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Buildings Show One Side of Concrete and Cornfields





← Century 21 houses apartments, business offices, a restaurant, and the Hilton Hotel, besides being an interesting landmark.

↑↑ The Assembly Hall offers the world of sports, concert music, drama, and dance to Champaign-Urbana.

↑ More and more apartment buildings are being built in Champaign, as shown by this condominium on Park and Elm.

“Concrete and Cornfields” was chosen as the theme for the 1974 *Maroon* because those words typified the Midwest, central Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and Champaign Central High School in particular.

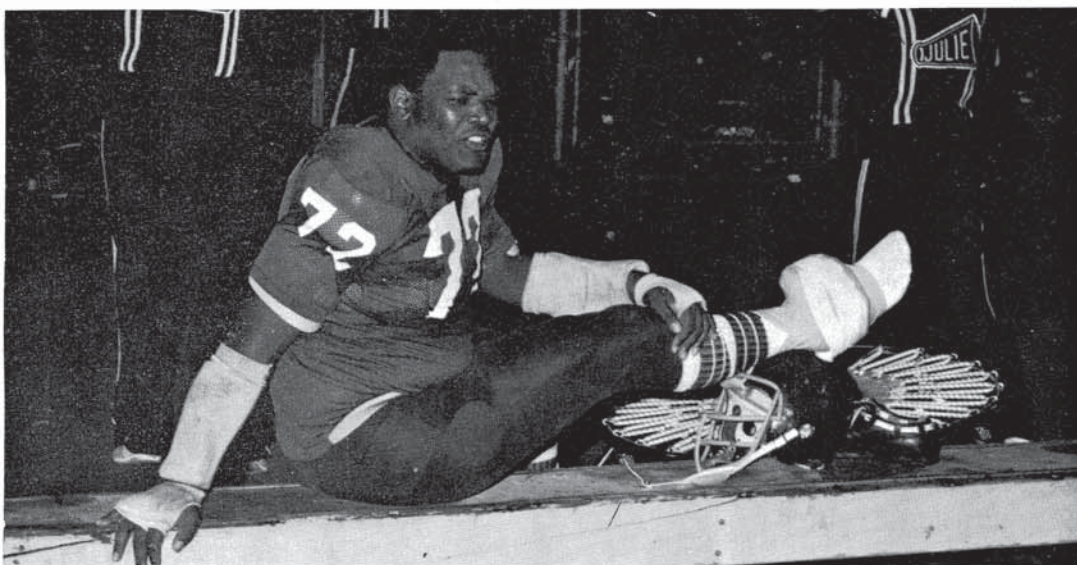
Champaign County has the richest soil in the entire world. The corn, wheat, soybeans, and livestock raised in this area help feed the world.

This section of the Midwest, however, is not strictly rural. With Chicago, St. Louis, and Indianapolis only two hours away, it's very easy to see a show, go to Six Flags over Mid-America, or just spend the day in a bigger city. Champaign, as the Twin Cities are commonly called, is also the home of the University of Illinois campus. With the mushroom-shaped Assembly Hall, the 21 storied rust-colored Century 21, and several modern classroom, dorm and apartment buildings, Champaign and Urbana have their share of mod architecture.

Some of the problems for the students of Central involve finding which niche they fit into, which may entail going against their parents' or friends' beliefs. They have to decide for themselves, however, because they have to live the life that's chosen. Either way they choose, it will further the struggle between concrete and cornfields.

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†† Nancy Hays, with a pleading look on her face, portrays a 20 year old girl in the fall production "Don't Drink the Water".

† Jerry Elam, number 72, props his injured foot up on his helmet as he shouts encouragement to his teammates on the field.

Activities Break Up Day, for Faculty, Students



Fun! No matter where they were, who they were, or what they were doing, Central High Students always managed to have fun. From watching a football game to being in the Homecoming parade as a queen candidate, to just talking on one of the pay phones in the school corridors, the kids could always enjoy themselves.

Sports, clubs, classes, and jobs were high on the list of "Things To Do." Sports offered something to everyone, whether they participated athletically, actually in the sport, or vocally, as a spectator. If contact sport was desired, football and wrestling filled that need. For the non-contact sports type person, golf, tennis, and swimming fit the bill. The faculty even got involved in the sports scene, when some of the female teachers formed their own intramural volleyball team, called the Volleybelles.

Clubs were a big part of life at Central. Everything from chess to contemporary music was held during the sixth hour activity period, and many of those clubs held

meetings outside of school time, both for business and for special programs and speakers. Other clubs, such as Junior and Senior Gym Leaders, *Maroon*, and *Chronicle*, had regular class periods in which to meet.

Classes ranged from Microbiology to Family Living. Every student had their favorite teacher to talk to and their favorite class to sleep in, and few people could agree concerning which was which. With six holes to fill in their schedule, and five classes a day, the sleeping-type classes and the interesting classes were often repeated in a day.

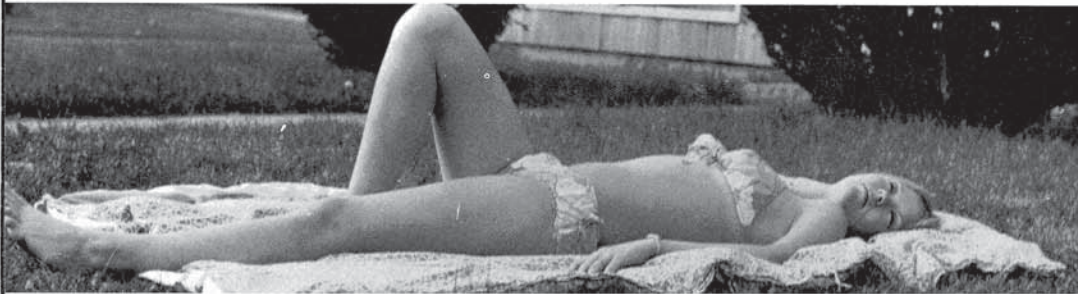
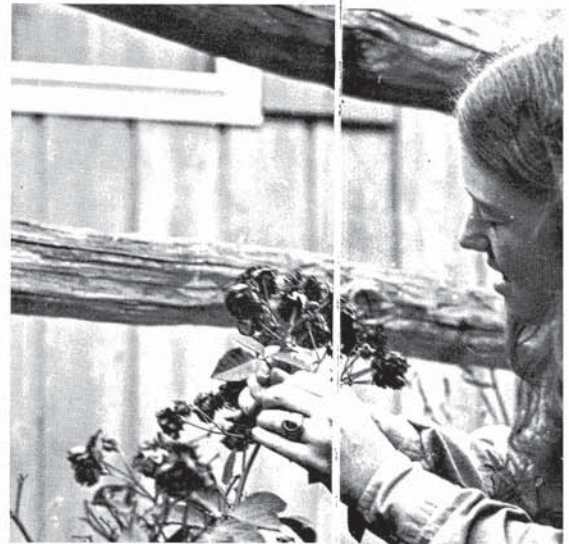
Jobs took up a big percentage of the students' time. CCE offered a job suited to the students during school, and the after school and weekend jobs were usually set up by the pupils themselves at various places around town.

