry the Pounder's hopes in the lighter weights.

The four place winners in each weight class will advance to the region where they'll have a chance to qualify for the state tournament.

At this time there are still four or five wrestlers with injuries that make their status questionable for the tournament.

Theoford stated, "I feel like we have as good a chance of winning as anybody if all our starters stay healthy."

The seeds in each weight class will be drawn the night before the tournament to determine first-round pairings.

When asked what different techniques were used in freshman basketball, Head Coach Mike Frazier stated, "We basically run the same offense and defense as the varsity." He went on to say that "presently we just try to get them to come into their full potential."

Coach Frazier commented, "Although our worksheet shows only a 3-5 record, I believe we are improving on each outing."

Starter Tony Manis remarked, "If the team's attitude would improve and we would get serious about playing, we could improve a lot."

With five games left on the schedule, the freshmen have two tough games which include Red Bank and Soddy Daisy.

### Wrestling

Midway through the season, the freshman wrestling team has compiled a 4-0 record and also has a fifth place finish in the East Ridge Invitational.

This year's team has several standouts which include Roger Bush at 120 pounds who is presently undefeated and who was also winner of the East Ridge Invitational and Dee Walker at 87 pounds who is undefeated in dual meets and took second-place in the East Ridge Invitational. Another outstanding frosh wrestler is Scotty Smith at 152 pounds who is also undefeated in dual meets and took second-place in the East Ridge Invitational. Smith also has the fastest pin of the team — 26 seconds against Soddy Daisy.

Head coach of the freshman wrestling team, John Crawford, stated, "With the varsity losing five of their starters next year, the freshman should fit into the program just fine." Coach Crawford also stated, "We emphasize conditioning, takedowns and pinning the opponent in preparing the boys for the varsity team."

## Winston dazzles opponents with dribbling wizardry

by Desiree Daniels

Merlin the Magician was quite a sorcerer, but was he ever seen on a basketball court performing such wizardry as the dribbling feats of "Black Magic," our own Wayne Winston?

Wayne, also referred to as "neck," is the playmaker of the Central team. However, Wayne feels that he is better on defense. He explains, "Since I'm the playmaker of the offense, I have to be back on defense in case of a fast break; therefore, I have to concentrate more as a guard."

Wayne's nickname, "neck," was bestowed upon him about three years ago as a result of a baseball injury. He was hit in the throat with a baseball which required an operation. This left a scar for which he is well known.

Expressing his feelings about the basketball team's slow start, Wayne believes that mental attitude and the fact that the Pounders are a young team are the major setbacks that Central has. "We've practiced a lot together, but we need more experience on the court together," stated Wayne.

Wayne feels that he sometimes gets too frustrated on the court. Fellow teammate, Brian "Bird" Howard, remarked, "The only thing wrong with Wayne is that he sometimes tries too hard. But once he settles down, he's alright."

"I'm not as bad as I used to be," explains Wayne. "I try to put out as much as I can on the floor, but when I feel I'm not accomplishing my best, I get tense and anger starts to build. I sometimes take it out on the opponents — physically."

Wayne relates one of his most embarrassing moments: "It was the game against Brainerd and I had 11 scored any points. I stole the ball from an opponent and saw my

chance. I drove down the court and missed a routine lay-up!"

Wayne's plans for the future include graduation from high school and possibly attending Carson-Newman College where he wants to play basketball and major in history.



SHOOT'N UP — Senior Wayne Winston scores two points during practice prior to game with Orlowen. Photo by Judy Anderson



HANG ON TIGHT — Senior Ronnie Durham tangles with Huntsville Lee opponent in championship match at Butler Invitational.

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## Record-breaking lows cause businesses, schools to close

January of 1977 has been reported as the coldest month in the 96-year recorded weather history of Chattanooga with the lowest temperature listed as -2 degrees fahrenheit.

Near-zero and subzero temperatures across the state have left many shivering as they turn down their thermostats to conserve already dwindling supplies of natural gas and electricity.

The natural gas shortage has been present since 1971 and has grown increasingly larger each year. Natural gas customers have been unaware of the unusually mild winters of the past.

The grim results of this shortage are the closing of schools and industries, and the lay-off of hundreds of thousands of workers. Over 100,000 workers have been laid off in the Chattanooga area because of the natural gas shortage. Also, students in the Hamilton County Schools have been closed nine days in the past because of icy weather and mandatory closing.

Teachers and students expressed mixed emotions about the situation. Mrs. Betty Lee, mathematics instructor, said she is afraid of the possibility of Saturday make-up days, while sophomore Mike Power said, "The snow is really fun, but I guess we'll make the days up sometime."

One make-up day was held January 28. Other tentative dates are scheduled for March 18, April 4-6, and June 8-11.

The Board of Education has discussed the installation of alternate fuels in the county schools which use gas or more efficient use of existing heating systems. Dr. Dale Carter, superintendent, stated that any heat changes would take some time to become effective and would not aid in the current coldwave crisis.

The Hamilton County Schools' heating systems are considered to be in very poor shape. Dr. Carter and Mr. Fred Skillen, board members of the Hamilton County School system, said the complex heating system at Central has not been properly main-

tained, and a factory heating specialist would be needed to inspect the system to determine if it could be repaired or if a new system will be needed.

Many measures have been proposed to reduce the effects of the shortage. Officials have asked that businesses cut back thermostats to 40 degrees Fahrenheit and lower, if possible, and homeowners reduce their heating systems to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

President Jimmy Carter said that he may urge businesses to go on a four-day week with 10 hours a day because of the energy emergency. Mr. Aubrey Wagner, chairman of TVA, stated "If the country is going to come out of the energy crisis, it is going to be done with coal and nuclear power."



SNOW JOB—Senior Monica Evans and junior Lori Evans busily create snowballs.

Staff Photo

## Mrs. Williams honored by being named 'Outstanding Young Educator for 1976'

Mrs. Maxine Williams, sophomore English teacher and advisor for the Champion, has been named "Outstanding Young Educator for 1976" by the Chattanooga Jaycees.

Mrs. Williams stated, "I felt it was the outstanding moment of my teaching career. It was especially gratifying to have students tell me that I deserved the award."

Mrs. Williams was presented with the annual award by Dr. James Henry, superintendent of city schools, at a special Jaycee luncheon January 23, and her name will be submitted for consideration in the statewide "Outstanding Young Educator" contest. The recipient of that award will be eligible for national honors.

When asked to what she attributes her teaching success, Mrs. Williams stated, "I feel that I owe a lot of credit to God, to older teachers at Central from whom I have

learned, and to an understanding husband. I also try to encourage creativity in class, and students seem to respond to this."

She has been a member of the Central faculty since 1966 and recipient of the school's Evans Award for excellence in teaching. She is a member of the Faculty Honor Council and is an executive board member of the National Council of Teachers of English. She has also served as sophomore class sponsor, recording secretary of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, teacher's secretary, and as a member of the Textbook Committee of Hamilton County for language arts books.

Mrs. Williams attended Meigs County Consolidated High School and received an academic scholarship to Wesleyan College in Athens, Tennessee, where she graduated.

## Divorce, marriage rates increase among America's teenagers today

by Jeanie Holman

The facts are simple. In the United States the divorce rate is increasing and along with this important escalation, the marriage rate among people under twenty years is rising also.

In 1975 approximately 2,200,000 couples tied the knot, and of that number one bride in every five and one groom in fifteen were in their teens.

The U.S. Bureau of Vital Statistics reports that the divorce rate of teenage wives is four times greater than that of women who marry later. The rate for teenage husbands is three times higher than it is in the general population. One in every four couples who marry in their teens will end up in the divorce courts by the time either partner reaches the age of twenty-four.

Sociologists have found in their studies that the lower the economic level of the parents, the more likely the teenagers are to divorce. This is because the

poorer young have fewer alternatives than middle-class teens to go on to college and so delay marriage.

According to University of Indiana sociologist John Scanzoni, it is the poor and not the rich who divorce more often. And nothing assures marriage endurance more than the education of the married pair.

The consequences of divorce can be deeper and more lasting than many teenagers realize. Divorce is always an unpleasant experience, and a marital break-up in the extremely vulnerable teen years can be more devastating than usual.

In a recent issue of Seventeen magazine some fundamental questions appeared that will help answer the one big question: "Are you really ready for marriage?"

1. Are you able to make important decisions without relying totally on your parents?
2. Are you marrying because of a difficult situation at home?
3. Are you really in love or just

possessive?

4. Is the marriage being forced because of pregnancy?

5. Have you given your relationship the most important test of all—the test of time?

6. Do your parents approve?

7. Have you reached agreement on the major decisions that will affect your lives?

8. Will you and your partner be financially independent?

These questions will possibly help answer whether you are ready to take on the responsibility of a lasting partnership.

Of course, statistics or not, marriage is a matter of personal preference and discretion.

Senior Sheila Hopkins commented on teen marriages. "I don't feel that teenagers are mature enough to handle the responsibility of marriage." Another senior Steve Smith said, "I think that if both partners are financially and emotionally stable then it would be okay."





# Central, Ooltewah, bassets loved by physical education instructor

"I have always loved Central," stated Mrs. Margaret Hammack, physical education teacher.

"She's a real sweet person that just being around gets you in a good mood. She's also a hardworker who gets the job done," commented senior Terese Hixon.

During her thirty-one years at Central, Mrs. Hammack has had her share of hard work. For twenty-one years she served as the cheerleading sponsor. She also coached volleyball for eleven years and basketball for several years.

Her main activity with the athletic program now is working in the concession stand during athletic events fighting hot dogs, popcorn, and cokes.

During Christmas vacation one year, she went to Lake Tahoe where she broke her arm skiing. But even that could not keep her from working in the concession during the annual Central Invitational wrestling tournament.

While at home she enjoys taking care of her basset hounds which at one time numbered as many as twenty but now number only five. "I did get up 5 o'clock in the morning to take care of them, but since we have to go to

school so early, I wait till I get home in the afternoon," she explained.

Her interest in dogs goes much further in that she is an active class instructor with the Obedience Club which teaches people how to train their dogs.

Mrs. Hammack reveals her most memorable honor to be when the Champion was dedicated to her in 1972.

"The happiest experience I had was being dunked in the dunking machine in the band fair last year," Mrs. Hammack remarked.

One thing she would like to see changed at Central is for people to take better care of school facilities. "It makes me sad to see the lack of concern that people have for school equipment," she commented.

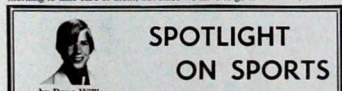
"It's mine, all mine," was her answer to why she enjoys living in Ooltewah. "I like not being able to hear what the neighbors are arguing about," added Mrs. Hammack.

Another reason she enjoys living in Ooltewah is being able to work in her garden. "I grow lettuce, beans, peas, onions, cucumbers and tomatoes," she remarked.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK — Mrs. Margaret Hammack, physical education teacher, devotes time and effort to help at concession stand.

Photo by Judy Anderson



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### District Runner-up

Central's recent second place finish in the District 5 wrestling tourney was surprising to many as the Central team finished above such area wrestling powers as Hixson, Baylor, and Tyner.

With two District champions, three runner-ups and three third-place finishes, Central sent eight men into the regional tournament — the most wrestlers to represent Central in that tournament in 10 years.

At the time of this writing, the number of state-qualifiers from Central was not known. But whatever the number may be, this year's wrestling team would have to be considered a success.

Even with as many as one-third of the team out with injuries in some matches the team still managed a good 7-5 dual meet record.

In addition to the fine record, the wrestling squad has already added two new entries to the trophy case — one from the second place district finish and the other from a first place finish in the Carter Invitational earlier in the year.

### New Sport

As the winter sport's season has progressed, students have probably heard a great deal about the basketball and wrestling teams, but little has been heard of Central's newest sport — skeet shooting.

Skeet is the American version of clay-target shooting. A round of skeet is completed by shooting at clay discs which are thrown from spring tension traps at various levels of height.

The Central skeet team is presently practicing every Wednesday at the Montlake skeet range. One meet is held each month with all seven area teams competing against each other.

Although the season is already in progress, new members which includes girls are still urged to try out for the team.

More information on this new team may be obtained from the sponsor, Mr. J. R. Wolfe.

### Big Time

## Ex-Central athletes join college ranks

In the last several years, Central has contributed a number of athletes to the world of collegiate sports.

College football players from Central have generally stayed in the Southeast. Jay Garret, All-State tackle at Central in '73, started at Georgia Tech as a defensive lineman. He was also president of the letterman's club. Stan Robbs, another member of the class of '73, played linebacker for UTC. Mark Matlock, a '76 graduate, played tackle on the Vanderbilt junior varsity and saw some varsity action until injuries forced a premature end to his freshman season.

Former Centrals that have continued playing basketball on the collegiate level include Delta Brodgen, Tim Chavis, Gary Connors, and Wes Johnson.

Brodgen, a '76 graduate and high school All-American, is playing for the UTC Mocs on both junior varsity and varsity as a guard. Chavis, also a '76 graduate, is a guard for the Chattanooga State Tigers as is Connors who is a graduate of the class of '75. Johnson is a sophomore at Bryan

College in Dayton, Tennessee where he plays the forward position.

Several wrestlers from Central have also joined the college ranks. These include Al Brown, a '75 graduate who wrestles for UTC at 142; brothers Jeff and Joey Parr who both wrestle for UTC where Jeff is a freshman and Joey is a senior; Bob Fentress, a junior at UTC, who is a 190 pounder and has started several matches this year; and Mark Theodorf, also a junior who is a 150-pound

grappler at Maryville College.

In baseball, Billy Garren, a '75 graduate, is an outfielder at Chattanooga State. Other Central baseball players in the college ranks include Deurchan Crawford and Andy Welch, '74 graduates, who are playing catcher and pitcher respectively at UTC and Tim Womack, another '74 graduate who transferred from Cleveland State to Middle Tennessee State University where he will play as a outfielder.

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TEN OF THE BEST—Members of the 1977 All-State Chorus are (front row, from left) Sherri Bankston, alto; Ellen Hendrix, alto; Donna Cate, alto; Rhonda Stophel, soprano; Teresa Tate, soprano; Donna Dayton, alto; (back row, from left) Terrence Jones, bass; Leah Mashburn, soprano; Gil Highlander, tenor; and Mike Atkins, bass.

Photo by Judy Anderson

## Pregnancy cited as major problem for teen girls in the United States

Pregnancy has become the number one problem for teenage girls in the United States, according to "Good Housekeeping."

Tenage mothers account for 20 percent of all births in this country and one-third of all abortions. Of these mothers, a large number are un-wed.

Part of the problem lies in the fact that many people today have a much more liberal attitude toward sex than fifteen years ago, and teenagers are bombarded on all sides with illicit sex in magazines, movies, and TV programs. A local minister expressed the belief that premarital sex, often resulting in unwanted pregnancies, is promoted by "some modern parents who don't care" and who begin letting their daughters date and go steady at too early an age. He also attributed the problem to the "liberal" clergy who tend to minimize the sin of premarital sex.

Mrs. Van Voorst, Hamilton County pregnancy counselor, stated that "being in love and going steady for long periods of time are contributing factors. In counseling we have also found that many pregnant teenagers have a low self-concept or lack self-confidence. Sex becomes a way to prove their value," she said.

Because the problem involves morals, no one answer is accepted as a solution by everyone. However, many believe that better sex education could be one step. Mrs. Becky McCoy, charge nurse at the Hamilton County Health Clinic, stated, "Students should be taught in elementary school about sex and how their bodies function. We have a lot of 12-year-olds that come in pregnant to the clinic." Of the one million teenage girls who became pregnant in the United States last year, 30,000 are 14 or younger. According to one study,

one out of every four 15-year-olds is sexually active, one out of every five 14-year-olds, and one out of every ten 13-year-olds.

In many schools, however, sex education is offered in no meaningful form either because teachers are not trained to teach it or because schools have been plagued with public objection.

In this country teenage pregnancy is the number one cause of school dropouts for teenage girls. Although at one time pregnant girls were not allowed to attend public schools, today Hamilton County is legally obligated to provide education in regular classroom situations or to provide a homebound teacher if the girl so desires. Counseling is also provided by the county regarding available medical facilities, insurance coverage, etc.

Last year over 100 girls in the Hamilton County system were known to be pregnant. Some of these attended a special school which also provided child care facilities. However, this was closed this year due to lack of finances. "A few will complete their education after they've had their babies, but those generally have a great deal of parental support. Most find their life styles so changed that it is impossible to finish school," Mrs. Van Voorst said.

Emotional problems connected with premarital sex and unexpected pregnancy are often greater than physical or social problems. Unexpected pregnancy adds to a high teenage suicide rate since many pregnant teens face severe guilt feelings and rejection by friends and families.

Even if a girl who engages in premarital sex doesn't become pregnant, there are still harmful psychological effects. According to Dr. Francis J.

Brocland, former president of the American Psychiatric Association, "Premarital sex relations, resulting from the new morality, have greatly increased the number of young people in mental hospitals." As one local minister sees it, "Immorality connected with premarital sex, brings a basic loss of respect and endangers the future happiness of the person involved. After a person has participated in premarital sex, the day will come when he or she will want to be far from the nagging voice of conscience and the gray shadow of guilt," he said.

