Women's tennis maintains winning tradition; two go to State

Led by senior Ruth White and junior Kay Ginsberg, the women's tennis team made coach Kris Patton's first season at Champaign Central a winning one.

Netters ended their season with a 9-1 record and sent two women to State. Having won their District matches, White and Ginsberg advanced to State finals, but lost in the first round.

A 4-5 defeat at Lincoln, the only loss of the season, broke the team's eleven-game winning streak, which began last year.

Players praised their competitive experience. White commented, "I have learned a lot of strategy and had a great time."

"I had a lot of fun," added junior Diane O'Neill.

Coach Patton, pleased with her team's accomplishments, was even more enthusiastic about next year with five returning letterwomen.

"If the team works out a lot this summer, we're really going to be in it," Coach Patton predicted.





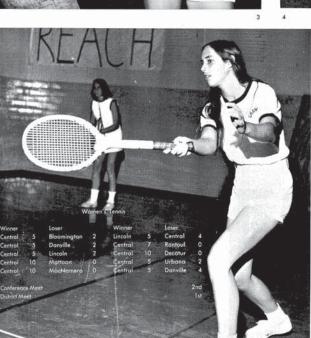




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- Undefeated in her number-three position on the singles court, Janet Bates follows through with a backhand against Decatur.
- 2. Rain forced the cancellation of the Danville and Springfield match and required occasional indoor practice for top-ranked Ruth White and her teammates.
- 3. Coach Kris Patton talks over offensive strategy with junior Mary Blackburn.
- 4. Playing number two singles and doubles is a lot of work for junior Kay Ginsberg.

Cross country takes Twin City title; Rundus goes to State

Plagued by injury and a feeling of disappointment, coach Dike Stirrett's cross country team's 5-5 record was down from last year's 9-4 season.

"The season started out with promise, but those injuries really hurt our morale," senior runner Mike Trippedi summarized.

A mid-season slump, spawned by leg injuries and illness, halted the team's successful start. Finishing strong with three straight dual meet victories, the Maroon's hopes for repeating last year's post season successes were thwarted. They failed to qualify for the State Meet by finishing fifth in the sectional.

Leading the team was senior Rick Rundus who won eight races including the Twin City and the Conference Meet. He finished 44th in the State Meet as Central's lone qualifier.

Backing Rundus were seniors Charlie Owens, Ken Miller, Steve Revak and Trippedi; junior Guy Wolf; and sophomores Dave Rundus and Tom Spence.

Even though the harriers won the Twin City title for the third straight year, the team considered the season below what they might have accomplished.

As senior runner Owens put it, "It was a year o over confidence, disgust, and frustration."







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- 1. Having just taken off his spikes after a meet, Guy Wolf reflects on his run.
- 2. With his arms upraised in victory, Rick Rundus takes first in the Big 12 Meet.
- 3. Ken Miller attempts to sprint past his opponent in the Conference Meet.
- 4. Running all alone, Dave Rundus tries to improve his finish in the District Meet.
- 5. Poised at the starting line, Central and Urbana runners await the crack of the gun.

Gridders tie for third in Big 12 with a 5-3-1 record

With a stubborn defense and a dependable offense, Coach Tom Stewart's varsity football team came back from a mid season slump to finish at 5-3-1.

Central started off the season against cross-town rival Centennial. After a bitter struggle, the teams tied 7-7. Central netted its first victory the following week by thrashing Rantoul 27-7.

Although they lost the next three games to Mattoon, Quincy and Bloomington by close margins, the Maroons did not give up.

Senior flanker Mark Schweighart

commented, "Looking back to the two Big 12 games we lost, I realized we almost won them both. When the coach said we had the ability to win the last four games, we all believed him."

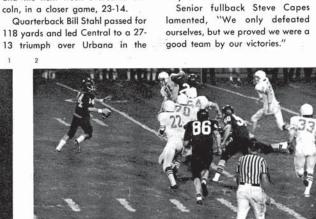
This belief spurred Central to handily defeat Stephen Decatur in the Homecoming game, 35-6.