All these factors contributed to making the school year more than just a daily routine. They helped break up the monotony of the school day, and aided the students in gaining interesting and pleasant experiences.

Traditional Activities



Students Face Summer with Relief Despite Tasks



← ↑↑ Enjoying the summer in Pam Christman's convertible was the motto of some of her friends who didn't have cars.

↑ Absorbing all the sun she can, Cindy Peddycourt catches a last chance of sun in her front yard after school.

↑↑ Regina Bell tries to revive her dying rose bush at summer's end.

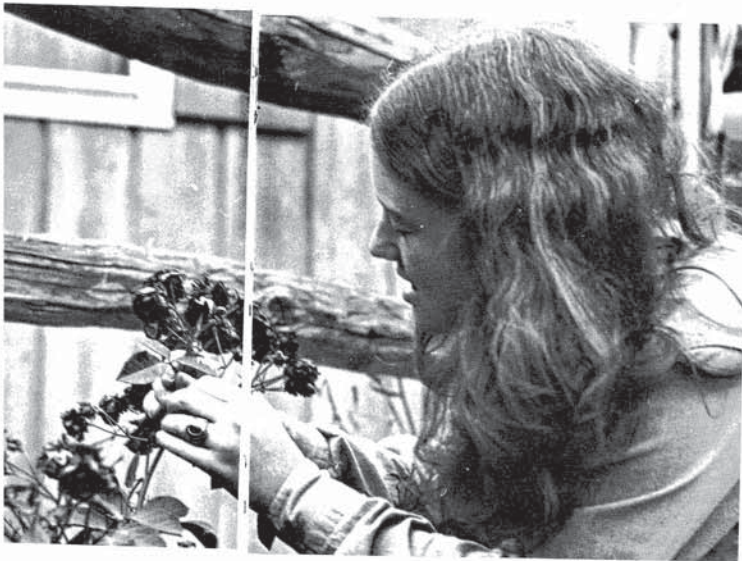
→ A discount at Baskin-Robbins makes eating ice-cream on the job a temptation for Rhonda Morill and her stomach.

→→ Brad Davis works for the Park District sweating off a few pounds, but earning a lot of money as a general handyman.





pite Tasks



Saying good-bye to friends at the end of the school year was hard, but with summer vacation ahead there was something to look forward to. Who knows, maybe they'd pop up at one of the free movies held at Hessel Park, or they might show up at some unexpected place.

Some students didn't have much of a choice, so they went out and got a money-making job, while others volunteered their services. A few of the lucky ones went away for the summer, and some just stayed home. Still, all they had to do was soak up the sunshine, occasionally doing a few odd jobs for their parents for example: gardening, housework, and taking out the garbage.

Despite the talk of another teachers' strike, school started on time this year. It was good to see all the smiling faces that you remembered from last year plus the additional smiling faces of all the new sophomores.



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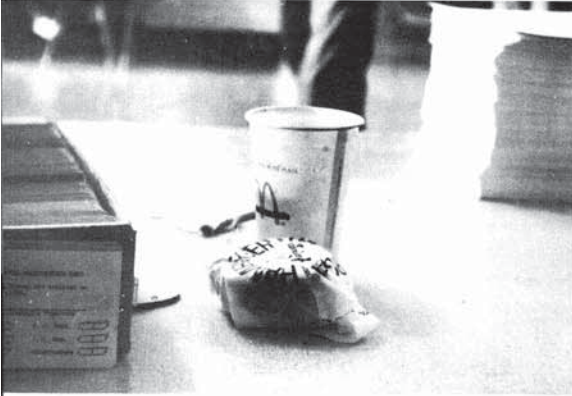
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- Rick Cummings finds passing out bus passes confusing.
- ↓↓ Glenn Dannenberger fills out one of a thousand state impaction cards to get him through registration for his senior year.
- A change of schedule already? Hot, impatient, and hasseled, John Cantrell, Mark Tymchysyn, Rhonda Morill, Kathy Vaught, and Sue Twohey, wait in the counseling office.
- ↓ After two mornings of work on registration, Tom Moran sneaks a glance at the baseball team in the MAROON Summer Supplement.
- ↓ Jim Lindsay and John Brown help keep Mrs. Holliday honest by inspecting the receipt given to them at registration.
- ↓ A lonely hamburger awaits its owner during registration.



Registration Cheers Bookkeeper, Disgusts Students



"Registration was fun, interesting, challenging, and nerveracking," groaned the bookkeeper, Mrs. Holliday, a smiling face under white hair on a tiny frame. She had a hard job and was under a lot of pressure, but put up with the noise and heat and was really on her toes. She enjoyed the experience because none of the students were rude.

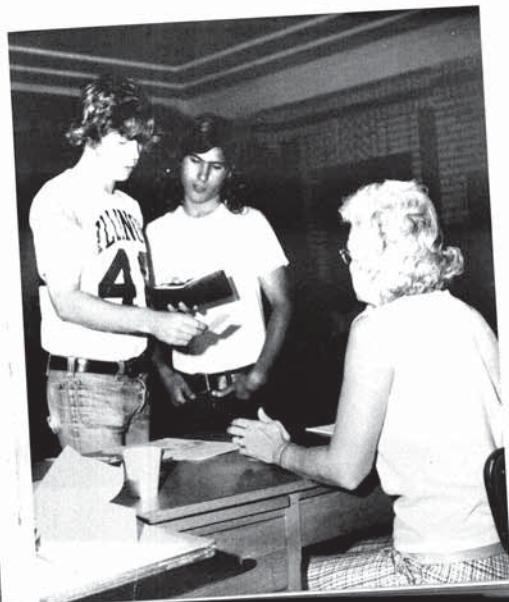
Mrs. Holliday handled \$28,000, mostly in checks. "It's really interesting. Only one check bounced."

Students had other viewpoints on registration. Some said it was frustrating, while others enjoyed it. The minimum cost of \$18.00 seemed to have burned in everyone's mind. The \$18.00 did not, however, include the cost for the yearbook, \$6.00; activity ticket, \$8.50; and the student insurance \$4.50, with the total cost of \$37.00.