Although teens often marry to love illegitimate babies, the partners generally feel "trapped." They may hate each other and may despise the innocent child, blaming it for their problem.

## Three students from Tennessee Temple come here to practice, observe teaching

Recently three student teachers arrived at Central from Tennessee Temple College to observe and to practice teaching.

Miss Deborah Holcomb teaches in Mr. Sam Stoner's history classes, Miss Martha Martin instructs Mrs. Judy Reich's chorus classes, and Mr. Clyde Shirley is in Mrs. Betty Lee's math classes.

When asked about her feelings on teaching, Miss Holcomb stated, "It is a pleasure to be a student teacher at Central High. It is a frightening experience to be up before a class the first time as a teacher, but it is worth the 'scars' to be able to work with and help students." Mr. Shirley observed, "Student teaching is a good way to tell whether someone will be a good teacher or not."

Mrs. Betty Lee, math teacher, doesn't think that the program is the best possible. But she did say, "It's good to have a student teacher to supervise the student teacher, even though this gives the teacher more

## Ten students chosen for All-State chorus

For the first time in All-State Chorus tryouts, each individual from Central who tried out made it.

The ten Central students that were selected are as follows: Mike Atkins, Sherry Bankston, Donna Cate, Donna Dayton, Ellen Hendrix, Gil Highlander, Terrence Jones, Leah Mashburn, Rhonda Stophel, and Teresa Tate.

These students along with selected individuals from all over Tennessee will travel to Memphis, March 24 for several days of rehearsal culminated by a concert March 26.

Auditions were held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where each student was required to sing portions of two prepared pieces before a panel of five judges. The judges scored on a scale of 0-100. Fifty percent was based on the singer's preparedness while the other half was based on voice quality. Junior Ellen Hendrix commented, "Mrs. Reich did not have to take the time to help us with the All-State music. She did though and look where it got us!"

Senior Donna Dayton, added, "We owe it all to Mrs. Reich—we couldn't have done it without her."

Mrs. Judy Reich, chorus instructor stated, "I am so proud once again of the achievement in music that Central students constantly exhibit. Out of 44 high schools, Central was one of only two schools that had 100 percent of their auditioning students to make All-State."

## Advanced society? Illiteracy exists in area

by Janice Rich

With education becoming more advanced, few people consider illiteracy a major problem anymore. However, 8 percent of the adult population of Chattanooga is functionally illiterate.

Illiteracy has been defined by Commissioner John P. Franklin as "the lack of the basic skills which enable adults to read the Bible, read road signs and maps, read bus schedules, read newspapers and ads, etc." Basically, it is the inability to read and comprehend the meaning of words.

Illiteracy is present in our community for many reasons. First, some people never start school at all. In fact, in 1969 10 percent of Tennessee's adult population had received no schooling at all. Also, many children start school but drop out at an early age to work or for other reasons. Yet some students go through school to graduate and still have trouble comprehending a simple paragraph. Sometimes such students have reading disabilities that are never diagnosed. Others may have physical problems that affect the learning process, such as poor eyesight or hearing loss.

Miss Mildred Major, reading specialist, explained that a total community effort is needed to improve the reading levels of high school students, and to encourage them to read more.

"We're a visual and audio society now. I think kids have lost the ability to create their own visual images. Three-fourths of all good readers are those who can read a sentence and then see a visual picture in the mind," she said.

The Right to Read program, set up by the Tennessee Department of Education, gives the basic concepts of their program: 1) a total school program; and 2) a total reading program—preschool through adult. In referring to high school level RTR suggests an expanded reading curriculum in all levels and increased pleasure reading by making books readily available, arousing more student interest in books, sharing books, writing, reading books written by students, and listening to books and stories read aloud. They also recommend applying the basic content subjects, using textbooks effectively, and partaking in research projects.

Miss Major commented, "However, some students think that all knowledge is in the textbooks, but they don't understand the way the material is presented. That's why they should go to outside sources."

Exploiting illiteracy is not something that can only be done at special centers or institutions. It starts in the first grade classroom and continues into college. Being able to read is now necessary for people in practically every walk of life.

The supervising teacher is responsible for grading the student teacher's activities. The teachers were each sent a booklet by Tennessee Temple Schools explaining what is expected of the student teachers. Central teachers working with the student teachers made grade them on such things as scholarship, attitude, skill, and personal traits.

To do this the teachers let student teachers gradually do more and more in their classes. Eventually, the student teachers should be able to handle some of their classes at once. However, the regular teacher is still the one who gives out the grades for the classes.

This whole program lasts about eight weeks, and the student teachers leave around the last week of March. Student teaching is required for certification in Tennessee and for an education degree.

Senior Mike McKenna stated, "A student teacher usually has more time to help individual students."

# 'Little T' survival threatened by dam

Out of the Tennessee River, there runs a small tributary commonly known as the "Little Tennessee." This natural beauty runs over along with its beautiful scenery forms a breathtaking sight. But at the mouth of this river lies a huge mass of concrete and steel which poses a serious threat to the survival of the "Little T."

This huge mass of concrete and steel is what most of us know as the Tellico Dam. Some uninformed proponents of this project have claimed that the extra energy derived from this source is invaluable. But the truth is, there would be no generating units located at Tellico. Even TVA readily will admit that the energy derived from this project will not be significant.

According to TVA, the main objective for the Tellico project is economic. Opponents of the projects, however, have accused TVA of gross exaggeration in their estimates of the benefits which would result from the project. In fact, one study conducted by the UTK Economics Department concluded that if benefits were determined by economic

rather than by arithmetic methods, some of the estimated benefits would be negative.

Although the actual benefit of the project is extremely questionable, and the original cost of \$41,000,000 has ballooned to over \$160,000,000, the waste of taxpayer's money will not be the only loss incurred by the project. With completion of the dam, over 17,000 acres of agricultural land valued at \$1.9 million will have been flooded and almost 300 families will have been relocated. Furthermore, vast cultural remains, priceless historical landmarks and invaluable cultural treasures of the Cherokee Indians will be lost forever. Extensive wildlife habitat and a spawning fishing resource will also be destroyed. But there is still more at stake here—the survival of one of the few wild rivers left in the Eastern half of the United States.

Considering all the facts, it is clear that the evidence of need for this project is not strong enough to justify the devastating losses which would be incurred if this dam is completed.

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Get rich quick

# Rock music industry rises rapidly

by Jeanne Holman

Since its early days in the fifties, rock music has become a worldwide phenomenon. It has taken the ranks of so-called big business. Our radio are filled with the sound of it. Record sales are steadily growing along with the rising price of the records themselves. Even television celebrates the rock craze with shows such as American Bandstand, the Midnight Special, and Soul Train. Our evening variety shows carry the magic names of millionaire rock stars such as McCartney and Tencle, Stevie and Cher, and The Jacksons.

The John Denver phenomenon and rock group Chicago provide examples on just how big the business can get. Denver now co-owns his own record company, Windward, for which other artists record, the name Chicago as a result of their theatrical and musical success. And that ain't all there with all-American soft rock, Coca-Cola.

Just who is behind this promotional fantasy land? The answer is a many-faceted one. Seasoned personal managers such as Jerry Weintraub contribute their time and talents to promote their stars into not only television but

into films as well. Among his famous clientele are the rockers, John Denver, Neil Diamond, and Phoebe Snow. Aside from this, he also packages tours for groups such as the Eagles and Chicago, and personally books Led Zeppelin, Elvis Presley, and Frank Sinatra.

Dick Clark and Don Kirshner are among the names that appear often in connection with the growing rock business. Both of their interests permeate the entire scope of television promotion. Aside from their weekly television shows, American Bandstand and the Midnight Special, they have investments in assorted other rock productions.

As far as big money is concerned, the numbers get bigger every year. In 1976 alone, superstar Peter Dinklage earned over fifty million dollars. And that ain't chicken feed!

It's obvious that somebody somewhere is doing some good. No matter if they're on the performing side or if they're earning their bucks from the promotional angle, they're just "taking care of business."

# overeasy by Anthony

## ROOTS: an ultimate black experience

In accordance with Black History Month, this is the second of two articles dealing with black history. In this article, one of black history's most controversial and most dramatized, Alex Haley's "Roots" will be examined.

The debut of January 23 of this year, many Americans were glued to their television sets, watching the opening segment of the most powerful TV event of the decade.

The event was the television production of Alex Haley's best-selling book, "Roots." Haley spent 12 years tracing his family's history from

beginning in 1750 with a West African boy named Kunta. Kunta to Haley's birth in Henning, Tennessee.

The television version of "Roots" continued for seven consecutive nights, gaining viewers at a rapid speed. After its conclusion the Nielsen Ratings reported that close to 130 million people watched either all or part of this enlightening drama.

"Roots," the black version of "Gone With the Wind," is the triumph of the week. It presents the condition of the black in this country so accurately and candidly that even Rhett and Scarlett would be shocked.

A part of "Roots" value lies in its revelation of American public life to the little known and often cruel treatment of black slaves. It is a story about an oppressed race longing to be free.

"Roots" sends us an explosive message about man's inhumanity to man. It shows so clearly that a society which thrives on fear, ignorance, and inhuman treatment cannot exist for very long.

"Roots" is The course in black history. We should think ABC-TV and Alex Haley for opening our eyes to a great portion of our American past.

Hopefully, we can carry on from here with a better understanding of our past and a dream for an equal and fulfilling tomorrow.

Mr. Sara T. Faires



Tellico Dam, now being built by TVA near the mouth of the Little Tennessee River just upstream from the Fort Loudoun Reservoir, is one highly controversial project.

# Inept boxer 'Rocky' snares viewers

by Monica Evans

"Rocky" is a big bowling fake. From the very first shot—a tilt down from a mural of Christ to the indoor boxing ring below—up to the final scene, with the ring done up in red, white, and blue, there is such an overlay of socio-political bubbles that one can scarcely keep track of what it's all supposed to mean.

But this overlay isn't what's making audiences respond. Their hearts are out to Rocky (Sylvester Stallone) who, like Rocky, also wrote the script, the big brute boxer with a heart of gold, and to his ugly-ducking girlfriend (Talia Shire).

Rocky is a young Philadelphia boxer-crook who's given a one-million shot at the heavyweight title by a braggay black, Apollo Creed.

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His first starring role was as the Italian Great White Hope, is more underappreciated in his Bicentennial year than the black establishment of Hollywood. If you want to find, go to Chicago, and Devy Romance (at one

point, Stallone removes Talia Shire's Whistler's Mother cap and glasses and actually says, "I always knew you were pretty.")

Sylvester Stallone plays Rocky as a tough-tender early Brando-ish palooka—a raging fighter in the ring but a kind-to-kind-animals poyavot-out of it.

He wears his hair on his sleeve, and everyone knows it. He strikes up the kind of relationship with the audience which makes you feel protective about him.

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# Move over Travolta Stoner captivates hearts too!

by Coby Dargan

Not since the first appearance of Barbarino on "Welcome Back Kotter" has one person single-handedly captivated the hearts of so many teenagers as has Central's own teen idol, Mr. Sam Stoner, head of the Social Science Department.

"It's the way he walks and talks, the way he jerks off his glasses. When he turns on that animal magnetism I just go wild," laughingly said senior Terine Lindsey.

Coach Stoner, as he is lovingly called by many Centralites, is a Central graduate and proudly admits that Central is the greatest of all high schools.

Under the direction of Mr. Stoner, the Social Science Department undertakes an annual Freedom's Foundation project and Central has been the recipient of 39 of these efforts. Mr. Stoner works uningly toward this effort.

"I believe that patriotism and good citizenship are important factors in the lives of all people," he said, "and I require the teaching of these in all social science classes."

To name a few of his awards and accomplishments, Mr. Stoner has served as past president of the Student Science

Teachers of the Tennessee Education Association, chairman of Central's Bicentennial "Right to Read Module," sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Education, past member of the executive board of Social Studies Teachers of the Tennessee Department of Education, and chairman of Central's Bicentennial committee.

Mr. Stoner was also the recipient of the 1971 Freedom's Foundation Teachers award from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, the 1971 Evans Foundation Award, dedicatory for the 1968 Champion and for the 1971 Degree.

"Coach" Stoner, traveling in his spare time he enjoys reading, rfid photography, golf, tennis, and hiking.

Besides teaching, Mr. Stoner has also served as guest lecturer to many social, religious, and educational groups. "Through the teaching of history, I try to instill in the minds of all students the importance of good citizenship."

If there is one thing that all students of Mr. Stoner's class have in common, it is knowing that for him, good citizenship and patriotism are the "last words."

# Seniors once again head honor roll; freshmen lead sophomores by one

With 159 students receiving honor reports for the first semester, the honor roll again topped the sophomore position with 45, followed by the juniors with 41, the freshmen with 37, and the sophomores with 36.

**Seniors**  
Star Roll: Dorothy Basham, Licia Carroll, Janette Dickson, Cooper, Joy Crosswell, Desiree Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Kim Dryden, Marie Hildebrand, Elizabeth Hardin, Charles Ester Hardy, Karen Henegar, Carol Hilbert, Tim Kendall, Rebecca McDaniel, Laura Norris, Vicki Perry, Guy Prestwood, Don Puskas, Janice Rich, David Stevens, Sabrina Stokes, Leslie Sumner, Sabrina Stone, and Kay White.

**Honor Roll:** Butch Baxter, Suzanne Bradford, John Bryson, Linda Carroll, Kathy Clark, Coby Dargan, Donna Dayton, Kevin Dove, Monica Evans, Dawn Farris, James Gibson, Karen Harris, Mickie Hartman, Anthony Hendrix, Ellen Keefe, Brenda Henson, Terese Hixon, Deborah Howard, Connie Jackson, Kathy Kendall, Billy Lewis, Terine Lindsey, Sally McClure, Jimmy Mann, Debbie Mortimore, Mike Solis, David Starbuck, Beth Stone, Cindy Strunk, Kim Theford, Paul Thompson, and Brenda Wilson.

**Juniors**  
Star Roll: Vanessa Browning,

Mark Clark, Don Denham, Mike Goldston, Ben Holt, Jeffrey Jeffers, David Lint, Debby Strunk, Susan Walters and Joann Webb.

**Honor Roll:** Sandra Bradford, Susan Brewer, Margie Crosby, Angela Clark, Paul Chalk, and Lisa Cooke. Keith Crawford, Shelli Davis, Sharon Gibson, Paul Gouge, Graham Griffith, Susan Howard.

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Roger W. Evans added, "It will be a good way to represent our community in front of so many people."

The band members are raising all of the money for the trip through fund raising projects such as selling license plates and a citrus fruit sale.

"I'll thank you to play the kind of music you like," said Mike Bland, band director.

"We can get a lot of exposure because more people will see us in

the better guitar players."

Although better, the girls do have one drawback about taking guitar; they have to cut their fingernails on their left hand.

Betsy Jabron, Becky Jackson, Curtis Daniels, Kim Ellis, Jamie Fowler, Terine Lindsey, Lancia Rogers, Belinda Soren, Tina Slabugh, Diana Spencer, Charlie Steinmetz, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Young, and Eric Zeanah.

**Honor Roll:** Gwen Atkins, Carol Anne Barnett, Mike Brandon, Denise Christian, Greg Clark, Doris Cooper, Joy Crosswell, Desiree Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Kim Dryden, Marie Hildebrand, Elizabeth Hardin, Charles Ester Hardy, Karen Henegar, Carol Hilbert, Tim Kendall, Rebecca McDaniel, Laura Norris, Vicki Perry, Guy Prestwood, Don Puskas, Janice Rich, David Stevens, Sabrina Stokes, Leslie Sumner, Sabrina Stone, and Kay White.

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**Honor Roll:** Karyn Boyd, Rhonda Brewer, Jaronne Dargan, Andrea Davis, Chuck Denham, Willie Durall, Valkyrie Goldston, Caroly Goy, Gloria Hamby, Tonette Hardy, Cheryl Hill, Linda Hise, Becky Hise, Charles Jeffrey, Kyler Kilgan, Greg Lewis, David Lundy, Ann McPherson, Tammy Neely, Gina Norr, Sharon Parham, Robby Ross, Jill Salisbury, Lisa Sumner, Laurie Wiley, Kay Williamson, Michelle Wilson, and Faith Wurm.

In order to be eligible for the star roll, every grade must be an "A." Honor Roll requirements are at least three "A's" and nothing less than a "B." Conduct grades must always be an "A" to be an honor student.

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# Sore fingers, practice bases for guitar learning



TODAY CLASS — Mr. Sam Stoner, head of the Social Science Department, takes his class through the Civil War. Photo by Jay Anderson

"Sore fingers and plenty of practice seem to be the basics of learning to play stringed instrument that teenagers and adults alike enjoy," according to Mrs. Judy Reich, director of the Central Choral Department.

This is the first year ever that Central has offered a guitar class to its students. According to Mrs. Reich fifteen students are currently enrolled in her class.

When students entered the guitar class, Mrs. Reich stated that the starts with basic things such as learning to read notes, and learning the chords on the guitar. Mrs. Reich said that during the course of the year she plans to have guitarists perform in the classes.

Mrs. Reich commented, "The students taking guitar classes seem to get in a hurry while playing. It takes patience in learning to play." She went on to say, "The girls seem to be

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# 'Most Athletic' superlative Terese Hixon excels in basketball, variety of sports

by Carol Anne Barnett  
"She's the most versatile person I've ever met."