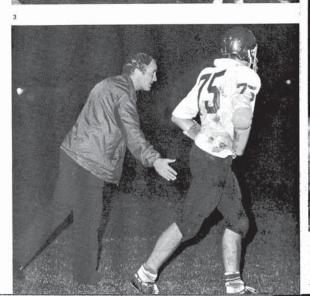
Encouraged by this victory, the gridders destroyed Danville 41-8 and the next week overcame Lin-

118 yards and led Central to a 27-13 triumph over Urbana in the season finale. This marked the fifth time in six years that Central has been the victor.

Four senior gridders earned All-Big 12 honors: Bill Stahl, quarterback and defensive back; Karl Helfrich, linebacker; Doug Filkin, center; and Tom Cochrane, kicker.

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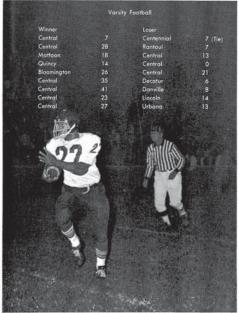
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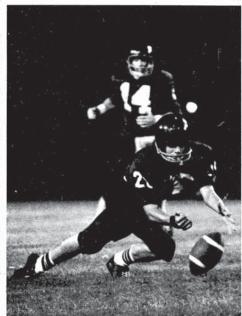
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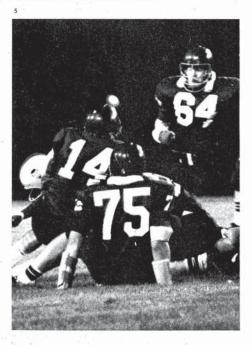








- 1. Intensely watching the Urbana game, Coach Stewart contemplates his next move.
- Quarterback Bill Stahl, finding his receivers covered, scampers for a first down.
- 3. Co-captain Karl Helfrich gets defensive instructions from Assistant Coach Wooley.
- 4. Defensive back Cam Wallace dives in a futile attempt to intercept a pass.
- 5. A Decatur Red is tackled by safety Bill Stahl (14) and linebacker Karl Helfrich (75) as linebacker Buck Frisbee (64) looks on.



J.V. season suffers; sophomore gridders finish above .500

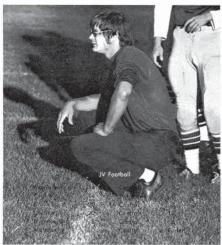
The 1974 J.V. football team finished its rugged six game schedule with one big win over powerful Decatur Eisenhower of the Capital Conference.

"We gained so much experience that our 1-6 record meant nothing", said J.V. coach Jeff Trigger.

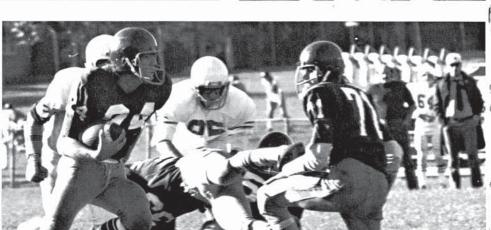
Coach Rich Wooley credited the team's poor record to lack of structured practice time. J.V. players do not have team workouts since they are also members of the varsity squad and practice with that team.

According to junior split end Dan Rebecca, "J.V. football is a lot of fun, and the added playing time gives you a chance to show talents to coaches that they might not see in varsity play."

Most players felt the experience gained during the season was profitable.







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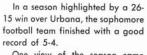
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One view of the season came from guard John Rawdin who commented, "We didn't make the crucial plays and were too inconsistent in our games."

Coaches Gene Ward and Don

Pittman agreed the team had potential but as Coach Pittman noted, "We didn't jell into a consistently winning unit."