Waiting was yet another story. If they came early, they didn't have to wait, but if they came after 1:00, it was a 15-minute wait amidst a lot of sweaty bodies.

The activity tickets caused some confusion because some students thought the activity tickets covered all games, here or away. But this was a misunderstanding.

Out of 1308 students, 1140 of them went through the hassel of registration, while 168 registered late.



Smoking and Lunch Are Two Everyday Activities

Classes, jobs, sports and resting made up an average day of a normal student at Central High. More than fifty classes were offered to the students at Central ranging from P.E. to psychology and photography to analytical geometry. The classes lasted from fifty-five minutes to seventy-five minutes. Some of the classes went fast; others dragged along, depending on how well the class was liked.

Another event which contributed to making the "average day" a success was jobs. Around 180 students participated in the CCE program at Central. These students got out of school between 12:00 and 12:30 to work at their particular jobs. Some of the jobs were office work, mechanics, waitresses to name a few. Those who weren't so anxious to work that early in the day waited until after school or later on in the evening to visit their place of employment and pick up their checks.

Sports were also a big contribution to the busy days at Central. Extramural sports were offered to the students who were interested. Some of the sports included were tennis, wrestling, swimming, football and basketball. For those students who wanted to form their own team intramural sports were offered. Some of the sports included in the program were basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball. These sports were offered to both sexes.

After all this work who doesn't deserve a little rest?



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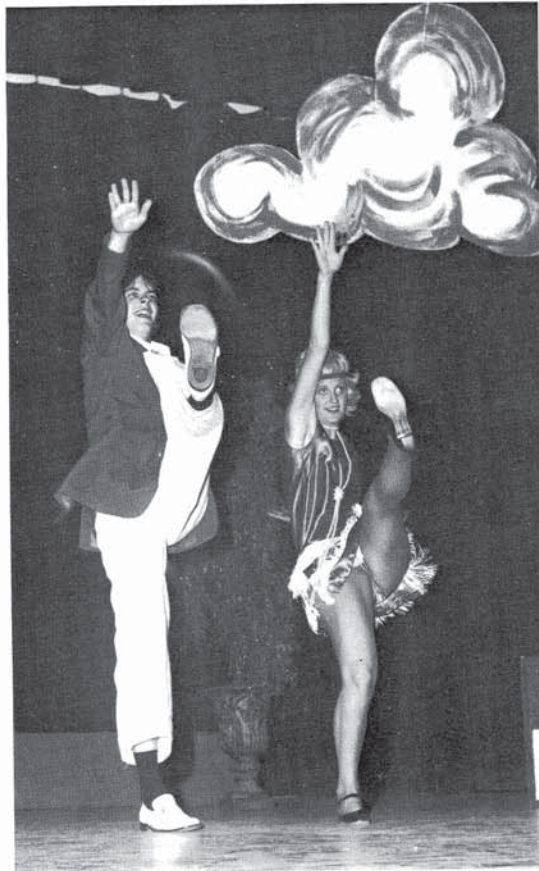
←← Susan Scanlan proves that women's lib is still around as she carries injured Lee Yarbrough's books to room 107.

↑ Anonymous smokers find comfort and relaxation across the street.

← Sophomore Jim Mingee is one of the first in line during B lunch, as he prepares to enjoy his hot lunch in the cafeteria.

←←↓ Taking advantage of the warm weather, Carol Hanes and Mary Ward relax with a soft drink across from the school.





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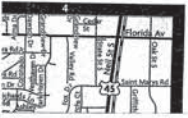
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Music Depart. Presents 20's SpooF to Full House

Songs, dances, giggles, corny lines, red cheeks, enormous eyes and bright tiny lips, flappers, Charleston stripes, polka dots and lots of noise, color and excitement were very important ingredients for the atmosphere of *The Boyfriend*, the fall musical for 1973-74.

The show was cute and lively and it brought back to Central the 20's and their roar.

The two evening performances were well received by two capacity audiences in the Little Theater, and to the amusement and happiness of the cast the public laughed and clapped hard as the curtain fell.

The show was the Chamber Choir's fall project. Stage decoration, costumes, make up, publicity, programs, tickets and properties were done by members of the choir who at the same time were in the cast.

Orchestra members were provided by Central's Music Department, both band and vocal.

Mr. Decker, the Chamber Choir's conductor, directed both the musical and dramatic sections.



↑ ← ← ← Dawn Decker and Paul Edlefsen are dressed as Pierrette and Pierrot while playing the last scene of the third act.

← ← Bobby Hendrick in her swimming suit, is interpreting Mme. Dubonet, the elder headmistress in a French school.

← ← ← John Stuff as Bobby, the rich young American, and Anne Worner as madcap Maisie, are the cast's Charleston couple.

← The French maid Hortense, played by Maite Gonzalez, is disgusted with the supposedly perfect young ladies Cheryl Bates and Diane Meroney because they are misbehaving.

↓ ← At the musical's end the cast performs *The Boy-friend* number.

↑ Dan LaRocque, the stiff and rich Percival Brown, and Steve Zehr, the dirty old lord Brockurst discuss, as fellow Englishmen in the French Riviera, Mme. Dubonet's charms.



"Canned Raiders" Improve a Soggy '73 Homecoming



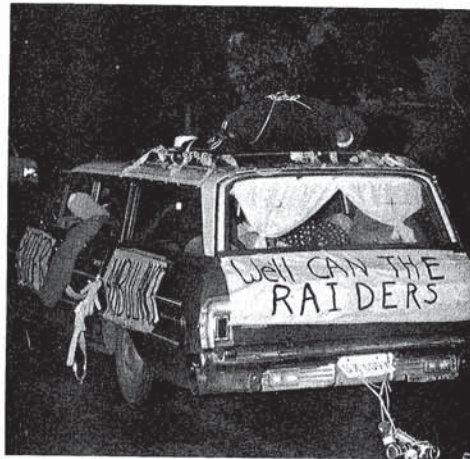
Droopy dummies and dripping decorations exhibited the theme "Can the Raiders," and what the weather of the homecoming game was like.

The sixth hour pep assembly brought out the school spirit of the Champaign Central students and faculty alike. Some of last year's graduates attended the assembly, hearing an extremely short talk from the guest speaker, John Levanti, of the U of I football team. Class competition, which consisted of riding on the back of their partners like a horse, was won by the aggressive sophomores.

It was announced that Terry McMahon and company was the 1st place winner of the car competition. A dinner for 2 at Katsinas', a gift certificate from Robesons for \$10, \$10 in cash, and 2 albums made up the prizes won.