Such was the answer given by most students when asked about the 'Most Athletic' female senior superlative — Terese Hixon.

Terese, although talented in a number of sports, is best known around Chattanooga for her ability on the basketball court. "It would be ideal to have twelve Terese Hixons on a basketball team," stated Coach Mike Ricketts. "She's the best girls' basketball player we've ever had, yet she's always trying to improve herself," he added.

Terese attributes her talent in basketball to Coach Ricketts and "just backyard experience."

She blames her faults on no one but herself. "Coach Ricketts has always told me that I am my own worst enemy, because I get so mad at myself when I play badly," she explained.

The basketball squad is not the only team of which Terese is a member. She is also on the volleyball team, a softball team, and hopes to run track if there is a team.

Terese's activities are not limited to athletics. She is also an active member of Y-teens, the French Club, and the Student Council. She is president of the Gym Staff, a Key Club

Calendar Girl, plays the clarinet in both concert and marching band, and is a member of Miller's Teen Board.

Even though Terese has very little free time, she has not neglected her schoolwork which is evident through her membership in the National Honor Society.

When asked about her summer plans, Terese remarked that she would like to work again this year as a lifeguard at the Cumberland pool. A great deal of her summer time will be spent on the softball field with her teammates and good friends of the

Lakeside Lakers. "The best thing about the Lakers is the fact that everyone gets along so well," informed Terese.

Although she is into athletics, Terese is definitely out of Women's Lib. "I don't like to compete against guys' teams," she said. "Boys should play against boys and girls should play against girls."

Concerning her future, Terese has plans of going to college at MTSU. She has no definite career plans, but she would like to do something pertaining to medicine.



"WONDER WOMAN" — Senior Terese Hixon takes time out from her basketball practice. Photo by Judy Anderson

## Central '5' upsets Dynamos, loses twice; girls defeat City, Rebels, lose once

People in the stands had visions of the powerful Central team of old as both boys' and girls' basketball teams scored upsets and came within a few points of scoring more.

### City

Against long-time rival City, "Payne's Purple Gang" displayed the capability to win against strong opposition. Outlasting City 59-57 in overtime, they also proved they could win the close ones.

Basketball Coach Larry Payne explained, "We had 36 team rebounds. Anyone you can out rebound a team like City, you'll be in the ballgame."

Senior Brian "Bird" Howard led the winning effort with 28 points and 17 rebounds, and was named Player of the Week by the News-Free Press for his performance.

The Pounderettes also came away with a win, literally fighting to a 39-36 victory in a very physical game.

### Brainerd

Back-to-back upsets seemed in the brewing as Central had the ball and a 36-35 lead over Brainerd with 1:13 remaining in the game.

Senior Wayne Winston's ballhandling was the main strategy with Central attempting to freeze the ball for the remainder of the game.

With only 18 seconds left, Central lost the ball and the game on a charging call which enabled Brainerd to bring the ball down court and bring the final score to 37-36 in the Rebel's favor.

Earlier in the day, the girls' team defeated Brainerd 39-38. Junior Anita Kimery remarked, "We all felt the pressure of playing in front of the whole school."

### Ooltewah

Against Ooltewah the Pounders fell behind early in the game and never came closer than within three points which occurred early in the second

half, only to drop back by 16 — the final margin.

Coach Payne stressed, "Ooltewah was our fourth game in five days. We just weren't strong enough mentally to play well."

Ooltewah consistently out-rebounded the Pounders as well as hampering their offense by pressing in the second half. The combination worked well against the third Central team, setting them back 64-48.

Despite their own tough opponent, the girls team made things exciting up to the final buzzer, losing to Ooltewah 46-45.

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SENIOR DAY COURT — Mr. and Miss Central Candidates are (front, from left) Doug Williams, Kevin Dove, Steve Swift, Jimmy Manis, Butch Baxter, (back) Robin Rozzell, Lee Hammer, Suzanne Bradford, Pam McNutt, and Coby Dargan.  
Photo by Judy Anderson

## Royalty to be crowned at program this morning

Mr. and Miss Central will be announced during the annual Senior Day program, to be held in the gym today at 9 o'clock.

Members of the court are Suzanne Bradford, Coby Dargan, Lee Hammer, Pam McNutt, Robin Rozzell, Butch Baxter, Kevin Dove, Jimmy Manis, Steve Swift, and Doug Williams.

Serving as attendants to the court are Tina Blackburn, Pam Harmon, Mickie Hartman, Terese Hixon, Rose Liles, Terine Lindsey, Gigi McIntyre, Tammy Proffitt, Mitch Bankston, Reed Barclay, Bucky Gosney, Anthony Hendrix, Reggie Spence, David Starbuck, Steve Turner, and Taylor Walker.

Mr. Ed Hoover, the 1976-77 Champion dedicatory, will address members of the 1977 graduating class. Other speakers for the program include Bob Hough, senior class representative, Greg Clark, junior class representative, Derrick Eaton, sophomore class representative, and Tony Neuse-ender, freshman class representative. Devotions will be given by Pam Collins and Steve Thomas. Marshalls will be Becky Blackwell, Billy Daniels, Jimmy Ledford, and Tracie Priddy.

With a South Pacific theme, a Polynesian setting will be used. This will feature a waterfall constructed by the Art Department.

Mrs. Christina Campbell, art instructor, stated, "This is the most ambitious setting we have undertaken."

Coordinating with the scenery, court members and attendants will be dressed in shades of brown, peach, and ivory.

Music will be provided by the band, under the direction of Mr. Roger Wolfe, and the chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich.

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## Hoover named yearbook dedicatory, key speaker for today's program

Mr. Ed Hoover, mechanical drawing instructor, has been named Champion dedicatory for 1977.

Dedicatories are chosen by senior vote. To be eligible, a teacher must have taught at Central at least ten years and cannot have received this honor before.

"I am really thrilled about being selected as the senior class dedicatory, and I will always have a special place in my heart for the class of '77,"

said Mr. Hoover.

As dedicatory, he will be the main speaker for Senior Day. His speech will break down the word Central into letters representing words.

Being chosen as the Champion dedicatory is not Mr. Hoover's only achievement. In 1975 the faculty presented him with the Evans award which is given to one Central teacher each year for outstanding efforts and accomplishments in the classroom,

school, and community.

When Mr. Hoover graduated from MTSU, he had plans to go into industry. "Teaching was just to fill in a gap. After one year of teaching, I was sure that was where I wanted to stay, and this feeling has grown stronger every year," he said.

Mr. Hoover began teaching at Central 15 years ago. He was on his way to a teaching job at Lebanon, Tennessee, when he stopped at his sister's house. It was there he received a call from Dr. Hobart Millsaps, former principal. Within 15 minutes, Mr. Hoover was on his way to a teaching position at Central.

Mr. Hoover believes that he would not want to teach anywhere else. One reason is the closeness that exists between the faculty and administration. Another reason is, "Central has the best mannered, happiest, and most spirited student body I know of," he said.

## Seniors receive departmental honors

Twenty-four seniors have recently been chosen by each department for superiority in their respective areas of study.

These seniors and the departments they represent are as follows: Art, Amy McKenzie and Taylor Walker; Athletics, Terese Hixon and Steve Smith; Business Education, Lisa Hisey; English, Lee Hammer; French, James Gibson; Latin, Licia Carroll; Home Economics, Suzanne Bradford.

Architectural Drawing, James Gibson; Blueprint Reading, David Starbuck; Cabinetmaking, Greg Bush; Mechanical Drawing, Mike Solis; Woodworking, Scott Hannah.

Mathematics, Lee Hammer; Science, Kim Theofred; Social Studies, Steve Turner; Band Service, Mike McKenna; Physical Education, Deborah Howard; Vocal, Mike Murray; Physical Education, Richard Murray; Girls' Physical Education, Pam McNutt; ROTC, Kevin Dove.



TOPS IN THEIR CLASS — Co-validators and salutatorian for the senior class of 1977 are Licia Carroll, Lee Hammer, and (seated) Pam McNutt respectively. Photo by Butch Baxter



CENTRAL'S WINNERS — Jaranne Dargan and David Lundy (standing) were winners in the essay contest sponsored by the Scottish Rites Organization. All freshmen were required to submit an essay entitled "Our Basic Freedoms" through their civics classes.  
Photo by Butch Baxter



## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

by Doug Williams

The football coaching staff should be commended for the improvements they have made on the football team. Probably one of the key factors in the almost complete turn-around of the football program has been the unending enthusiasm displayed by the coaching staff under head coach Mike Townsend. In fact, the enthusiasm has been so great that football at Central has turned into a year round sport.

At the end of this year's football season, everyone who had any hopes of playing football at Central next year — including those football players who participated in winter sports — were required to work out after school in a conditioning and weightlifting program. Only after finishing these football workouts, could these athletes report to practice for their other sports. To many people, this new program may not sound so harmful. But let's look at its effect on other sports.

Due to the lack of football players on the varsity basketball team and since the ninth grade team practiced several hours after the football workouts occurred, the basketball program was affected very little. But one must look towards the future when Central's ace basketball player may also be a star football player. Coming out of a strenuous weightlifting program with tired, weary arms is not very conducive to a good basketball practice.

It is most likely that the wrestling program has suffered the most from this new program. It takes two or three years to learn the basic skills and complicated series of moves necessary to be a successful wrestler and the ninth grade wrestling year is probably one of the most important as much of this basic knowledge is learned. But while much of this knowledge should have been absorbed by these freshmen, several of them were downstairs participating in the football workouts and when they finally made it to wrestling practice many of them were too fatigued to effectively participate in the workouts.

In my opinion, no sport should dominate over another. If such programs instituted by the football department continue in the future, the chances of Central finishing fourth in the state wrestling meet again may become only a dream.

## Whirlpools, heating pads, rubs become popular at expense of Central athletes

By Desiree Daniels

Heating pads, Ben Gay, hydrocolators, whirlpools, atomic balm, and deep heating rub become very popular items as athletes participate in various sports activities throughout the year.

According to head football coach Mike Townsend, sprained ankles and pulled muscles are the most common injuries in football. The higher risk injuries are those involving the knee and collar bone, which many times require surgery. "Conditioning and stretching exercises reduces injury greatly," remarked head coach Townsend.

The most common injuries in basketball involve the ankles and feet. Ankle injuries, along with back and knee injuries, are also the higher risk. "We try to combat injuries in basketball by stretching the leg muscles, taping the ankles well, and wearing proper shoes," commented head basketball coach Larry Payne.

"Wrestlers usually do not have very many serious injuries, although we have had quite a few muscle injuries this year," stated head wrestling coach Steve Highlander. Due to the various positions a wrestler can get into, pulled or strained muscles are quite common. The higher risk injuries involve the knees or ribs.

"One thing I have learned this year and confirmed with several doctors," informed Coach Highlander, "is never lift weights prior to a match. The best thing to do is stretch and loosen up your muscles."

Bring record to 1-3

## Rifle team edges Lions, loses three

Although with only a 1-3 record so far this year, the Central rifle team has absorbed three of those losses at the hands of East Ridge while the victory was earned against Red Bank.

Like with the other local schools sports rifle teams being Red Bank and East Ridge, the Pounder riflemen are forced to travel quite a lot. February they made their first out-of-town trip as they finished second in the Castle Heights Invitational.

To determine the winner of a match, each shooter fires from the three positions of prone, standing, and kneeling. The scores of each team's top four shooters are then added and the team with the highest score is declared the winner.

This year's top shooters have been seniors Keith Sands and George Smith. Like all other sports, there are certain physical characteristics needed to be a good shooter. Sgt. Warren Luttrell, rifle team coach remarked, "Strength in the shoulders as well as good physical condition are important."

Something new to the program this year is the practice of letting freshmen workout with the team. Although not actually members of the team, we have about 14 freshmen working out with us this year. This should advance the whole program," commented Sgt. Luttrell.

Unlike other sports which are so physically demanding that most girls cannot compete with boys, the rifle team provides an excellent outlet for those girls who wish to show the boys that being male does not merit an unconditional guarantee of winning.

Not only are girls competitive against the boys, they are sometimes better. A prime example is Deanna Jackson, East Ridge's top shooter. According to Sgt. Luttrell, Miss Jackson is the main deterrent of Central's inability to defeat the Pioneers.

What are some of the benefits derived from being on the rifle team? Sgt. Luttrell believes the competitiveness encountered is good. Senior George Smith remarked, "I think two benefits from being on the rifle team are it is a varsity sport in which you can letter and you also have a chance to get a scholarship for college."

This year's rifle team members are seniors Keith Sands, George Smith, Kurt Gore, juniors Eric Keller and Mark Fairchild.



SHOOT OUT — Central rifle team practices daily after school. Photo by Judy Anderson

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Plenty of foot stomping and hand clapping will be heard tonight from 8-11 o'clock at the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance sponsored by the Student Council.

One unique characteristic of the dance is that girls ask guys to be their date.

Highlighting the dance will be the announcement of the King of Dogpatch. Candidates for king are Butch Baxter, Kevin Dove, Jimmy Manis, and Richard Murray. Student Council male seniors were eligible to be candidates. They were chosen by the homeroom representatives. Votes for the king will be cast at the dance by those attending.

Music will be provided by "Us and Company," Lee Hammer, Student Council president, stated. "Some Student Council and military members went to Chattanooga Valley to hear the band, and it was really good."

Dress for the dance will be country style. The girls are encouraged to make vegetable corsages for their dates to be worn at the dance. Lee said, "This is the first time we've tried this, and we hope all the girls will participate."

"Merrily in Sam," Short hitching ceremonies will be performed at a small fee.

Pictures will be taken by Olan Mills. The cost is \$5. Committees for the Sadie Hawkins Dance and their chairman are decorations, Laura Norris and Lee Hammer; backdrop, Desiree Daniels and Janice Rich; refreshments, Janice Rich.

## Student Council invites 'hillbillies' to dance tonight



HOWDY YALL — Local yokels up for King of the Dogpatch are (from left) seniors Jimmy Manis, Butch Baxter, Kevin Dove, and Richard Murray. Photo by Judy Anderson

Ahem! Ladies and Gentlemen

## Class speakers chosen

Commencement and Class Day speakers were recently chosen to represent the senior class of 1977.

The Commencement speakers are as follows: Licia Carroll and Lee Hammer, co-valedictorians; Pam McNutt, salutatorian; Butch Baxter, class representative; Doag Williams, faculty representative.

Class Day speakers are Steve Turner, historian; Taylor Walker, poet; Anthony Hendrix, reader of the will; Suzanne Bradford, prophet.

The valedictorian is the student with the highest grade average. This year both Licia and Lee had a 4.0 average. The salutatorian is the student with the next highest grade average. The class representative is chosen by his class from the list of four-year honor students. Seniors initiate vote on the class representative in their English classes. The final voting was completed during a class meeting which was held February 25. The faculty representative is chosen by the faculty from the list of four-year honor students.

The historian, poet, reader of the will, and prophet are chosen by their class from the list of students who are in the upper one-third of the class, grade-wise. They were also voted on at the class meeting.

Those students who were chosen to speak on Commencement and Class Day selected a teacher as their advisor. This advisor helps the student with the speech that he or she must give.

Speakers and their advisors are as follows: Licia Carroll, Mrs. Dorothy Stoner; Lee Hammer, Mrs. Maxine Williams; Pam McNutt, Miss Marjorie Ogle; Butch Baxter, Mrs. Sarah Farles; Doag Williams, Mrs. Mirvne Okrasinski; Steve Turner, Mr. Sam Stoner; Taylor Walker, Mrs. Daryl Marable; Anthony Hendrix, Mrs. Gwendolyn Dargan; Suzanne Bradford, Mrs. J. C. Robbins.

Class Day has been scheduled for June 2 and will be held in the school commons. Seniors who have received scholarships or other awards will also be recognized at this time. Commencement is set for June 3 at the Memorial Auditorium.

## Co-oping helpful to many in fulfilling career plans

In continuing studies beyond high school, many programs are available to make a future career more meaningful. One such program is the Cooperative Education Program.

In the program, a student goes to college two or three quarters. If he achieves a "B" average or the required scholastic level, he goes to school one quarter and works during the remaining three quarters while the program normally lasts five years. The co-op graduate gets a degree and one year's work experience.

The Cooperative Program gives the student responsibility, experience, educational value, and an opportunity to help him select the right career. It may also lead to permanent employment after graduation. Effort is made to place students on jobs which give them the maximum educational and financial advantages. The Cooperative Program is usually identified with the engineering program, but in the last few years it has been expanded into business and teaching

as well as engineering.

Through co-oping the student can also earn more money in his future vocation. Mr. Wallace McGill, guidance counselor, remarked,

"The beauty of co-oping is that when getting a job after college, beginning pay for the person who has been involved in the cooperative program is \$150 to \$200 more a month than the regular four-year graduate with no work experience."

Most of the students in the program have been satisfied and successful. Carroll McFall, a former Central student who is co-oping in engineering, stated, "Co-oping has given me a chance to work with engineers and to learn what is expected of them on the job. It also provides me with a good source of income while attending school. I would advise anyone to examine the co-op program for their future schooling."