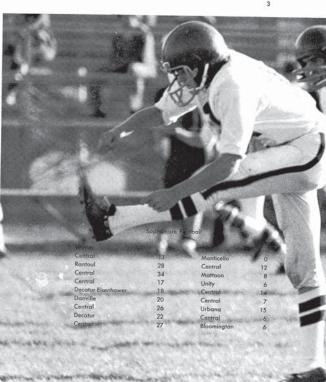
Leading the team was Chris Wicks, who passed for 284 yards, and Tim Mulcahey, who rushed for 475 yards. They and their teammates will attempt to help next year's varsity team.

- 1. Split end Dan Rebecca, with a Bloomington defender on his back, pulls in a pass from Chris Wicks.
- 2. Tailback Rick Wilson explodes through the Bloomington line for a sizeable gain.
- 3. Quarterback Chris Wicks talks over the game situation in the huddle.
- 4. Runningback Ken Neither breaks free from an Urbana defender for a first down.









Maroon golfers capture District title; finish season 10-6

Playing in the fall for the first time, linksmen capped their respectable 10-6 season with a first-place finish at the District meet.

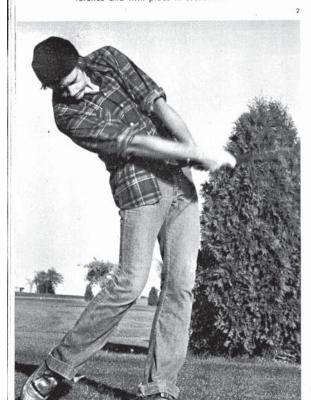
Chicago area schools, which dominate State play, were behind the change in season. They have had problems using public courses in the spring.

This change caused difficulty at Central for original golf coach Rich Wooley. Wooley preferred coaching football to golf in the fall and named history teacher Fred Schooley to succeed him.

According to Schooley, "This team had better material than any I have seen at Central."

As expected, the Maroons finished well in their dual meets led by seniors Mike Tennant, Brian McGill, Dan Harrington; junior Sandy Leach; and sophomores Rick Wampler, Jack Hayes, and Tim Murphy. But problems occurred in post-season play.

As senior Brian McGill put it, "We just lost our consistency after winning District." With the lack of consistency the Maroons slumped to eighth place in conference and fifth place in sectionals.





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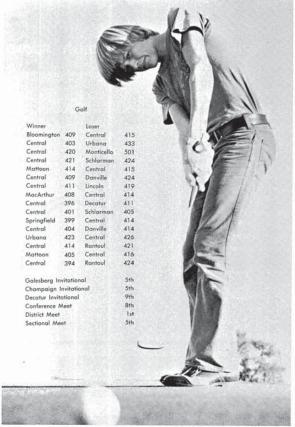






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- Senior Mike Tennant hits out of one of Savoy's many sand traps.
- 2. Using every muscle in his body, senior Dan Harrington tees off.
- 3. Before his match with Danville, sophomore Rick Wampler warms up on the driving range.

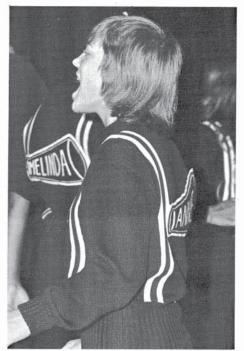
Hours of practice help cheerleaders promote school spirit

Enthusiasm, agility and pep are three requirements needed for a Central cheerleader. The varsity squad consisted of 10 cheerleaders and one mascot. They were chosen in the spring of '74 by a student-faculty committee. The sophomore squad was made up of six girls who were chosen in the fall by their own class and finally selected by a faculty board.

According to Cindy Cler (Max Maroon), "We worked our tails off but it was worth every bit of it."

Cheerleading is a lot of hard work and it involves many, hours of practice. During the year the varsity squad worked on their routines at Unit Four Field and along with the sophomore squad spent approximately 180 hours practicing in the girls' gym in preparation for their long and trying season.