They also announced the Junior attendant, Julie Corley, sophomore attendant, Lidia Breen, and the candidates for King and Queen. During the games half time, Teddy Morgan was crowned queen, and when everybody let their balloons go, the Central Varsity squad ran out on the field and won another game.

The Esquires helped the ending of the entire weekend along by serenading the couples at the dance at which Jeff Corley was crowned King.



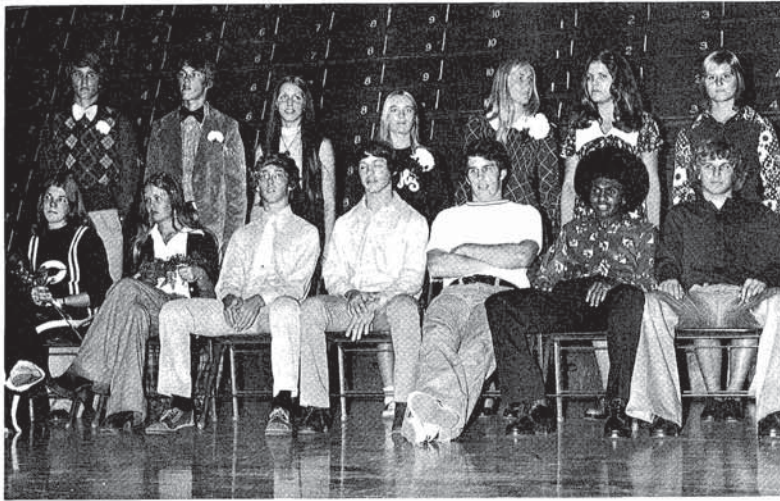
↑↑ ← Allen Due set up the boundaries for each class, while the competitors wait nervously for the beginning and the end.

↑ Ty Helms brings his date, Susan Little, a glass of punch while the band plays on at Reflections.

↑ While Max Maroon rides on top, dead Raiders hang out the windows of the ambulance during the parade to Centennial Field.

→ ↑↑ Andy Rohm reaches desperately for the football, while an unidentified Raider tries to block the reception.

→ Candidates for Homecoming King, plus the attendants and their escorts patiently await the ending of the assembly.



Fall Play Probes Academic Freedom & Masculinity

The Male Animal, a play about academic freedom, poked fun at administrators and football players with equal wit. It told the story of a college professor who wanted to read the letters of Sacco and Vanzetti to his English class, despite discouragement by friends and family.

The play began with Tommy Turner coming home to find that a student, Michael Barnes, had told the newspapers about his desire to read the letters.

Tommy had not wanted anyone to know that he was going to read the letters, because everyone thought they were bad and that college students should not hear them.

That was just the beginning of Tommy's trouble.

Worst came to worst and Tommy ran the risk of losing his wife Ellen to Joe Ferguson, her old boyfriend.

The play climaxed when Tommy and Barnes got drunk and began fighting with Wally Myers and Joe Ferguson.

The theme of the play was that a man should do whatever he feels is right, no matter what.

Tryouts were held for three nights after school. Anyone could try out. After everyone did Mr. Romsland picked who he thought was best. The play presented a challenge to the cast. They rehearsed for eight weeks mostly after school and in the evening. The crew worked three weeks building the set which represented the Turner's living room.



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- ↑ ← ← ← Paula Council as Cleota tries to comfort Mark Tymchyshyn as Tommy Turner who is recovering from a hangover.
- ← ← Jan Strombeck and Dan Smith as Wally Myers and Michael Barnes argue over who gets to take Patricia Stanley out.
- ← ← ← Michael Barnes, knocked out by Wally Myers, receives a little sympathy from Mary LaRocque as Patricia Stanley.
- ↑ ↑ Wally Myers and Dan LaRocque as Joe Ferguson carry Tommy to the sofa after being knocked unconscious.
- ↑ Pam Christman cries, dances, and kisses her way through the play as Ellen Turner, Tommy's wife.
- ← ← Mr. Romsland, faculty director, goes over his notes and makes comments and criticisms to the members of the cast.

Big Maroon Makes Debut During Beat Urbana Week

It all started one evening when Student Council decided to give the "go" for "Beat Urbana Week" hall decorations. From then on it was utter chaos.

On the evening of Nov. 5, 1973 each class racked their brains for a theme and how they would follow it. As it turned out the seniors must have thought the hardest, because they captured first place, using the theme "Champaign is on the Wright side of the Street."

During the "Beat Urbana Week" assembly, the entire school was visited by a mysterious friend by the name of Big Maroon. Big Maroon consisted of all the Central cheerleaders. Big Maroon tried to encourage the students and faculty to go see the Central vs. Urbana game. Later that night Urbana beat Central by a score of 32 to 20.

Another beat Urbana tradition, ten years old, at Kim Norrick's house. Kim hosted a pre-game dinner for the Central and Urbana cheerleaders.



↑ → Dave Barcroft eats at the Urbana football breakfast.

↑ Lynn Heimburger, Mary Verdeyen, and Terry McMahon frantically adjust last minute posters before judging the halls.

→ Mr. Sarnowski takes his first chance speaking in front of the school during the Beat Urbana assembly.

↑ → Big Maroon, alias the Central cheerleaders, practices in the girls gym, before he appears in front of the student body during the "Beat Urbana Week" assembly on November 9.

→ → Jan Miller, between two Urbana cheerleaders, enjoys her dinner at Kim Norrick's house, before the Central vs. Urbana game.



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Urbana Week



Christmas Endures Energy Crisis, Mall Construction



"How do you get a bulldozer down a chimney?" Santa had an opportunity to find out this year, since he arrived at the Christmas parade in a bulldozer with Miss Merry Christmas, Tina Demeris. Tina Demeris was elected by the student body. She wore the traditional red velvet robe and an untraditional hard hat to protect her from the mall construction. The downtown mall construction forced Santa to give up his more traditional sleigh.

The mall construction was not the only thing Santa had to cope with. Due to the energy crisis, fewer Christmas trees twinkled at windows and downtown Champaign remained dimmed for the holidays.

Eighteen inches of snow was one of the many surprises that Santa left this year. As a result, students enjoyed a popular 3 day addition to their Christmas vacation.

Despite the gas shortage and snow drifts, people managed to make one last exodus to Florida, the Virgin Islands, or Acapulco, Mexico.