Information concerning the program may be obtained by writing to the Undergraduate Cooperative Education Program at any university.

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## Reception honors thirty-one seniors as 1976-77 four-year honor students

Licia Lynn Carroll and Lee Margarette Hammer were named co-valedictorians and Pamela Ann McNutt was named salutatorian at a reception honoring the 1976-77 four-year honor students on February 18.

Other four-year honor students are James Frederick Baxter Jr., Suzanne Bradford, John Mark Bryson, Linda Lyle Carroll, Donna Lou Dayton, Janette Marie Dickey, Monica Ann Evans, James Berry Gibson, Karen Denise Harris, Ellen Ann Hensley, Lisa Kaye Hisey, Deborah Jeanne Howard, Deanna Lynn Kirk, Marie Liles, Diane Elaine McCallie, Sally Mary, McClure, Susan Dianne McFall, Gina Kay Schilack, Michael Lane Solis, Susan Dawn Stanley, Elizabeth Lynn Stone, Cynthia Ann

Strunk, Stephen Lewis Turner, Susan Carol Vines, Lisa Celeste Wells, Earl Douglas Williams Jr., Dorenda Faye Wilson, and Cynthia Marie Wright.

To be eligible for four-year honors the student must maintain at least a 3.5 average. The average is based on a point system which is as follows: A — 4 points; B — 3 points; C — 2 points; and D — 1 point.

Mrs. Maxine Williams, Champion advisor, announced the scholarship superlatives, which are the boy and girl with the highest grade average. The girls are Licia Carroll and Lee Hammer, and the boy is Mike Solis.

The reception honoring the students was sponsored by Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal.



ROYALTY — Lee Hammer and Jimmy Manis were crowned Mr. and Miss Central during the reception. Staff photo





# Bobby Slaten finds happiness, success through break accident

In 1966 Robert Lee Slaten, better known as Bobby, graduated from Central with more than his share of honors and was known as "Mr. Everything."

When he later went to the University of the South, he continued to excel. He played football and was a Southeast Association wrestling champion.

After graduating from college, Bobby found a great paying job. He was a man who had everything going for him until one day . . .

In the summer of 1974, two weeks before he was to be married, Bobby Slaten was involved in a car accident. While in the hospital, he either fell or walked out of a third-story window. Today, he is paralyzed from the waist down.

After the accident, Bobby was sent to the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. He stated, "I was filled with bitterness, putting the blame on God." But his sister-in-law gave him a Living Bible which changed everything completely. "In 1 Peter, I started to read about Die Bibing Slaten. The drinking, the partying, the high living was all there. And then I read in Hebrews 12 where God is like your earthly father in that He has to discipline you because He does love you. So here I was, a cripple, a rebellious cripple, who has to be kicked really hard," said Bobby.

Later, he was sent to Denver, Colorado, to a place called Craig Hospital. "Craig is a place for rehabilitating and you would not believe everything that goes on. They taught

me how to swim, how to walk, how to swim again, how to walk again."

"I had a great opportunity to help people who were disabled and people who were in the same problems. He [Christ] was with me all the way to talk to my pastor. I was given a job set and I began to win the race to say because I had been in a similar position," he said.

Recently, Bobby Slaten spoke at Central and speaks to our group on "What Success Means." In these talks, he tells of his new found success made possible through Christ.

Bobby stated, "If I had it all to do over again, all to go back through, I give you my word that I would rather be in this chair and know the Lord like I know him than to be physically well again."



## '77-'78 Pounder gridmen to preview next Friday night in Central stadium

Central football fans will be given a sneak preview of the 1977-78 football Pounders as the annual purple and gold game is set to be played on March 25.

For this traditional part of spring practice, the team will be split into two opposing squads affectionately called the purple and gold teams.

Since the teams are chosen fairly even a few days before the game, it is not really possible to accurately predict a winner. However, junior Frank Zimmerman believes the purple will "turn it around" for the first time in three years, while his brother, sophomore Mike Zimmerman, thinks that the "most determined team will win."

Head football coach Mike Townsend is not overly concerned about the outcome of the game since Central will win either way. He will, though, get a look at some of next year's teams on which he commented,

"We lost a lot of seniors who really played hard for the team, and it's going to take a lot of dedication from our younger players to be as good as last year."

Townsend's plans for shaping up the team for next year is to have them "block and tackle until they can't do it anymore." He further remarked, "They may get plenty of bruises, but they'll have plenty of time to heal up before that first game."

As an added attraction for this year's game the Booster Club will raffle a 19 inch TV set and two C. B. Howard radios during halftime. Proceeds raised from the game will be used by the Booster Club for improvements in the athletic program such as the tennis courts, track, and baseball field.

The game is planned as a workout for all Central athletes and their parents in recognition of their service to the school.

### CENTRAL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

TEAM	DATE	PLACE
Rhea County	Monday—March 21	Home
North Dame	Wed.—March 22	Home
Lafayette	Friday—March 25	Home
East Ridge	Thursday—March 28	Away
Bradley County	Thursday—March 31	Away
North Dame	Saturday—April 1	Home
North Dame	Tuesday—April 5	Home
Kingsport	Monday—April 5	Home
Red Bank	Thursday—April 14	Home
Bradley County	Monday—April 21	Home
East Ridge	Tuesday—April 19	Home
Bradley County	Thursday—April 28	Away
South-Dawson	Thursday—April 28	Away
North-Dawson	Thursday—April 28	Away
Madison County	Monday—May 1	Away
Madison County	Tuesday—May 2	Away
Madison County	Wednesday—May 3	Away
District Tournament	May 7-14	Away

## Diamondmen begin season with new head coach, field

Hotdogs, apple pie, and — yes, that's right . . . America's favorite sport — baseball.

It's baseball season, and with the newly finished Cobble Field, fans should find viewing baseball games more comfortably than in the past, when standing or sitting on the ground was not uncommon.

Remodeling of the baseball field took place last spring with much of the funds donated by Mr. J. Albert Cobble, a retired local industrialist. Bleachers, concession stand, pressbox and electronic scoreboard were all added with his help. Head baseball coach, Ed Hoover, commented, "These things will add a new dimension to the game." He also stated, "Since the lights are put up, most games will be played at night."

For Coach Hoover, this will be his debut as head baseball coach at Central although he did coach at South Pittsburg for one year. Coach Stan Farmer, principal, feels that Coach Hoover will do a good job. He remarked, "Finding a coach who also qualifies for an open academic position is very difficult. Mr. Hoover was an assistant to me at old Central, and I knew he had played in college and high school. I feel he has a good background and decent knowledge of baseball."

A large turnout of about 45 boys came to the first practice. "All the boys out on an equal basis. Past play will have no bearing on this year's team," said Coach Hoover. Looking toward the season, Coach Hoover commented, "The pitching could be a little stronger than the hitting."

Terry Payne, a returning senior letterman, stated, "I think we will have an even record at least. The coaches are really working hard." He added, "I believe the team we've got will be as good as anyone else's."

The Pounders play their first game against Rhea County on March 21 at Cobble Field.



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Congratulations

Congratulations should be bestowed upon seniors Terese Hill and Bryan Bradford who were all named recently to all-star squads by local newspapers.

Terese was named by both the News-Free Press and the Chattanooga Times as a forward on their Basketball All-Star Teams. Being very instrumental in the girl's most improved record over last year. Terese ended the season with 21.3 points and 4 rebounds per game.

Brian Howard was also named by both papers as an all-star forward. Brian's outstanding play under the boards was extremely pivotal in Central's unexpected post-season success. He finished the season with 12.3 points and 12.2 rebounds per game.

Johnny Bradford repeated for the second year in a row as a News Free Wrestling All-Star. His selection was not unexpected, since he had just recently won his second consecutive state wrestling title. Bradford finished the season with an overall record of 23-4-1.

### Tennis Courts

Since last fall when construction on the tennis courts began, many of Central's tennis enthusiasts waited for their construction to be completed. Now — a year and one-half later — those same tennis enthusiasts are still waiting, but maybe not quite so patiently. The problem of finishing the courts seems to arise from the refusal of the Hamilton County School Board to appropriate the funds required to complete the three-court complex.

With over \$11,500 already put into the courts by the school board, it seems ridiculous that there has been such a delay in receiving the comparably small sum of \$1,900 needed to finish this project which should greatly enrich the school and this community.

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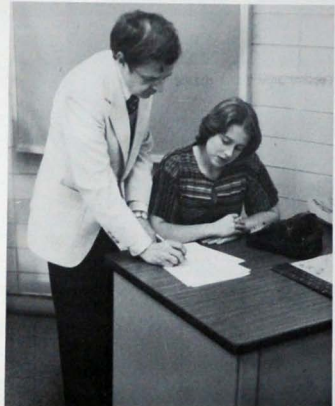
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FREEDOM FOUNDATION WINNER — Junior Rhonda Stophel is aided by Mr. Sam Stoner, Social Science Department head, in preparing for her trip to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

## Tri-Hi-Y members to present bills at Youth Legislature this weekend

Eight Tri-Hi-Y members are participating this weekend in the annual Youth Legislature sponsored by YMCA in Nashville.

Working in couples, the girls have composed bills to be presented in a session of the state legislature run entirely by youth from all over Tennessee. They use the same facilities used by the state legislature.

Annexation, busing, and selling alcoholic beverages to minors are topics to be expounded on by members of the house of representatives and the senate.

"It's really nerve-racking thinking about having to talk in front of all those people, but I think I'll gain something from it," said junior Pam Collins.

### Chicken Jamboree

## Dinner set for April 2

The Choral Department, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Reich, and the PTSA will sponsor the annual Chicken Jamboree, April 2, to be held in the commons.

A county-western group, including Mrs. Reich's husband, will provide entertainment. Central alumnus John Sargent and chorus students will also perform. "We are all excited because it gives the chorus students a chance to arrange all the songs and skits themselves," Mrs. Reich commented.

Food will be supplied by PTSA members and chorus students. Mrs. Reich estimates that about a thousand people will attend.

The tickets are \$2.50. Last year, the chorus made about \$1,000, and they hope to make twice as much this year.

The proceeds from the jamboree are divided between the PTSA and Chorus. The Chorus will use their money to send all choruses to the Six Flags Over Georgia Festival in Atlanta, May 6.

In Atlanta, they will compete with choirs from all over Tennessee for a division rating and a trophy. Mrs. Reich remarked, "We have made superior on a state level for the past four years and have been invited to go to the festival for the past three years. We are finally going to go.

## School receives 40th freedom award; Rhonda Stophel selected delegate

Central has received its 40th Freedoms Foundation Award, and junior Rhonda Stophel has been selected by the local chapter of the foundation as Chattanooga's student delegate to the Freedoms Foundation Girls' Seminar, March 31-April 3.

Presentation of these awards were made at the annual Freedoms Foundation banquet held in the Silver Ball Room of the Read House, March 24.

The foundation's award for 1976 was based on Central's entire bicentennial program and social studies projects centered around the theme, "The Greatness of America." These projects included speakers, surveys, field trips, themes, editorials, poems, and studies of historical documents and letters. The Social Studies Department compiled a scrapbook of all these activities which was used by the national committee in making their selections of winners.

"I believe that receiving 40 awards is an outstanding achievement for Central High and shows our dedication to instilling within our students the values of patriotism and good citizenship," said Mr. Sam Stoner, chairman of the Social Studies Department.

Rhonda is one of 97 girls nation-wide chosen to travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where she will attend conferences, lectures, historical tours. She will also have a chance to talk with many students concerning their beliefs about American government.

ences, lectures, historical tours. She will also have a chance to talk with many students concerning their beliefs about American government.

Rhonda was nominated for the honor on the basis of loyalty to America, dependability, academic achievements, and service to the school.

A letter of recommendation was sent by Mr. Stoner to the local chapter of the Freedoms Foundation placing Rhonda in competition with other nominees from area high schools.

"I was really surprised when Mr. Stoner and Miss Ogletod me I had been chosen. I hope I can represent Chattanooga as well as Central, to the best of my ability," stated Rhonda.

After returning from her trip, Rhonda will speak to various adult and student groups about her experience. Miss Stone, drama and English teacher, stated, "Rhonda projects well, is poised, and should be an excellent representative of the school and community."

Teachers in the Social Studies Department have already begun work on projects to submit for the 1977 competition. This year's theme will emphasize the importance of the different aspects of the American way of life and its application to democratic ideals.

Sheriff expresses views

## Jerry Pitts speaks in history class

Hamilton County Sheriff Jerry Pitts expressed his views on a number of controversial subjects in speaking to Ms. Linda Webb's second period American History class Wednesday, March 9.

Most of the girls have prepared themselves by holding mock sessions and attending a pre-legislative session. During these activities, they learned legislative procedures and discovered weaknesses to be corrected in their bills.

Traditionally Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y members attend the event together. However, this year the Hi-Y boys are not planning to participate. Steve Thomas, next year's Hi-Y president commented on the lack of interest. "Youth Legislature is expensive; many guys have to work, and some are shy and don't want to speak in front of a lot of people."

Counterbalancing the apparent apathy, Coach Larry Payne, Hi-Y sponsor, said, "We will definitely have more boys going next year. We will make plans from the beginning of the year."

Members participating are seniors Gigi McIntyre, Pam McNutt, Robin Rozzell, and Lisa Wells; juniors Pam Collins, Carla Hilbert, and Martha Lundy; and sophomore Laura Stone.

Mrs. Dorothy Stone, Tri-Hi-Y sponsor, commented, "Youth Legislature teaches young people how the real legislative process works. Few bills are taken from the committee, then to the House and finally to the state governor."

Commenting on the legalization of marijuana, Sheriff Pitts said, "I have never tried it and do not feel a need to experiment with it. I do not favor its legalization or decriminalization."

He added that his men were more interested in finding the pushers rather than "spending all their time looking for teenagers with a joint."

When asked of his opinions on gun control, he responded that he felt while the banning of handguns would not stop criminals, many accidental shootings might be prevented by these controls.

Sheriff Pitts also expressed his concern over capital punishment. He personally does not favor the death penalty, and feels it must be considered on a case-by-case basis.

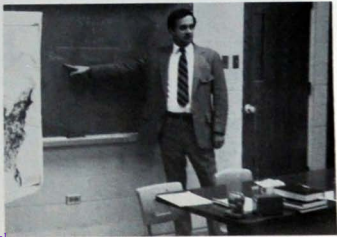
He also replied to questions concerning the widely publicized test given to his officers saying that the test was designed for an area almost identical to Chattanooga, and its main purpose was to weed out the unskilled and incapable officers and replace them with more efficient persons.

During his speech, the sheriff explained to students the duties of his office. He described the role of a modern sheriff as "administrator rather than a patrol officer."

He noted, "The sheriff is personally responsible for the actions of each member of his department."

Sheriff Pitts disclosed the fact that he receives approximately \$26,000 per year for his services. He went on to describe for the students a typical day usually consisting of 12 to 15 hours filled with office work, meetings, and speaking engagements.

In closing, Sheriff Pitts commented that he has found from questions asked of him that "all generations seem to be faced by the same problems."



BIG BADGE — Sheriff Jerry Pitts informs history classes on the average day of a county sheriff.



# '77 track, field to begin April 6; runners prepare for first meet

With the coming of spring, one can witness a cloud of dust lingering above the track as the Central cinderman prepare for the upcoming track and field season.

## Boys

For several weeks, most of the returning runners have been training for their various events. In addition, several others are working out with the football team in spring drills.

Joel Brewster, head track coach, expects between 30 and 35 prospects for the boys team. "We hope to get a lot of freshmen that ran at Brown out this year because they are eligible to run four years of varsity track," he stated.

In addition to new runners, a number of starters return from last year's team.

Steve "Wildman" Smith and Mike Sells, both seniors, will carry the Pounder hopes in the distance events.

In the middle distance races junior Steve Thomas and sophomore Mike Zimmerman will be returning.

Senior Tommy Cope will head the group of sprinters in the 100-yard dash. He said, "I feel like running in the indoor season at Knoxville really helped my technique in coming out of the blocks."

In the field events, junior Shawn McWhorter, in his

third year as a discus thrower, will be an experienced veteran.

Senior Keith Sands will represent Central in the pole vault. According to Coach Brewster, he should be able to clear about 12 feet if he avoids injuries.

The Pounders will once again be competing in SETAC and their first meet is scheduled for April 6 at Dalton.

## Girls

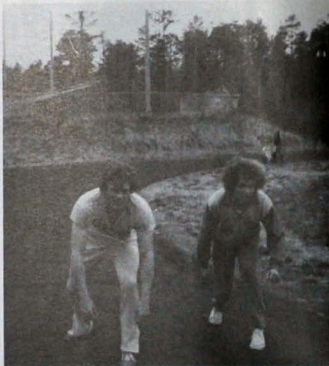
In girls track, about ten girls have been preparing for Central's first girl's track season. Senior Sonja White stated, "I feel this is a good way for the girls to participate in athletics."

Although no dual meets have been scheduled so far there are three tournaments in which the girls will participate.


Coach Brewster said, "It has been difficult to schedule meets for the girls against teams like Red Bank and East Ridge because they want to run full teams instead of only a few events."

Although Coach Brewster and Coach Watts will work with the girls this year, a program with a full time girls coach is in the future.

Coach Brewster added, "We hope to schedule more meets during the year after everybody starts to get their schedules worked out."