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- Seniors Sue Capel and Debbie Meislahn help Cindy Cler (Max Maroon) complete her aerial maneuver.
- 2. Junior Anne Dawley cheers as the Maroons make another first down.
- 3. During the Homecoming assembly skit, the cheerleaders await their cue in their adaptation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"
- 4. Sophomore cheerleaders greet their opponents from Lincoln with a warm hello.
- 5. Tammy Rafheisen, sophomore, is helped into the air by varsity cheerleader Anne Dawley in the girls gym.
- 6. Sophomore cheerleaders entertain the crowd with their "You gotta score" cheer.

Tankers capture conference title; place first in district

Early in October Coach Jeff Trigger was asked how he thought the 74-75 swim team would do during the season. He replied, "If we work hard, we stand a good chance to be one of the best swim teams in the State."

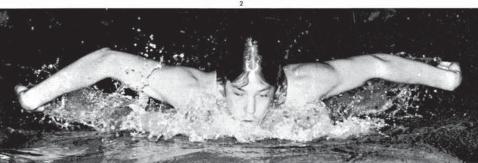
Trigger's prediction came true. Maroons finished with a dual meet record of 9-1, a first place finish in conference, and a first place finish in district. The only blemish on the Maroons dual record came at the hands of conference power Springfield.

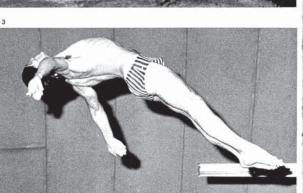
Leading the Maroons were seniors Kirk Hartley, Kirk Wolfinbarger, Steve Capes, Buck Frisbee, Mike Tomlin, juniors Brad Thompson, Sandy Leach, Chuck Davis, and sophomores Jim Yount, Mark Tomlin, Mike Barenberg, and David Johnson.

Many records were broken this year. Yount broke the Spaulding Pool record in the 100 yard backstroke and 200 freestyle. The Medley Relay team of Thompson, Wolfinbarger, Capes, and Frisbee set a pool record. For the first time a team coached by Trigger defeated Bloomington twice in dual meets.

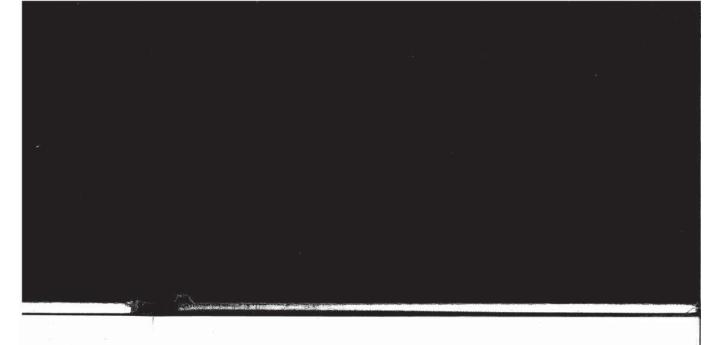










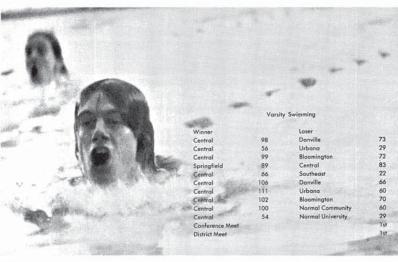


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- Senior Buck Frisbee and sophomore David Johnson prepare their meet cards before the 50 yard freestyle.
- 2. Sophomore Mark Tomlin displays good form in the 100 yard butterfly.
- 3. In the midst of a difficult back dive is junior Chuck Davis.
- 4. Stroking hard toward the finish is sophomore Jim Yount.

One-point losses, overtime defeats hurt cagers' season

Undermanned and undersized, victimized by three overtime defeats and one-point losses, and fighting fan apathy, Central's cagers chalked up a 8-16 season for Coach Lee Cabutti's 19th year.

Maroons dropped four of their first five contests including a double-overtime loss to Kankakee MacNamera.