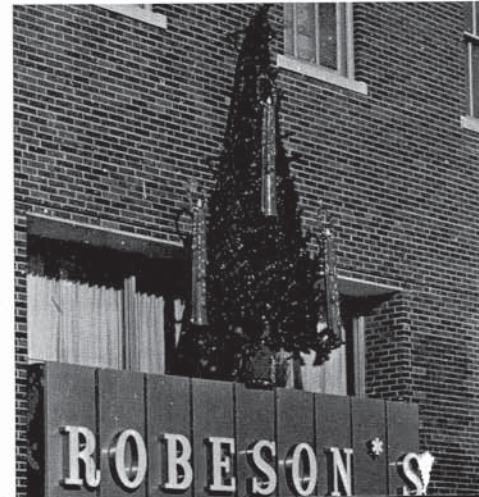
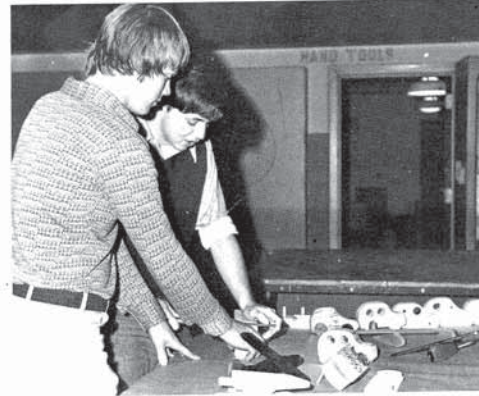


↑↑ Tina Demeris rides in town on a bulldozer with Santa Claus, for a very unusual Christmas parade entrance.

↑ The stop sign at Neil and Kirby looks almost buried under 16 inches of snow as more begins to fall fast and furiously.

↑→ Bobby Gordon and Tom McKinley, Industrial Arts students, construct wooden cars for the children at the Day Care Centers.

→ This was the scene all over the town: Christmas decorations with no lights due to the ever-popular energy crisis.



Tradition



Development of sports coaching veteran students for more than 400 years. Rules, but traditions were sportsmanship and any team, whether basketball or football.

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Traditional Sports Going Strong After 50 Years



Development of sports was a rapid thing in the eyes of a coaching veteran such as Lee Cabutti, Basketball coach for more than 400 wins and 18 years, he saw changes in rules, but traditions remained. Two unchanged traditions were sportsmanship and athletic ability, the foundation of any team, whether basketball, football, or cheerleading.

Another tradition in Central was winning. Football in the past 13 years had seen 83 wins, 30 losses and 4 ties. The 1966-67 team turned in the best record, 9-0, while being first in the state. Their undefeated season caused Coach Tom Stewart to be voted high school coach of the year by the News Gazette All State Banquet.

Basketball wins dated back to when record keeping was non-existent. During the past 18 years of Coach Lee

Cabutti's influence, the school saw 307 wins and 180 losses. Three teams made state finals with the best performance going to the 1968-69 team which placed third in the state. Before Coach Lee Cabutti, Coaches Harry Combes and Les Moyer tallied 499 wins to Central's tradition.

Another activity that went with these sports was cheerleading. As long as these sports existed at Central, there was some sort of crowd leader. Traditional cheerleading was founded back in the 1920's. Although the style was considerably different, the objective was the same: organizing the crowd to support the team.

This year's performances of cheerleaders, football and basketball team, became a part of Central's glorious past and tradition in the memories of school fans.

Traditional Sports



Football Has 5-4-1 Season, Four Members All Big 12

Head Football Coach Tom Stewart entered his 20th year of head coaching Champaign Central football in usual fashion. Starting on August 22, sixty-seven football players came to the first workout willing to brave hot, humid weather averaging in the 90's bumps and bruises, and possibly the worst of all, triple sessions. The first session was from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the second was from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the last was from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The season began against crosstown rival, Centennial, whom Central handled in a shut-out, 10-0. The charged-up Maroons went out next week and whipped Streator, 37 to 13 and in their first road game, pounced on Peoria, 33 to 14.

These first three victories kindled hopes for a repeat of last year's unbeaten Big 12 season. However, Mattoon stalled those hopes, 44 to 28. The Maroons came back to conquer Danville Schlarman 35 to 14 the next week.

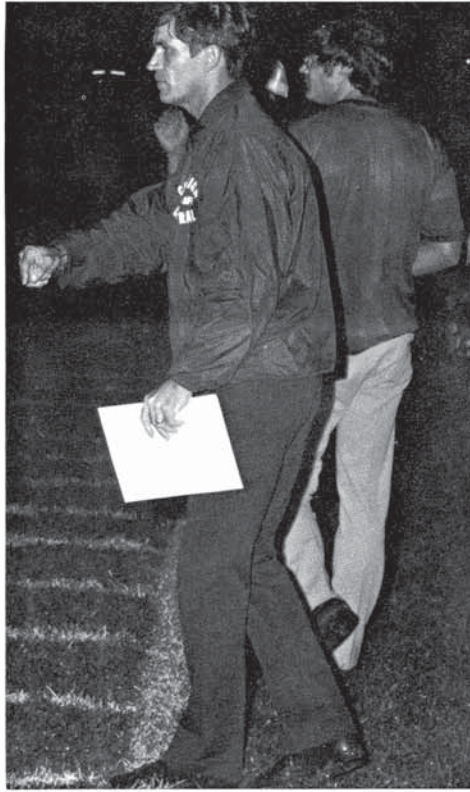
Then came Homecoming and "Can the Raiders" week.

Still in the running for the league championship, the Maroons thoroughly canned the Bloomington Raiders, 22 to 14. A 14 to 3 loss to underrated, underdog Stephen Decatur the next week stalled their flickering hope again. The next week's 20 to 20 tie with the Danville Vikings eliminated them permanently from the Big 12 title race.

Playing for pride now, Champaign fought back in a wild game as they lost to Springfield, 34 to 27. In the final game of the season against arch-rival Urbana, Central lost a bitter battle, 32 to 20 to end the season at 5-4-1.

Despite not repeating as Big 12 champs, 4 members made All Big 12: Co-Captain Dick Pittman, who made it as a kicker, quarterback Bill Stahl who passed for 1069 yards, split end Jeff Corley who set a school record for catches, and linebacker Maurice Hampton. These players plus the rest of the team provided excitement for Central's fans.





↓ ← ← ← All Big 12 Quarterback Bill Stahl, running the option play, tries to get away from three Bloomington Raiders.

↓ ← ← ← Painfully grimacing, Jeff Corley is helped off the field by teammates John Phillips and Bill Seeber.

← Head Coach Tom Stewart gives some sideline instructions to his gridders on the field as assistant Jeff Trigger looks on.

↓ Co-Captain Dick Pittman puts the toe to a 20 yard field goal.