ON YOUR MARK — Track team captains Tommy Cope and Steve Smith start on that "last mile" at track practice.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

by Doug Williams

### Supporting Spring Sports

So far this baseball season, attendance at games has been encouraging. Let's hope that this enthusiasm spreads to the other spring sports such as track and the newly formed tennis teams which open their season in the near future.

Most students do not realize the effect that their support has on an athletic team's performance. Head cheerleader Robin Rozzell believes it can often mean the difference between losing and winning. The Bradley-Central football game appears to supply ample evidence to back up this statement. After a week-long pep rally in which both fans and players were fired up, Central lost the game by a close 7-6 count. Although no one should ever be satisfied with losing, it is apparent that losing the game by such a close score turned out to be quite an accomplishment as Bradley finished the season undefeated, state champions, and ranked in the top 20 nationally as listed by at least one magazine.

Through examples such as the Bradley-Central game, it is clear that pride and enthusiasm displayed at athletic events does make a difference.

### Track Schedule

#### Boys

April 6	.....At Dalton	..... 6:30
April 8	.....At Lafayette	..... 12:00
April 13	.....At East Ridge	..... 1:00
April 16	.....Baylor Relays	..... all day
April 21	.....At Cleveland	..... 3:30
April 26	.....At Cleveland	..... 3:30
April 28-29	.....S.E.T.A.C.	..... 3:00
May 4	.....At Dalton	..... 6:30
May 7	.....District	..... 3:00

#### Girls Schedule

April 16	.....Baylor Relays	..... all day
April 28-29	.....S.E.T.A.C.	..... 3:00
May 7	.....District	..... all day

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### SCUM press release

## Yadsloof's arrival held up by shots

by Tim Kendall

Occasionally, the world is blessed with a human being whose extraordinary talents seem to expand his image to epic proportions. First there was John Wayne, then Coach Stoner, and now there comes a new hero, Yadsloof Lipra.

Yes, you heard right. Yadsloof Lipra, the famed six-foot, 280-pound Yugoslavian exotic dancer turned athlete is coming to Central, where he plans to compete in 12 sports while majoring in septic pool repair and learning useful English expressions such as "Duh, gee coach," and "Whatta I do now?"

All but a few small details (outreaching McCallie and Baylor) remain to be taken care of. According to Dr. Ima Slouch of the Society for Coordinating Universal Matters (SCUM), "The only foreseeable delay will be for the rabie shots required to enter the United States. We've almost broken him from biting, but it never hurts to play it safe."

Currently enrolled in the Joseph Stalin Memorial Institution for the Grotesque and Mundane, Yadsloof is

a gifted athlete, running the 100-yard dash in 8.9 seconds and holding several air hockey championships. Yet, he still pursues his first love — dancing. After studying dance for 14 years, Lipra was forced into athletics by a lack of job offers.

Upon arrival, Yadsloof will visit the campus of Chattanooga High School. As he says, "I had been told that de people der are much like dos of my country. Goot stonk workers who use der backs, not der heads."

Following his tour, Lipra will meet at some local night clubs to meet several prominent members of Central's student body and faculty. This will be a treat since as he readily admits, "I am et home wit de vulgar workink class people."

After a fun-filled day Yadsloof may

have difficulty sleeping — a problem he has complained of in the past. However, he should have no trouble conquering this, having obtained a recording of the classic "four cardinal principles of the Honor Society" speeches.

With this and various other troubles taken care of, Yadsloof Lipra, despite the fact that he is a backward individual, should have little difficulty living up to his name.

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'This one's for you'

## Prom to be held tonight from 8-12

With the theme "Photographs and Memories," the annual junior-senior prom will be held tonight at the Hamilton County Park Pavilion.

"Justus" will provide the music for the dance, which will last from 8 to 12 p.m.

Pictures will be taken by Mr. Jerry Blacett of Olan Mills Studios. There will be a choice of three packages ranging in price from \$5 to \$9. After going through the receiving line, each couple will receive a numbered ticket which assures them of their rightful place in line. When that number ap-

pears on the flip-card system, the couple should go to the picture area.

Decorations for the dance will center around a garden setting.

Tickets for the prom are free to juniors, seniors, and their dates, who include students from area high schools, Central graduates, guests who attended last year's prom, or any other person whose parents may be reached by a local telephone call.

Money used in funding the prom was raised by juniors and seniors in the candy sale. From this sale, ap-

proximately \$1,200 was raised. The juniors will use a portion of this money for rental of the pavilion, the band, food, and decorations. Part of the money will be used by the seniors in order to purchase a class gift.

Greg Clark, junior class president, stated, "I look forward to a well executed prom this year. Although the funds allotted to us were minimal, a large amount of work and creativity has gone into it. I hope everyone will do their part to make it a success."

## Ten percent of teenagers in area suffer from some mental illness

by Susan McFall

National statistics report that one out of every ten individuals in the United States suffers from some type of mental illness. This startling fact along with local statistics show that the rate of mental illness is increasing.

Even more startling is the fact that more and more teenagers are suffering from mental disorders. According to the Mental Health Association in Chattanooga, three percent of the adolescents in this city have severe mental problems while eight percent have problems but are still able to function in society.

The most common type of illnesses that hit young people are depression and schizophrenia. Depression is characterized by dejection, sadness, discouragement, loss of self-confidence, and anxiety. Mr. Don Ricketts, executive director of the Mental Health Association, remarked, "Depression can be terminal."

Schizophrenics lose touch with reality and are haunted by vivid hallucinations and delusions. Their thoughts are disorganized and they tend to laugh at serious things.

Although some forms of mental illness result in suicide, none have been recorded in this area for the past year, and a very small percentage have attempted it. But Mr. Ricketts stated, "Suicide is a growing problem with teenagers."

Reasons for mental illness are varied including abnormal body chemistry, the use of drugs, or bad home environments. Studies are also being made as to whether a person could inherit certain characteristics which make him prone to mental illness.

Much work is being done in the field of mental illness in Chattanooga. Chemotherapy, which is a type of drug

therapy, is one form being used. Another is individual therapy in which a patient is on a one-to-one basis with a psychologist. A third treatment is group therapy. In this treatment, patients meet together to talk out their problems.

Two psychiatric centers are available in Chattanooga—the Chattanooga Psychiatric Clinic and the Joseph Johnson Medical Health Center. Two mental hospitals in the area are the Moccasin Bend Hospital which is operated by the state and Valley Hospital, a privately owned hospital for the mentally ill.

Another organization which sometimes becomes involved with the mentally ill is CONTACT. In this program, telephone operators are available any hour of the day to listen to problems. In 1976, 1,456 juveniles called. Calls concerning dating and other girlfriend-boyfriend conflicts numbered 470, and 146 calls were made concerning school. Mrs. Hubert Orwein, a telephone operator for CONTACT, said, "Other problems range from how to make friends and how to settle family problems to how to solve alcoholic and employment problems."

Many people who have once been mentally ill can come back to society and lead a healthy life mentally. In most cases, the percentage of those cured is 75 to 80 percent. Much emphasis is being placed on quick detection and prevention of a mental illness. Mr. Ricketts disclosed, "The quicker a problem is addressed, the quicker it is cured."

Society can also play a part in the quick cure of a mental patient. Today, education in this field has changed many misconceptions. Mental illness and the possibility of affective treatment are more widely accepted.

## News Briefs

### Band Fair

The band invites everyone to come to their band fair, Saturday, April 30. A motorcycle from the M & J Supermarket to Central will begin at 12:30 in the afternoon and the fair is expected to begin at one o'clock and last until sunset. Entertainment will include games, sack races, an animal vault, a craft booth, a bakery, a dunking machine, and a flea market. Bluegrass music will also be played and will feature Faye and Jeff Davis, Charlie Patton, and Terry Waddie. Proceeds will go to the band, of which a portion of the money will be used for their banquet in May.

### Hello Central's

Hello Central's, the school directories published by Tri-Hi-Y, have been available for the past two weeks. This year, names are listed by classes instead of alphabetical order. The price is \$1. Buy now while they are still on sale.

### Lee Hamner

Senior Lee Hamner became Miss Home Show and won a \$500 scholarship to the college of her choice by winning first prize for her essay, "Why a Home is a Good Investment."

### Brian Howard

Central cager Brian Howard recently received a basketball grant from Cleveland State Community College. Brian, who averaged 12 points and 13 rebounds per game, was Cleveland State's first recruit for the basketball team.

### SETAC

Johnny Bradford, Terese Hixon, Brian Howard, and Greg Humphreys were recently named All-SETAC by the Southeastern Tennessee Athletic Conference for their achievements in wrestling and basketball.

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"THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE"—Senior Cindy Strunk tries on that "special" dress once more before tonight's grand appearance.

Photo by Judy Anderson

## Digest rates superior; Cofer wins first place

The Digest has been designated as one of the 13 top newspapers in Tennessee. A superior rating was awarded at the annual Tennessee School Press Association conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Memphis, April 15-16. Three individual awards in writing competition were also given.

The rank of superior was given to eight other schools. Four schools, including Baylor, received the highest honors of an All-Tennessee rating. Eighty-two schools entered the rating contest with 52 attending the conference. Ratings of All-Tennessee, superior, excellent, and good were awarded.

Individual winners for Central were Tony Cofer, first place in feature writing for his story entitled, "Pounder finds 'Gryllus Assumalis' interesting edible," Vanessa Browning, second place in newswriting for her story "Pregnancy cited as major problem for teen girls in the United States"; and Doug Williams, honorable mention in newswriting for sports stories.

There were six categories in individual competition: newswriting, feature writing, editorial writing, cartoon

and art work, photography, and advertisements.

Newspapers and individual entries were judged by university professors of journalism and professional newsmen on basis of layout and content.

A new score sheet will be used for judging the 1977-78 papers. Drawn up by Mr. Clark Chism, adviser at Bradley Central High School, it will provide a more equitable standard for judging with a maximum total of 1,000 points. Ratings will be based on four categories: coverage, writing and editing, makeup, and general considerations.

"I am extremely pleased with the staff because they have worked hard this year. Since Central was the only public school in Chattanooga to receive a superior rating, I feel that it is an honor of which the entire school should be proud," said Mrs. Sarah Faires, Digest adviser.

Staff members attending the conference were Carol Anne Barnatt, Butch Baxter, Tommy Cofer, Desiree Daniels, Cody Dargan, Donna Day, Monica Evans, Connie Jackson, Tim Kendrick, Deanna Kirk, Terrie Lindsey, Cindy Strunk, and Doug Williams.

### Voting procedures questioned

Each year the seniors and the freshmen bear the responsibility of electing the members of the Central Digest staff. This election has been held for many years. However, the procedure has already been questioned. The procedure seems to be a bit out of date. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted.

At present, the Central Digest staff is elected by the seniors and freshmen. The procedure is as follows: The seniors and freshmen are divided into two groups. Each group elects a representative. These two representatives then meet and elect the members of the staff. This procedure is not clear. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted.

Another problem concerns the election of the court and attendants which is held at the same time. The procedure is as follows: A group of representatives is elected. This group then elects the members of the court and attendants. This procedure is not clear. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted. It is not clear how the voters are to be counted.

### Composer-poet Rod McKuen tells of life

With an effortless flow of words and an endless sea of thought, Rod McKuen writes of lovers, lives, down-and-outers, and other people we share with each day.

His verse is gutsy, earthy, and above all, very real. Although at times his poetry is the slightest bit depressing, there are other times when happiness glimmers through the whole page.

The most tangible quality of Rod McKuen's verse is the sheer believability of it. It is written with some of the pain of personal experience and with a lot of the beauty and joy that can be found in it.

Rod McKuen is the author of countless volumes of poetry and the sales of these books have made him the best-selling poet of our time. Some of his better known works include "Listen to the Wind," "... And to Each Season," and "Caught in the Quiet."

His talent and success, however, do not blind him. He is also the composer of several film scores, one of which received an Academy Award nomination, and he has also composed several major classical works which are Symphony No. 1, Concerto for 4 Harpsichords and Orchestra, and Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra.

Indeed he is a man of many talents, and, as shown by his free verse, a man of many emotions and conditions. A touch of us all is captured in his deliberate scheme of phrase and somehow, he adds magic meaning to otherwise nondescript words.

Even if poetry isn't "your cup of tea," after finishing a bit of Rod McKuen verse, even the firmest disbeliever will have at least one poet to admire. He is simply that magnetic.

Rod McKuen has a style of his own. His message is contemporary and he is refreshingly unafraid to tell it as it is.

### Current rage

## Studios begin churning out array of devil flicks

By Donlon Evans  
—sprung on the bandwagon and began churning out devil flicks as fast as scripts could be written and casts assembled.

And who can blame the studios? Devil movies are grossing millions. As with the old vampire and werewolf flicks of decades past, there is still a desire on the part of moviegoers to be scared, to be held in suspense, to receive a jolt.

Studios also reveal that popular interest in mysticism, witchery, Satanism, psychic phenomena, and the occult is greater now than ever before. Viewers of the old monster flicks knew for certain that what they were seeing was not real. Most films triggered more laughs than screams.

But audience reaction to today's devil flicks is markedly different. Viewers in many cases, are taking them very seriously. Some are literally terrified.

This subject should not be dealt with lightly. According to Dr. Rozzadro of the Science Digest, "The Exorcist" and similar films "can produce significant psychiatric impairment, and both physician and the public should be aware."

### When you've heard one . . . You've heard them all

Cliche. Has anyone other than select members of the Digest Staff realized that this word has perhaps the most significant role in education than just filling a meager place on a sophomore vocabulary list? Think about it, dear reader. How empty and meaningless would be without these stale, overworked gems of wisdom coming from faculty, friends and parents.

Below we have listed a few cliches that have made it into our Digest. If you are one of those who think that you are not getting it, it ruins it for everyone. No talking. One at a time. Keep it down to a dull roar. Don't get smart with me. I go by the book. Books are your friend. If you enjoy a bright boy like you can go. I now have him in my honorium this year.

Parents. A little bundle of joy. Good things come in small packages. And baby makes three. How's the little one?

### overeazy by Anthony

## ABC's 'Roots', 'Fmily', 'Rich Man' head television's finest of 1976-1977

The 1976-77 television season was an exciting one! Hundreds of programs were aired between September and August. But the crown jewel of these hundreds is a difficult task. So without further adieu, here are my selections of the best television shows of 1976-77.

1. **Roots** - The creation of "Roots" was packed with great acting, a great script, a powerful statement about this nation's past and a 130 million viewing audience.

2. **Family** - A super hit show about a natural Southern Carolina family. Good scripts and reliable acting are keys in its success.

3. **Rich Man, Poor Man Book II** - Tom, Julie, Falconetti and Rudy are all dead. But the exciting soap opera story about two brothers lives on.

4. **Minted Man** - A glowing tribute to black music and a fascinating story about black minstrel shows and the men and women who made them.

5. **60 Minutes** - Overlooking Mike Wallace's harsh interviewing style, "60 Minutes" is one of the most informative news shows around.

6. **NBC's Saturday Night** - The wackiest comedy hit on television. It's unfortunate that Channel 3 has taken "Night" off the air and replaced it with "Deadline." Queer Hall America.

7. **Happy Days** - Henry "The Fonz" Winkler has "Days" made in the shade. The show has dominated the Nielsen Ratings and is enjoying one of its best seasons ever.

8. **Laverne and Shirley** - Can two girls from Milwaukee, with last names like DePazio and Feeny make it in TV? Of Course!

### Warning - drivers may be dangerous to your health

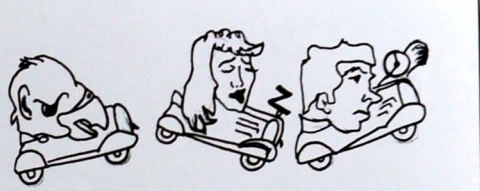
Have you ever seen someone driving down the road who seems "out of it"? His physiological set — the way the mind and body of an individual are organized to do a particular job — is probably not working. The very driver has some emotional influence behind his driving. Being able to drive makes people feel important. This, however, could be dangerous, for such a driver tends to forget about other drivers.

As Lane Eagle is such a driver, He drives straight on his course looking neither to the right nor to the left. He does this to appear strong and confident because he lacks these qualities in other areas of his life. Another dangerous species of driver is the Beautiful Dreamer who drives to sleep. This relaxing, however, is dangerous because a driver needs to be alert at all times. Many drivers tend to be in a dream-like state because of sleepiness or too much drinking. The Beautiful Dreamer is different since he is trying to forget his problems.

The He-Man driver tries to attract attention by taking all the risks that he possibly can to prove "to the world" that he is tough. They see driving as a way to show their maturity, however the opposite is accomplished. The Little Lady driver is the exact opposite of the He-Man driver. Her fear of competition causes her to be cautious and indecisive. She refuses to be authoritative enough to take her rightful place in the flow of traffic. Men who lack authority are also capable of being a Little Lady driver.

The Clock Watcher is one of the most alert types. He, however, is not conscientious on driving. The Clock Watcher is usually only interested in watching the speedometer, road signs, and any other object near the road excluding other drivers. By trying to prepare for the unexpected, he is more likely to be unprepared for it. Drivers can easily fall into one of the above categories to prove themselves equal to others. Which type are you?