Senior forward Steve Yount noted, "We were down after losing such a close one, but we had hopes of coming back in our next few games."

Yount's hopes were realized as Central won the next two out of three games against Lincoln and Decatur, but lost a one-point decision to Danville.

As the Centralia Tournament rolled around, Central planned to repeat Maroon victories of years past. A double-overtime loss to Rich East and a close defeat by

Elgin foiled Central's plans.

Maroons lost their next three games to Rantoul and state powers Urbana and Bloomington, but returned to the winning track by defeating Mattoon handily, 56-39.

Their third double-overtime loss came at Lincoln. Maroons then lost to Danville, but finally won a two-pointer by beating MacArthur 57-55.

They came back the next week to beat Stephen Decatur 65-55 and Kankakee East 44-41. Cagers then faced cross-town rival Urbana and lost 56-43.

Central won none of its final three games to finish the season. Fans agreed the leaders of the team were Bill Stahl, Yount, and Dave Suttle, seniors; Carl Upshaw, Tom Sawtelle, and Jeff Clasey, juniors; and Terry Turner, sophomore.

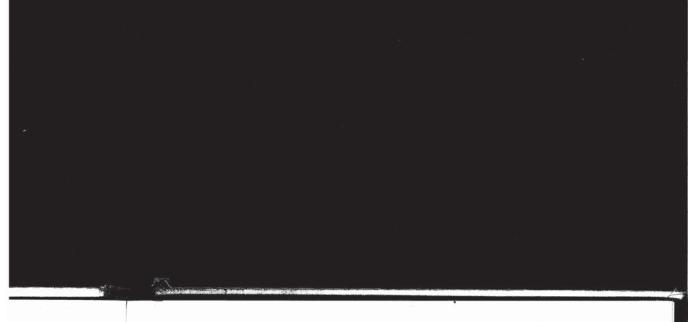




- Bill Stahl gets ready to take a 20-footer as Tom Sawtelle comes over to help.
- 2. Forward Carl Upshaw towers over opponents to lay in an easy basket.
- 3. Dave Suttle takes a shot from the key.
- 4. Center Terry Turner takes a shot while two MacArthur players look on in vain.
- Surrounded by three Mattoon players, forward Steve Yount looks for an open man.







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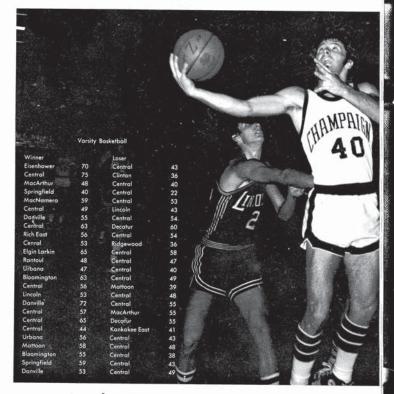
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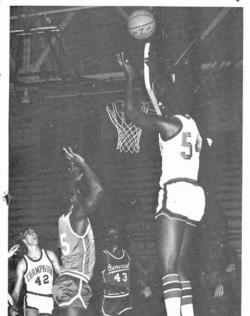
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Girls' basketball ends six-game winning streak at Mattoon

Central's Girls' Basketball A and B teams started their eight-game season by defeating Centennial 34-31 and 35-31, respectively. They finished with a record of 4-4.

Coach Becky Sheridan, an AAU basketball player, was pleased with her teams' progress.

"We had great potential on both squads. We should have a good

year next season."

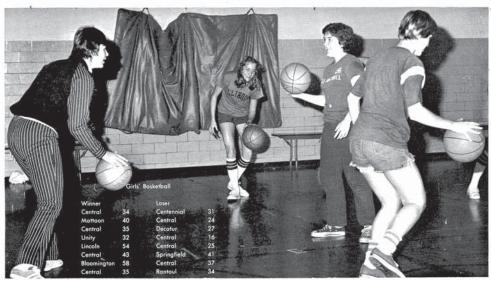
Coach Sheridan was assisted by Janet Hines, another AAU player.