Varsity Football 1973

Winner		Loser	
Central	10	Centennial	0
Central	37	Streator	13
Central	23	Peoria	14
Mattoon	44	Central	28
Central	35	Schlarman	14
Central	22	Bloomington	14
Stephen Decatur	14	Central	3
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Springfield	34	Central	27
Urbana	32	Central	20



Varsity Wins Opener, JVs Finish with 1-4 Mark

Uncertainty hung in the air, broken only by the constant chanting of the cheerleaders, unaided by a quiet crowd. Tension at the first Central-Centennial football game subsided only after the final gun and Centennial's defeat, 10-0, marking a new crosstown rivalry.

In 1968 Champaign High School split into two separate schools, Champaign Central and Champaign Centennial. Ever since, both schools have been trying to prove something to each other. Since this was the first time these two teams played each other in football, this was a chance to display their one-upmanship. A record 3000 spectators flocked to the field, exhibiting interest in the game.

In his first starting role at quarterback, Bill Stahl provided a potent passing attack. Stahl connected with Senior Jeff Corley for the only touchdown of the game. It was head-coach Tom Stewart's defense that sparkled, keeping a strong Centennial rushing attack at bay. Dick Pittman added a field goal making the final score 10-0.

One unusual aspect of the game was the fact that both schools were playing on their home turf, Unit 4 Field, although the contest was classified as an away game for Central. Unit 4's budget received a boost, collecting all the profits from both teams' ticket sales.

A pep assembly preceded the game. The assembly featured class competition and a few words from Mr. Fleener, Central's Principal, about sportsmanship and keeping competition on the field. In the spirit of fun, Mr. Fleener bet Mr. Al Davis, the Centennial Principal. The losing team's Principal had to sing the victor's pep song at the winning school. Mr. Davis graciously followed through, singing Central's pep song over the P.A. system. School officials sought to keep the atmosphere light before the game, fearing that the crosstown contest might bring trouble from overzealous students. Because all the action of the night occurred on the playing field, the game was re-scheduled to put the sports program in the black.



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According to JV Football Coach Mr. Rich Wooley, "The JV Football season was good experience and that's what we need." Another way to say this might be "No matter if we won or lost, it's how we learned to play the game." All these comments pertained to the JV's subpar season. The only thing needed and gained from this season was experience. Victories were slim in their 1-4 season which began August 22.

Since the JV squad practiced with the varsity team, this didn't give the assistant varsity coaches Mr. Rich Wooley and Mr. Jeff Trigger much time to coach their JV squad, perhaps one reason for their single-win season. Mr. Wooley was not displeased, however, because the gain in experience was enough.



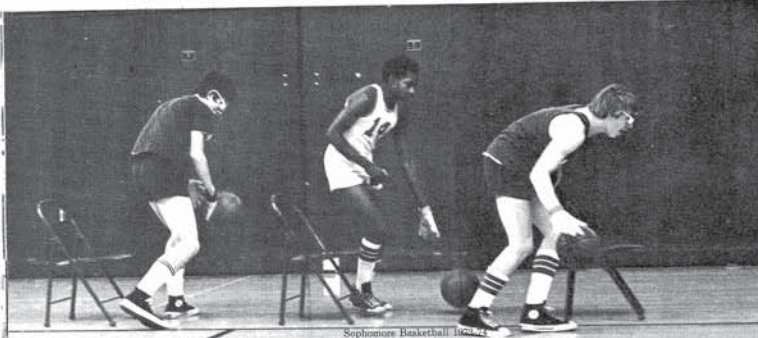
JV Football 1973			
Winner	Loser	Forfeit	
Central	0	MacArthur	14
Danville	20	Central	0
Stephen Decatur	20	Central	6
Bloomington	8	Central	13
Mattoon	45		



- ←←←← Frozen in the act of pulling in a pass, Jeff Corley eludes defenders deep in Centennial territory.
- ↑←← Co-Captain and leading ground gainer Glenn Tanner moves around end, picking up valuable yardage.
- ←← Centennial Principal Al Davis unleashes his voice over the Central P.A. system, singing Central's pep song.
- ←↑↑ In an extra effort, Terry Johnson tries to block three Bloomington players before they reach the ball carrier.
- ← Mark Schweighart strides to meet the ball on a perfect pass.
- ↑ Calisthenics help relieve tension of players before a game.

Where were you when you saw boys dribbling a basketball through chairs, with gloves and wearing blacked out glasses? No, you weren't at a masquerade party; you were watching sophomore basketball players. This was to teach the players to dribble without seeing the ball.

This year's sophomore basketball season closed with a winning 11-7 record. Coach Due, a 15-year veteran, explained that winning wasn't his objective. His objective was to make sure that the kids became experienced and adjusted to high school basketball.



Sophomore Basketball Record

Winner	Loser	Winner	Loser	Winner	Loser
Kankakee	42 Central	38 Central	50 Urbana	26 Central	45 MacArthur
Springfield	80 Central	62 Bloomington	67 Central	97 Central	56 Decatur
Central	64 Mt. Vernon	47 Mattoon	72 Central	62 Central	42 Urbana
Lincoln	69 Central	58 Central	43 Lincoln	38 Central	62 Mattoon
Central	69 Danville	66 Central	56 Decatur	52 Central	56 Bloomington
Rantoul	66 Central	45 Central	67 Danville	65 Springfield	51 Central



Sophomo



↑ → Coach Gene Ward watches contentedly while Don Pittman wonders about what went wrong on that play.

→ Dan Rebecca tries an end run against Bloomington.

↑ → Rick Wilson finds a lay-up effective against Lincoln.

→ Shawn Royer makes a jump shot in an easy win over Lincoln.