Information from Wheels magazine



### Marney S Nerve wrecking occasion costs plenty

One of the most memorable nights of a lifetime is also one of the most expensive and nerve wrecking occasions you may never encounter. The annual junior-senior prom is such an occasion. After trying to escape the embarrassing moment of meeting someone in your unique and perfect dress, after learning how to slow down only to find out everyone else is doing the hustle, and after expecting a long evening out

on the town only to find out you have a curfew of 12:10, you sit down and calculate the depressing fact that you and your date have spent approximately \$200. This figure may sound unbelievable, impractical, and unreasonable, but when you begin to total up that \$55 dress, and that \$30 pair of shoes, and not to mention that \$55 boutonniere that figures become a reality. What's worse, the expenses don't stop here. The guy still has a substantial amount to pay out. Not only is he responsible for how well the evening goes, but he also carries the burden of a \$25 dinner for two, a \$35 tuxedo and "you got the gusto you can get!"

### Seniors once again lead with honors, contradict myths of 'senior slump'

Star Roll: Butch Bastard, Suzanne Bradford, Karen Bowman, Lucia Carroll, Kathy Clark, Coby Dargan, Janette Dickey, Lee Hamner, Mickie Hartman, Brenda Hennessy, Lily Hesse, Deanna Kirk, Rose Liles, Terrie Lindsey, Sally McClure, Susan McKill, Pam McNutt, Jim Manis, Tracie Pridde, Gina Schillaci, Mike Sells, Susan Stanley, Cindy Strunk, Kim Theodoff, Steve Turner, Susan Vines, Doug Williams.

Honor Roll: Donna Bales, Rhonda Anne Barber, Mike Brandon, Denise Christian, Cathy Clark, Tommy Corer, Desiré Daniels, Denise Daugherty, Kim Dryman, Harold Gikins, Ester Hardy, Kim Harden, David Hendrick, Karen Hennessy, Tom Kendall, Rusty Lumford, Sandy McBrayer, Laura Norris, Tommy Purcell, Dina Puskas, Carlene Rook, Candy Russell, Swope, Kaye Leslie.

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## Dragstrips grow in popularity

The use of 18-horsepower motors, the sound of screaming tires, and roaring engines are all characteristics of a popular Atlanta sport called drag racing.

While enjoying drag racing, most people don't know that top-up cars are full of teenagers waiting to race at a "red light," and there is a legal type of racing that does exist.

One of the oldest originally owned drag strips in the nation is the Brauner Optimist Drag Strip located on Scraggs Road in East Ridge. The Brauner club has operated the strip continuously for 21 years.

Anyone from the professional builder to the weekend driver can enter for a fee of five dollars and

compete against others for trophies or for prize money in the more competitive eliminator classes.

One Central drag racing enthusiast who competes in the street classes for trophies, senior Chuck Schneider, remarked, "I've won a couple of trophies, but as the summer wears on, the competition gets tougher."

In order to avoid confrontations against street cars, a system of classification is used. Factors in determining the class are weight of the car, amount of horsepower generated, size of the engine, and whether the car is legal for street use.

In all cars safety is a factor. Seat belts, helmets, and no hubcaps are mandatory for cars. For the faster

cars a bell housing, roll cage and fireproof jacket are also required.

At Brauner an average of 240 cars are present each Saturday to race on the 1/4 mile track. Close to 1800 spectators have been present each week this year according to Frank Elder, a member of the strip's board of directors.

Money from the entry fee and gate receipts is used for prize money. "The amount left over is used for Optimist Club youth work and community service," stated Elder.

A number of racers at Brauner also participate in other National Hot Rod Association races. At present, five national record holders race regularly at Brauner where the track record is a quick 6.70 for one eighth of a mile.

In addition to the five national records, four Chattanooga racers came home from the nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana with championships in their different classifications and will attempt to defend their titles this year.



THE "BADDEST MACHINE IN TOWN" — This four wheeled beauty bathes in the sun before it spins out at the tracks.

## Golf team begins season, drops first four matches

With the beginning of spring, Central's golf team has hit the green but has gotten off to a slow start with a 0-4 record so far this season.

Because of the city schools' boycott against county schools, the teams usual schedule of 15 matches was set to 12. Of the four matches played so far against Notre Dame, Red Bank, Chattanooga Valley, and Rossville all resulted in losses.

On this year's team Sgt. Warren Luttrell, golf team coach commented, "Kip Henley and Jimmy Roy are playing well, but our main weakness is in our number 3 and 4 men."

Junior Kip Henley stated, "We got off to a slow start but now we're getting down to playing some good golf."

Jimmy Roy, also a junior, commented, "I think we may have a chance in the SETAC tournament and the team should be a lot better next year."

Scoring for a golf match is based upon a total possible score of 6 points. Each of the four team members plays a member of the opposing teams who rank concurs with his own. The player using the least number of strokes to finish the 9-hole course scores one point for his team. Then the number one and two men play together against the opposing team's top two players and number three and four players on each team play against each other with the winning pairs scoring a point for their team.

The members of this year's golf team are senior Reed Barclay, juniors Kip Henley and Jimmy Roy, and sophomore Mark Cline. All of the matches are at 3 o'clock on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will be played against teams from Chattanooga Valley, East Ridge, Bradley, and Lakeview as well as the SETAC, district, and regional tournaments.



CENTRAL DIAMONDS AWAIT THEIR TURN AT BAT — Central's baseball team lost to East Ridge in a recent game with a 4-3 score. Photo by Butch Baxter

## Tennis sets COMET to Central; girls, boys win in debut

For the first time in longer than anyone can remember, Central has a tennis team, and both boys' and girls' teams are already involved in competition.

No one really remembers when the tennis program was discontinued or even if it ever existed, but at the insistence of students, it came into being.

"Student demand is what brought the tennis program to Central. The students made that kind of decision, not the faculty or administration," explained coach John Ramage.

In accordance with this is the opinion of Jeff Hoge, junior team member, who remarked, "I was glad to see the team started. We've been hollering for it ever since we were frosh. With a lot of support like finishing the courts, the program will prove worthwhile."

Sophomore Tom Carroll expressed concern over the lack of practice. He stated, "I was glad to see the addition of a tennis team, but I think we started way too late. We've got some tough matches scheduled, but we should do well, all things considered."

The lack of practice hasn't had visible effects, as both the boys' and the girls' teams defeated Soddy Daisy 5-4 and 8-1 respectively.

Coach Ramage sees the tennis team as an opportunity for those who would not normally compete in high school sports. He said, "There are several involved who wouldn't have been able to participate in another

sport."

He also sees individual sports as a coming trend, relating that, "having coached team sports for several years, I see sports like golf and tennis as offering an important chance to develop individually."

Two juniors, Jeff Hoge and Tim Kendall, sophomore Tom Carroll, and senior Steve Turner fill the top four spots for the boys' team, with the other two still open.

Seniors Pam McNutt and Robin Rozelle, and juniors Carolyn Cox, Heather Dunn, and Kim Dryman will represent the girls, with the last spot vacant.

Matches were also scheduled with East Ridge, Red Bank, Soddy Daisy, Bradley County, as well as the SETAC district tournament.

Home matches will be played at Cumberland Youth Foundation, as the school's courts are not yet completed.

## Scoreboard

Baseball	Score	Result
Central	7	Notre Dame 3
Central	5	Lafayette 7
Central	6	Bradley 9
Central	3	Soddy Daisy 14
Central	6	East Ridge 1
Central	2	Kilgus 2
Central	2	Red Bank 1
Central	7	McMinn Co. 0
Central	3	East Ridge 4
West	1	East 4

Golf	Score	Result
Central	0	Notre Dame 6
Central	2	Rossville 4
Central	1	Chatt Valley 2
Central	4	East Ridge 2
Central	2	Ooltowah 4
West	1	East 4

Tennis	Score	Result
Boys Girls		
Central	8	Soddy Daisy 4
Central	0	East Ridge 7
Central	9	Ooltowah 0
Central	5	Rossville 4
Central	3	Bradley 1
Boys	West 1	East 4

Track	Score	Result
Central	41%	Chatt Valley 85
Central	19	East Ridge 48
Central	19	East Ridge 108
Central	48%	Chatt Valley 78
Central	19	Notre Dame 38%
West	1	East 4

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**LEARNING ABOUT STATE GOVERNMENT** — Juniors chosen to attend Girls' and Boys' State are (from left) Janice Rich, Yvonne Gulias, Ellen Hendrix, Laura Norris, (back row) Harold Ekins, Steve Thomas, Tommy Colter, and David Hale. Staff Photo

## Class of '77 landscapes in front of school

The Class of 1977 has chosen as their senior gift a landscaping of the area directly in front of the school. Dwarf trees, flowers, various plants, and bushes will be planted. Several concrete benches will be placed throughout the area. The designated area will be enclosed by a pine-bark border.

Landscaping materials were purchased from Burkhead Frams at a cost of approximately \$600. Money for the gift was raised through the junior-senior candy sale.

To select a gift, seniors were asked to turn in suggestions. They were invited to two discussion meetings concerning the gift.

Class officers Pam McNutt, Bob Hough, Mickie Hartman, and Steve Turner then worked with a faculty committee to make the final decision. The committee consisted of Mr. Stanley Farmer, principal; Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal; Mrs. Virginia Summerour, chairman of the Business Department, and Miss Marjorie Ogle, chairman of the Language Arts Department.

The class officers have spent several weeks planning the project. "Pam has done most of the coordinating and the other officers have helped in every way they could," stated Miss Ogle.

### Schedule set

## Term will end June 11

The Department of Education has announced that school will officially close June 11, and dates have been set for senior activities and final exams.

### Schedule

- Friday, May 27 — Last day for seniors.
- Sunday, May 29 — Baccalaureate in the commons at 3 o'clock p.m.
- Monday, May 30; Tuesday, May 31 — Senior exams are to be given during regular class periods.
- Wednesday, June 1 — Seniors report to homeroom teachers at 1 o'clock p.m. to pick up completed report cards.
- Thursday, June 2 — Regular classes for underclassmen until 11:20 p.m. Class Day at 1:30 p.m. No lunch will be served.
- Friday, June 3 — Classes all day except for those participating in graduation. The school bank is closed. Rehearsal for graduation at 11:15 a.m. after seniors have received caps and gowns. Graduation at the Memorial Auditorium, 8 o'clock p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday — Regular classes for underclassmen.
- Wednesday, June 6; Thursday, June 7 — Exams for underclassmen. They should bring a lunch. Drinks will be sold in the cafeteria.

- Friday, June 10 — In-service day; grades will be put on report cards.
- Saturday, June 11 — Underclassmen pick up report cards and leave. SCHOOL IS OUT!



**TOO HOT TO STOP** — New inductees of the National Honor Society are juniors (from left) Carla Hilbert, Martha Lundy, Carol Anna Barnett, Bonnie Sandell, and senior (from left) Tommy Colter, Kim Ellis, Janice Rich, (back row) Tim Kendall, Vanessa Browner, and Leslie Summerour, Carole Hightlander, and Cathy Clark. Library

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## Seniors to present mystery drama by Christie in commons tonight

Eleven seniors will present "Ten Little Indians," a murder mystery by Agatha Christie, tonight and tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the commons.

As the play opens, the setting is a wind country house on an island off the coast of England. Eight assorted guests are invited to this house for a weekend by a mysterious host. The guests have never met their host or one another before. One by one, the guests are mysteriously murdered. Every time a character is murdered, one of the clay Indian statues on the mantel falls. Each guest wonders which one of the remaining group has committed the murders.

Ms. Priscilla Stone, drama teacher and play director, stated, "Our biggest problem was finding some of the props we needed. Have you ever really looked for a ten clay Indian statues or a bear skin rug?"

Cast members are Rogers, Mitch Bankston; Mrs. Rogers, Nancy Everett; Kelly Narracott, Cheryl Keller; Vera Claythorne, Deborah Howard; Philip Lombard, Butch Baxter; Ann Marston, Deanna Kirk; William Blore, Doug Williams; General MacKenzie, Edward Kemper; Emily Brent, Deona Dayton; Sir Lawrence Wargrave, Anthony Hendrix; and Dr. Armstrong, Suzanne Bradford.

Deanna Kirk remarked, "It was a big jump from a comedy like last year's play to a drama this year, because it took more concentration. However, with our director and student director, I believe we can really pull it off."

Student director Rhonda Stophel said, "Because of the help of Miss Stone and the hard work of the actors and actresses, I think this play will be a great success."

Other crew members include publicity committee, chairman Connie

Jackson, David Irwin, Robin Rozzell, and Cindy Strunk; props, chairman Stephanie Jones, Judy Anderson, Buckley Gosney, Mickie Hartman, Jimmy Manis and Sonja White; make-up, Tina Blackburn, Renee Backner, Leah Mashburn, and Debbie Mortimer.



**AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR** — Members of the senior play practice for tonight's performance. (From left) Doug Williams, Anthony Hendrix, Suzanne Bradford, Deborah Howard, and Butch Baxter. Staff Photo

## Six seniors participate in College Bowl contest

Six seniors traveled to Cleveland State Community College to participate with 11 other high schools in a College Bowl contest, Wednesday, April 27.

Representing Central were team captain Lee Hammer, Jim Manis,

Coby Dargan, and Doug Williams. Alternates were Pam McNutt and Susan Stanton.

Team coaches were Miss Marjorie Ogle, head of the English Department, and Mrs. Mirvive Okrasinski, guidance counselor.

This academic contest was similar to the College Bowls which were in the past held on nation-wide television. The main purpose of this contest was to promote Cleveland State College and to give students some experience in academic competition.

The contest dealt with a wide range of subjects, including history, literature, biology, geography, general knowledge, and current events.

The contest was held in a series of games, each game having 20 toss-up questions. Each of these questions was worth ten points, plus a bonus question. Any player who answered these questions had ten seconds in which to do so, or the question was asked to the other team.

Central won five out of ten matches. Lee Hammer stated, "We could have done a little better if we had reviewed just a little more. But as a team, we did really well. I think it was a good experience, and anyone with the chance to go should go because an opportunity to compare yourself with others."

Photo by Butch Baxter





# Athletic squads finish seasons; tennis, golf compile top records

"In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of . . . sports!" But with the ending of the school year, most spring sports are winding with several teams having good seasons.

## Tennis

A number of advancements have been made in spring athletics. One of these is the tennis team which has done surprisingly well in its first year. The girls' team ended their season with a 6-4 record.

"Most schools are ahead of us," remarked head tennis coach John Ramage. "The matches we did win were against schools who were just starting out too."

"The boys' team ended their season with a 10-2 record. "The team that beat us was East Ridge," stated Coach Ramage. "But the second time we played them, we beat them 6-3."

"We were fortunate to be blessed with some fine players this year, but it's my hope that more people will participate next year so we can continue to have a good team," said Coach Ramage.

## Track

The track team has also added something new — girls! There are nine girls on the track team of which Terese Hixon and Sonja White are captains.

"There needs to be more interest shown in girls' track next year in order to keep a girls' track team," remarked head track coach, Joel Brewer.

Although the girls did not actually have a regular season, they did compete in the SETAC and District tournaments and the Baylor Relays.

The boys' track team finished their season at 2-4.

They also came in tenth out of seventeen in the Lafayette Invitational. "We've had two really good wins," stated Coach Brewer. "One against McMinn County, 71-18, and the week before that, we beat Notre Dame. We've had some really good effort from underclassmen."

"I feel that this is the strongest track team we've had since I've been here," stated Coach Brewer. "We have seven members of the current track team holding school records."

Tommy Cope and Steve "Wildman" Smith are co-captains for the boys' track team.

## Golf

The golf team ended their seasons with a record of 5 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie.

"Kip Henley has a chance to go to state, since he once shot two under par with only nine shots. That's almost never heard of," stated Sgt. Warren Luttrell, head golf coach.

## Baseball

The baseball team finished their regular season with a record of 8-8. With a little better defense and a timely hit or two, our record could easily have been 12-5," said head baseball coach, Ed Hoover. "Overall, this has been a good year. The enthusiasm was up 100 percent among the players and student body. Night games made a big difference and there was good leadership among the senior players."

Coach Hoover also stated, "Next year we have some fine players returning and some noticeable prospects coming from the freshmen team."



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

### Softball

Hotdogs, apple pie, and softball? Softball — in Chattanooga at least — may be threatening to dethrone baseball as the national pastime. With 600 teams and approximately 10,000 people in the area competing in this sport, softball is indeed a popular activity for Chattanoogaans. Further proof of this popularity is found in the ability of Chattanooga softball teams to consistently do well in state and national competition.

Most teams are sponsored by either local businesses or private organizations. In return for paying the expenses incurred by a team throughout the year, the organizations get the advantage of free publicity on the players' uniforms and on the sports page of local newspapers.

Although fastpitch is still popular, slowpitch has gradually shifted into the spotlight, but don't allow that word "slow" to mislead you into thinking slowpitch softball is an easy game to master. A larger, slower ball, arcing pitches, and a playing field where only a solid rap will allow one a hit all contribute to make this game a challenge. The game also ranks high as a spectator sport. Explosive home runs, spectacular catches, plenty of hitting, and a lot of scoring (sometimes as many as 50 runs a game) make this sport an exciting one to view.