Of the thirty-nine girls who tried out for basketball, 20 were selected for the two teams. Barb Babb was A captain while Marsha Shaw headed the B team.

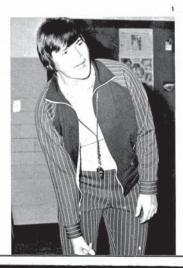
Combining the girls' and boys' athletic programs meant improved

equipment and more practice time for the girls. Practicing three times a week plus playing in scheduled games kept the girls busy.

Senior Barb Babb summarized the feelings of many of her teammates, "I've enjoyed experiencing the meaning of sportsmanship while having the chance to play against good competition."













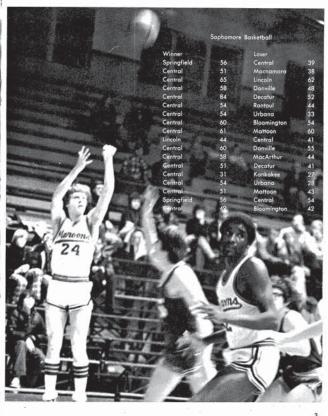
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Due's sophomores finish year with a 15-3 record

Central's sophomore cagers ended their rugged 18-game schedule with an impressive 15-3 record.

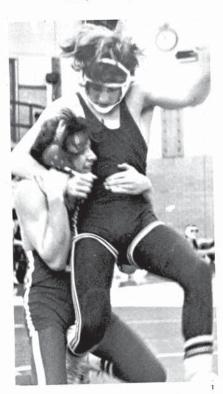
According to Coach Charlie Due, "These kids showed a lot of promise, and they will help next year's varsity without a doubt."

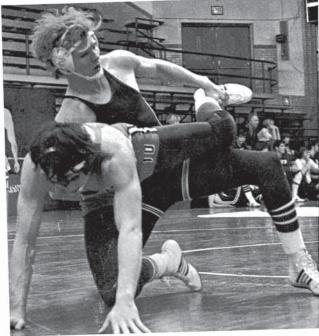
Led by Mike Wilson, Randy Strohl, John Pierce, J. C. McGee, Greg Larson, and Joel Luesse, the Maroons compiled one of the best records in the history of sophomore basketball.

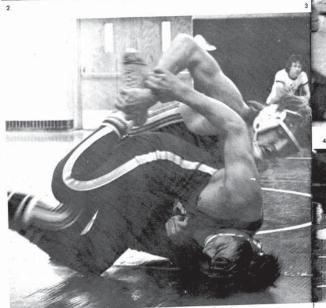
When asked the reason for the team's success, Strohl speculated, "We won our games because we worked well together as a team and had balanced scoring from all our starters." The leading scorer was Wilson with an average of 17.8 points a game.

- Basic skills and techniques are important as Coach Sheridan explains.
- 2. Junior Gail Shawley guards junior Shirley Casey closely during practice.
- 3. Sophomore Randy Strohl is confronted with a slight resistance while driving in for a lay-up.

- Using a stand-up, Paul Palmer struggles to escape his opponent's grasp.
- 2. Kevin Stewart holds down his opponent with a waist-ankle ride.
- 3. Sensing victory, Ray Logan drives his man to the mat.
- 4. Terry Sparks shows fierce determination as he goes for the pin.







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Grapplers show spirit struggling through losing season

After a disastrous 1-16 season in 1974, the wrestling Maroons came back with a 5-13 record.

"I was optimistic at the beginning of the season," said new head coach John Gann, "partially because we had nowhere else to go but up."

A former UI football player and

wrestler, coach Gann claimed that he "saw much improvement during the season. However, we couldn't seem to get a winning attitude."