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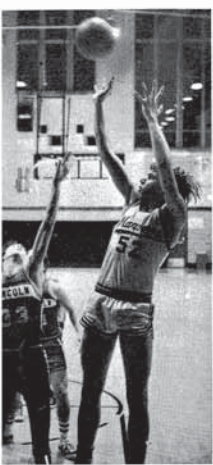
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Sophomores Show Running Talent with 8-1 Season



Sophomore Football 1973

Winner	Score	Losers	Score
Central	7	Rantoul	6
	41	Monticello	14
	33	Mattoon	0
	21	Unity	0
	36	Eisenhower	0
	14	Payville	6
	10	Urbana	7
	40	Stephen	0
	40	Decatur	14
Bloomington	16	Central	8

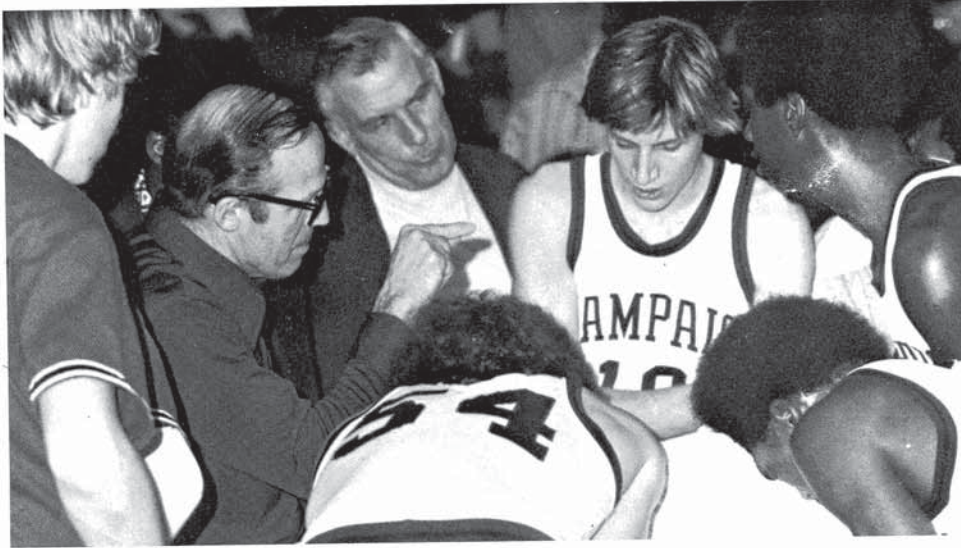


Sophomores came close to a perfect season. Their 8-1 record proved respect for the 1973 gridders. The season started with a close, 1-point win over Rantoul. The next 4 games were push-overs with a 41-14 win over Monticello and shutouts of Mattoon, Unity, and Decatur Eisenhower. The next two opponents closed the gap but still lost 10-7. Stephen Decatur provided a 40-14 romp. The wins ended on an upset by Bloomington. This was the last game and the least amount of points were scored in the 8-16 defeat. The total season's score put the sophomores ahead, 210-63.

The year's top performance on the ground went to Rick Wilson totaling 823 yards and 9 touchdowns. During his best game against Mattoon, he gained 205 yards with an 8-yard average per carry. Doug Adams passed 72 times with 35 receptions; 7 of the passes were touchdowns and he averaged 15 yards a pass. The most points were scored by Dan Rebecca, who made 8 touchdowns with 21 extra points and a field goal adding up to 72 points.

Judging from their record, they will bring valuable talent to the varsity.

Maroons Deliver 300th Win and Centralia Trophy



↑ Coach Cabutti makes a point to Steve Yount during a time out while coach Charlie Due analyzes the situation.

→ → All-Tournament selection Jessie Myles lays one in during the Centralia consolation championship game.

→ → → Central's big men, Bennie Williams and Andy Rohn, go after a rebound in a homecourt game against Lincoln.

Varsity Basketball 1973-74

Winner		Loser	
Pekin	57	Central	51
Quincy	76	Central	59
Tilden	55	Central	48
McNamara	69	Central	61
Springfield	65	Central	52
Mt. Vernon	64	Central	48
Central	38	Lincoln	36
Danville	65	Central	49
Wheeling	68	Central	53
Central	42	Homewood	41
Central	48	Mt. Vernon	44
Central	52	W. Frankfort	34
Rantoul	57	Central	56
Urbana	49	Central	42
Central	46	Bloomington	44
Central	55	Mattoon	49
Lincoln	56	Central	50
Central	46	Decatur	42
Danville	64	Central	42
Central	43	MacArthur	42
Decatur	52	Central	40
Urbana	60	Central	39
Mattoon	52	Central	50
Bloomington	79	Central	67
Springfield	63	Central	38
Danville	63	Central	51

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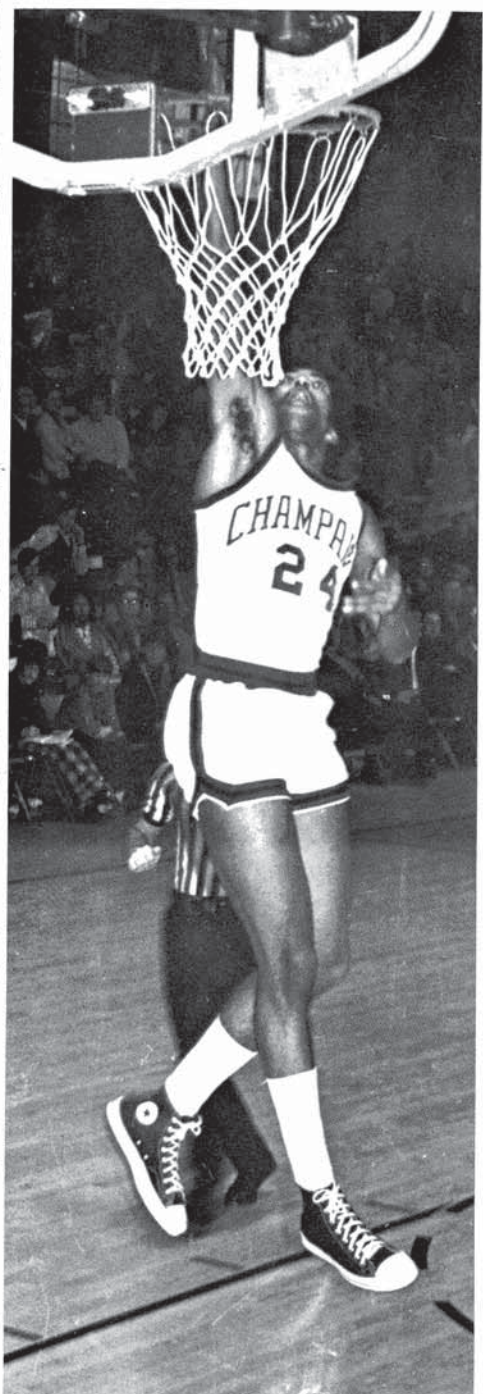
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At the beginning of the 1973-74 basketball season, Central Coach Lee Cabutti had 299 Maroon victories under his belt and it soon became apparent that number 300 wasn't going to come easy. With letterman Bill Stahl and reserve Karl Helfrich suffering from football injuries and not one player over 6'4", the Maroons weren't formidable.

Central's competition opened with three losses in the Quincy Thanksgiving Tournament. The losing streak continued with a loss to Kankakee McNamara and home court defeats at the hands of Springfield and Mount Vernon. The anxiously awaited number 300 finally came in a 38-36 slow-down affair at Lincoln. The Maroons were then swamped 65-49 by state power Danville before traveling to Centralia.