Played by men and women of all ages, softball provides good exercise, an opportunity to meet people, and most importantly, lots of fun. Furthermore, it is one of the few sports in which one can still participate after he graduates from school.

So if you're about to end a glorious high school athletic career with fears of never competing in an organized sport again, your worries are over — thanks to the great American sport of softball.



THE ONLY WAY TO GO — Unidentified skier dashes through the cool waters of Chickamauga Lake.

Staff Photo

## Showtime

# Teague skiers invade area lakes

by Tim Kendall

"When it's right, you know it." The "it" in that sentence is water. When the water's right, you know it, because it's that time of year again when every body of water in the area is being swarmed by teenagers on skis.

"Everybody wanted to be the first in the water," claimed junior Steve Thomas. "I started the season after the water had warmed up about halfway through April."

The average skier enjoys the sport for only three months but true enthusiasts have been known to ignore the blue tint of their limbs and skin from late February right through November.

While water skiing is relatively easy to learn, there are numerous degrees of skill. "There's a lot more to it than being pulled around by a boat," stated senior Pam McNutt.

Trick skiing is one method of proving competence. Shorter for more maneuverability, trick skis can be

used to ski backwards and to perform many kind of turn around maneuvers.

Jumping wakes and ramps and holding the towline with feet, toe, or head, can all be accomplished on skis.

Barefoot skiing has become the ultimate trick for many skiers, because of its combination of thrills and danger. Danger is greater because of increased speed and the absence of skis to slow a fall.

Another test of skill is speed skiing. While trick skiing is done at speeds from 15-21 miles per hour, speed skiers travel in excess of 60 miles per hour. High speeds make

this type of skiing the most dangerous.

But for the average skier, the question of safety is a small one, making it possible for males and females of every age to enjoy skiing, wherever there's water.

Learning to ski barefoot can also be a wise investment. A slalom ski can cost as much as \$250 and some trick skis have been reported to cost as much as \$2000. A tow rope and some type of flotation are also needed.

But don't be discouraged, even the commoners who don't have the necessary equipment can enjoy water skiing. Junior Mark Burkner explained, "You just bum everything. It's a lot cheaper that way."

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## Spring brings invasion of insects

Since the beginning of spring, students and faculty have been bothered with an unusually large number of insects, particularly mosquitoes. However, there have also been reports of spider bites and swarms of termites.

Because of this problem, Mr. J. D. Carnes, assistant principal, called the Health Department to see if anything could be done. So many other calls had already been made, the Health Department could only promise to put Central on a list of approximately 300 other places to be sprayed.

Mr. Carnes stated, "The officials at the Health Department were very courteous and sympathetic to our problem, but due to the unusually large number of calls, obviously they could not satisfy our request."

Mr. William Howard, environmen-

talist for the Chattanooga Health Department, explained that there are certain places where mosquitoes can flourish: Stagnant pools of water, gutters, old tires, and debris along lake shores are common breeding sites. Mr. Howard commented, "The Health Department program is set up in three phases; first, we get rid of breeding sites; second, we kill all larvae of the mosquito; third, we administer a spray program for all adult mosquitoes left."

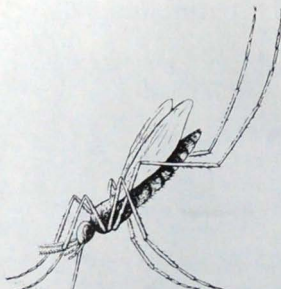
"Mosquitoes don't come out until after sundown, hiding in vegetation during the day. Therefore, much of the spray program has to be done late at night or early in the morning," he added.

Wings, yellow jackets, and hornets building nests in or around dwellings or in trees and shrubbery also pose problems. One school in Cold Spring Harbor was hit by a swarm of killer bees, but health officials explained that it was a freak phenomenon.

Another concern is the spider. Junior Tina Killian was bitten six times by spiders in the Business Department. She replied, "The insect problem here is at its height. Now when I feel like something is crawling on my leg, I don't know whether it's a bug or my imagination."

The method proven most effective for controlling the spider is to apply sprays or dusts to it and its nest.

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## Two teachers to leave Central for graduate work, retirement

Next year Central students will see changes in both the English and Guidance Departments. Mrs. Maxine Williams, sophomore English teacher and Champion adviser, and Mr. Wallace McGill, guidance counselor, will not be returning next fall.

Mrs. Williams will be going back to college to complete work for her master's degree. "Getting your master's degree is something that you dream about, but I was always too busy to look at it realistically," Mrs. Williams said.

She also explained that her goal was to be able to teach in areas of higher education. "However, if this is not possible, I know I would want to be back at Central; I think that some of the finest teachers are here," she commented.

"As an advisor, Mrs. Williams represented patience and understanding," said Yvonne Glas, 1978 Champion editor-in-chief. "She taught the staff to strive for perfection in our work. She will be missed by all the staff members." Lee Hammer, 1977 editor-in-chief stated, "I have seen many of the fine qualities that make her such an admirable person. Her concern for the students' education and her patience when working with students are two of her many outstanding traits. Central is losing

one of its finest teachers; she will be greatly missed."

Mrs. Williams also said, "Some of my most pleasant associations have been with Central's students. It is my hope that they will continue striving to make Central the best school possible."

After 44 years of guidance work and teaching, Mr. McGill will be retiring this year. "Some highlights of my career were becoming a counselor and serving as president of Tennessee Principals," he said.

Mr. McGill said that his advise to his successor would be to "remember the obligations of a counselor, to keep sacred the trust that you receive, and to believe in youngsters."

Junior Carolyn Cox stated, "He always made students feel their worth, and he made the unknown future seem to become reality with his advice and philosophies about life."

In closing Mr. McGill advised, "Today is the only promise we have; every day you must grow and improve, not waste time."

Sophomore Laura Stone commented, "It will be difficult to adjust to the loss of two of Central's superior faculty members, but I feel fortunate to have been under the instruction of Mr. McGill and Mrs. Williams.



FEARLESS LEADERS OF THE PRESS — New editors for the 1977-78 Digest and Champion are Tim Kendall and Yvonne Glas. Photo by Terry Clowdus

## News Briefs

### Commencement Exercises

Sunday, May 29, the Baccalaureate service was held in the commons at 3 p.m. Dr. J. Ralph McIntyre, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, was the speaker. This afternoon at 1:30 p.m. seniors will be honored during the Class Day program. The class prophet, poet, reader of the will, and historian will speak and various awards and scholarships will be given. Tomorrow night at 8 p.m. graduation exercises will be held at the Memorial Auditorium.

### Chorus

May 6 and 7, the Male, Girls', and Varsity Chorus traveled to Six Flags Over Georgia in Atlanta to compete for ratings. With the best possible score being one, the Male Chorus received a two, the Girls' Chorus was given a two, and the Varsity Chorus obtained a three.

### French Honor Society

The French Honor Society, Societe Honoraire de Francaise, inducted eight new members Tuesday, May 24, seventh period in the library. Following the induction, refreshments were served. New inductees were Margie Bryson, Lisa Cooke, Suzanne Duncan, Terese Hixson, Je'nic Holder, Kathy Holmes, Betsy Johnson, and Tina Shabb.



WORDS OF WISDOM — await seniors from Class Day speakers (from left) prophet, Hendrix, reader of the will, and Taylor Walker, poet.

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## Interracial marriages still controversial, unacceptable

It is the ultimate way to show that a person is unprejudiced. It is also the ultimate method of shocking and hurting parents and society. Whatever or whatever, mixed marriages are among the most controversial of human relationships.

In 1975, a poll conducted by the Roper Organization Incorporated for the Virginia Slims company revealed some surprising facts about new attitudes toward interracial marriages. Fifty-one percent of the American people, according to the poll, would now be willing to accept and live with, a mixed race marriage involving members of their families. Yet it is important to look at another fact taken from the poll, which, in a way, contradicts the above statistic. Seventy-six percent of those polled said that they would not be in favor of the idea. Only 19 percent said that they would show no disapproval at all. Is this truly an important shift in American opinion, or just a cut out because of fear of appearing to be prejudiced?

Dr. Alvin Poussaint, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, suggests that many people, when asked questions in a poll type questionnaire, tend to give the answer that they think is proper and expected when asked about controversial issues such as interracial marriages. Yet when confronted with it on a personal level, their answers are likely to be very different.

Even though the attitudes of Americans in general have changed, at least to a minimal degree, there is hardly such a change that these unions are widely accepted.

For those who choose to marry a partner of another race, the pressures not to do so are intense. The opposition first occurs between the children and their parents who feel that an interracial marriage is a personal affront to their lifestyle and an unforgivable sin.

If the couple does go through with the ceremony, in most instances they suffer from endless harassment from the people in their community, both black and white.

Making a marriage work is a difficult enough task in itself. The problems that come out of deep-rooted cultural differences between blacks and whites are sometimes enough to destroy an interracial marriage.

Since 1970, statistics have indicated that mixed marriages are failing at a higher rate than marriages within the same race. This fact indicates, seemingly, that the pressures on interracial couples are still very great and intense.

Even though society still maintains a somewhat strict code of conduct for its members, marriage remains a matter of personal choice and taste.

J. H.

## 'Turkey' solves Chinese problems

by Tim Kendall

What senior class officer — Honor Society President — Boys State delegate lettered in two varsity sports and writes analytics problems in Chinese? Steve Turner, combining character-

istic maturity with a flair for the unusual, displays his versatility by excelling as a scholar, leader, athlete, and comic. His mind harbors several different personalities.

With a nickname like "Turkey," there must be something different about him. Steve remembers how the title came about. "I was running around junior high the day before Thanksgiving imitating a turkey. One of my teachers called me Tom Turkey and the shortened version has haunted me ever since."

Steve's unique sense of humor is unstaged by his long list of achievements. Few members of his first-period math class — "I'm totally sane; for example — Mr. Shirley's Analytics Game."

Mrs. Betty Lee, teacher of the analytics class, thinks "Steve is a little too inventive at times. He's always doing something unusual like writing problems on the board in Chinese and explaining them in his professor's accent."

Steve attributes his inability to stay serious to the phenomena known as "senior slump." "I'm in the middle of my slump. I've been sick. Sometimes I get tired. I'm sick and tired to tell the truth."

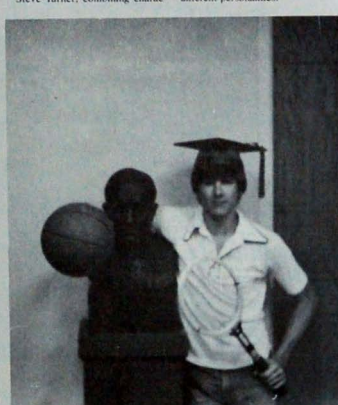
On the flip side is the mat. responsible, and more recognized Steve Turner who is always looking to better himself. "Steve is constantly striving towards a private goal," remarks junior Terry Clowds.

Three most important goals of Steve are finding a summer job, keeping up with tennis and basketball, and preparing for college. He was recently awarded a business scholarship to MTSU.

Reaching his goals, Steve sometimes assumes the role of the unsung hero. Senior basketball teammate Brian Henderson admits, "Sometimes he doesn't get the credit he deserves. He hustles better than anybody."

When he does receive credit, Steve maintains a healthy attitude, laughing at his mistakes all the way.

"I remember playing in a B-team game against Notre Dame. I was at the free throw line and the whole place was quiet. Just as my parents walked in the door, I shot. Airball. Missed everything!"



TOOLS OF HIS TRADE — Senior Steve Turner can't seem to decide whether to concentrate on basketball, tennis or graduation.

## Overeasy by Anthony

the time has come  
for closing books and  
long last looks must end  
but in my dreams I know  
they will still live on and on  
from the motion picture  
to sir with love

now we leave the glass doors  
that protected and sheltered us from  
the world beyond  
gone are the days of innocence  
virginity and conquered youth  
we leave here with knowledge dreams  
experiences friendships enemies lovers

goals and values  
all waiting to be tested by  
the equally enchanting and treacherous  
earth  
that of our fathers  
the world of darkness and light  
is full of shattered dreams

broken promises unbeatable odds  
we are going to be used  
denied lied and refused  
and society will ridicule us  
life will seem as frightening as hell  
but inserted between these  
periods of doom  
are the reasons for living  
the grand adventure of being alive  
new friends and experiences  
finding out who we are  
and where we are going  
learning growing and caring for  
people  
wanting to be loved and  
waiting to give our love  
and society will ridicule us  
Monica Evans  
if we wish to survive the  
obstacles of life we must learn  
to cope  
and it won't be easy  
how do we cope with life  
before 25

## — a horizon beyond Central

we must have a sense of humor  
we are going to need it  
we must be ourselves  
we must judge people by their  
merits and actions not by their  
religious beliefs sexual preferences  
race  
or the color of their tennis shoes

after June 3 we will go our  
separate ways  
maybe we will meet again  
maybe not only GOD knows  
take care  
we must leave now  
chapter two in our life is waiting  
adios

## Thirteen seniors receive scholarships

Thirteen seniors were given scholarships to attend college next year.

1. Butch Baxter — scholastic, Birmingham-Southern College.
2. Ronny Durham — wrestling, Chattanooga State Community College.
3. James Gibson — engineering, Tennessee Tech.
4. Lee Hammer — scholastic, Auburn University.

5. Brian Howard — basketball, Cleveland State Community College.
6. Susan Diane McFall — scholastic, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
7. Leah Mashburn — vocal, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
8. Richard Murray — managing, Cleveland State Community College.

Sorry Charlie

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## Chattanooga collects refusals from bands

by Tommy Coker

Over 100 rock bands have refused to come to Chattanooga in the last few years according to Rich Blum, the promotional agent for Sound Service in Chattanooga at WGTW.

Some cities such as Atlanta, Nashville, and Knoxville schedule top groups one after another. The size of the city is not the only reason. Murfreesboro is a small town, but concerts are held there frequently.

The main reason for all of these cities get big concerts is because of their large coliseums that seat 12,000 or 13,000 as opposed to Memorial Auditorium with a capacity of about 5,000.

Obnoxious acts will get better concerts is to build a coliseum. Mr. Blum said that the new proposal of an auditorium at UTC will not help the problem either. Sooner or later UTC will not allow too many concerts to

take place, leaving only one or two more good concerts a year. Mr. Blum also added that evidently, the main problem is the size of the auditorium because the groups can't make enough money.

Engel Stadium may be used in the future. Dennis Haskins, local entertainment promoter, will have control of concerts after September. The only problem with outdoor concerts is rainy weather.

Several bands also cite tight security which keeps crowds from getting in and enjoying the concert.

In order to get groups in Chattanooga several steps are taken. The bands on tour are considered first according to Mr. Blum. If a group is planning a concert one week in Nashville and a week later in Atlanta, Chattanooga can possibly try to schedule them during the week. Usually the groups are scheduled one to three months ahead.

PLEASE DON'T THROW THE CHARMIN — This toilet tissue design was masterminded by an unidentified Centralite.

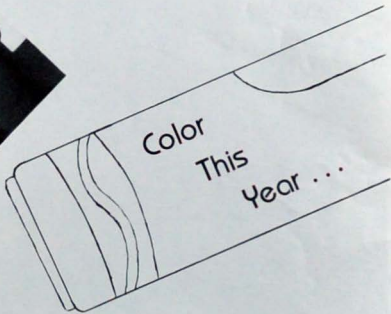


EARLY MORNING TRAFFIC — The new opening hour of 7 o'clock a.m. caused more commotion than expected.



WINTER WONDERLAND — The first snowfall of the season added a new week to Christmas vacation.

QUICK — Hamilton County Health Department paid Central Daylong visit to administer the measles vaccine.



KISS YOUR WHAT? — Watching for unique signs created by different clubs became a weekly pastime.

Becky  
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For the 1976-77 school term, Central's spectrum was shaded not only with typical events but with different intensities of spirit, reflecting the varied attitudes that expressed the roaring crowd at the Central-Bradley County game showed a revived Central enthusiasm, while the sight of sleeping students in 7:20 a.m. homerooms exhibited another facet of the Pounder personality. Seniors showed a determination to make their last year the best by winning the Spirit Chain race, screaming the loudest at pep rallies and knowing more words to the Alma Mater than the juniors. Centralites made important decisions every day which determined things from conduct at basketball games to voting for Mr. and Miss Central. Disappearing for lunch along with forging dismissals became a popular but risky pastime. Students projected traditional Pounder friendliness by socializing during lunch, occasionally punctuating comments with food fights. The hum of mosquitoes and the hassle of yellow cards plagued both faculty and students but were accepted along with everything else as part of "life on the hill."



CENTRAL'S 'COOL' TRIO — Y-Teens' first annual Coolest Teacher Contest ended in a tie. (From left) Mrs. Betty Lee, Mr. Sam Stoner, and Coach Larry Payne competed for the top award by sitting on blocks of ice.



'I'VE GOT THAT FEELING' — Cheerleaders displayed that 'good old' Pounder spirit.



"AND THE BEAT GOES ON" — The marching band provided football fans with pure listening pleasure.



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Memories



LOOK UP HERE — Game announcers try out Cobble Field's new press box.



THE "IN" PLACE — When Central's lunch let you down, you could always pick up at Big Mac.