After a strong 4-1 start, the grapplers slumped to eight straight losses before beating Central Catholic in Combes Gym. They then dropped four decisions to finish the

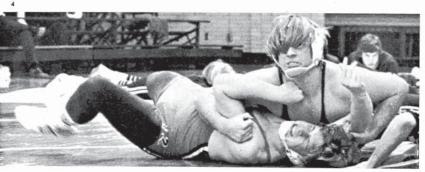
season at 5-13.

Leading the team in wins this year were juniors Kevin Stewart and Terry Sparks, with respective records of 12-2 and 12-4.

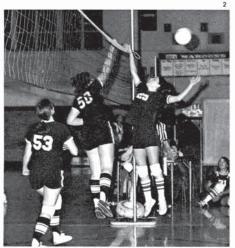
One of the major problems, according to Gann, was a lack of experience. "Next year, we should be a stronger team," he predicted.





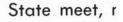








- 1. B team members and A team extras tensely await their turns on the court.
- 2. All of Lauren Lucas' strength goes into blocking a spike over the seven-foot regulation net.
- 3. Head Coach Twila Lookingbill watches anxiously as her team scores a point.
- 4. Jane Stuff bumps the ball over to save a point for her team.



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State meet, new coach highlight girls' volleyball season

Central's spirited Girls' Volleyball team went to Illinois' first state tournament with a 12-2 record. Red Bud dashed Central's championship hopes by defeating the Maroons 12-2 in the quarter-final round.

Over 730 teams were eligible for the State title. In order to qualify for the finals, a team had to successfully compete through qualifying rounds which included district, sectional and super sectional. All but eight teams were eliminated.

Coach Twila Lookingbill commented on her team's

season, "We had a great year. The State tournament was well organized."

Ninety girls tried out for the team, but only 20 were selected. Thanks to sales of girls' sports programs, each team member was issued a uniform for the first time.

Another first for the girls' sports program was the pep assembly held to send the volleyball team to State. It was the only one ever held solely in honor of Central's female athletes.







247 athletes comprise "Who's Who" in fall, winter sports

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Tom Stewart Assistants: Tom Gher Jeff Trigger Rich Wooley

Bill Acheson
Doug Adoms
John Bagby
George Baranski
Rick Behnke
Bruce Brown
Steve Capes
Brian Christie
Jeff Clåsey
Tom Cochrane
Mike Courson
Brad Davis
Scott Davis
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Managers: Lynn Cullum Joni Kmetz Nancy Kobel

GIRLS TENNIS

Head Coach:

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Manager: Lynn Heimburger

GOLF

Head Coach: Fred Schooley

Dan Harrington Jack Hayes David Johnson Sandy Leach Brian McGill Tim Murphy Paul Palmer Mike Tennant Rick Wampler

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Head Coach: Twila Lookingbill

Emily Baker Faye Baker Pat Billing Mary Blackburn Jackie Burnett Theresa Cochrane Kay Ginsberg Alexis Gray Linda Krabbe Lauren Lucas Terry McMahon Angie Mast Renee Mennega Hazel Monroe Dianne O'Neill Kathy O'Reilly Lauren O'Reilly Nancy Schultz Martha Shaw Gail Shawley Linda Stevens Jane Stuff Ruth White

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Lee Cabutti Assistant: Coleman Carodine

Jeff Clasey Al McFarland Tom Sawtelle John Shivers Bill Stahl Dave Suttle Terry Turner Carl Upshaw Manager: Jim McWethy

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

SOPHOMORE CHEERLEADERS

Advisor: Kris Patton

Betsy Blackburn Carol Capes Pat Grant Kathy Monkman Tammy Raufheisen

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

Head Coach: Charlie Due

Mark Cabutti Jacques Cook Brian Duff Pat Frayne Greg Larson Charles Lockett Joel Luesse J.C. McGee Tim Mulcahey John Pierce Randy Strohl Brian Walker Rick Wedig

- 1. Alexis Gray bumps a spike in a girls' volleyball game as Theresa Cochrane, Jane Stuff and Lauren Lucas look on.
- 2. Senior wrestler John Ebbing clamps a half nelson on junior George Morris during a practice in the boys' gym.