In the Centralia Tournament the Maroons lost to Wheeling to run their record to 1-9 but then surprised everyone by upending Homewood Flossmoor, Mount Vernon, and West Frankfort to win the consolation bracket for the second straight year. The senior Maroon forward, Jessie Myles, was an all tourney selection.

The triumphant homecoming was saddened by a knee injury to Myles and losses to Rantoul and Urbana. The Tigers, who had been tamed by Central eight straight times, finally won 49-42.

Central then rebounded with a stunning upset of the 12th ranked Bloomington Raiders. On the following night Mattoon fell to the Maroons 55-49. Central then sustained a homecourt loss to the Lincoln Raiders by a score of 56-50.

The cagers again bounced back from defeat with a 46-42 win over Decatur. That victory was Coach Cabutti's 400th career win. Ninety-four of those wins came in his five years as head coach at Herrin High School.

In the final five games of the year Central won 0 out of 5 to finish with a record of 8-18. Leaders of the team were Tony McNeal, Bennie Williams, Jessie Myles, Steve Yount, Andy Rohn, and Al McFarland.



ty Basketball 1973-74

Loser	Score	Winner	Score
Central	51	Central	51
Central	59	Central	59
Central	48	Central	48
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Lincoln	36	Central	36
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Homewood	41	Central	41
Mt. Vernon	44	Central	44
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Cheers, Trampoline Give Cheerleading New Look

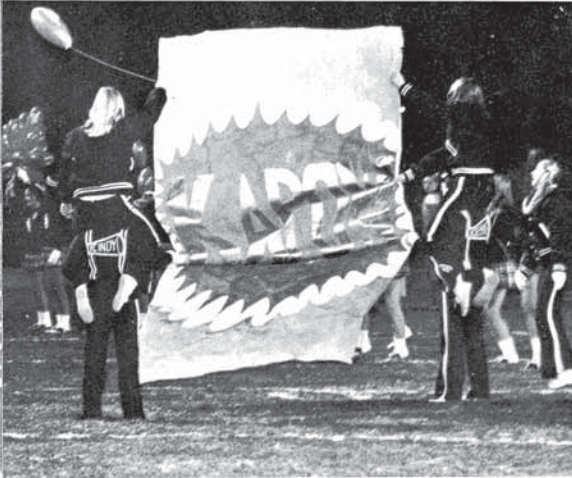
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This want ad never appeared in any newspaper, but these were some of the requirements for the Champaign Central Varsity Cheerleaders. These eleven girls went through many long, hard hours of work. Their practice was

not only confined to the school year, but was also done during the summer at Clark Park.

A new addition to the squad was a trampoline which the cheerleaders earned through their shampoo and bake sales during the year. They performed new routines and made up some new cheers for the crowd like "1,2,3,4,5, Champaign High don't take no jive!"

Theirs was a truly herculean task in trying to keep the students' spirit up as well as keeping their own during some of the defeats of the basketball and football teams.



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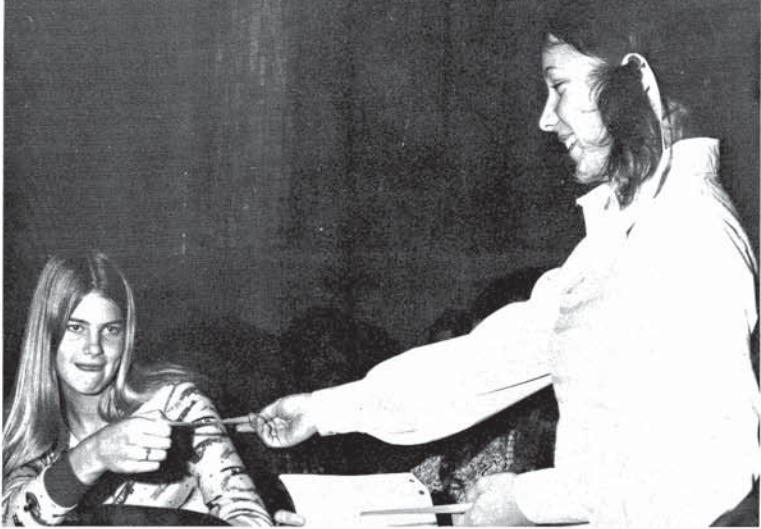
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↑ ← The cheerleaders grasp a sign that reads "KAPOW!" to signal the fans that the football team is coming onto the field.

← Mary Paterson (Max Maroon) hurtles herself into a backflip off the mini-trampoline before the Bloomington basketball game.

↑↑ Cheerleader Cindy Cler, selling tickets to away football games, makes a catch with Kim Inman during A lunch.

↑ Cindy Cler, Nancy Crowell and Jan Miller get ready for their next cheer at the cross country assembly in early November.

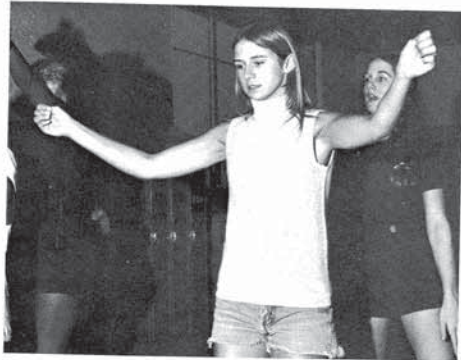
↑ → Shevahn Faulkner, Marty Vance and Mary Patterson vociferate their joy at another first down by the Maroons.

7-Girl Sophomore Squad Cheers to Victories

Nervous and anxious, 22 girls sat before the entire sophomore student body eagerly waiting to try their hand at cheerleading during tryouts. After the confusion of learning, practicing, and final tryouts, 7 girls survived, determined to prove their talent at home basketball games.

Every Tuesday after school and Thursday after dinner, one could find seven girls working on cheers in the halls. Those girls held the responsibility of lady-like conduct in and out of their uniforms, and lifting school spirit before and during basketball games. Small crowds did not change the cheerleaders' hopes and spirit.

You can find the sponsor, Miss Rasmussen, amusing herself with mistakes made during rehearsals. Miss Rasmussen has helped the sophomore cheerleaders for five years. Her experience, and students' talent, have comprised the cheerleading squads which backed the school.



↑↑ → Mary Blackburn, Melinda Foster, and Gail Shawley work on group cheers during an after school practice session.

↑↑ ← Angie Mast, squad captain, works out a cheer in the hall.

→ Ann Dawley solos a cheer before a free throw attempt.