## Seniors announce college plans

In furthering their education, seniors have given their college choices for 1977-78. Leading the list among the graduating class is UTC with 57 planning to enroll, followed by Chattanooga State and MTSU with 36 and 19 respectively.

Airline School, Florida — Rose Liles.  
Alabama — Deborah Howard, Debbie Martimore.  
Auburn — Lee Hammer, Connie Jackson.

Birmingham-Southern — Butch Baxter.  
Brigham Young — Sheila Hopkins.  
Carson Newman — Stan Owen.  
Chattanooga State — Tina Blackburn, Karen Brimm, Greg Bush, Wes Campbell, Connie Carter, Ronny Durham, Tonya Fowler, Steve Hale, Stan Hales, Clay Hamby, Steve Head, Peggy Horton, Kenneth Johnson, Roland Jones, Shannon Kelley, Ronnie Krupp, Cheryl Lee, Susan Link, Belinda Lybrand, Dennis Massey, Kenny Mintz, Susan Moon, Eric Mortenson, David Norrell, Brad Oliver, Cindy Parker, Tami Phillips, Donna Pritchett, Karen Reifenshield, Mark Riggs, Jeannie Rockhott, David Roy, Susan Smith, Jim Thomas, Kelley Vaughn, Pam Walker.

Cleveland State — Larry Hall.  
Cleveland State — Larry Hall, Howard, Diana Callie, Amy

McKenzie, Dorenda Wilson.  
David Lipscomb — Donna Dayton, Susan Vines.  
Edmondson — Sharon Brady, Donna Broyles, Holly Buffett, Ann Daniel, Teri Davis.  
Emory Riddle School of Aviation, Florida — Michael Atkins.  
McKenzie — Wanda McDonald.  
Memphis State — Stephanie Jones.  
MTSU — Becky Blackwell, Suzanne Bradford, Renee Buckner, Tommy Cope, Chuck Cronon, Billy Daniels, Kevin Dove, Mickie Hartman, Jon Hays, Terese Hixon, Jimmy Ledford, Rick Parham, Robin Rozzell, Steve Swift, Steve Turner, Lisa Wells, Sonja White, Clark Willmore, Lori Woodard.  
National Business College — Denise Thompson.  
Randolph Macon Women's College — Kim Theford.  
Samford — Pam McNeill, Giff McIntyre.  
University of the South — Doug Williams.  
Southern Tech — Chuck Schneider.  
Spelman — Coby Dargan.  
Tennessee State — Adrian Ware.  
Tennessee Tech — James Gibson, Billy Lewis, Bobbie Lillard, Polly Parker, David Starbuck, Beth Stone.  
Tennessee Temple — Paula Thompson.  
University of Miami — Terry Kyle.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte — Bob Hough.

UTC — Donovan Bain, Mitch Bankston, James Barkley, Keith Bates, Tina Blackburn, Kim Brown, John Bryson, Byron Bush, Myron Bush, Licia Carroll, Linda Carroll, Vincent Cook, Jeff Cooke, Bill Coradini, Kim Crowley, Debbie Davis, Kenny DeFriesse, Janette Dickey, Lynn Halstone, Jackie Hall, Clay Hamby, Sandra Harrow, Gilbert Highlander, Keith Highsmith, Lisa Hisey, Jeanie Holman, Sheila Jones, Cheryl Keller, Shannon Kelley, Ed Kemper, Rusty Kendall, Jack Kilgore, Deanna Kirk, Terine Lindsey, Jimmy Manis, Susan McFall, Leah Maibbren, Tony Merritt, Barry Minnick, Frank Price, Tammy Proffitt, Randy Ricketts, Jerry Robertson, Jeannie Rockhott, Wendy Roy, Dave Sargent, Gina Schillaci, Laury Scott, Brian Smart, Steve Smith, Reggie Spence, Rhonda Spence, Susan Stanley, Cindy Strunk, Dennis Sullivan, Alesia Worthy, Pamela Worthy.

UTK — Judy Anderson, Keed Barclay, Monica Evans, Scott Hannah, Anthony Hendrix, Mark Hinson, Cyndee Holder, Cindy Kimble, Randy Marks, Kenny Mintz, Mary Purnell, Mike Solis, Taylor Walker, Mike Young.  
Wanderbilt — Jerry Kirtley.  
Walter State, Morrisstown, Tennessee — Ricky Bolles.

# Miss Ogle enjoys eating, traveling

by Terine Lindsey

"Does anyone have anything good to eat in this locker?" is a question often asked in room B104.

The question and room number both belong to Miss Marjorie Ogle, senior class sponsor and English teacher, who is well known for being a connoisseur of good foods. However, it is rumored that she will settle for anything chocolate in times of distress.

"I like anything edible but parsnip," laughingly states Miss Ogle. She goes on to explain, "I have very conveniently managed to mix eating with my traveling, another one of my hobbies. In choosing places to visit, I take into consideration those places which have famous restaurants within their cities."

Besides eating and traveling, Miss Ogle enjoys cooking and reading. "Give me a good book, and I can be content for hours," is a phrase her students hear frequently.

Seniors who have been in one of Miss Ogle's classes know that she has several qualities which make the classroom experience an enjoyable one.

With her occasional giving of motherly advice, her modest slips of the tongue, and her seldom hilarious but often cute jokes, a student can not help but be entertained while he is simultaneously engaged in the learning

process.

"I hate for my students to have the teacher versus student attitude. We are both working for the same goal — education."

It is because of this philosophy and because she feels it "breaks the ice" that Miss Ogle requires her students to give a greeting which has become synonymous with her name — "Good morning Miss Ogle."

Surprisingly enough for those who have only seen her as a stern school marm, there is actually a Miss Ogle who sometimes admits to being wrong, who very often shares personal feelings with her students, and who reflects on past days as a Central student. As a graduate of the class of 1945, she admits quite freely that Dr. Hobart Millsaps, who was her teacher, gave her a family of baby mice as a present on her class day.

"As I think back, I am now able to laugh at the sight of distinguished Dr. Millsaps presenting me with those terrible little things," said Miss Ogle.

Miss Ogle has been a part of the Central family for the past 20 years. She has been the recipient of the Evans Award, which is given for excellence in teaching. She has served as senior class sponsor and head of the Language Arts Department for the past four years.



GIFT TO THE GIVER — Members of Miss Ogle's sixth period English class surprise her with a necklace on their last day in class.

## Choose Chattanooga first

# Area offers various scenic attractions

As the summer vacation season approaches, many students begin to think longingly of the sandy beaches of Florida, the cool Gatlinburg slopes, or a Hawaiian paradise — overlooking completely the opportunities for fun and relaxation provided by their own city, the scenic center of the South.

One feature which attracts many tourists is the Incline Railway. Often referred to as "America's Most Amazing Mile," it offers a spectacular view of the Chattanooga area as it makes its steep climb to the top of Lookout Mountain.

Another historic Lookout Mountain one can visit Point Park, sight of the Civil War's famous "Battle Above the Clouds." Ochs' Museum and the Overlook are located inside the park. Exhibits and pictures inside the museum illustrate the story of the battle.

Many hikers enjoy the trails

throughout the adventurous mountain forest, which lead from the main path located inside the park.

Another historic, as well as scenic area, is Chickamauga Battlefield. Monuments, iron plaques, and markers explain different phases of this bloody Civil War Clash.

Another attraction is Rock City, also located atop Lookout Mountain. Its ageless and unusual rock formations and majestic views of the Appalachian Mountains make it a favorite stop for approximately half a million tourists each year.

Ruby Falls, located only a few miles from Rock City, provides visitors with an opportunity to view a natural waterfall 1100 feet beneath the surface of the mountain.

Located in Tifton off I-24 is Crystal Caverns, which provides guided tours of Mountain caves and a skyride tram. For hikers, a nature trail leads to the historical Ogar Branch.

Hang gliding, an exciting and fast growing sport, is demonstrated and taught above the caverns. Gliders descend over 1000 feet to the valley below.

Nostalgic Chattanooga Choo-Choo is a monument to this city's railroad days. The Choo-Choo's main attractions are the authentic smelling parlor car, America's only five-seat trolley ride, craft shops and formal gardens.

# Sex appeal dominates television ads

by Roby Dargan

Remember the good old days when the nice, all-American housewife would ask the television viewer if she had ever tried Prell Shampoo?

Well, today that plain-Jane housewife has gone through a drastic change. Now the sexy promoter of hair care wenders has carefully coiffured hair in the latest style, a wide smile that exposes all 69 perfectly aligned teeth, and a bounce in her walk that would rate 9.5 on the Richter scale.

Manufacturers of every conceivable product from beauty aids to garden equipment rack up a fortune annually just because their products are advertised by famous beauties and personalities. The day of keeping up with the Joneses is swiftly coming to an end, but we do keep up with Farrah Fawcett and "Doctor J," because commercials in which they appear have SEX APPEAL. What better reason can you have for buying Brut Cologne than that it's used by Muhammad Ali? Can any

other tooth paste get teeth as white as Pepsodent? Of course not since Dabham Carroll uses it. Who would think of wearing any other stockings besides Hanes? After all, the commercial shows a man ogling the legs of a beautiful model as he seductively states that "gentlemen prefer Hanes."

Wouldn't it be nice if just once the manufacturers of leading products featured Phillips Diller or Marty Feldman in one of their commercials? Or wouldn't it be a pleasant change of pace to see Buddy Hackett modeling panty hose? Sure it would! "Plain folks," too, want a chance to show their sex appeal.

Besides being amusing and semi-half-witted, these sex appeal commercials are also totally unreal. After being "sweet and good" and having "a whole full day of motherhood," what woman in her right mind is going to shake off her gloves and "have an Avance night"?

After all, are we really that naive?

## Some women don't have to advertise.

—Sandee Hill



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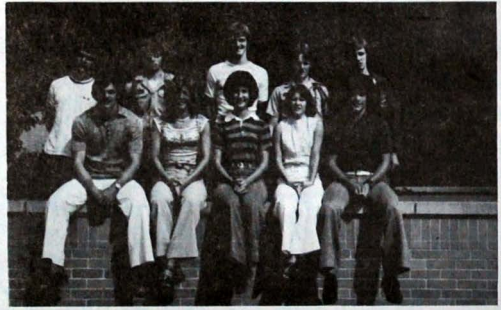
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**DIGEST ALL-SPORTS TEAM** — Members of this year's team selected by the coaches are from left — Tommy Cope, track; Terese Hixon, girls' basketball and girls' track; Kim Dryman, girls' tennis; Kim Theford, girls' cross country; Honnie Durham, wrestling; Second row — Steve Smith, boys' cross-country; Keith Sands, rifle team; Brian Howard, boys' basketball; Rick Parham, baseball; Kenny Defnese, boys' tennis.

Photo by Terry Clowds

## Coaches name athletes for Digest All-Sports Team

The Digest recently asked the head coaches of each sport to name one player who they thought best represented their team. In addition to performance during the season, factors such as leadership, dedication, and improvement were considered by several coaches in their selection.

**Girls' Cross-Country** — "She was one of our top runners, she showed a lot of determination, and her leadership and dedication was of great importance to the team," commented head cross country coach Steve Highlander. For these reasons senior Kim Theford is the choice for girls' cross-country on the Digest All-Sports Team. Kim placed first for Central in two of the team's four meets. She is also co-holder of the team's best time, 11 minutes and 2 seconds, for the one and a half mile course.

**Boys' Cross-Country** — The Digest All-Sports selection for cross-country is senior Steve "Wildman" Smith. Steve was All-SETAC and as a junior he set the current school record of 16 minutes and 31 seconds for the three mile cross-country course. "Steve was our best runner and was always a threat to run away with the race," stated Coach Highlander.

**Baseball** — Because of his competitive spirit on the baseball diamond, senior Rick Parham has been chosen as baseball's All-Sport's representative. "Rick is a very intense baseball player. He never lets up, even if we should be completely out of the baseball game," stated Ed Hoover, head baseball coach. Rick, pitcher and third baseman, has an ERA of 1.99 and a batting average of .326. He also struck out 44 batters for the season and was chosen for the All-City second team.

**Girls' Basketball** — Chosen as the

Digest All-Sports representative for girls' basketball is senior Terese Hixon. Head girls' basketball coach Mike Ricketts stated, "Terese is definitely the best female athlete I've seen at Central." Terese, chosen captain of the girls' team, was also named All-SETAC, All-County and first team All-City. Terese was a member of the Senior High School All-American team and elected player of the week by the News-Free Press.

**Boys' Basketball** — In boys' selection, the Digest All-Sports selection is senior Brian Howard. Brian averaged 12 points and 13 rebounds per game. Larry Payne, head boys basketball coach commented, "Brian has blocked more shots than anyone since I've been here." Brian, voted captain of the team, made the SETAC All-Tournament, SETAC All-Conference, All-County, All-District, and Region Four teams. Brian recently signed a scholarship with Cleveland State Community College.

**Football** — Senior quarterback Chuck Cronin is the football representative for this year's Digest All-Sports Team. For the past season, he was among the top five quarterbacks in the county for passes completed with an average of over 50 percent, and for total passing yardage. Chuck was also chosen All-County and was named this year's Most Valuable Player on the football team. Head football coach Mike Townsend commented, "Chuck found out what it

took to achieve something."

**Golf** — The Digest All-Sports selection for this year's golf team is junior Kip Henley. Kip broke a record for a nine hole match against East Ridge. He shot two under par with only nine puts. "Kip received this honor because he won the most matches and he's good," stated head golf coach, Sgt. Warren Luttrell.

**Rifle Team** — The Digest All-Sports selection from the rifle team is senior Keith Sands. Keith has been a member of the rifle team since his sophomore year. Keith averaged a score of 245 per match. "Keith is the highest shooter for the school," stated SFC Luttrell. "He is a fine marksman, a competitor, a good student, and a very dependable person."

**Girls' Tennis** — Because of her intense determination, junior Kim Dryman has been selected as girls' tennis All-Sports athlete. "Kim worked extremely hard," said John Ramage, head tennis coach. "She elevated from the number three to the number one position." "Kim won a lot, yet she was always striving to improve her game," remarked Coach Ramage. "She will give us a strong nucleus for next year's team."

**Boys' Tennis** — Senior Kenny



by Doug Williams

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Looking through my new Champion late one night, I suddenly realized that there were many faces on those printed pages that I would never see again. A knot began to churn in my stomach. Turning a few more pages, I came to the athletic section. There, as I reflected on my experiences in sports, that knot in my stomach churned faster.

I thought of how fortunate I had been to have had coaches whose main goals were not personal gain or even winning, but the development of responsible Christian men prepared to meet the world. I thought of the bonds formed with my teammates, all of us depending on each other, all of us sharing together both victory and defeat. I remembered the friendships I had made with my opponents. It's true, some were obsessed with winning, but most of us were out there for one reason — the love of competition. I reflected back on the long hours of exhausting practice, the strict training rules, and all the other sacrifices, but one thing made it all worthwhile and that was winning — the satisfaction of knowing you did your best. And yes, I remembered the agony of losing and the feelings of angerness I felt towards myself for not staying that extra hour after practice or running that extra mile.

As all these memories passed through my mind, I knew that athletics had made me a better person. They had taught me that to win in anything including life, one must work hard, make sacrifices, meet challenges head-on, and never accept defeat.

As I closed my new yearbook, turned off the light, and crawled into bed, I realized that my athletic experiences had prepared me for a bigger, more important game — the game of life.

Defnese has been selected from the boys' tennis squad for the Digest All-Sports Team. Kenny started out in the number six position on the team and advanced to the number four spot. "He is the most improved player in the county," stated Coach Henley. In the SETAC tournament, Kenny came in first in his division. He has also lost the fewest matches. "Kenny is very aggressive on the court and he keeps on improving with every match he plays," added Coach Ramage.

**Girls' Track** — Senior Terese Hixon, girls' track co-captain, is the Digest All-Sports selection for track. In the SETAC meet, Terese finished second in both the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash. "Terese was one of the more competitive team members this year. She is gifted in track as well as basketball and volleyball," stated Joel Brewer, head track coach. He added, "If she had had the opportunity to run track for the past three years, she would probably be even better."

**Boys' Track** — In track, Tommy Cope is the Digest All-Sports representative for running events and Keith Sands was selected in field events. Tommy ran the 100 and 220-yard dash and the 440 yard relay.

Tommy ran a 9.9 100-yard dash to tie Central's record set by Steve Arnold in 1971. "Tommy was valued by the track team by scoring a lot of points for us in the last three years," stated Coach Brewer. "Field event participant, Keith Sands, was the most consistent field performer for Central," stated Coach Brewer.

**Volleyball** — The 1977 volleyball team's All-Sports athlete is junior Kim Dryman. Kim was valued by her teammates as the most valuable player on this year's team. "Kim is an excellent server, a good defensive stand-out, and an experienced player," stated volleyball coach, Mike Ricketts. Kim has varied volleyball skills the ninth grade.

**Wrestling** — With such distinctions as having won three individual wrestling tournaments and the district tournament in his .5-pound weight class, senior R -y Durham was chosen for the Digest All-Sports Team. Head wrestling coach, Steve Highlander commented, "Dedicated and day out he was really dedicated and inspired the rest of the team to do the same." Kenny placed in the tournament he was in, including the Knox-Carter, Butler, and Central Invitational.

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