Central students' winter days highlighted by intramurals

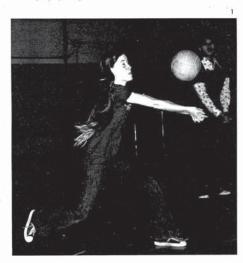
Nearly 15% of the school's population was involved in boys' and girls' intramural volleyball teams sponsored by the Girls PE Department every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night in the girls' gym.

According to sponsor Miss Karen Rasmussen, "It gave these kids a chance to participate in something that was both good for them physically and fun."

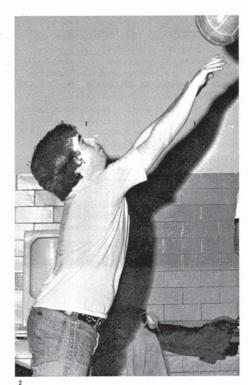
This year for the first time the boys were allowed to form teams and to invade the girls' gym. The Girls PE Department felt the boys' program was very successful and will continue it next year.

It was a change for the guys who were used to playing volleyball using their palms, which is against the rules in power volleyball. Power volleyball required using clasped fists to hit the ball.

As senior Cam Wallace put it, "It was hard to adjust to in the beginning but most of us picked up the techniques quickly."



- Power volleyball "bump" is demonstrated by sophomore Jane Dudley.
- 2. Sophomore Tom Skaggs returns a serve for the Bohemian Beaners in their game against Champaign Central Cross Country.
- Fighting to return a serve are Lil Fluffers Janet Bates and Elisa Birnbaum.







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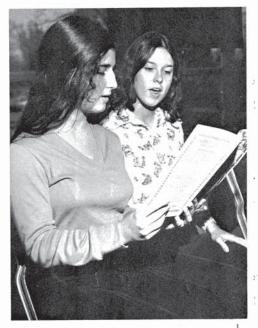






Organizations

A Capella go



- 1. Sopranos Carolyn Staley and Sharon Lippi harmonize during one of the many practice sessions for the Christmas concert, "Carols and Classics."
- 2. Mr. Decker directs traffic as the choir decorates for "More Entertainment."
- 3. Debbie Meislahn enlists the help of Cindy Cler as she plays "I Like To Sing About Sunshine."
- 4. Looking up for inspiration are April Thomas and Mamie Starks during their performance in "More Entertainment."
- 5. Gosta Ljungdahl and Rick Dixon have their eyes glued to the lyrics of "Christ Was Born Today."







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A Capella gains experience through many performances



For most Central students who didn't spend much time in the catacombs of the music department, the distinction between Chamber Choir and A Capella was a difficult one to make.

The supposed difference lay in the fact that Chamber Choir sang with musical accompaniment while A Capella didn't.

"But," noted director Don Decker, "this is a misnomer. A Capella often performs with accompaniment. In this year's Christmas concert the choir was backed by brass and string choirs."

The major difference between the choral groups was age and experience. While Chamber Choir was composed mostly of seniors, many of the A Capella singers were underclassmen with little stage background.

By the end of the year, however, they were seasoned veterans. Their performances included the four annual school concerts and benefits for churches and service organizations.







Community profits from Afro-American Club activities

Anyone who listened to Central's daily bulletin was aware that the Afro-American club was one of the busiest organizations at CHS.

Throughout the year, club members managed to have fun while raising money for worthy causes. Activities such as bake sales and a talent show helped finance Martin Luther King scholarships for deserving Black students at Central. In addition, proceeds from the club's Christmas dance bought food for needy families.

Club sponsors Coleman Carrodine and Mrs. Carolyn Blackwell took the group on a fall trip to Black Expo in Chicago and helped organize the annual Black Ball. They also aided in planning a dinner for club members' parents.

Because the Afro American club was so active, Mrs. Blackwell stated that "our membership was more selective this year, and we tried to accept people whom we felt would make a commitment to our projects."







